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TGS sponsors this program to recognize and honor the early settlers who helped shape the great state of Tennessee. Persons wishing to place their ancestors in this roll of honor are invited to submit an application with supporting documents or other evidence that proves their prime ancestor lived in Tennessee or the area that became Tennessee before 1880. Family charts or computer printouts are not considered sufficient proof. Each application must be accompanied by a \$10 fee. Attractive hand-lettered certificates suitable for framing are issued each person whose application meets program qualifications. The certificates carry the name of the prime ancestor, when and where he or she settled in Tennessee, and the name of the applicant(s). For applications and additional information, write Jane Paessler, Director of Certificates, at the TGS address.

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If you haven't submitted your own surname cards yet, please print or type vital data on 3x5" index cards and mail to TGS. Include ancestor's name; date and place of birth, death, and marriage; spouse and parents' names; your own name and address, and the date the card was submitted.

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Chastain Family Association Publishes Its First Volume

The first five generations of Chastains in America are featured in *Pierre Chastain and His Descendants* by **Robert W. Leishman** and **Loyce Coolidge**. **Dr. Pierre Chastain**, a French Huguenot, came to America in July 1700 and settled at Manakin Town, Va., with his wife, **Susan Renaud**, and their five children. Susan and two of the children died during their first year in Virginia, and he married **Anne Soblet**, daughter of Huguenots **Abraham** and **Susanne (Brian) Soblet**. Pierre and Anne had eight children. After her death, he married **Mary Magdalene Trabue**. Dr. Chastain died in Manakin Town in 1728. The hardbound volume can be ordered for \$29.50 postpaid from the Chastain Family Association, 312 Knight St., Sumrall, MS 39482. The Association has more than 450 members nationwide, and holds annual reunions.

2nd Volume of Marion, S.C., Deed Abstracts Is Produced

Lucille Utley has released her second volume of Marion Co., S.C., deed abstracts. This one, abstracted from Deed Books F-I and K, includes those recorded from 1811-1823 and contains references to wills, estates, gifts, and grants as early as the 1730s. The volume was edited, indexed, and published by **Alita White Sutcliffe** and can be ordered from her at 6501 Folger Dr., Charlotte, NC 28270-5939. The cost is \$34.

Butts Co., Ga., Marriages Compiled In New Book

A century of marriages are covered in a new book, *Butts Co., Ga., Marriages 1826-1926*. The first book published by the Butts County Genealogical Society, it was compiled from county probate court records and contains more than 8,000 names. The 400-page volume with bride and groom surname indices can be ordered for \$30 postpaid from the Society at P.O. Box 1297, Jackson, GA 30233.

What's NEW In GENEALOGY

Clopton Family To Observe Its 912th Anniversary

Descendants of William Clopton of England and New Kent Co., Va., and his wife, **Ann Booth Dennett Clopton**, will observe the 912th anniversary of the family's founding with a reunion June 25-28 in Williamsburg, Va. For details, contact the Clopton Family Association, #5 Susie Circle, Electra, TX 76360 or visit the family homepage <http://www.seanet.com/~clopton/>. William Clopton's direct descendants in Tennessee were:

(1) **Benjamin Michaux Clopton**, son of **Anthony Clopton** and **Rhoda Hoggatt**, born 21 Mar 1807 in Davidson County, married 15 June 1836 in Bastrop Co., Tex., to **Justina Augusta Haden**, and died in Bastrop 14 Jan 1893;

(2) **Willie Elizabeth Harding**, daughter of **Elizabeth Hoggatt Clopton** and **William Harding**, born 25 Sep 1832 in Davidson County, married 23 May 1850 to **David H. McGavock**, and died in Nashville 23 Dec 1895.

Pope Co., Ill., Chancery Index Covers A Decade of Cases

Judy Foreman Lee and **Carolyn Cromeenes Foss**, working in the circuit clerk's office in Golconda, Ill., came across a small tattered book that contained an index of Pope County chancery court cases from about 1850 to 1860. They decided to copy it, and preserve its information for posterity.

The index lists plaintiffs and defendants in each case, and the number of the box and section each document is in. The 123-page hardcover copy of the original book has a full-name index, and can be ordered for \$28 from Judy Lee, 6688 Outer Gray St., Newburgh, IN 47630-1716. Her E-mail address is jflee@evansville.net

California Society Compiles Ancestor Charts Book

The Hi-Desert Genealogical Society of Victorville, Calif., has just published a softcover book containing more than 500 pages of ancestor charts of its members and associates. Some are for four generations, and others go back several hundred years. The book, edited by **Brown E. Simpson** and priced at \$37, is available from HDGS, P.O. Box 1271, Victorville, CA 92393.

Eight Major Lines Covered In Book By Christyne Barr

"*A Window To Yesterday*" by **Christyne Lackey Barr**, Fort Worth, is a genealogy of eight major and 30 collateral lines. Major lines covered: **Bartholomew Zant**, an Austrian; **Edward Gullede**, Isle of Wight, Va.; **William Barr**, South Carolina; **Joseph Whitson**, Virginia; **Reuben Lackey**, North Carolina; **Richard Smith**, a three-generation cemetery find; **Simon Reeder**, Maryland, and **Peter LeMay**, a Frenchman who came to America ca. 1700. The hardback, priced at \$43.50 postpaid, is available from the author, 1000 Macon St., Fort Worth, TX 76102, telephone (817) 335-2277.

Fairfax Co., Va., Society Publishes Gravestone Records

The Fairfax Co., Va., Genealogical Society has just published *Fairfax Co., Va., Gravestones*, the fourth of a six-volume series on gravestone inscriptions in the county's 350-plus church, community, and private cemeteries.

The project, which has taken more than 15 years and 100 volunteers, grew out of the work of founding member **Jane Wall** who donated her surveys of almost 100 cemeteries to the county library. FGS later decided to publish them and expand the work to all but the larger commercial cemeteries. The first volume was published in 1994 and the last is set for 1999. Vol. IV, covering Centreville, Chantilly, Herndon, and Reston, can be ordered for \$30 from FGS, P.O. Box 2290, Merrifield, VA 2116-2290. ■



Pursue Every Clue

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In 1989 my husband **Sam** and I attended a **Waggener** Family Reunion in Martin (Weakley Co.), Tenn. The speaker, **Dr. Robert D. Tice**,¹ told about the **Waggener** family traveling to Kentucky with members of the Upper Spotsylvania, Va., Church and the **Craig** brothers, who were preachers. We were curious about the **Craigs** and wondered if they could be my family. My father, **Mac Harold Craig**, and his mother were interested in the family history, but until 1989 I was not. We began by gathering facts from my father. All he knew was that his grandfather **Samuel Craig** (who died when my father's father was four years old) was born in Arkansas and came with his oldest sister and the other children in the family as orphans to Ellis Co., Texas. Our work was cut out for us.

The library in Mobile, Ala., was our first source of information. We did what so many manuals warn not to do: we found a book entitled *Historical Sketch of New Hope Church in Orange County* by the **Rev. D. I. Craig** and were immediately drawn to it. The book, written in 1891, contained the history of the church and the families in it. One was the **Craig** family. And while it turned out to be my family, the last anyone had heard of my branch was in 1783. This meant we were missing more than 200 years of information to connect with the **Craigs** of Orange County. First, we turned our attention to Ellis Co., Tex., where we knew **Samuel** and his siblings had lived. Unfortunately, there was no index to the 1870 Texas census and we had to look through all of Ellis County to find **Samuel**. Then we backtracked to Arkansas and -- after much searching -- finally found the children with their mother who had remarried and had a different surname!

During the summer of 1990, I came across the family newsletter *Craig-Links* in one of the many libraries we visited and mailed in a query. Since that time, we've done a great deal of work in courthouses, libraries, and archives, and by correspondence. We've been lucky in finding records. In the summer of 1991, I made contact with **Norma Craig**. We decided to go on the theory that **Samuel's** father **William** was the brother of her relative **James M. Craig**. **Norma** had Bible records stating that **James's** father was **Andrew**, but no mention was made of a brother by name of **William**. Further study that summer uncovered the connection of **William**, **James**, and **Andrew** -- all in Georgia. We then began searching for more about **Andrew**, going on the calculated guess that the **Andrew** of Georgia was the same person as the **Andrew** of South Carolina. The following spring we found information at the courthouse in Harris Co., Ga., that enabled us to contact **Murray Craig**, who is descended from **Andrew Craig's** second family. He had Bible records that gave us dates and information showing **Andrew** was the first son of **William** and **Mary (McBride) Craig** who were originally from Orange Co., N.C.

Our last obstacle was to prove that the **William Craig** buried in Ebenezer Presbyterian Cemetery in York Co., S.C., in 1901 was our **William** and not the son of **Samuel** as many had assumed and published. Even the **Rev. D. I. Craig** had stated in his book that **William** lived to be an old man rather than having died at age 35. We were unable to find deeds -- and later learned this was because our family lived on land leased **Andrew** lived in the same general location as **William**.

¹The late Dr. Tice was a member of the Tennessee Genealogical Society and the husband of valued TGS member Helen Tice of Memphis.

from the Catawba Indians. Through census records, we eventually found that **Andrew** lived in the same general location as **William**.

In the summer of 1992, we completed our research -- going to the original records in Hillsborough, N.C., where we read **James Craig's** 1821 will wherein he left 10 shillings to "the heirs of my son **William Craig**." The abstract of this will had left out the most important words: "heirs of my son." This was great news, but the best was yet to come. While searching at the North Carolina Archives, we found that **William's** sister **Rebecca** had died intestate. The document dividing **Rebecca's** estate named the five children of her deceased brother **William**. They were **Andrew, James, Mary, Cynthia, and Thurzia**. This was one time my Scot-Irish trait of stubbornness paid off. If we had accepted all the information we read and not pursued every clue, we would have stopped in South Carolina in 1801. But tracking down all leads took us back to the **Craigs** of Orange Co., N.C., and the original immigrant **William Craige** who is believed to have arrived in America in 1729. This **William Craige's** original land grant is on display in the North Carolina Archives. ■



EDITOR'S NOTE: *Our special thanks to Helen Tice for sharing this article with Ansearchin' News.*

Henderson Co., Tenn., Land Conveyed In Texas

(The following 1847 deed, recorded in Cass Co., Tex., Deed Book B, pp. 126-127, conveyed eight acres of land in Henderson Co., Tenn. The copy was contributed by TGS member Betty Nelson McDougald, 9718 Moorberry, Houston, TX 77080-5223 who is researching the Story and Penn lines from Henderson and Perry counties in Tennessee. She reports the Cass Co., Tex., court records do not contain a will for Joshua Penn.)

County of Cass) I, **Jesse W. C. Story** have this day bargained and sold and do hereby transfer and convey to
State of Texas) **Daniel F. Barcroft** and his heirs forever for the consideration of thirty dollars to me in hand paid
a tract of land in the State of Tennessee, Henderson County and containing by estimation eight acres, be the same more or less,
to have and to hold the same to the said **D. F. Barcroft**, his heirs and assigns forever.

I do covenant with the said **Barcroft** that I am lawfully the heir of **Joshua Penn**, Decd., that I am lawfully seized of said land, have a good right to convey it, and that the same is unencumbered. I do further covenant and bind myself, my heirs, and representatives to warrant and forever defend the title to the said land and any part thereof to the said **D. F. Barcroft**, his heirs and assigns against the lawful Claims of all persons whatever this 15th day of September 1847.

J. W. C. Story (Seal)
Elizabeth (her mark) **Story** (Seal)

Executed and delivered in our presence this 15th day of September 1847

William Heron
Wesley York

Received of **Daniel F. Barcroft** in full of debts and dues that was coming to me from the estate of **Joshua Penn**, Decd. given under our hands and seals this 15th day of September 1847.

J. W. C. Story (Seal)
Elizabeth (her mark) **Story** (Seal)

Attest

William Heron
Wesley York

State of Texas) Personally appeared before the undersigned authority **Wesley York**, one of the subscribing Witnesses
County of Cass) to the foregoing deed and after being sworn according to law deposeth and sayeth that he saw
J. W. C. Story and **Elizabeth Story** sign the aforesaid deed for the purposes therein specified. Filed for Record and delivered
Sept 18th at 9 o'clock P M 1847 recorded the 24th Sept at 4 o'clock P M 1847 given under my hand and seal at office in the
town of Jefferson Sept 24th 1847

R. C. Graham, Clerk C.C.C.C.

N COFFEE COUNTY...

History Class Restores A Cemetery A Year



PRESERVING THE PAST -- Eighth graders from Tullahoma's East Middle School spend the day cleaning up and restoring an old and neglected cemetery in Coffee County. The activity is an annual project for Tommy Allen's history class.

Students in **Tommy Allen's** 8th grade history class at East Middle School in Tullahoma, Tenn., are in for a unique experience -- one that will probably stay with them the rest of their days.

Each school year, Allen's class "adopts" an old and abandoned cemetery in Coffee or one of the surrounding counties. The class, usually made up of 120 to 140 students, is divided into groups and each is assigned to a certain section of the cemetery.

The students spend at least one full day cleaning and restoring the cemetery. In one instance, they put up a fence to protect the cemetery from roaming cattle. They also repair broken tombstones, re-erect those that have fallen down, and sometimes even find and restore markers that have been completely covered over.

Before leaving the cemetery, students photograph each tombstone. Later they visit local libraries to search through books and microfilm of federal censuses, all kinds of county records, and old local newspapers to collect information about the person commemorated on the stone. Then they write a resume about each person. The photographs and biographical information -- along with an index and a history of the cemetery itself -- are put into book form, published, and marketed. The books are sold for a

modest \$5.00 each plus \$1.50 postage. All proceeds are used for repairing and restoring another cemetery the next year.¹ So far the students at Tullahoma have restored eight cemeteries:

- (1) Shoffner Cemetery in Bedford County
- (2) Couch/Patton Cemetery in Bedford County
- (3) Keller Cemetery in Bedford County
- (4) Pioneer Cemetery in Moore County
- (5) Mount Moriah and Holman Cemetery in Lincoln County
- (6) Cash-Robinson Cemetery in Coffee County
- (7) Citizens Cemetery in Tullahoma, Coffee County
- (8) Carden Cemetery in Coffee County

The idea for the unusual class project came about in 1990 when teacher Tommy Allen decided to look for the grave of his great-grandmother, **Margaret H. Low Groome**. He had heard she was buried in the old Shofner Cemetery, and went there to take a look.

Allen was appalled at what he saw -- moss-covered headstones many of which were broken or knocked over ... vacant spots where marker were apparently missing ... evidence of cattle grazing in the cemetery ... and a worn-out fence with big holes in it. After much searching, he finally found his great-grandmother's gravestone. It was virtually buried in the undergrowth.

For days, he agitated about the condition of the old cemetery, and just couldn't get it out of his mind. He mentioned his concern to his students one day, and out of the discussion that followed came the idea for the annual class project.

With the permission of retired **Brigadier Gen. Austin C. Shofner**,² who owned the property, Shoffner Cemetery became the focus of the first project which began in February 1990. The old cemetery, situated behind Shofner Lutheran Church on Highway 41 between Tullahoma and

Shelbyville, was the final resting place for some of Middle Tennessee's earliest pioneers. Markers revealed one birthdate as early as 1790. The earliest death date was 1823, and the most recent 1887.

In checking records, students learned that **Martin Shoffner**, the family patriarch, moved to Bedford Co., Tenn., from North Carolina's Piedmont section in 1809 and settled on a tract of land on Thompson's Creek that had been granted to him by the federal government for his Revolutionary War service. Martin was one of six children born to **Michael** and **Margaretha Fogelman Shoffner** whose families came to America from Germany on the same ship in the mid-1700s. Martin and his wife, **Catherine Cooke**, a direct descendant of the Mayflower's **Frances Cooke**, were originally buried in the old cemetery but were moved to a newer one in 1961.

Names of other residents whose graves were found in the cemetery were: **Shoffners** - Catharine, "Little Charlotte," Emily M., Sarah, Labon, Rebecca, and Austin; **Dunaway** - Pamela Jane and Harriet Angeline; **Brinkley** - Charles M., Mary F., Joseph, and Sarah; **Low** - David D., Sarah J., and Iredell H.; **Crowley** - Violet Anne Burrow; **Eulless** - Mary E., Eli S., and Adam; **Morgan** - Mattie, Bular and Lula; **Daniel** - James Ella and Lular Clarence; **Anthony** - Cornelia L.; **Kimbrow** - Sarah Jane and Margaret; **Groomes** - Margaret H.; and **Bowers** - Sarah K.

Contributing to the success of the first project were: **Mrs. Christy Hazlewood**, math teacher who showed students how to make a map of the cemetery; the Bedford County Historical Society which helped with the research and donated some funds to buy cement needed to re-erect some of the markers; **Larry Stone** of Stone Monument in Shelbyville who helped return some of the markers to their rightful places; and **Bryce Brinkley**, a neighbor who brought his chain saw and cut down some of the saplings that were springing up in the cemetery.

Another cemetery restored by Allen's students in a later year was an abandoned African American graveyard in Tullahoma whose name had long been forgotten. It appeared to have only about 25 tombstones when the project began, but

¹ Copies of all the books are still available and can be ordered from Tommy Allen, 510 Wanda Lane, Tullahoma, TN 37388, for \$6.50 each, including postage and handling.

²The general dropped an "F" from the surname.

CLASS (continued)

by going through death certificates from 1914 to 1939, the students were able to identify more than 500 unmarked burials and write short resumes of each person. They even came up with the burial place's actual name -- The Citizens Cemetery.

One cemetery which apparently never did have an official name was dubbed "Cash-Robinson." It was a burial spot for both black and white residents. According to Coffee County tradition, when a white person was buried in the old graveyard, it was referred to as the "Cash Cemetery." When a black person was buried there, it was called the "Robinson Cemetery." Consequently, the class dubbed it the Cash-Robinson Cemetery. The earliest birthdate found in it was about 1783.

During the summer months when school is out, Teacher Tommy Allen spends much of his time looking for a cemetery for the coming year's project.

"I do lots of walking -- checking out the area surrounding an old cemetery for potential problem areas like old wells, poison ivy, and other hazards."

He believes the cemetery project is one way to keep history from being boring to eighth graders.

"It's not dry like a textbook can be," Allen says. "It gives students a real hands-on experience."

He points out that the project involves nearly all parts of the curriculum. From their research, students learn history and geography (not to mention genealogy). Writing resumes and drawing layouts for the book helps them in English grammar and composition as well as art. Mapping and measuring sharpens up their math. Repairing headstones and fences teaches shop skills. And, because they cook their own food while they're out on the cemetery project, the class even gets a taste of home economics.

But the students aren't the only ones who benefit from this broad range of experiences. The project means much to the people in the communities and counties involved. And it's helpful as well to historians and genealogists -- both in-state and out.

The activity also builds a deeper appreciation in young people of the debt they owe to earlier

generations who carved a civilization out of the wilderness.

As one student said of her participation in the project, "It makes me feel good because we're doing something for people who have passed away."

SOURCES:

"Students Turn Old Cemetery Into Classroom," by Betty Dement, Editor, *Tempo Magazine*, supplement to *The Tullahoma News*, Feb 1990

"East Middle Students Uncover History in Cash/Robinson Cemetery," by David Taylor, Education Editor, *Coffee County's NewsLeader*, 27 Mar 1996

Tommy Allen, 510 Wanda Lane, Tullahoma, TN 37388■

NOTE: Ansearchin' News expresses its appreciation to **Jannine Coble Gregory**, 1923 Cypress Point W., Austin, TX 78746-7108 (Jannine@ix.netcom.com) for calling this outstanding project to our attention. She also provided us with Tommy Allen's address and a copy of a story he put on the Internet about the project. Says Jannine, "*This [work] will be greatly appreciated in generations to come. We need more people like this group and especially their teacher Mr. Allen.*" We agree wholeheartedly! Here's hoping other teachers, schools, and youth groups will take up the idea and put it to work in their communities and counties.

Adamson

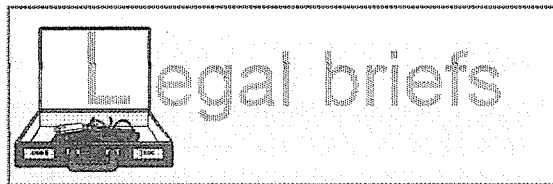
JACKSON, TENN. - Died on Wednesday evening 27 Jan 1875, **Mrs. Elizabeth L. Adamson**, wife of **Dr. Greenberry Adamson**, aged 64. For many years a citizen of Jackson, she was one of the first six members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in that place. She was married nearly half a century ago. She leaves three children: a son, **Mr. Fred Adamson**; and two daughters, **Mrs. Capt. McCutchen, Jr.**, her own, and **Mrs. B. O. Brown** of Paris whom she raised from infancy and cared for as for her own children. - *Paris Intelligencer*, 4 Feb 1875

Knight

RUTHERFORD CO., TENN. - Died on 13 Feb 1818, **Mrs. Peggy Knight**, consort of **Capt. John Knight** of Rutherford County. She was an affectionate wife, a kind and benevolent neighbor, a tender mother, and humane mistress. Her death is lamented by all her relatives and acquaintances.

- *Nashville Clarion & Gazette* 17 Feb 1818

Legal notices that ran in newspapers a century or so ago can be an excellent source of genealogical material. As an example, the following article contains abstracts of legal notices that ran in a single issue – 18 Nov 1869 – of the West Tennessean, published in Huntingdon, Carroll Co., Tenn. The notices related to five different counties. Those not designated otherwise refer to Carroll County.



NOTICE: Alexander Steele, William M. Steele, and Shelbeen Seat, all non-residents of Tennessee who have an interest in the estate of Jane Seat, are notified to come forward and receive their portion of said estate. - Jarret Seat

DISSOLUTION: The co-partnership between Joseph R. and A. G. Hawkins in the practice of law under the firm name of "Hawkins & Hawkins" has this day [27 Sept 1869] been dissolved by mutual consent. Joseph's office - Wright's building on the south side of the [Huntingdon] Public Square; A.G.'s office - Brick building on the west side of the Public Square.

HENDERSON COUNTY - Bill To Sell Land For Partition: E. A. Walkup, John W. Cawthon, Allen J. Thradgill et al vs. William B. Cawthon and Elizabeth Cawthon. William B. Cawthon, being a resident of Texas so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him, is ordered to appear at the Dec 1869 term of Henderson County Court on the first Monday at the courthouse in Lexington. Signed Levi McEwen, clerk. M. S. Edwards, attorney for petitioners. Notice dated 16 Oct 1869.

OBION COUNTY - ATTACHMENT NOTICE: W. M. Busick vs. Washington Thomas. Plaintiff alleges defendant is indebted to him and is a non-resident of the county, having obtained from H. Eckley, Obion County justice of the peace, an attachment against the defendant's estate. The defendant is ordered to appear before Eckley at his office in Kenton, Obion Co., on 15 Nov 1869 to defend said attachment suit.

WEAKLEY COUNTY IN CHANCERY COURT: Charity A. Whitsell et al vs. Inez Vollentine et al. Defendants: Philip Ezzell, Mary Ezzell, William McConnel, Martha C. McConnel, Solomon K. Hale, Charles E. Hudson, Thomas Elliott, Mary Elliott, Solomon A. Vollentine, and Priscilla Y. Hudson, non-residents of Tennessee, are ordered to appear within the first three days of the next court term in Huntingdon in March 1870 to answer or demur to the defendants. Signed: W. R. Ross, clk. Notice dated 12 Oct 1869.

HENRY COUNTY LAND SALE: J. W. Ray, Com., has announced that in pursuance of an interlocutory order by the Henry County court in its October term in the cause of William McCaskill, adm., vs. H. Petty John and others, he will offer for sale on 20 Nov a 70-acre tract in Henry Co. District No. 8. Notice dated 22 Oct 1869.

HENRY COUNTY LAND SALE: J. W. Ray, Com., in the cause of William W. Allen et al vs. Hattie C. Allen et al, will sell on 27 Nov all lands known as William W. Allen lands in Henry County containing about 425 acres. Notice dated 22 Oct 1869.

HENRY COUNTY LAND SALE: In pursuance of an interlocutory decree by the county court in its Oct 1869 term in the cause of James C. Sutherlin vs. Kate Anna Simmons, I will sell at the courthouse door in Paris on 27 Nov 1869 one town lot on Iron Banks Road in Paris known as the William B. Simmons lot. Signed James W. Ray, Com. Notice dated 22 Oct 1869.

LEGAL BRIEFS

CARROLL COUNTY ESTRAY NOTICE: **H. J. Morgan**, residing in the 19th Civil District near Newble X Roads, Carroll Co., has taken up one bay-colored horse appraised at \$75 and one brown mule appraised at \$85. Notice by **W. G. Crocket**, Carroll Co. Ranger, 13 Nov 1869.

CHANCERY COURT AT HUNTINGDON: **R. B. Hutchison**, adm. vs. **Nancy A. Peoples et al**. Notice to all persons holding claims against the estate of **George Peoples**, deceased, to make themselves parties to this suit by the first Monday in Feb 1870. Notice by **S. W. Hawkins**, Clk., dated 18 Nov 1869.

CHANCERY LAND SALE: In pursuance of a court order at the Aug 1869 term I will offer for sale to the highest bidder on 21 Dec 1869 all lands belonging to the estate of **George Peoples**, dec'd, comprising eight tracts containing 755 acres situated five miles east of Milan on Rutherford's fork in Carroll Co. The land has been surveyed recently and is excellent land for farming purposes. Dated 18 Nov 1869, **S. W. Hawkins**, Clk.

CHANCERY LAND SALE: **John B. Lifsey** vs. **S. E. Lifsey et al** - **O. A. Bill** and **Hugh Leslie et al** vs. **S. E. Lifsey et al**, cross bill. Under a court decree at the Aug 1869 term, I will sell at Clarksburg on 18 Dec 1869 a tract of land in Carroll Co.'s 13th Civil District containing about 241 acres beginning in Purdy Road running North to **Mrs. Murphy's** line, thence East with her line and **Williamson's** line to **Rigby's** line, thence South with **John Prichard's** line, thence West to **Lafayette Rigsby** and **William Prichard's** line. Dated 16 Nov 1869. **S. W. Hawkins**, Clk.

IN CARROLL COUNTY COURT: In the cause of **Young McLemore**, adm., vs. **Charles McLemore et als: William McFarland, J. T. McFarland, E. J. McFarland, Allen McFarland, M. M. McFarland, R. F. McFarland, T. W. McFarland, and M. McFarland**, non-residents of Tenn., are ordered to appear at the next term of court in Huntingdon on the first Monday in Dec 1869. Signed **Cyrus Wilson**, Clk.

SHERIFF'S SALE: On the first Monday in December, I will sell to the highest bidder at the courthouse door in Huntingdon land in the 14th Civil District of Carroll Co. levied on as the property of **J. A. B. Robinson** to satisfy an order of sale in favor of **John G. Watson**. Notice dated 1 Nov 1869 by **J. Matt Neely**, Sheriff.

SHERIFF'S SALE: On the first Monday in December, I will sell to the highest bidder at the courthouse door in Huntingdon land in the 14th Civil District of Carroll Co. levied on as the property of **J. A. B. Robinson** to satisfy an order of sale in favor of **A. J. Stills**. Notice dated 1 Nov 1869 by **J. Matt Neely**, Sheriff.

CHANCERY SALE: **John Bowers** vs. **Daniel Dickens et al:** under an order at the Aug 1869 court term, I will sell at Huntingdon on 20 Nov 1869 a 195-acre tract in Carroll County known as the tract **John Bowers** bought of **Isaac Babbett** in his lifetime. **S. W. Hawkins**, Clk. 18 Oct 1869.

LAND SALE: By virtue of a decree at Carroll County October court term in the cause wherein **A. D. Cochran et al** are petitioners vs. **Z. Roberts** and other defendants, I will sell on 20 Nov lands belonging to the estate of **Z. L. Roberts**, dec'd, lying in the Third District adjoining lands of **Isaac Young** and **W. C. Dunlap** containing 100 acres. - **Cyrus Wilson**, Clk., 14 Oct 1869.

IN CHANCERY AT HUNTINGDON: **W. S. Butler** and wife et al vs. **Mary Robinson** et al: It appearing that **Delia Smothers, Andy Robinson, M. F. Robinson, Nancy Robinson, Sally Robinson, and John Robinson** are non-residents of Tennessee, they are ordered to appear before the clerk in Huntingdon on or before the first Monday in Dec 1869. **S. W. Hawkins, Clk.; A. G. Hawkins**, solicitor for complainants, dated 19 Oct 1869.

LAND SALE: On 13 Nov next I will sell at Bunavista to the highest bidder all lands belonging to the estate of **Thomas Williams**, deceased, in the 13th Civil District adjoining lands of **William A. Brown, William and John McArthur**, and **Nathan Cawthon** containing 75 acres. **Cyrus Wilson, Clk.** 7 Oct 1869.

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE IN CARROLL CO.: **P. H. Milton** et al vs. **Caroline Barnhart** et al. It appearing that **Mary O. Gentry** and husband, **James Gentry**, and **Beverly Easters**, a minor, are non-residents of Tennessee, they are ordered to appear at the next court term in Dec 1869 to plead, answer, or demur to allegations in said bill. **Cyrus Wilson, Clk. J. P. Wilson**, solicitor for the petitioners.

IN CHANCERY AT HUNTINGDON: **W. J. White** vs. **Hazeltine Bishop** et al. It appearing that **Hazeltine Bishop, Joan Bishop, Mary Ann Bishop, Elija Bishop, John Bishop, Allen Bishop, and William Bishop** are all non-residents of Tennessee, they are ordered to appear in Jan 1870 court term to plead, answer, or demur to allegations in said bill. **S. W. Hawkins, Clk., J. L. Williamson**, solicitor for complainants.

CARROLL COUNTY INSOLVENT NOTICES: All persons having claims against the estate of **William Finley**, deceased, are ordered to file same with the clerk by 1 Feb 1870. **W. H. Graves, adm.,** 26 Oct 1869. All persons having claims against the estate of **John Morgan**, deceased, are ordered to file same with the clerk by 1 Feb 1870.

IN CHANCERY AT HUNTINGDON: **John Johnson** et al vs. **J. L. Seawright** et al: In accord with a court order in the Aug 1869 term, I will sell at the courthouse in Huntingdon on 20 Nov 1869 the undivided interest of **J. S. Seawright** in a 212-acre tract in Carroll County bounded on the East by **Robert Moore**, on the North by **Baker Dinwiddie**, on the West by **William A. Crawford**, and on the South by **George Bunn**. Signed by **S. W. Hawkins, Clk.,** 19 Oct 1869.

SHERIFF'S SALE: The property of **J. A. B. Robinson** in the 14th civil district of Carroll County will be sold to satisfy an order of sale in favor of **B. F. Hatch**. Notice by **J. Matt Neely**, sheriff on 1 Nov 1869. In separate notice dated 2 Nov 1869, Sheriff Neely announced he would also sell the above property in accord with a court order in favor of **A. J. Hill**.

SHERIFF'S SALE: Deputy Sheriff **E. W. Williams**, in an order dated 2 Nov 1869, announced he would sell to the highest bidder one tract of 103 acres and another of 85 acres or more in Carroll County, being the property of **John Todd**, to satisfy a court order in favor of **Chamilla Mizzell**.

LAND SALE: In the case of **John S. Mathis, Jr., vs. H. H. Mathis** et al, an order of sale was made in the Nov 1869 Carroll County court term. A tract of land, granted by the State of Tennessee to **Mrs. Mahala Mathis**, lying on the road leading from Huntingdon to McLemoresville and containing 190 acres, was to be sold on 3 Jan 1870. Notice by **Cyrus Wilson, com.,** dated 2 Nov 1869.

LEGAL BRIEFS (continued)

LAND SALE: **William Baxter** et al vs. **Samuel Spears** et al. I will sell on 4 Dec 1869 all lands belonging to **Samuel Baxter**, deceased, in the 19th Civil District, adjoining lands of **John Norman** and others, containing 270 acres. The land will be sold in two or more lots subject to the widow's dower interest. **Cyrus Wilson**, Com., 2 Nov 1869.

LAND SALE: **Green McCaslin** et al vs. **Mary S. McCaslin**, et al. I will sell to the highest bidder on 3 Dec 1869 all lands belonging to the estate of **Henry McCaslin**, dec'd, lying in the 8th Civil District. The land will be sold in two or more lots subject to the widow's (**Jane McCaslin**) dower interest. **Cyrus Wilson**, Com., 2 Nov 1869.

INSOLVENT NOTICE: Due to the insolvency of the estate of **Hugh Bratton**, dec'd, all persons having claims should file them with the Carroll Co. court clerk by the first Monday in Dec 1869. **E. Rogers**, adm.

CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S SALES announced by **J. Matt Neely** for the first Monday in Dec 1869: (1) 61 acres in the 6th Civil District levied on as the property of **T. G. Holley** to satisfy court order in favor of **W. W. Herron**, (2) 359.5 acres of land in the 11th Civil District levied on as the property of **J. B. Algee** to satisfy an order favoring **W. H. Graves**, (3) 23 acres levied on as the property of **Smith Scott** to satisfy an order in favor of **Y. W. Allen**, (4) 86 acres levied on as the property of **I. N. Tynes** to satisfy an order favoring **R. B. F. Carter**, (5) property of **J. S. Ramsey** to satisfy an order in favor of **Albert Hilliard**, (6) town lot No. 19 in Huntingdon levied on as the property of **Lafayette Robeson** to satisfy an order favoring **P. E. Parker**, (7) land in the 11th Civil District levied on as the property of **J. L. Robeson** to satisfy an order favoring **W. H. Graves**, (8) land in the 14th Civil District belonging to **J. A. B. Robinson** to satisfy an order favoring **P. K. Parsons**, (9) land in the 14th Civil District belonging to **J. A. B. Robinson** to satisfy an order favoring **J. H. Johnson** for the use of **John Burton**, (10) land in the 14th Civil District belonging to **J. A. B. Robinson** to satisfy an order favoring **Smith & Carmell**. ■

Silk in Tennessee?

Yes, silk was actually being grown, spun, and woven into cloth in Giles County in 1843, according to a story in the *Nashville Union*. In its issue of 3 Mar 1843, the paper reported:

"We had the pleasure the other day of inspecting a beautiful specimen of handiwork of some of our own Tennessee girls. It was a handsome purple silk shawl with a rich variegated border about three inches deep and neatly embroidered at the point, weighing one pound and a quarter.

"It was woven by the daughters of **Col. Nance** of Giles County from silk of their own raising on a common homespun loom and the silk was spun on an old-fashioned wheel. The young ladies have done great credit to themselves and the state and are worthy of the highest praise. This product of their industry has been warmly commended here and no slight compliments bestowed upon them for their skill and perseverance."

The State General Assembly had passed a law in 1842 incorporating the Tennessee Manufacturing Silk Company and Agriculture School to teach the art of growing and manufacturing silk. A **Mr. Turner**, who reportedly had carried on an extensive silk manufacturing business in London England, was hired to head the project. At its annual stockholders' meeting on 17 Apr 1843, the Tennessee Silk Co. elected **Rev. Lewis Garrett** as company president, along with **Nicholas Hobson**, treasurer; **Milton A. Haynes**, secretary; and **John S. Fall** and **James W. McCombs**, directors. ■

1849 Land Sales Held In 3 West Tennessee Counties for Unpaid Taxes

Property in Decatur, Carroll, and Henderson counties went on the auction block on the first Monday in July 1849 for unpaid 1848 taxes and costs.

DECATUR COUNTY

In Decatur County, the sale was announced by Sheriff and Tax Collector Hiram Lacy and Court Clerk D. B. Funderburk.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>District</u>
William B. Caswell	325 acres	2
George W. Campbell	40 acres	2
John Davis	158 acres	2
James Greer	93.25 acres	2
Elias Johns	84 acres	2
Joseph Bennet heirs	25	4
Daniel Rogers	2 town lots (# 4 & 22)	Decaturville
Mary Van Wyck heirs	1,400 acres	5
Parrish P. Braden	510 acres	5
A. C. Scull	300 acres	6
A. C. Scull	150 acres	7
George Seabolt	180 acres	9

CARROLL COUNTY

In Carroll County, the sale was handled by Tax Collector Lewis A. Williams and Court Clerk John Norman.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>District</u>
A. Dudley heirs	380 acres	2
Geo. T. Rochelle heirs	260 acres	2
Cave Johnson	320 acres	3
Wm. H. Bigham	196 acres	3
J. A. N. Murray, trustee	1,170 acres	3
Adam Perkins	168 acres	3
Wm. C. Dunlap	1,200 acres	3
Richmond L. Pate	207 acres	4
John King	50 acres	10
Ransom Byrns	304 acres	11
Edward Wortham heirs	275 acres	12
James B. Blair heirs	144 acres	13
Henderson heirs	280 acres	14
Robert B. Jetton	106 acres	16
William Duke heirs	100 acres	13
John Billingsley heirs	150 acres	14
James M. McCord	80 acres	16
Wm. E. Thompson	578 acres	17
Benjamin D. Wells	236 acres	17

HENDERSON COUNTY

In charge of the tax sale for unpaid taxes in Henderson County were Sheriff & Collector W. H. Shelby and Clerk William D. Gillespie.

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>District</u>
John Holmes heirs	600 acres	1
Christopher McCaully	64 acres	1
Thomas Roberts heirs	100 acres	1
Wm. Roberts heirs	23 acres	1
James Brown	1 town lot	
Childers	84 acres	10
L. Gurley heirs	150 acres	13
John W. Dabney	228 acres	14
Jesse Lewis	25 acres	9
William Dent heirs	1 lot	Lexington
A. T. Caruthers	25 acres	17

1875 Murder of Young Woman Shocks Rutherford County

(From the Franklin Review & Journal, 17 June 1875)

The community was shocked last Friday morning by the murder of Mrs. William Jarrett who lived on Salem Pike about eight miles from Murfreesboro and about 10 miles from Eagleville in Rutherford County. She was well known here, having been born and educated in this town. Her maiden name was Gertrude Woldridge. She was the daughter of the late Adolphus W. Woldridge and the granddaughter of Loving H. Woldridge. Her mother is now the wife of Prof. J. L. Carey of Chapel Hill in Marshall County. She is a niece of Mr. John Fitzgerald of Thompson Station in this county and a granddaughter of Eli Dodson near Eagleville in Rutherford County.

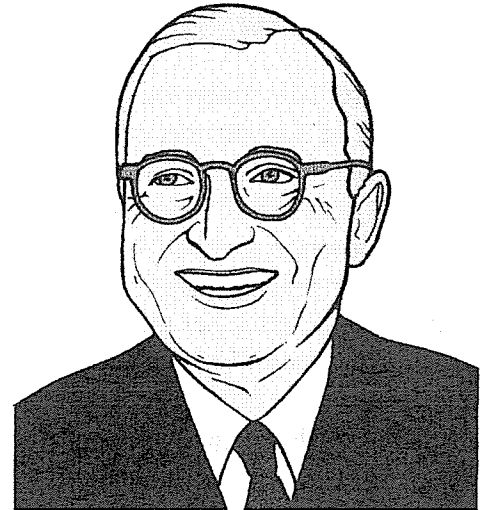
Last Thursday her husband left home for his store, and his wife told him she was going to send the children to a neighbor's and then visit Col. Morgan's family, who were near neighbors. The husband left, then the children and nurse, and Mrs. Jarrett was nearly dressed when a negro by name of Jesse Woodson sprang into the room, clutched her throat and strangled her and broke her neck, as ascertained by a coroner's jury. He stole \$63 from an open trunk out of which she was dressing herself. The negro was raised by Mr. Jarrett's father, and was not suspicioned until he told that the last time he saw Mrs. Jarrett was when she told him to empty the slop bucket. Thereupon her neck was examined and the marks of slop were distinctly seen on the collar she had just put on.

Mrs. Jarrett was about 23 or 24 years old, and was the mother of two little boys. At about 16 years of age, she was in school with her husband, and at that early day had mastered the whole Greek and Latin courses, and the math course. Unusually brilliant, she was as happy and sunshiny a person as ever lived. ■

What's In A Name?

Maybe More Than You Think

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President Harry S. Truman

In researching a line of ancestors on my maternal grandmother's side (**Gaither**), I discovered a distant female ancestor born about 1640 in Nottinghamshire, England, whose maiden name was **Martha Truman**. This intrigued me, and I contacted the Truman Library in Independence, Mo. They sent me a huge book called *The Taney Rainbow Trails* which documents the history of the **Taney** family as well as many others, such as **Truman** and **Bender**. In researching this book, I found that the Trumans originally were Normans whose name evolved from **Tremayne** or **Tremaine**. They had come to England from Wales, settling first in Gloucestershire and by 1560 in Northampton. The earliest family member documented was **Richard Truman**, a wealthy and respected sadler and member of the Sadler's Guild. He belonged to the Church of England, and parish records show that ancestors of **President George Washington** as well as the **Brome**, **Kirby**, **Tasker**, and **Byrd** families attended the same church he did. Undoubtedly, they all knew each other. Richard Truman and his wife, **Elizabeth Sanderson**, were the parents of **Richard, Jr.**, **Edward**, **Henry**, and a daughter **Eleanor** who is mentioned in her father's will¹ as being the wife of **Richard Kirby**.

In 1621, Richard Truman, Jr., attended the College of Cambridge where he received his M. A. degree and became a minister in the Church of England, serving as vicar of Northampton churches. He died without issue. It was through his brother **Edward** that the link came to the **Martha Truman** mentioned earlier, and through his brother **Henry Truman** (b. in 1568) that the link came to America's 33rd president, **Harry S. Truman**. This makes me the ninth cousin, twice removed (or the 12th cousin) of the former president. Even though the relationship is distant, it still gives me a sense of pride.

Henry's grandson **Henry Truman III** (1628-ca. 1692), and his siblings came to Virginia and Maryland about 1650. Henry III had married **Jane Smith**, daughter of **Richard** and **Eleanor Smith**. They had four sons by 1684, including **Richard Truman** (b. ca. 1754) who married **Mary Woodson**. Their son **Abraham** had two sons -- **Richard** and **William** -- and the three of them died within a year of each other. Abraham died in September 1796, son William died four months later (in January 1797), and Richard passed away in September 1797. William's wife **Nancy** (maiden name unknown) had died young, leaving minor children. One of them, **William Truman** (born about 1783 in Virginia) had migrated to Kentucky about 1800. He is said to have served in the War of 1812. In 1807 he had married **Emma Grant Shipp**, daughter of **Richard** and **Elizabeth Doniphan Shipp**. They had 12 children: **Sanford** (b. in 1808, d. ca. 1810), **Edmund** (b. 1810), **Richard D.** (b. 1812), **Delinda Ann** (b. 1814), **Anderson Shipp/Shippe** (b. 1816, d. 1887), **William W.** (b. 1818), **Mineva E.** (b. 1820), **Milford Madison** (b. 1822), **Woodford C.** (b. 1824), **Elizabeth Sophia** (b. 1826), **John Thomas** (b. 1829), and **Mary Shipp Truman** (b. 1832).

¹Richard Truman's will was dated 1593/94.

Their fourth son Anderson is said to have been the first Truman to reach Missouri. He arrived there on horseback in the summer of 1846. Anderson married **Mary Jane Holmes** on 13 August 1846. She was the daughter of **Nancy Tyler Holmes**, a widow with 10 children. Nancy was born at Boone's Station, Ky., on 4 Apr 1780. When she was 12 years old, she was the victim of an Indian attack on the Tick Creek Fort. A warrior grabbed her by the throat, rendering her unconscious. As she was coming to, Nancy realized her pretty blonde hair was being scalped from her head. With the spunk and courage that was later to characterize her great-grandson, Nancy played dead despite the terror and agonizing pain -- and as a result, survived. Without the courage she displayed that day, there would have been no Harry S Truman -- and the course of history would have been different. For the rest of her life, Nancy wore attractive little caps with ruffled edges to hide the scar of her disfigurement. At age 65, Nancy was said to have migrated from Shelby Co., Ky., to Jackson Co., Mo., carrying with her a sack of tea cakes and a leather hatbox containing her late husband's beaver hat. Anderson and Mary Jane settled in Grandview, Mo., and became the parents of five children - **Margaret, Emma, Mary, William, and John Anderson Truman**. John (born in 1851) married **Martha Ellen Young**, daughter of **Solomon Young** and **Harriet Louisa Gregg**. The oldest of their three children -- **Harry Shipp Truman**² -- was born 8 May 1884 in Lamar, Mo. He later would succeed **Franklin D. Roosevelt** as U. S. president. As is well known, Harry married **Elizabeth Virginia "Bess" Wallace** (b. 13 Feb 1885), the daughter of **David Wallace**, an Independence, Mo., farmer, and his wife **Madge Gates**, on 28 June 1919. Harry and Bess' only child was a daughter, **Mary Margaret Truman**, born 17 Feb 1924.

The **Martha Truman** whose name led to the discovery of my tie with President Truman also led to a Tennessee link. Her ancestor Edward Truman's son **Thomas** (b. ca. 1596) had a son **James Truman** (1622-1672), who became a doctor. James married **Anne Storer** (b. ca. 1640-42 - d. 1717), daughter of **Arthur Storer** and **Katherine Babbington**. The youngest of James and Anne's three children was **Martha**, born about 1660. She married **Thomas Greenfield** (1648-1739). Their youngest son, **James Greenfield** (ca. 1683-1734) married **Elinor Smith** (ca. 1687-1734) and they had four children:

Sarah Greenfield - b. ca. 1720, m. **John Priggs**

Elinor Greenfield - b. in 1722, died in 1725, m. **Joshua Beall**

Thomas Smith Greenfield - b. about 1725 died in 1806

Walter Smith Greenfield - b. 1731, d. ca. 1800, m. (1) **Keziah** ___, (2) **Rachel Beall** (1724-1768).

Walter and Rachel's daughter **Eleanor Greenfield** (ca. 1754-1850) married **Nicholas Gaither** (b. 1759), and they had four children -- **Edward Burgess, Libertious, Walter, and Horatio**. Nicholas died in 1793 at the age of 34, and Eleanor then married his brother **Jeremiah Gaither** (1776-1848). Their son **Elam Gaither** was born in 1798 in Iredell County, N. C. He married **Amelia Tomlinson**, daughter of **Jackie Tomlinson** and **Tabitha Summers**, in 1823. Elam was said to have been a devout Methodist with a penchant for brewing his own sour mash whiskey -- a common practice at the time. When a new minister came to the local church and preached against making moonshine, Elam and several other families left Iredell County about 1853 and migrated to Fayette Co., Tenn., settling in the Shady Grove area near Williston.

²Harry was named for an uncle, Harrison Young. According to some biographers, Harry's parents did not give him a middle name but chose the initial "S" so that both his grandfathers -- Anderson Shipp Truman and Solomon Young -- could claim he was named for them. In David McCullough's 1992 book, *Truman*, it is stated that the "S" actually didn't stand for anything, and was a practice sometimes followed by Scots-Irish even for first names. Harry's siblings were a brother Vivian (b. 1886) and a sister Mary Jane (b. 1889).

TRUMAN (continued)

Elam and Amelia's children were:

- (1) **Nellie Gaither** - who m. **Lawrence**
- (2) **Zimmerman Gaither** - who m. **Fannie Baxter**
- (3) **Mary Ellen Gaither** - b. in 1829, d. in 1898, m. **J. Q. Lazenby**
- (4) **John Patterson Gaither** - b. 1830, d. 1886, m. (1) **Laurah Tomlinson** (1836-1871), (2) **Harriet M. Sidham** (1846-1931), had 5 children - **Thomas, Edley, James Bascomb, Hattie Amelia, and Roly**
- (5) **James Greenfield Gaither** - b. 1833, d. 1910, m. (1) **Lucy Pinckney Lazenby** (1835-1884) and had 8 children: **William Edgar, Lucy Amelia, Ida Janette, Robert Lee, Manlin Branston, David Elam, Ara May, and Floyd Burnette Gaither**; m. (2) **Lamyra Reid Lazenby** (1849-1919) and had 2 children - **Mary Lucy and John Pinckney Gaither**
- (6) **William M. Gaither** b. 1836, d. 1906, m. **Ella Lazenby** (1854-1922)
- (7) **Thomas B. Gaither** b. 1839, served as a private in the Confederate Army's Co. B, 13th Infantry, was killed in battle at Belmont in 1862
- (8) **David A. Gaither** - b. 1841, d. 1898, m. **Lucy E. Summers**
- (9) **Tabitha J. Gaither** - b. 1842, d. 1876, m. **Thomas Lovelace**
- (10) **Samuel Elam "S. E." Gaither** - b. 1845 in Iredell Co., N.C., d. 1899, m. 1870 to **Martha Ammonette Roberts** (1850-1900), daughter of **Randolph M. Roberts** and **Martha Ammonette** who came to Fayette County in 1848 from Richmond, Va. Samuel and Martha had 9 children: **Susie, Edna, Russell A., Bertha, Inez, Samuel Elam, Jr., Lottie, Grover Cleveland, and Alma Gaither**
- (11) **Elizabeth J. Gaither** - b. 1847
- (12) **Lee Speight Gaither** - b. 1851, d. 1876

Four of Elam and Amelia's sons joined the Confederate Army when the Civil War began, and, as noted above, one of them (Thomas) was killed in battle. Amelia died from exposure in 1863, shortly after the family home and its contents were burned by Union soldiers. Elam later married her niece, **Tabita Emeline "Emily" Tomlinson**. Elam died 9 Aug 1876, and Emily in 1900.

The area where the family settled just west of Williston became known as the Gaither community. S. E. owned and operated the Gaither General Store in Williston. It is now an antique shop owned by one of S. E.'s descendants, **Harrison Crawford**. S. E. and Martha are buried in the Shady Grove Cemetery, along with many other Gaither relatives. S.E.'s daughter **Lottie** married **Frank Laughlin Wilson**, son of **David S. Wilson** and **Emma Atkinson Allen**. One of their daughters, **Floy Allen Wilson**, married my father, **Samuel Gordon Fouts**.

NOTE: Sam Kibler was born 19 Jan 1939 in Memphis, Tenn., where he lived the first 18 years of his life. He graduated from Whitehaven High School in 1957 and enlisted in the U. S. Navy, serving more than 22 years. He later worked as an electronics instructor for ITT Technical Institute, and is now retired and working on his family history. He and his wife, the former **Marilyn Jean "Lyn" Wulf**, a native of Chicago, live in a suburb of San Diego and have two grown children, **Robert William Kibler** and **Heather Denise Kibler**. Sam published *The Wilson Family, A History of the Ancestors & Descendants of Frank L. and Lottie G. Wilson*, in 1989 and is now ready to publish a second edition. He is genealogist for The Society of John Gaither Descendants, Inc., and has computerized all of the records provided by the organization's historian Eva Gaither Thornberry. The Society of John Gaither Descendants, Inc., has a home page on the Internet at:

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/k/i/b/Samuel-G-Kibler/index.html>

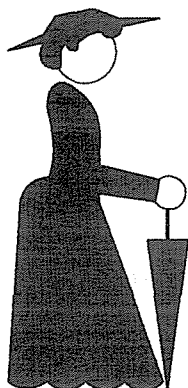
Sam Kibler has a personal home page showing his ancestors at:

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/users/k/i/b/Sam-G-Kibler/index.html>

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A Charming Custom of the 1890s ...

New Year's Calling



A major event of the social season in Nashville and Chattanooga in the 1890s was the custom of New Year's Calling. On this occasion, prominent society women would open their home to callers in a splendid show of Southern hospitality. *The Chattanooga Daily Times* called the custom "one of the most charming social habits of the year." Virtually every suitable vehicle in town was pressed into use for the event, and the reception rooms in each home were lavishly adorned. Beautifully decorated

tables were loaded down with the choicest and "most toothsome edibles" to be found, *The Times* reported.

The New Year's Day reception in 1890 was hailed as "the most brilliant ever known in the city," with 20 homes opened for the occasion from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until midnight, in some cases, with a stream of callers beginning during the first hour and continuing as long as there was a response to the door bell

The list of open houses reported by *The Times* included:

Mrs. James T. Read - at The Read House, assisted by **Mrs. N. E. Barker**, **Mrs. W. A. Ladd**, **Mrs. W. E. Baskette**, **Mrs. J. P. Smartt**, **Mrs. T. M. Smartt**, **Mrs. Dr. H. Berlin**, **Mrs. Ferdinand Voight**, **Mrs. Samuel R. Reed**, **Mrs. Letcher Pickens**, and the Misses **Almeda Anderson**, **Amy Dumbell**, **Annie Reed**, **Jimmie Malone**, **Katie Fowler**, **May Speas**, **Ella Sims**, and **Miss Golay** of Knoxville, and **Miss Van Dyke**.

Mrs. J. W. Crouch - at her home on Mission Ridge assisted by **Mrs. R. P. Johnson**, **Mrs. F. J. Bennett**, **Misses Nellie Ryan**, **Lizzie Hunter**, and **Grace Smith**. From 2-6 p.m., with electric cars running in the afternoon.

Mrs. Shackelford and **Miss Louis S. Colyar** will keep open house at their home at 602 E. 4th Street, assisted by **Mrs. William S. Shields** of Knoxville, **Mrs. Nap Lodor**, **Mrs. J. D. Jordan**, **Mrs. J. P. Richardson**, **Mrs. E. Watkins**, **Miss Key**, **Miss Sarah Key**, **Miss Kat Dumbell**, **Miss Clift**, **Miss Roberta Clift**, and **Miss Warner**.

Mrs. Rathburn - at her residence at the corner of 6th and Pine, assisted by **Mrs. Theodore Richardson**, **Mrs. S. B. Strang**, **Mrs. J. T. Williamson**, **Miss Bessie Richmond**, **Miss Wheeler**, **Miss Ethel Wheeler**, **Miss Knowlton** of Ohio, **Miss Bell Thomas**, **Miss Clara Williamson**, **Miss Elizabeth Woodburn**, and **Miss Annie Rathburn**.

Mrs. M. M. Henderson - at her residence at 670 McCallie Street - assisted by **Mrs. John W. Elder**, **Mrs. R. W. Price**, **Mrs. W. G. M. Thomas**, and the Misses **McMillin**, **Belle Thomas**, **Mary Barr**, **Sallie Johnson**, and

Jimmie Henderson.

Mrs. James E. Reeves - at her home on the corner of McCallie and Houston Streets from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., assisted by **Mrs. C. W. Conner**, the Misses **Conner**, **Mollie** and **Margaret Eakin**.

Mrs. Samuel Blair and **Miss Blair** - at the residence at 549 E. 4th, assisted by **Mrs. A. R. L. Blair**, **Mrs. E. G. Richmond**.

Mrs. Julius Ochs and **Mrs. Adolph S. Ochs**, assisted by **Mrs. G. R. Walters** of Knoxville, **Mrs. Harry Wise**, **Mrs. David**, **Miss David**, and the Misses **Ochs**.

Mrs. S. J. Street - at her home at 321 Poplar Street assisted by **Mrs. Charles W. Stratton**, the Misses **Stratton**, **Miss Trimble**, **Miss Belle Trimble**, **Miss Jennie Tyler**, and **Miss Annie Lyon**.

Mrs. T. M. McConnell - at her residence at 517 E. 5th from 5 until 10 p.m., assisted by **Mrs. Charles W. Hood**, **Mrs. Neil Carothers**, **Mrs. Nesbet Wingfield**, **Mrs. W. B. Swaney**, **Mrs. G. A. Holland**, the Misses **Annie** and **Tommie McConnell**, **Miss Bradford**, and **Miss Cooke**.

Mrs. H. S. Chamberlain and daughter at 137 East Terrace from 4 to 10 p.m., assisted by **Mrs. M. M. Duncan**, **Mrs. Earnshaw**, **Mrs. L. T. Dickinson**, **Miss Nona McAdoo**, and **Mrs. Laura Staley**.

Mrs. T. H. Lannon and **Miss Etta Ryder** - on Grandview St., Ridgedale.

Mrs. W. C. Carley, **Mrs. J. F. Shipp**, **Mrs. Fillmore Gibson**, and **Mrs. Will Aull** at the Carley home at 639 Chestnut, assisted by **Mrs. Edwin Carley** of Indianapolis, **Miss Anna Whitaker** and **Miss Dora Ferguson** from Ohio, **Miss Annie Ewing** of Rome, Ga., and the Misses **Susie** and **Carrie Shipp**.

Mrs. C. T. Raymond - at the residence at 111 Gilmer Street from 4-10 p.m., assisted by **Mrs. C. W. Caryl**, **Mrs. L. G. Walker**, **Misses Ellen Howell**, **Jessie Wisdom**, **Lillian Hillis**, and **Mamie Cleage**.

Mrs. H. Clayton Evans - at the residence on East Terrace, assisted by **Mrs. Finley**, **Mrs. and Miss Sherwood**, **Miss Durand** of New York, and **Miss Fannie Van Dyke**.

Mrs. J. W. Kelly will receive at 512 W. 6th Street assisted by **Mrs. H. O. Milton**, **Mrs. G. W. Dumbell**, **Mrs. B. M. Tarver**, **Miss Brown** of Atlanta, **Miss Dumbell**, **Miss Fort**, **Miss McCall**, and **Miss Stewart** of Columbus, Ga.

Miss Mamie and **Jennie Ruchs** - 535 Chestnut.

Mrs. L. S. Tutt - 413 Pine, assisted by **Mrs. J. G. Rawlings**, **Mrs. G. M. D. Heard**, **Mrs. W. C. McAdoo**, **Mrs. J. T. Lupton**, and **Miss Laura Sterette**, **Miss McAdoo** of Knoxville, **Miss Brown** and **Miss Lizzie Brown**, **Miss Lila Hixon**, and **Miss Mary Aileen Tutt**.

Mrs. Glenn Whiteside - 14 College Street from 4 o'clock, assisted by **Mrs. Hugh Whiteside**, **Mrs. G. F. Rossington**, and the Misses **Acree**, **Pullum**, **Willingham**, **Dodson**, and **Fulkerson**.

Mrs. S. B. Moe - 502 Georgia Avenue - 3-11 p.m., assisted by Misses **May Moe**, **Cora Dodds**, **Rose LeClerc**, **Clara Saunders**, **Eda Rosestein** of Charleston, Mo., and **Mrs. J. A. LeClerc**. ■

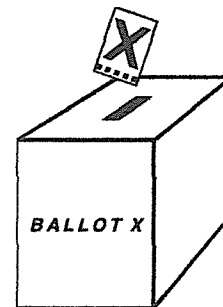
State Delegates Chosen To Nominate Country's Vice President For 1836

Tennesseans from across the state gathered at the courthouse in Nashville in early April 1835 to appoint delegates to the Baltimore Convention that would be held in May to nominate a candidate for the U. S. vice presidency.

On motions by **William E. Anderson, Esq.**, and **George S. Yerger, Esq.**, **Dr. Felix Robertson** was called to the chair and **Allen A. Hall** was appointed secretary. Robertson then appointed the following to prepare and report a suitable resolution: **William E. Anderson, Thomas J. Lacy, George S. Yerger, Morgan W. Brown, Joseph Vaulx, and Joseph Philips**, all of Davidson; **David Fentress** of Hardeman; **A. P. Maury** and **John Watson** of Williamson; **S. H. Laughlin** of Rutherford; **Thomas Smith** of Jackson; **James Young** of Madison; **Abram Caruthers** of Smith; **John Cain** of Warren; **John Hall** of Wilson; and **Scot Terry** of Bledsoe County.

The committee, in a resolution, stated, "We are the advocates of party when it rests upon principle, but deplore its existence when it depends upon anything else. We should look with deep regret to any

course of policy or party where a just regard for and love of country are not evinced." Chosen as delegates to Baltimore from the various counties were: **John Rhea** of Sullivan; **John Overton, Dr. Philip Lindsley, E. H. Foster,**



George C. Childres, A. Balch, David Parks, and Jesse Wharton of Davidson; **Gen. R. G. Dunlap** and **Solomon D. Jacobs** of Knox; **Dix Alexander** of Hawkins; **W. Wyly** of Greene; **James I. Green** of Roane; **James Gillespie** of Blount; **John Bridgman, Esq.**, of Bledsoe; **Thomas J. Caldwell** of Monroe; **A. E. Smith** of Cocke; **J. Campbell** and **H. M. Rutledge** of Franklin; **J. B. Forester** of Warren; **William Lowry** of McMinn; **Samuel G. Smith** of Jackson; **Dixon Allen** and **D. Burford** of Smith; **H. Eaton** of Williamson; **A. P. Gowen** and **David Dickinson** of Rutherford; **Col. Billing Gordon** of Hickman; **F. W. Huling** of Montgomery; **Gen. Richard Cheatham** of Robertson; **James Walker** and **E. B. Littlefield** of Maury; **Samuel Mitchel** of Bedford; **William M. Inge** of Lincoln; **A. R. A_crunder** of Shelby; **Dr. W. E. Butler** and **Adam Huntsman** of Madison; **Cullen Andrews** of Henderson; **David Fentress** of Hardeman; **Memucan H. Howard** of Henry; and **D. A. Dunham** of Tipton County.



1810 Mail They Didn't Pick Up

Postmaster **James Russell** ran a list of letters remaining in the postoffice at Dover on 13 July 1810, and warned the mail would be sent as dead letters to the General Postoffice if not picked up before the first day of October. On the list, carried in the *U. S. Herald* at Clarksville on 11 Aug 1810, were: B- **Peter Blackon, Gilbert Berry, Danial Buchannin**, D- **Ephraim R. Davidson**, L - **Isaac Lanier, Burwell Lanier**, M - **Rebekah M'Rinny, Daniel M'Millan, John Manin, Enoch Mashburn, Wm. M'Gindy, Jacob M'Carty**; P - **William Pryor, Abner Pearce**; R - **Mark Rushing**; S - **Thomas Smith, John Seale/Scale Stole, Benjamin Spencer**; W - **Elizabeth Watson**. ■

Open House in Nashville

The New Year's Day open house custom was observed in Nashville for many years. In 1890, nine of the city's most prominent residences were opened and about 180 hosts and hostesses greeted guests.

Among the homes opened to visitors were those of **Mrs. Edward Buford, Mrs. Tyree Rodes, Mrs. C. E. K. Martin, Mr. Nat Baxter, Jr., Mr. S. J. Keith, Judge W. B. Reese, Mrs. Maggie Kicks, George M. Jackson, and Mrs. H. C. Brown.**



Married ...

- On the 9th inst. at the residence of **A. E. Cooper** in McLemoresville by **Rev. W. T. Harris**, **Mr. William Anderson** of Madison County to **Miss Emma Cooper** of Carroll County.

- By **Rev. J. W. Johnson** on the 3rd inst., **Mr. W. J. Young** to **Miss Mattie Dobbins**, all of this county.

-Paris Intelligencer, 5 Feb 1875

- In this city at the residence of **Mr. W. L. Carter, Jr.**, by **Dr. R. M. Dickenson**, **Mr. James Alexander McAlister** of Memphis and **Miss Sallie H. Carter** of Henry Station. Their future home will be at Double Bridges, Lauderdale County.

- On the 16th at the residence of the bride's mother near Conyersville in this county by **J. W. Buchanan**, **Mr. Isaac W. Morgan** of Calloway Co., Ky., and **Miss Louisa J. Sanford**.

- **Mr. George Helm** and his blooming bride left Paris last week for Illinois, their future home, carrying with them the good wishes of a host of friends.

-Paris Intelligencer, 29 Jan 1874

- At Bartlett, Tenn., on 5 Nov by **Rev. Mr. Mullins**, **Edward H. Mathes, Esq.**, and **Miss Ann Williams**, all of Shelby County. The fortunate bridegroom has plucked one of the fairest and brightest roses that ever bloomed in the garden of beauty and won a jewel of priceless worth. The very happy young couple with a party of select friends left by the steamer *A. J. White* on a bridal tour down river.

-Somerville Falcon, 7 Nov 1872

- At the residence of **Mr. Archie** near Spring Hill Academy by **Dr. R. M. Dickenson** on the 14th inst., **Mr. D. W. Cook** and **Miss Mary E. Howard**, both of Calloway Co., Ky.

-Paris Intelligencer, 21 Jan 1874

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

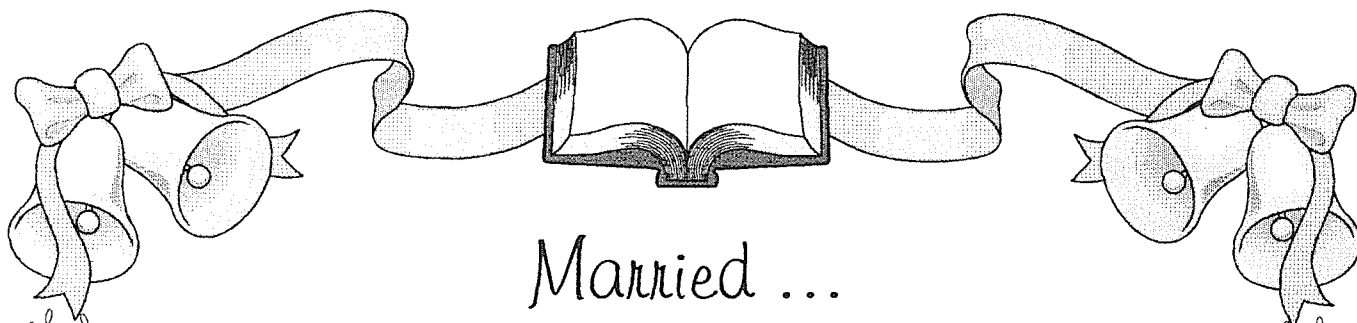
-Paris Intelligencer, 13 Feb 1874

- On Wednesday, 25 Dec, by **R. F. G. Flemings, Esq.**, **Mr. P. J. Stephens** to **Miss Amanda Miller**, daughter of **Mr. Thomas H. Miller**, all of Knox County.

-Knoxville Argus & Commercial, 31 Dec 1839

- At the residence of the bride's parents near Petersburg on Tuesday, 10 Jan, by **Elder William Dixon**, **Mr. Z. D. Jones** of Manchester and **Miss Myrtle Cowden**. Mr. Jones is one of our cleverest young men and is worthy of the rich prize he has won. The bride belongs to one of the first families of Middle Tennessee and by her many womanly graces has endeared herself to all with whom she associates.

-Manchester Times, 13 Jan 1888



- On Tuesday, 4 Dec 1823, by **Rev. R. H. King**, **Mr. David Campbell** to **Miss Jane Smith**, daughter of **Mr. William Smith**, all of Grassy Valley.

- On the 16th ult. by **Rev. Elijah Rogers**, **Mr. John Franklin** to **Miss Sally Mc'Cleary**, all of Sevier County.

- On Tuesday the 30th ult., **Mr. James Mc'Millian** of Blount County to **Miss Nancy H. Kennedy** of Knox County.

-Knoxville Register, 9 Jan 1824

- On the 11th inst., **John Love, Esq.**, of Kentucky to **Miss Mary Emily H. Wheeler**, second daughter of **Benjamin Wheeler** of Walnut Cove, Campbell County.

- On Thursday the 15th inst. by **Rev. David Wear**, **Mr. James Kennedy, Sr.**, of this place to **Mrs. Nancy Heard** of McMinn County.

-Knoxville Register, 13 Jan 1824

- On Thursday evening last by **Rev. John Haynie**, **Mr. Thomas J. Grills** to **Miss Martha Smith**, daughter of **Henry Smith** of this county.

-Knoxville Register, 30 Jan 1824

- **A FRIEND OF OURS** who took the train at Brownsville Wednesday morning coming to Jackson says four bridal couples also boarded the train at the same time, all just married that morning. The following were the happy parties: **E. M. Murray** and **Miss May Hawkins**, who were married at the Baptist Church; **Ed Curry** and **Miss Eva Johnson** who were married at the Episcopal Church; **W. W. Cozart** and **Miss Belle Sullivan**; **L. B. Lovelace** and **Miss Sullivan**.

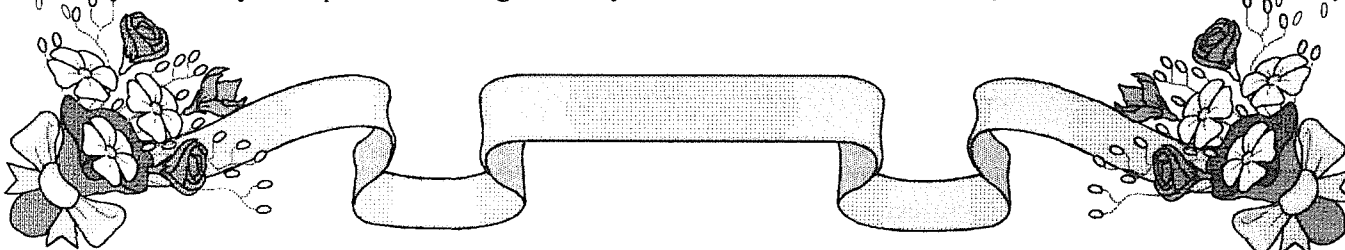
- The Honorable **W. W. Wade**, representative of Gibson County, and **Miss Annie Russell**, accomplished daughter of **Col. R. M. Russell**, were married at Trenton Wednesday, **Rev. J. T. Rothrock** officiating. The couple left on a bridal tour to Nashville where the groom will take his seat in the General Assembly which meets next Monday. *-West Tennessee Whig, Jackson, 4 Jan 1887*

- On the 15th inst. at the residence of **J. B. Milam** at Spring Hill Academy by **Rev. J. W. Johnson**, **Mr. W. T. Porter** to **Miss Maggie Alexander**, all of this county.

-Paris Intelligencer, 22 Oct 1874

- On last Tuesday evening the 17th last, **Mr. Frank R. Burrell** to **Miss Mollie A. Bradley**, all of Paris. Attendants were **H. G. Lefils**, **Miss Maggie Alexander**, **Jo. H. Bullock**, **Miss Mattie Calhoun**. The interesting ceremony was performed at the Methodist Church by **Rev. Dr. Petway** in the presence of a large assembly.

-Paris Intelligencer, 27 Mar 1874

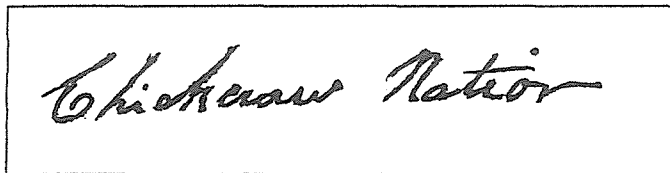


Marcus B. Winchester and Early Memphis Postal History

Contributed by Capt. Henry A. Hudson, Jr., USNR, Millington, Tenn.

The postal history of Memphis dates back to 1819 when a former U. S. Army officer, Capt. James Stewart, handled postal affairs unofficially during the settlement's early years. Marcus B. Winchester was appointed the first official postmaster of Memphis on 23 April 1823. This fascinating individual not only served as Memphis' first mayor, but through the years also was an alderman, land agent, justice of the peace, county registrar, and land owner.

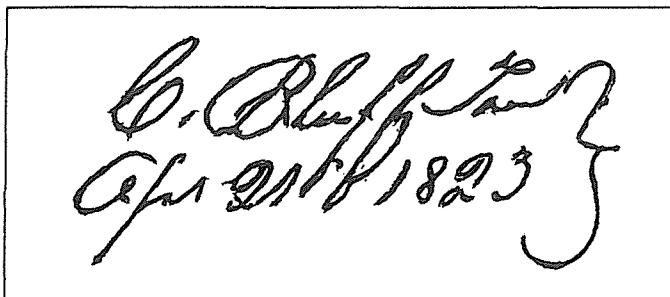
During the days of the area's earliest postal history (1802-1818), the military community at Fort Pickering utilized the Chickasaw Nation post office located in the Mississippi Territory.¹



Chickasaw Nation (Mississippi)

Manuscript Postmark

The first post office within the corporate limits of what is now Memphis was established in 1819 under the name Chickasaw Bluffs.² Prior to that time, the few traders who had settled in the Memphis area to trade with the Indians marked their letters from "Chickasaw Bluff" and depended on passing riverboats and travelers to carry whatever letters and dispatches were sent. Mail sent



Chickasaw Bluff (Tennessee)

Manuscript Postmark

in this manner -- i.e., without going through the official postal system -- is termed "Carried Outside the Mail." These letters are often marked "Favor of".... "Politeness of" "Care of" ... or "By (person's name)."

It could be months before a letter reached its destination, if it reached it at all. These earliest items of postal history are quite collectible as they traveled our earliest trade and migration routes. Often these primitive routes were the forerunners of established postal roads.

The term "Chickasaw Bluff" actually referred to a formal settlement that had been established in 1819 on what was called the Fourth Chickasaw Bluff of the Mississippi River. The bluffs acquired their names from the order in which they intersect the Mississippi River along its course. About this time, Winchester suggested tapping Andrew Jackson's influence in Washington to help establish a post office for the settlement on the bluff. On 20 October 1819, the Postmaster General solicited contracts to carry the mail overland from Reynoldsburg on the Tennessee River to the "Bluff" every two weeks.

As with most early pioneer settlements, Memphis experienced many problems with the postal service. These resulted from environmental factors and the lack of adequate manpower to move the mail from point to point. Getting the mail to Jackson, Tenn., was a major problem as schedules were frequently violated. Fines were levied for using 12- to- 14 year old boys to transport the mail. Express mail was often shipped with regular mail, a real big deal in the times. Disputes arose between the postmasters and the river boat captains about jurisdiction over mail carried by boats. Winchester brought some criticism on himself because of his awful handwriting. The Postmaster General even told him so when commenting about some of his written reports.

¹ Among the famous figures assigned to Ft. Pickering was Meriwether Lewis whose last known letter was written from there in 1806 and bore the postmark "Chickasaw Nation." See *Ansearchin' News*, Spring 1997.

² Its name was changed to Memphis on 22 April 1823.



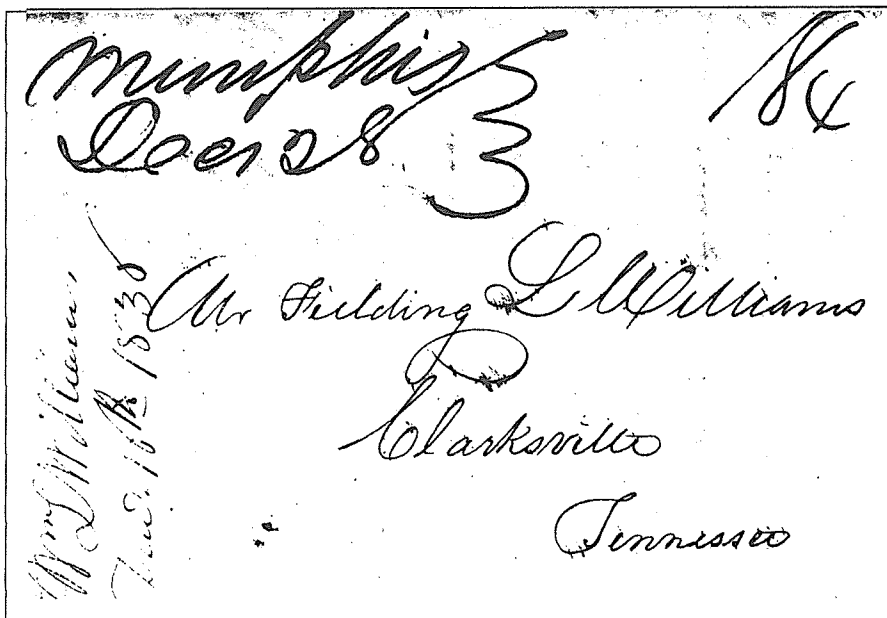
MEMPHIS' FIRST --Marcus B. Winchester became the first official postmaster of Memphis in 1823, and held the position for a total of 26 years.

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Because the Memphis post office was located in Marcus Winchester's store, the Post Office Department rejected claims for rent, candles, firewood, writing paper, and quills. The store, on the corner of what is now Jackson and Front, was at the pivot point of everything happening in early Memphis. It served as trade center, general store, bank, and post office.

In 1827 after a serious outbreak of smallpox subsided, new settlers began arriving in Memphis daily. By 1829 the first postal roads were established in West Tennessee linking Memphis, Raleigh, Somerville, Bolivar, and Jackson. Another road connected Memphis, Randolph, Covington, Brownsville, and Jackson. Mail service from Nashville via Jackson was increased to three times a week. This was marked by the first mail stage, referred to as a four-horse line that was established on 14 Nov 1829 when a contract was awarded to Walker, Spaulding, and Brown.

With Memphis now in the same postal class as Nashville, Marcus Winchester realized he could not be both mayor and postmaster at the same time. Since he received no salary as mayor, he resigned that position in 1829 and kept his job as postmaster until 17 April 1849, serving a total of 26 years. During this time, he processed thousands



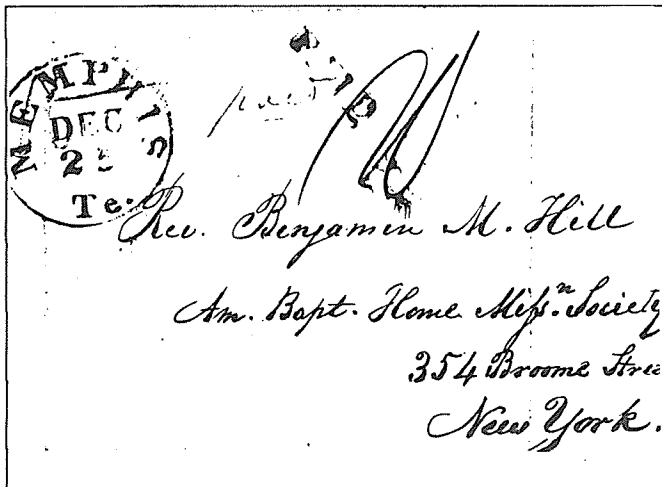
LETTER FROM MEMPHIS -As indicated by the manuscript postmark possibly inscribed by one of the Winchesters, this letter to **Mr. Fielding L. Williams**, Clarksville, Tenn., left from Memphis 28 Dec 1836.

of postal items. As the volume of mail increased, the post office outgrew its space in Winchester's store and was moved on 28 Oct 1842 to the south corner of Tait's row of buildings on Main Street near Poplar Avenue. In March, 1846, the post office again was moved, this time to Madison Avenue between Main and Front streets.

Being postmaster in a booming river town in the early 1800s could be a very time consuming job, and Marcus Winchester put his son Robert to work in the post office. The items of postal history that remain from that era were undoubtedly handled, stamped, and sorted by one of the Winchesters.

The earliest known postmark of a letter originating from Memphis is a manuscript postmark. The Post Office Department would not buy circular date stamps for post offices with only small volumes of mail. For this reason, the postmaster had to cancel all the letters by writing on them "Memphis Te." or "Memphis Ten." and the date.

Once the volume of mail increased, the Post Office Department would provide the post office with a date stamp. The Memphis circular date stamp is found on items dating back to 1836. Various colors of inks were known to have been used, including red, blue, black, and green. Manuscript cancels and circular date stamps were



A CIRCULAR STAMP, bearing the date 25 Dec 1846, marked this letter posted from "Memphis, Te." to **Rev. Benjamin M. Hill** at the American Baptist Home Mission Society in New York City.

WINCHESTER (continued)

in use well into the 1850s.³

What was it like to be postmaster in a town the size of Memphis in the early days?

For a moment, if you will, picture Marcus Winchester in his general store, swapping hats among his various jobs from justice of the peace to postmaster

Supplies from New Orleans are arriving today on the river. The stage from Jackson is expected and the mail must be sorted and placed in pouches. A trader arrives and wants to cash in two Kentucky paper banknotes. Marcus has to make the proper discounts on the money. Children are playing in the street in front of the store. New settlers, hearing about the newly created town of Memphis, arrive almost daily and seek provisions at Winchester's store. News is brought by these settlers from Nashville, Louisville, and points east. The land across the Mississippi River is still a territory. Reelfoot Lake is but 25 years old.

History is being made here. What promise lies ahead for Memphis? For Tennessee?

Author's Note: The storyline for this article is taken from *Early Memphis Postal History, The Stampless Period*, compiled by the author in 1994 and awarded a philatelic Gold Medal at the MEMPHIX Stamp Show.

³Self-adhesive stamps were required on all letters beginning in 1856. During the Civil War, the Confederacy used stamp-less mail until its adhesive stamps could be printed.

A Multi-Faceted Tennessean ...

Marcus B. Winchester

Marcus Brutus Winchester was the eldest son and second child of General James Winchester of Maryland and Susan Black of South Carolina. His father served in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and was the son of William Manchester who came to America from London's Westminster District and founded the town of Westminster, Md., on 6 Mar 1729. James settled at Bledsoe Creek (now Gallatin) in Middle Tennessee after the Revolution, and became a major force in the area's military, political, commercial, and educational development. Elected first speaker of the Tennessee Senate in 1796, he held numerous other public offices and also was a successful miller, merchant, and planter. At age 40, he set up housekeeping with 15-year old Susan. Marcus and five of his 13 siblings were born out of wedlock. In 1803, however, James pushed through the Senate a bill (Special Act XXXVI) that in effect legitimized his children, and then formally married Susan. Meanwhile, James completed Cragfont, the first stone manor in Tennessee and at that time the most elegant house west of the mountains. Constructed by Maryland craftsmen, it took four years to build and is still standing today.

Marcus was born on 28 May 1796, four days before Tennessee became a state. He was given formal schooling in Maryland, and in 1812 returned to Tennessee where he was soon called to join his father in Kentucky preparing for war. Marcus served on General Winchester's staff and, during the Battle of the Raisin River near Detroit, he and his father were among some 550 soldiers captured during a surprise attack by the British. After 15 months in a Quebec prison, they were released. In 1818, Marcus was present at treaty negotiations with the Chickasaws and his name appears as a witness to the formal treaty signed on 19 October. He was sent to examine a shipment of gifts that were to be given to the Indians. When West Tennessee was opened for settlement shortly afterward, Marcus traveled 21 days by flatboat on the Cumberland, Ohio, and Mississippi rivers to reach the site of what is now Memphis. He traveled with William Lawrence, who surveyed the area for the new town's layout. Marcus' arrival in 1819 and his formation of a business partnership with Anderson B. Carr marks the first real commercial establishment in Memphis.

In the 1820s, Marcus married a beautiful Creole girl (some say she was French quadroon) from New Orleans. Early Memphis historian James D. Davis referred to her as "Mary" but others have identified her as Amarante Loisele. Proof of their marriage has not been found, but Davis maintained they were formally and legally married. By 1827 Marcus and Mary are said to have had a son baptized in St. Louis. In all, eight children resulted from their union. Mary died 19 Aug 1839 in New Orleans, and in 1842 Marcus married Mrs. Lucy Leona McLean. Marcus represented Shelby County in the Tennessee legislature in 1854. He died on 2 Nov 1856 in his 61st year. *The Memphis Weekly Appeal* eulogized him as "charitable to a fault, of a warm and sympathizing heart, chivalrous bearing, and strict integrity."

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Members of the City Council attended his funeral in a body, and wore mourning bands for 30 days. Marcus' will, dated 25 May 1850 and probated in the February/May 1857 court terms, names as heirs his wife Lucy Leonora, and his eight children -- Laura, Robert, Frances Selina, Louise, Loiselle, Valeria, and Lisida.

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Land On Top Of Old Smoky Sold For Taxes In 1840

In keeping with Blount County court orders, **Sheriff William Wallace** and **Clerk Ake Henry** announced that 25,000 acres on top of the Smoky Mountains would be sold 6 Jul 1840 in Maryville to satisfy delinquent 1839 taxes, costs, and charges. Only four property owners were involved.

Richard G. Dunlap was listed as owner of two 5,000-acre tracts. The first, lying on top of the Smokies in the eastern corner of the county, was entered in the name of **George Seahorn** and transferred to Dunlap per Entry #584 dated 17 June 1830. A deed to the property was issued to Dunlap on 28 Nov 1838. The second tract, whose location was also in the county's eastern corner, was entered by **John M. Seahorn** and transferred on the same dates by Entry #582.

John L. Peck was named as the owner of a 5,000-acre tract in the southwest corner of Blount that was transferred to him by Entry #627 dated 15 Oct 1830, with the deed being issued 28 Nov 1838. The other two owners were **Jacob Peck & Company**, who had a 5000-acre tract in the east corner of Blount that was entered on 15 Oct 1830. **Juliet Peck & Company** was owner of 5,000 acres simply identified as being on top of the Smoky Mountains in Blount County. The notice was run in the *Knox County Argus*, edited by **E. G. Eastman**, on 11 Feb 1840. ■

Looking for a Lost Rebel?

Some Tennessee Confederate Graves Reported In Griffin, Ga., Cemetery

Researchers looking for burial places of their Confederate soldier ancestors might find some help in a story that appeared 13 Mar 1883 in *The Memphis Weekly Public Ledger*.

It seems that **Mrs. William R. Hanleiter** of Griffin, Ga., wrote the Memphis and Nashville newspapers to call their attention to the fact that wooden markers on the graves of a dozen or so Confederate soldiers from Tennessee buried in cemetery there were fast decaying.

The Tennesseans were among nearly 5,000 soldiers buried in Griffin City Cemetery, and their graves were located in what was known as "the Tennessee lot." Mrs. Hanleiter, in her letter, appealed to the papers to raise funds to buy marble markers at a cost of "\$4 or \$5" per grave and have a wire fence installed around the section.

The list of names she submitted of soldiers entombed there also included two Mississippi soldiers, a Tennessee bank clerk, and four women whose relationship -- if any -- to the soldiers was not indicated.

On the list were:

- (1) **Erwin P. Jett**, 41st Tenn. Reg't., interred 25 Jul 1864.
- (2) **Major P. V. H. Weems**, 11th Tenn. Volunteers, interred 25 Jul 1862.
- (3) **Col. F. M. Walker**, 19th Tenn. Volunteers, interred 24 Jul 1864.
- (4) **A. M. Harris**, 47th Tenn., buried 19 Jul 1864.
- (5) **Mrs. J. W. Patten**, died 25 Apr 1865.
- (6) **Rebecca Herbert**, died 27 Apr 1870.
- (7) **Mrs. Mary C. Harrison**, interred 23 Nov 1863.
- (8) **Sgt. C. C. McNorme**, interred 12 Aug 1864.
- (9) **W. W. Claxton**, Co. A, 10th Tenn., interred 30 Aug 1864.
- (10) **Capt. J. L. Bostwick**, Nashville, interred 29 Jul 1864.
- (11) **Capt. J. J. Ward**, Ward's Battery, interred 30 Jul 1861.
- (12) **Mrs. Susan Browning**, died 23 Dec 1864.
- (13) **Lt. W. J. Alexander**, interred 4 Sept 1864.
- (14) **Paul M. Miner**, clerk in the Bank of Tennessee, died 18 May 1865.
- (15) **Capt. J. H. Turner**, Co. E, 57th Tenn., interred 3 Sept 1864.
- (16) **Lt. J. M. Rand**, Co. A, 41st Mississippi, interred 18 Aug 1864.
- (17) **John E. Hill**, Co. K, 12th & 47th Tenn. Reg't., interred 10 Aug 1864.
- (18) **Sgt. W. A. McAndrews**, Co. A, Mississippi, interred 3 Aug 1864. ■

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Bradley County Trustees Journal

Claims Filed Against the County

(Transcribed from Tennessee State Library & Archives microfilm of Bradley County records copied by Florence Owens, WPA copyist, in 1938-39. Available at Memphis/Shelby County Public Library, History Department.)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>SERVICE RENDERED</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>
Sept. 5	Isaac Huffaker	Taking list of taxables	\$2.00
Sept. 5	Elbert E. Cooper	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Sept. 7	Joseph Seabourn	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Sept. 7	Ezekiel Spriggs	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Sept. 7	Benjamin F. Taylor	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Sept. 7	Absolum Coleman	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Sept. 7	J. W. Wilson	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Sept. 7	Shadrich M. Taylor	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Sept. 13	Ezekiel Spriggs	For <u>lying</u> off Districts	5.00
Sept. 13	Charles Collins, Jr.	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Sept. 13	John McGhe	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Sept. 14	Samuel Howard	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Oct. 3	Joseph Billingsly	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Oct. 3	John C. Kenady	Laying off of Cleveland	35.00
Nov. 7	Samuel Dunn, Constr.	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Nov. 7	Joseph Seabourn, Jr.	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Nov. 7	Isaac Mastin	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Nov. 7	John Mel	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Nov. 7	Benj. F. Adeir	Taking list of taxables	2.00
Nov. 7	Joseph McMillion	Holding <u>exection</u>	30.00
Nov. 7	Alexander Seahorn	Juror (Sept. term)	2.00
Nov. 7	Robert E. Cate	Juror	2.00
Nov. 20	Ezekiel Baites	Juror	2.00

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Jan. 10	Mathew McNod	Juror	2.00
Jan. 10	William Smedley	Juror	2.00
Jan. 10	Daniel Boon	Juror	2.00
Jan. 10	____ Cunningham	Juror (Jan. term)	5.00
Jan. 10	Edward Edwards	Juror	5.00
Jan. 10	Samuel Howard	Juror	5.00
Jan. 21	Isaac Huffaker	Juror	5.00
Jan. 21	Jesoph Igou	Constable	2.00
Jan. 21	James Seabourn	Juror	5.00
Jan. 21	James Long	Juror	5.00
Jan. 21	Robert E. Cate	Juror	5.00
Jan. 21	Isom Bradley	Juror	5.00
Jan. 21	John Johnson	Juror	5.00
Jan. 21	Isom Bradley	Juror	5.00
Jan. 21	Solomon Summay	Juror	5.00

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Jan. 30	Archibald R. Taylor	Juror	5.00
Jan. 30	John Robeson	Juror	5.00
Jan. 30	John Towers	Juror	5.00
Jan. 30	John Igo	Juror	2.00

BRADLEY (continued)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>SERVICE RENDERED</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>
Jan. 30	John McJunkin	Juror	\$2.00
Jan. 30	Levi Carter	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	John Spradley	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	William Dodson	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	Samuel Legg	Juror	5.00
Jan. 30	Hiram Grimet	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	William Sears	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	Edward George	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	James Ellage	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	Washington Taylor	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	David Lay	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	John Anderson	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	Alexander Seabourn	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	Aden Humbert	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	Josiah Price	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	Isaac Taylor	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	William Parkes	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	George Kincannon	Juror	2.00
Jan. 30	J. W. Wilson	Juror	2.00
Feb. 6	John Clark	Juror	5.00
Feb. 6	James Pots	Juror	5.00
Feb. 6	Sherwood Osburn	Juror	5.00
Feb. 6	Robert S. Mahan	Juror	5.00
Feb. 6	James Evens	Juror	5.00
Feb. 6	Benjamin McCarty	Juror	2.00
Feb. 6	William J. Lawson	Constable (Jan. term)	5.00
Feb. 6	John Rogers	Constable (Jan. term)	5.00
Feb. 8	Harvey Woods	Constable (Feb. term)	3.25
March 1	William Dodson	Juror	2.00
March 8	John Mel	Revenue commissioner (Jan. term)	3.00
April 10	John Spradley	Juror	2.00
April 10	John Silker	Juror	2.00
April 10	John McClellan	Juror	2.00
April 10	Absolom Coleman	Juror	2.00

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April 10	Jesse Billingsley	Juror (Sept 1836 term)	2.00
April 10	William Sears	Juror (Jan 1837 term)	2.00
April 10	A. W. Hagley	Juror (Jan 1837 term)	2.00
June 2	George W. Selvage	Juror (May 1837 term)	4.00
June 5	Samuel Howard	Revenue Commissioner (May term)	3.00
June 13	James Berry	Juror (May term)	2.00
June 13	John Branham	Cleaning public square	5.50
Jul 6	Robert Kerr	Juror (May term)	4.00
Jul 6	Benjamin F. Taylor	Juror (May term)	4.00
Jul 6	Robert Kerr	Juror (Sept 1836 term)	2.00
Jul 6	Alexander Perry	Juror (May term)	4.00
Jul 6	John H. Robertson	Officer (June term)	25.00
Jul 6	Alexander Long	Juror (May term)	4.00
Jul 10	Grant & Brown	Easfpee(?) for Carter (June term)	12.50
Jul 14	Jones Smith	Juror (May term)	4.00
Jul 16	Henry Price	Costs against Woody et al (June term)	10.33
Jul 16	Henry Price	Costs against Leroy Britton (June term)	68.80
Jul 16	Henry Price	Costs in State vs. J. C. Towers (June term)	39.87
Jul 16	Isham Bradley	Juror (May term)	2.00
Jul 18	Robert Williams	Juror (Sept term)	2.00

BRADLEY (continued)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>SERVICE RENDERED</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>
Jul 18	Churchwell B. Tucker	Juror (Sept term)	2.00
Aug 5	John Igo	Revenue Commissioner (Sept. term)	3.00
Aug. 5	James Campbell	Juror (May term)	4.00
Aug 5	Samuel Dunn	Constable (May term)	5.00
Aug 7	James W. Wilson	Juror (May term)	4.00
Aug 7	James W. Wilson	Revenue Commissioner (April term)	3.00
Aug 7	John Patterson	Juror (May term)	4.00
Aug 7	Absolam Coleman	Juror (May term)	4.00
Aug 7	William Biggs	Juror (May term)	4.00
Aug 7	David Knox	Juror (May term)	4.00
Aug 14	John Been	Juror (May term)	4.00

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Aug 24	John Taylor	Revenue Commissioner (April term)	3.00
Aug 24	A. A. Clingan	E _____* (June term)	25.00
Aug 24	A. A. Clingan	E _____ (June)	12.50
Aug 24	Henry Price	Issuing jury tickets (August term)	4.56
Aug 24	James Johnson	Revenue Commissioner (April term)	3.00
Aug 24	William Gill	"Repricing" court house (June)	8.75
Aug 24	Henry Price	Costs against B. Perkins vs. state (June)	8.75
Aug 24	Henry Price	Costs against W. Burton or "Benton" (June)	2.50
Aug 26	John C. Kennedy	Juror (Jan. term)	2.00
Aug 26	John C. Kennedy	Juror (May term)	2.00
Sept 2	James Eldridge	Juror (May term)	4.00
Sept 2	Abraham W. Hagley	Juror (May term)	4.00
Sept 11	William J. Larison	Constable (May term)	4.00
Sept 12	James Mayfield	Juror (May term)	4.00
Sept 13	John Rogers	Juror (May term)	4.00
Sept 14	Edward Sharp	Juror (May term)	4.00
Sept 14	William Camp	Juror (May term)	4.00
Sept 14	Josiah Johnson	Juror (May term)	2.00
Oct 2	James Berry	Revenue Commissioner (Oct. term)	7.00
Oct 5	Francis Starr	Juror (Sept term)	5.00
Oct 6	A. A. Clingan	Guard expenses (Sept. term)	27.00
Oct 6	Thomas D. Smedley	Juror (Sept term)	5.00
Oct 9	Elbert E. Cooper	Juror (Sept term)	6.00
Oct 11	John H. Robertson	For books (Oct. term)	7.50
Oct 11	Jonathan Price	Juror (Sept term)	5.00
Oct 12	Isaac Shamblin	Juror (Sept term)	2.00
Oct 14	James Carr	Juror (Sept term)	2.00
Oct 19	John Brown	Revenue Commissioner (Oct.)	7.50
Oct 19	Thomas Taylor	Juror (Sept term)	5.00
Oct 19	James Cathey	Juror (Sept term)	5.00
Oct 19	Isaac Smith	Juror (Sept term)	5.00
Oct 23	William Carr	Juror (Sept term)	5.00
Nov 15	George W. Salvage	Juror (Sept term)	5.00
Nov 15	Silas M. Warr	Juror (Sept term)	5.00
Nov 15	John Dunn	Juror (May term)	4.00
Nov 15	John Dunn	Revenue Commissioner (May)	3.00

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Nov 23	P.J.G. Lea	Making seal county court (Aug term)	15.00
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*The word which the copyist apparently could not decipher probably was "expenses." See entry alongside A. A. Clingan's name under Pages 7 & 8, Oct 6, 1837.

BRADLEY (continued)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSON</u>	<u>SERVICE RENDERED</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>
Nov 30	Solomon Summay	Juror (Sept term)	6.00
Dec 4	John Johnson	Juror (Sept term)	2.00
Dec 6	John Burk	Juror (Sept term)	5.00
Dec 6	William Stuart	Juror (Sept term)	4.00
Dec 8	A. A. Clingan	Sundry costs (Nov term)	39.00
Dec 20	Henry Price	Costs in State vs. D. Miller (Nov term)	22.31
Dec 20	Henry Price	Costs in State vs. J. Stafford (Nov term)	37.50
Dec 21	John Davis	Constable (Sept term)	6.00
Dec 22	John Hodges	Juror (Sept term)	6.00
Dec 22	Henry Price	For book (Dec term)	25.00
Dec 28	Robert Brashears	(June term)	5.00



How Tom Prigmore Acquired A Son-in-Law

About 30 years after he died, **Thomas "Tom" Prigmore** of McMinn County was eulogized in the following article written by one **A. L. Harmon** for *The Athens Post*, and carried in its 11 May 1901 edition:

"Thomas 'Tom' Prigmore, about 90, was the wealthiest man in the [First] District and perhaps in the county. He was known as a generous-hearted man to those who did right but a terror to the evil doer. It was him who arrested **White** of Knox County for murder and who was afterwards hung in Knoxville. His advice on all things was considered good. He was hung three times by bushwhackers who tried to reveal where his money was. Tom was a very strong Southern man and he raised eight daughters. The following yarn was told on him:

" 'A young man clerking for Tom was in love with one of his girls and, unbeknown to the old folks--knowing they would object--the couple became engaged. One day the young man asked Prigmore what he would do if he was in love with a pretty girl, the girl loved him, but the old folks were opposed to it. Prigmore said, 'Why, I'd just go to the barn and get the best horse the old folks had, put the girl in front, and away we would go. That would be the girl running away with me instead of me with the girl 'cause she would be in front.'

"The next morning one of the Negroes came to the house and told Prigmore his black mare was gone.

" 'Goodness gracious, old woman,' Tom said. 'Is any of the girls gone?'

" 'Yes,' she answered. '**Vinnie** is gone.'

" 'My God,' exclaimed Prigmore. 'I told that rascal how to steal my daughter! Go tell them to come home. A man that smart can certainly make a living.' "■

TWO 1819 DEATHS

DIED on 13 Jul after a lingering and painful illness, **James Tunstall**, Esq., clerk of Robertson County court, in the 48th year of his age. He has left an amiable and affectionate wife and many relatives to mourn his loss.

-Town Gazette & Farmers Register, Clarksville, Tenn., 19 Jul 1819

DIED on Friday the 16 Jul at his farm in Montgomery County, **Edwin Gibson**, Esq., in the 68th year of his age. He left to his numerous relatives the instructive example of a life of usefulness. Mr. Gibson served as an officer in the Revolutionary Army and was for many years a highly respectable citizen of this county.

-Town Gazette & Farmers Register, Clarksville, Tenn., 2 Aug 1819



Letters to the Editor

Dear Ansearchers:

I found an old photo album (ca. 1875-1890) with the following individuals' photographs and their hometowns:

James A. Cole - Shilohville, Tenn.
J. W. Hughes - Columbia, Tenn.
J. W. Campbell - Ripley, Tenn.
T. S. Vaden - Cincinnati, Ohio
W. B. Lockett - Knoxville, Tenn.
W. L. Bullock - Lewisburg, Tenn.
James B. Sizer - Mossy Creek, Tenn.
R. W. Lewis - Baldwin, Miss.
E. F. Fuller - Somerville, Tenn.
D. E. McCallum - Jackson, Tenn.
E. J. White - Dresden, Tenn.
J. B. Wilkes - Cullena, Tenn.
J. F. Fowlkes - Waverly, Tenn.
E. W. Harris - Iuka, Miss.
Thomas Somers - Dresden, Tenn.
F. P. McCallum - Jackson, Tenn.
B. F. Hollins - Guthrie, Ky.
T. W. Glass - Dresden, Tenn.
S. N. Douglass - Nashville, Tenn.
H. B. White - Paris, Tenn.
Sidney Irvine - Dresden, Tenn.
Wm. H. Caldwell - Paris, Tenn.
Charles J. Dodson - Humboldt, Tenn.
James H. Price - Iuka, Miss.
George B. Cade - Milan, Tenn.
D. H. Davis - Poplar Springs, Miss.
J. W. Branch - Rockwood, Tenn.
Saml. E. Hensell - Martinsburg, Va.

They are dressed in military uniforms and were somehow associated with a Pullen relative of mine. Please contact me if you are related to any of the above individuals and I will be happy to send you his photograph.

Janet Lewis Hix
 4707 Mill Creek Drive
 Colleyville, TX 76034
 Phone (817) 428-0820

EDITOR'S NOTE: *We trust that readers who take up Janet's generous offer will be thoughtful enough to include an SASE.*



Editor, Ansearchin' News:

A query of mine appeared in the Summer 1997 issue of *Ansearchin' News* magazine. It is on Page 52 under the name of Bruton seeking knowledge of my gg-father Philip Bruton's family other than what I know. To my surprise, my surname was spelled correctly three times in the query. However, in

the index to the magazine on Page 61, the query is not listed under "B-R-U-T-O-N, page 52" but is listed under "B-U-R-T-O-N page 52." This is a common error made by writers, transcribers, and typesetters, etc.

We have had a life-long problem with our B-R-U-T-O-N name most often misread as B-U-R-T-O-N, but also as Bruten, Brutin, Broton, Broton, Benton, Breton, Bruten, Brutton, etc., etc., whatever comes to anyone's mind except B-R-U-T-O-N. The B-R-U-T-O-N name is just as distinctive as B-U-R-T-O-N is. The Bruton name, I believe, comes from people in France who went to England, and certainly from England as it has been traced back to the 1050s. The name is just as common there and in Ireland as Burton is. There is an old village in Somerset county by the name of Bruton.

Before World War II there was a Bruton Street and a Bruton Square. Queen Elizabeth (the mother) was born on Bruton Street. During the war, the Bruton Street area was bombed out badly. After the war, the area was rebuilt and in addition to Bruton Street there is a Bruton Place and a Bruton Lane. This is in the Mayfair district of London. John Bruton is the current prime minister of Ireland.

Many of our ancestors who we know to be our line have been written up in many books by the variations previously mentioned. My mother died in 1986 and was buried in the family cemetery in Lawrence County, Tenn. The next year a lady had a book out on the cemeteries of Lawrence Co., Tenn., and had her written up or published as Delia Lee Burton. The other Bruton's in the cemetery were also listed as Burton's.

I can give a check to a cashier and they will examine and scrutinize it for the required information and say, "Thank you, Mr. Burton," to which I say "Mr. Who?" and they sometimes repeat it as Burton and cannot believe that it is not what they think. Oh, to have a simple name like Smith, Jones, or Brown. But we live with what we have and honor it and keep on trying to inform people that there is a name that we live under called B-R-U-T-O-N.

Let me say that I have read *Ansearchin' News* in the Sherman Library and subscribed to it a few years ago. It is a most enjoyable magazine and I have learned a lot from it and made some contacts with other genealogists of my surname and others related to us.

Kenneth Bruton
 Route 2, Box 135 B3
 Sherman, TX 75092

(Born Ruppertown, Lawrence Co., Tenn., transplanted to Texas 1950)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Golly, Miss Polly, you gave us so much good information about the Brutons that we're proud we made a mistake!

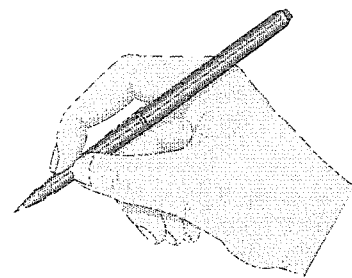
(P.S. If you think your surname causes problems, you oughta try Roberson/Robertson/Robinson/Robeson, etc.)

Bradley County Wills 1859-1867

(Abstracted from microfilm of Bradley Co., Tenn., Will Book No. 1, 1859-1884)

The first 25 pages of this record book contain copies of wills that were destroyed by fire on the morning of 26 Nov 1864. A statement by County Court Clerk Joseph H. Davis appears at the bottom of each entry certifying that it is a true and correct copy of the original will.

Most of the wills in this book were devised during the Civil War, and many reflect the legators' concern over what would happen to their families and property as a result of the war. Although the vast majority of these wills were never probated due to the war and Reconstruction, the genealogical information they contain may be especially useful to descendants.



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SAMUEL HOWARD: Dated 16 Feb 1859. Witnesses: **B.A. Davis, Thomas A. Jones.** Probated 23 Jul 1864. Certified on 10 Mar 1865 by **Clerk Joseph H. Davis** as being a true and duplicate copy of the original will and will book which were both destroyed by fire.

Wife - **Margeret**

Mentioned but relationship not stated - **Margeret Katherine** and **June Howard**

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LEWIS MITCHELL: Dated 1st June 1863. Witnesses: **J. R. Smith, Isaac Smith.** Recorded 7 Sep 1864. Certified on 11 May 1865 by **Clerk Joseph H. Davis** as correct and true copy of Mitchell's will.

Wife - **Aladelpia**

(Wishes his wife to take care of her mother during her lifetime, and states that all money and other property are to be divided between his heirs when they come of age. Does not name his minor heirs. Appoints wife executrix.)

DANIEL WILLIAMS: Dated 5 May 1864. Witnesses: **John Underwood, Erby Cooper.** Executors: his two sons. **Clerk Joseph H. Davis** certified on 25 Apr 1865 that this was a duplicate copy of the original will which was proved in open court 6th June 1864, witnessed by him on 7 June 1864, and burned in fire of 26 Nov 1864.

Two sons - **F. J. Williams, Giddion Williams** (also appears in will as "Gidoen" and "Gideon")

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WILLIS WHITE: Dated 23 June 1864. Witness: **Isaerl Boone.** Executors: **John Boone, Rebecca White.** On 4 May 1865, **Clerk Joseph H. Clark** certified this was a duplicate copy of the original will which was destroyed by fire 26 Nov 1864. **Clerk John H. Davis** certified that will was probated 6 Sep 1864.

Niece - **Rebecca Ann White**, daughter of his brother **Elijah White**

Slaves - **Margaret, David, and Elizabeth** and her child.

Woman **Sarah** to be free at his death and maintained by one cow off the farm during her lifetime

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ALFRED CASTILLER: Dated 15 Dec 1864. Witnesses: **G. B. Thompson, W. H. Craigmiles, D. B. O'Neil.** Executor: **G. H. Gaut.**

Two daughters - **Julia Calloway** (wife of **F. R. Calloway**), and **Elizabeth Simpsim**

(States that his farming implements and livestock are to be sold to pay off debt he owes **George Sellers.**

Also mentions debt owed to **Bennet Cooper** and wife.)

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JONATHAN HARVEY: Dated 28 Dec 1859. Witnesses: **John Stanfield, Samuel Wyrick.** Executors: **Edmund McKinny, John Stanfeild.**

Daughter - **Bershelba McKinny**

Sons - **John Harvey, Leonard Harvey, William Harvey, Davis Harvey**

Granddaughters - **Caroline Hunter, Lenah Agee, and Matilda McKinney**

Sarah Rogers

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ISAAC L. SIMMONS: Dated 13 Sept 1862. Witnesses: **John C. Gaut, W. C. Tibbs.** Executor and guardian of his children - **Andrew J. Cate**, his brother-in-law. **Clerk John Davis** testified on 9 Oct 1864 that Simmons' will was proved in court on 6 Oct 1864 and entered in the will book for that year. **Joseph H. Clark** testified on 11 Jul 1865 that the will was a

true copy of the original.

Children - **Sarah, Lydia Clemitine, John Glass, Pheba Simmons, and Jessie Clark Simmons**

(Will states: "Owing to the distracted and disturbed condition of the country in consequence of the war now pending and the uncertainty of the currency of the country, it is my will that none of my property shall be sold until the war is ended -- and particularly my cotton, tobacco and real estate, and my Negro girl **Mirah**. If I die, I will leave no mother to said children, and I desire that **Mariah** be kept in the family to help raise the children." He directs that his money be loaned out and all stocks and household furniture kept for his children's use and benefit; however, his executor is given discretion to do "which ever may be best for my beloved children.")

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JOHN CLABOUC/CLAICOUGH: Dated 29 Feb 1860. Witnesses: **Lemuel Shugart, Martin Langiston**. Probated 28 May 1860, Clerk **James Rucker**. **John Davis** testifies this is a true copy of the original will, and **Joseph H. Clark** certifies the original was destroyed by fire 26 Nov 1864.

Wife - **Nancy**

Children he raised - **Amanda Henderson, John R. Sanders**

Mentioned but relationship not given - **Sarah Cantrell**

Neighbors - **Martin Langston, John Barnes Langston**

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JOHN HENDERSON: Dated 3 Aug 1861. Witnesses: **S. P. Gaut, J. H. Gaut**. Executors - wife, **John C. Gaut, William H. Craigmiles**. Codicil dated 7 June 1862, witnessed by **S. P. Gaut, J. H. Gaut**. Proved 12 Apr 1866. Certified by **Joseph H. Davis**, clerk, on 25 Apr 1864. Recertified 9 Feb 1866.

Wife - **Sidney Henderson**

Son - **John Calvin Henderson**

Granddaughter - **Susan Henderson**, daughter of his son **John**

Nephews - **James Kilgore**, son of his sister **Licly Kilgore**

Thomas and Alfred Payne, sons of his sister **Darcus Payne**

Thomas Hall, son of his sister **Sarah Hall**

Thomas and David Henderson, sons of his brother **Samuel Henderson** who died in **Plotts** (Platte) Co., Mo. (not mentioned in will but added in codicil)

Niece - **Luncinda Edward**, wife of **R. M. Edward**, and her children

Sister's grandchild - an orphan child whose name he thinks is **Mary** and whose parent died in Decatur, Ala.

Wife's nephew - **Washington Newton**, son of his wife's sister **Nancy Newton** who lives in Hancock Co., Ky.

Mentioned but relationship not given - **William Craigmill** and **William Huff**, son of **Lewis Huff** of Clinton Co., Ky.

(Will states if his granddaughter Susan dies without children, her share of his estate to be set apart as the residence of a "worthy preacher of the gospel of the order of New School Presbyterian." At the death of his wife Sidney, the Cleveland Church edifice is to be enclosed with a "good iron fence and finished off in other respects." Mentions debt owed **John Cowen**. States that all of the Negro slaves surviving after the death of his wife who are willing to go to Liberia on the west coast of Africa are to be given their freedom and \$1,000 as a start in Liberia. If they are not willing to go and prefer to serve his granddaughter Susan, they are to remain in bondage. The remainder of his estate not disposed of by legacies is to go to the poor of Bradley County and be applied for exclusive use of the county poorhouse. "In case anything should happen to my estate in consequence of the war now in the country, my legatees are to receive *pro rata* shares." In codicil added about five months after will, Henderson said he would leave the sale of his property to his executors' discretion because of the condition of the country. "I want them to make the sale whenever in their judgement the time is most suitable to command the most money for said real estate.")

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WILLIAM GRANT: On 19 June 1865, **J. Alex Davis** testified will was written by deceased "in his proper handwriting" on 9 Sep 1863. Witnesses: **Dr. F. M. Hughs, Robert M. Swan, R. R. Harris**. Executors: **John H. Payne, Alex Davis**. Wife named guardian for their daughter.

Wife - **Louise**

Daughter - **Abbie** (an infant)

Son - **William Grant**

Other heirs - **Elizabeth Russell**

Codelys heirs of **Mary Deavers**, deceased

Charlotte Pearce

BRADLEY COUNTY WILLS (continued)

Slaves - Woman: **Caroline** and her youngest child **Lener** (left to his youngest daughter **Abbie**)
 Girl: **Sarah** (leaves her the house and lot in which he died and all his household and kitchen furniture)
 Old man **George** (leaves to his wife Lena Grant)
 Boy: **Leander**

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SAMUEL B. MITCHELL: On 4 Sep 1865, **B. F. Mitchell** appeared before **Young Keebler**, acting justice of the peace, and swore that on or about 12 Sep 1857 Samuel B. Mitchell made a will which was destroyed by fire. B. F. described the will.

Witnesses: **A. R. Potts, Amos Potts**. Executor - son **Benjamin Mitchell** (named 12 Oct 1857)

Wife - **Martha**

Second daughter - **Julia Jones**

Other children - **Benjamin F., Richard L., Susan Elizabeth, James C., Samuel D., Martha** (youngest child),
William H., Arrazene, Terry C.

(Mention was made of a debt owed him by **Thomas H. George** for eight acres of land across the District.)

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JOHN W. WILSON: Dated 17 May 1858. Witnesses: **John Stanfield, J. G. Mannis**. Executors: sons **George** and **Robert**. No probate date shown.

Wife - **Elizabeth**

Four daughters - **Mary Ann, Sarah E., Nancy M., Eliza Stanfield** (deceased)

Sons - **George Wilson, Robert Wilson, David William Wilson, James H. Wilson, Alexander P. Wilson**

Son-in-law - **William W. Stanfield**

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ELIZA ANN YATES: Dated 14 Feb 1863. Witnesses: **Ben Prechards** and **W. H. Barnett**, who swore in county court on 24 Feb 1863 that Eliza signed the will in their presence. Clerk **Joseph Davis** registered the will on 16 Mar 1863.

Heirs - **Eliza Ann** and **Elbert M. Copeland**, daughters of **Jonathan Copeland** (no relationship indicated)

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SAMUEL McSPADEN: Dated 10 April 1866. Witnesses: **Elijah Still, Joel Parker**. Proved and recorded 6 Aug 1866 by Clerk Joseph H. Davis.

Wife - **Merand**

Sons - **Lewis, Stuart, and Joseph James McSpaden**

Daughters - **Jane Johnson, Catherine Thatch, Margeret Garner, Elizabeth Mitchell, Mary McSpaden**

Will states that **Benjamin McSpaden** heirs (not named) are to receive equal share as the rest of his children as though their father were living. (Benjamin apparently is his deceased son.)

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HENRY PRICE: Dated 10 Oct 1857. Witnesses: **William Smith, James Hinch**. Executors: **George W. Hawks, Elizabeth Price**. Proved 11 Sep 1866. (Deceased lived near top of Board Timber Valley in Bradley County.)

Wife - **Elizabeth**

Step-daughters - **Nancy, Sarah, and Elizabeth**, his wife's daughters by her former marriage to **James Gillett**

Heir - **William Gillett** (no relationship indicated but will states that he lived and worked with Price)

Sons - **John** (middle initial N or W) **Price, Charles Price, Elijah Price, Elias Price**

Daughters - **Menerra Parks, Barbary Price, Uriah Fergason**

Five younger children - **George W., James H., Susan M., Penelope M., and Joseph Price**

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L. WINDSOR SMITH: Dated 23 June 1861. Witnesses: **S. P. Gaut, Thomas Young**. Executors: wife and **J. H. Gaut**. Trustee of estate: **J. H. Gaut**. Proved 6 Sep 1861. **James H. Rucker**, Clerk.

Wife - **Evelene** (also spelled Evolene and Evoline in will)

Four children - **Robert, Mary, Windsor, and Eva Spencer Smith**

Slaves - Girls - **Lizzie, Nelly**; Woman - **Ellen**

Neighbors - **John F. Hayse, Thomas Young**

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THOMAS BLAIR: Dated 26 June 1865. Witnesses: **John Anderson, J. A. Kimbrough, W. M. Williamson.** Executors: **James Matthew, William Blair.** (Probate not shown.)

Seven sons - **John Blair, Joseph Blair, E. S. Blair, E. F. Blair, S. J. Blair, W. M. Blair, Anderson Blair**

Three daughters - **Jane Hendrix, wife of John M. Hendrix**

Mary Ann Matthew, wife of James Matthew

Sarah Sane, wife of John Sane

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WILLIAM D. KELLY: Dated 31 Oct 1866. Executors: **John H. Payne, Thomas Colier.** (Probate not shown.)

Wife - **Nancy Ann**

Named in will but relationship not indicated - **Harriet Minerva Kelly, Martha Jane Kelly**

Other heirs - refers in will to "all my children" but does not name

In codicil added to will, deceased lists the following children as his legal heirs at law:

July Ann Kelly, now Jul Ann Colier

James Madison Kelly, now Francis Marion

Orolona Kelly, now Orlena Lawson

Melvina Gearing

Elizabeth Mary Kelly, now Elizabeth Mary Karr

Martha Jane Kelly

Nancy Ellen Kelly, now Nancy Ellen Bedwell

Harriet Meneverr Kelly

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JAMES S. BRADFORD: Dated 19 Sep 1866. Witnesses: **John C. Brown, L. D. Tipton.** Executors: his friends **Charles D. Champion, Thomas H. Calloway.** (Probate not shown.)

Wife - **Mary Ann**

(Bradford directs that his executors have "full power and authority to settle and to compromise in any and all matters relating to my estate and especially with the South now pending for damage. They are to have full power to settle or compromise not only pending suits but all others that may arise. I desire to have it expressly understood that I do not wish to have my farm sold unless it becomes absolutely necessary to pay my debts.")

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THOMAS WINKLER: Original will destroyed in fire of 26 Nov 1864. **Joseph H. Davis**, clerk, wrote a copy of the will to the best of his memory, and witnesses **Amos Potts** and **W. D. Mitchell** swore in court on 6 May 1867 that it was a true copy. Executor - his friend **Willis White.**

Wife - (name not given)

Son - **Abraham**

Four daughters - **Mary, Elizabeth, Abby, Charity**

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WILLIAM JOHNSON: Dated 7 June 1864. Witnesses: **John C. Gaut, James McGhee, John Hall.** Executors - sons **Robert and Jackson G. Johnson.** (Probate not shown.)

Wife - **Ann B.** (Apparently his second wife. He refers to his "first beloved wife" in will but does not give name)

Six children: Daughter - **Eliza A. Ford**

Sons - **Francis, Jackson G., Robert A., Washington C., and Columbus M. Johnson**

Neighbors: **L. W. (or F. W.) Lea, William Kerr, Noah M. Smith**

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EDWARD GOODE: Dated 16 Nov 1867. Witnesses: **John W. Ramsey, William M. Stevenson.** Executors: **James A. Ramsey, Caswell T. Goode.** (Probate not shown.)

Wife - Refers to second wife, but does not name.

Sons (by second wife) - **James A. Goode, Caswell T. Goode**

First wife - **Francis (Rowland) Goode**

Children by first wife - **Nancy Goode** of North Carolina, **Garland D. Goode, Mildred Armstrong, R. T. Goode.**

BRADLEY COUNTY WILLS (continued)

Grandchildren - Five children of his deceased daughter **Sarah** (wife of **John Epperson**) who are also the grandchildren of **Thomas Rowland**
 Four children of his deceased daughter **Matilda Hawkins**
Elizabeth Ramsey, daughter of his deceased daughter **Martha** and her husband **James H. Ramsey**
 Unidentified heir - **Mary Sandize**
 Neighbors - **Garland D. Goode**, ____ **Childers**, **David Kerr**

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JOHN G. BROWN: Dated 16 June 1867. Witnesses: **J. H. Craigmiles**, **J. C. Tipton**. Executor - brother **Charles B. Brown** of Greene Co., Tenn. (Probate not shown.)
 Wife - **Eliza J.**
 Sons - **Lester V.** (under 18)
John V.

Specified that his horse and buggy, professional books, and some instruments and medicine be sold and kept as a general fund to maintain his family and educate the children.

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JOHN UNDERWOOD: Dated 1 Feb 1868, signed before witnesses 3 Feb 1868. Witnesses: **George Gibson**, **Conrad Keebler**. Executrix: **Manerva Haynes**. (Probate not shown.)
 Wife - **Sarah (?)**
 Six children
 Heirs - (the following are apparently his six children, although they are not specifically identified as such in the will)
Manerva Haynes
W. S./W. H. Underwood, deceased
E. R. Underwood
Melissa Oldman
Mahala E. Rucker
Martha Jean Underwood

Instructs that the money owed to him by **W. E. Rucker** for purchase of the west side of his farm be collected and used to pay the **Marsh** debt and **Carter O'Neil & David**, with the balance to be applied to paying the debts of **W.H. Underwood**, dec'd.

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ALBERT G. WELCKER: Dated 3 Mar 1868. Witnesses: **G. B. Thompson**, **J. H. Gaut**. Executrix: wife. (No probate shown)
 Wife - **Nancy P. Welcker**
 Children - **Mary**, **Kate**, **Bell**
 Gives instructions for disposing of his law library and his literary library.

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JOHN McCLELAN: Dated 8 June 1868. Witnesses: **A. F. Alexander**, **J. L. Graves**, **John H. Payne**. Executrix: wife. (No probate shown.)
 Wife - **Nancy**
 Heirs of **W. W. M. McClelan**, deceased:
Mary A. McCarthy
Julius A. McClelan
Luke C. McClelan
Thursday Ann McClelan
Lucy J. McClelan ■

"We pay for the mistakes of our ancestors, and it seems only fair that they should leave us the money to pay with." - Don Marquis

Some Obituaries of Civil War Soldiers from the Athens Post

JAMES P. FLEMING was killed at Fort Donelson in a battle on 15 Feb 1862. He enlisted in the service of his country in Rhea County under **Capt. John Crawford**. He left Rhea County on the 4th July 1861 and professed a change of heart the same day. His patriotism and love of liberty urged him to volunteer in defense of his home and county -- willing to expose himself to the enemy's roaring cannon and rattling musketry to save his county from subjugation and ruin. Unfortunately for him, he fell in the first scene of action in which he was engaged -- sealing his faith with his blood. He was elected Orderly Sergeant after the Company got to Bowling Green. - *The Athens Post*, 18 Apr 1862

LT. JOHN T. HAVIS of **Capt. Chamber's** Company was killed at this place on Monday evening last by a double-barreled shotgun. He had been detailed on some special duty which he had discharged and was at the rear car of the Express train with his men to return to their post when the accident occurred. We learn he took the gun from the hand of a soldier to fire, as is supposed, in response to some firing from a howitzer near town. The explosion was from behind the lock plate of the righthand barrel and carried away the entire upper part of his head. He leaves a wife and children. His home was at Sevierville to which place his remains have been forwarded. - *The Athens Post*, 18 Apr 1862

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG died at Morristown on 28 Mar 1862 of catarrhal fever. He enlisted in McMinn County under **Capt. J. B. Cooke** on 23 Nov 1861. Patriotism and love of liberty urged him to volunteer his services in defense of his home against the entreaties of a widowed mother. But unfortunately, before he reached the scene of active operations, disease and death called him to the grave.

- *The Athens Post*, 4 Apr 1862

GEORGE W. QUEENER on 12 December last was mustered into **Capt. Cooke's** Company and on the 19th went into camp at Knoxville. On Saturday the 11th he was taken with the measles and immediately started home on the train, but only got to **Widow Bradford's** near Athens where he died Friday the 17th last. - *The Athens Post*, 31 Jan 1862

DEATHS of the following Tennesseans confirmed as prisoners of war in St. Louis are reported as follows:

- Feb. 23 - **William Spicer**, Co. H, 18th Reg.
- Feb. 24 - **A. B. Rogers**, Co. C, 10th Reg.
- M. Divine**, Co. K, 10th Reg.
- Feb. 25 - **M. Gamble**, Co. B, 42d Reg.
- R. H. Williams**, Co. I, 3d Reg.
- Feb. 26 - **C. A. Yarbrough**, Co. __, 50th Reg.
- R. C. McCullen**, Co. G, 3d Reg.
- Feb. 27 - **H. H. Moore**, 4th Reg.
- J. H. York** - 4th Reg.
- B. Phillips** - 32d Reg.
- John M. Woods** - Reg. unknown
- F. G. Dunkin** - Co. D, 3d Reg.
- J. H. Tate** - Gault's Cavalry
- Lt. Allen**
- Mar 1 - **N. B. Johnson**, Co. H, 32d Reg.
- Levi Sharp**, Holman's Co., 42d Reg.

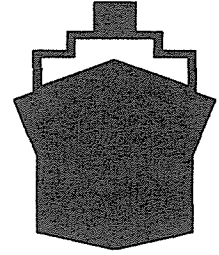
- *The Athens Post*, 4 Apr 1862

NATURALIZATION DECREES

IN SHELBY COUNTY COMMON LAW & CRIMINAL COURT

1876-1899

(Transcribed from microfilm of Shelby County Common Law & Criminal Court Naturalization Records, Vol. II, at Memphis/Shelby County Main Library's History Department)



Decrees issued by Judge Thomas H. Logwood:

<u>IMMIGRANT'S NAME</u>	<u>HOME LAND</u>	<u>INTENTION FILED</u>	<u>DECREE ISSUED</u>
<u>PAGE 22</u>			
Patrick Milan	England/Ireland	17 Nov 1864, St. Louis, Mo., Criminal Court	6 Nov 1876
Thomas Cohen	England/Ireland	2 May 1867, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	Nov 1876
James Ainsworth	Great Britain/ Ireland	6 Jan 1874, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	16 Feb 1877
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Henry Ainsworth	Great Britain/ Ireland	22 Dec 1874, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	5 Apr 1877
Isadore G. Maas	Bavaria	22 May 1874, Shelby Co., Tenn., 2nd Circuit Court	4 May 1877
Patrick Flannagan	England/Ireland	29 Dec 1851(?), New York Supreme Ct., New York City	27 Sept 1877

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John McCarty	Great Britain/ Ireland/India	5 Aug 1874, Shelby Co. Tenn., 1st Circuit Court	6 Apr 1878
Otto Zimmerman	Germany	3 Aug 1874, Shelby Co. Tenn., 1st Circuit Court	20 June 1878
Cornelius Cunningham	Great Britain/ Ireland/India	2 Nov 1872, District Court of Rice Co., Minn.	28 June 1878

Decree issued by Judge J. E. R. Ray

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Aaron Goodland	Norway/Sweden	10 Feb 1869, Recorder's Ct., City of Chicago, Ill.	3 Mar 1879
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Decrees issued by Judge L. P. Cooper

Aaron Haskell	Russia	15 June 1894, Shelby Co. Tenn., Criminal Court	9 Oct 1896
Isak Hersh	Russia	5 Aug 1896, Superior Court of North Carolina	9 Oct 1896

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N. L. Cohen	Russia	25 Nov 1893, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	8 Oct 1896
J. Grosskend	Germany	11 Jul 1890, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	8 Oct 1896

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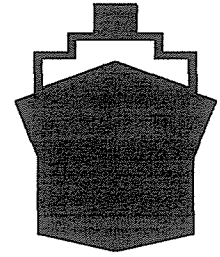
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N. P. Frederitoen	Denmark	8 June 1896, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	9 Oct 1896
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S. Kanarek	Austria	22 June 1896, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	29 Oct 1896
G. L. Vogel	Germany	7 Nov 1892, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	30 Oct 1896
Andrew Barfuss	Switzerland	5 Aug 1892, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	30 Apr 1897



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<u>PAGE 28</u>	Martin Schlesinger	Hungaria	13 Mar 1884, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	18 May 1897
	Sam'l Goldberg	Austria	28 June 1890. Common Pleas Court, Philadelphia, Pa.	17 Aug 1897
	Hugh J. Galvin	England	(not entered in record)	19 Aug 1897 by Special Judge J. T. Moss

<u>PAGE 29</u>	Herman Stelzer	Austria	15 Jul 1892, Probate Court of Hamilton Co., Ohio	25 Oct 1897
	Fidel Natzer	Austria	21 Jul 1877, Circuit Court of La Crosse Co., Wisconsin	24 Nov 1897
	John Armstrong	Great Britain Ireland/India	15 Apr 1893, Circuit Court of Cook Co., Illinois	2 Dec 1897

<u>PAGE 30</u>	J. Gordon	Russia	3 Oct 1892, District Court of Douglas Co., Nebraska	9 Dec 1897
	Werner Ringger	Switzerland	9 Nov 1895, Circuit Court of Shelby Co., Tenn.	9 Dec 1899
	Samuel Dlugach	Russia	5 Jul 1894, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	10 Dec 1897

<u>PAGE 31</u>	John Yschwend	Switzerland	6 June 1891, City Court of Elgin, Kane Co., Ill.	11 Dec 1899
	Morris Rosenthal	Russia	8 Jan 1899, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	29 Dec 1899
	I. Morris	Russia	8 June 1894, Shelby Co. Tenn., Criminal Court	29 Dec 1897

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	IMMIGRANT'S NAME	NATIVE LAND	WHEN & WHERE INTENTION FILED	DECREE ISSUED
<u>PAGE 32</u>	Thomas Green	Great Britain, Ireland, India	2 Jan 1896, Shelby County Tenn., Criminal Court	3 Jan 1897
	John Hannie	Austria	2 Aug 1890, Circuit Court of Pulaski Co., Ark.	5 Jan 1898
	Wm. J. G. Webster	Great Britain, Ireland, India	16 Oct 1894, County Court of Cook Co., Ill.	15 Jan 1898
<u>PAGE 33</u>	Joseph Russ	Austria	14 Feb 1896, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	21 Feb 1898
	Frank Wolfe	Russia	6 Feb 1891, City Court of Newark, N. J.	3 Mar 1898
	Morris Nemetz	Russia	9 May 1893, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	14 Mar 1898
<u>PAGE 34</u>	William Florent	Great Britain, Ireland/India	22 Aug 1895, Shelby Co. Tenn., Criminal Court	28 Mar 1898
	M. Bradofski	Russia	31 Mar 1894, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	19 Apr 1898
	J. Demarchi	Italy	Nov 1892, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	2 June 1898
<u>PAGE 35</u>	John Sterle	Austria	District Ct., 5th Judicial District of State of Colorado(?)	2 June 1898
	Harry Martin	Great Britain, Ireland/India	12 Nov 1885, District Court of Butler Co., Iowa	8 Oct 1898
	Herbert Daykin	England	7 Oct 1896, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	13 Oct 1898
<u>PAGE 36</u>	Jake Wettman	Germany	13 June 1896, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	18 Oct 1898
	G. Spahr	Switzerland	1 Dec 1893, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	5 Feb 1899
	Adolph Tschwin	Switzerland	2 Oct 1892, Shelby Co., Tenn., Criminal Court	5 Feb 1899■



The American Eagle

Fort Pickering, Tenn., Volume 1 (1842)

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JANUARY 25, 1842:

AT A MEETING of stockholders of the LaGrange Memphis Railroad on the 3rd inst., the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: **Eastin Morris, Jno. J. Potts, Elisha W. Harris, Jno. H. Ball, Edwin Haskins, and Thomas J. Yancey.**

THE FOLLOWING GENTLEMEN have been elected officers of the Farmers' & Merchants Bank of Memphis for the year 1842: President - **Seth Wheatley**; Directors - **N. Anderson, Dudley Dunn, J. N. Moon, C. Bias, G. W. Smith, S. Mosby, Joel L. Jones** of Somerville, **G. Buntyn, S. M. Nelson, N. McCoul, J. M. Tate. Charles Lefland**, Cashier; **J. W. Moon**, Teller; **J. P. Davis**, Clerk.



BEEF STEAKS - Our friends of the Memphis Exchange Hotel, Messrs. **Hickman and Sappington**, certainly have acquired the rare and charming art of serving up excellent beef steaks. The beef, in the first place, is not hacked up in oblong or square hunks, but is scientifically sliced by the butcher. In the next place, the steak is not (as is quite customary) tumbled into an oven or frying pan of grease or hog-fat and kept over the fire until every drop of its sweet, nutritious juice is fired out, but is laid on a grid iron placed over lively coals, properly basted with sweet butter and other seasoning, and cooked tenderly and quickly. Steaks thus prepared are a great rarity and delicacy in this country.

A GREAT EMIGRATION - We learn by the *St. Louis Republican* that **Mr. Oakley** of Illinois when in England succeeded in forming a company for sending out immigrants to the West. The Company will proceed on a plan similar to that of colonizing Australia. About 200,000 pounds sterling have been subscribed. Offices are in London and in Germany for the sale of lands chiefly in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Emigrants who purchase will be sent out in ships to New Orleans.

THE DWELLING and outhouses of **Alanson Trigg** in the vicinity of Memphis were entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday night last. His brother **John** met with a similar misfortune a year or two since.

MRS. MARTIN, wife of **Mr. J. Martin** of Phillips Co., Ark., was drowned on the evening of the 15th instant whilst attempting to cross Lick Creek on a log. She fell on some "drift" and was found with her head only under water, the fall so injuring her that she could not raise it out.

JANUARY 31, 1842

THE LATE SUDDEN FALLING of the Mississippi has transformed the bar fronting Memphis into an extensive wood yard covering eight or ten acres. There are several thousand cords of excellent wood on it, a good portion of which is already sufficiently "chopped."

THE LaGRANGE & MEMPHIS RAILROAD: Laborers are now actively engaged in spiking down the railway iron and expect to get as far out as Col. White's, * ten miles from Memphis, by the first of March about which time it is intended to put the Locomotive and Cars upon the road.

FEBRUARY 7, 1842

MARRIED on Saturday the 5th inst. at the residence of **E. F. Buckner, Esq.**, Hernando, Miss., by the **Right Rev. Bishop Otey, Edward Orne, Esq.**, to **Mrs. Eleanor M. R. Risher** of Hinds County, Miss.

DIED on Wednesday evening last at the residence of his father in Memphis after a short illness, **Mr. William M. Anderson** of the firm of Anderson & Davis of this town in the 23rd year of his age. Members of the Memphis Fire Company passed a resolution in memory of their ex-member.

FEBRUARY 15, 1842

MARRIED in Bolivar on the 2nd inst. by **Rev. John T. Bascoville, A. H. Douglass, Esq.** of Somerville to **Miss Martha A. Robertson**, daughter of **Gen. J. C. J. Robertson**.

APRIL 8, 1842

MARRIED at Memphis on Wednesday evening last by **Rev. A. T. Scruggs, Mr. John W. Taylor** to **Mrs. Lucy M. Nash**, all of that city.

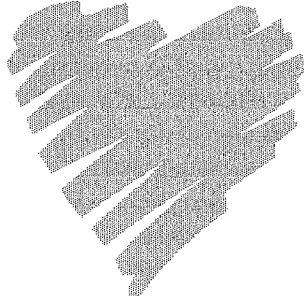
* This was Col. Eppy White who later opened his plantation to picnickers making the daily run from Memphis at a round-trip cost of 50 cents. White reportedly bought 4,000-9,000 acres of choice land along the Poplar ridge directly from the Chickasaw Indians and operated a wagon yard and coach stop there known as White's Station. The name, shortened to White Station, still applies to that area of East Memphis.

AMERICAN EAGLE (continued)

MARRIED in Nashville on Wednesday evening last by **Rev. R. B. C. Howell, Mr. Robert Porterfield** to **Miss Mary Figuers**, daughter of **Dr. M. Figuers** of this place.

MARRIED by **T. Hutton, Esq.**, on 10th inst., **Mr. Luther Cope** to **Miss Martha Love**, daughter of **Rev. Wm. Love**. On the same day by same, **Daniel Love**, son of **Rev. Wm. Love**, to **Miss Frances George**, daughter of **Mr. E. N. George**. Also on the same day, **Mr. Andrew Hoyl** to **Miss Louisa Love**, daughter of **Rev. Wm. Love**, all of Blount County. Beat those love matches who can! -- *Knoxville Argus*

DIED - At her residence in Knoxville on Saturday the 19th ult., **Mrs. Ann Blackwell** at an advanced age.



AT THE RESIDENCE of his father, **William Alexander, Esq.**, in Hawkins County on Monday the 14th ult. of congestion of the brain after an illness of 36 hours, **Charles Coffin Alexander** in the 26th year of his age.

AT NASHVILLE on the 29th ult., **Capt. Thomas J. Allen** after a lingering illness.

IN THE VICINITY of Nashville on the 25th ult., **Mr. Floyd Hurt** in his 57th year.

CORONER'S INQUEST - An inquest was held over the body of **William Siddons** on Wednesday morning last. He had during the previous night fallen from the Bluff at the foot of Adams Street. Verdict: accidental death.

APRIL 21, 1842

DIED - At the residence of his brother-in-law, **Mr. John Davenport**, on Friday the 15th inst., **Mr. Washington D. Runkle**, aged about 26 years.

MAY 6, 1842

OBITUARY - It becomes our painful duty to record the death of our esteemed friend and fellow citizen, **Abraham C. Buford, Esq.** (late of the firm of **Woodward & Buford** Commission Merchants, New Orleans), who departed this life on the morning of the 27th ult. at the residence of **James F. Lauderdale, Esq.**, near this place. Mr. Buford with his family was just returning from New Orleans to spend the summer with relations near Germantown and to enjoy in the midst of them with his numerous friends and acquaintances the blessings of retirement so congenial to his wishes and essential to the restoration of his declining health. In the 33rd year of his age, he left a wife and child to mourn his untimely loss. Several years ago he became a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was buried near Germantown with all the imposing solemnities of his Masonic brethren.

DIED on his passage from New Orleans on the 1st inst., **Mr. William Turner**, aged 24 years. He is said to have resided at Reynoldsburgh, Humphreys Co., Tenn. He was interred at Memphis on Sunday evening.

MAY 27, 1842

DIED in the 19th year of her age of chronic infection of the stomach in Fort Pickering on May 21st, 1842, **Mrs. Sarah Ann Acree**, consort of **Andrew Jackson Acree**, who died in this place Sept. 13th, 1841. She lived beloved and respected and died lamented, leaving an only infant son aged four months and many friends to mourn her loss. (Holly Spring papers, copy.)

JUNE 10, 1842

DIED in this place on Tuesday the 7th inst., **Jane M.**, aged about 3 years, and on Thursday the 9th **John M.**, aged about 5 years, children of **George B.** and **Lucy Holland**. It seldom falls our lot to record a more touching occurrence than the present.

LOST - A stranger called at our office wishing to know where he could find Memphis. On being informed that it was a portion of the suburbs of Fort Pickering, he departed and has not since been heard of.*

SEPTEMBER 30, 1842

DEPARTED this life on Friday evening last in Arkansas immediately opposite Memphis, **Mrs. Lucy B. Dabney**, consort of **Walter B. Dabney**, aged 34 years. She leaves four little children.

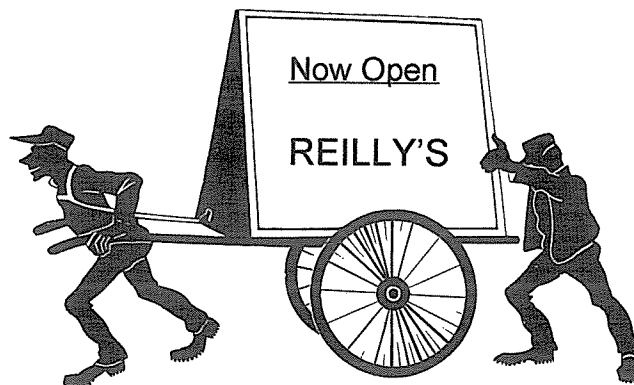
DIED in this vicinity on the 25th instance of chronic affliction of the liver, **Thomas B. Beatty**, formerly of **Boling Green**, Caroline Co., Va. He emigrated to this place in the fall of 1839.■

* Fort Pickering was on the lower end of the Chickasaw Bluff nearly opposite what is now President's Island at Memphis.

Montgomery County Happenings of 1810

(Abstracted from microfilm of *The United States Herald* of Clarksville, Tenn., printed by Theoderick F. Bradford. Microfilm produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, and available at the Memphis/Shelby County Main Library's History Department.)

NEW STORE - Owen Reilly has just received from Philadelphia and is now opening on Water Street in the house formerly occupied by **Mr. Carraway** and opposite the Printing Office, an elegant assortment of dry and fancy goods, hard and queen's ware, crauley (?) and blister steel, iron and tin ware together with a choice assortment of groceries, also a well chosen collection of books. All of which he will sell as low as any sold in the state for cash. (*Aug. 11, 1810*)



DICKSON COUNTY - Estrays have been taken up by: **Edmund Howard** living on Town Creek about one mile from Charlotte; **Thomas Martin** on Jones Creek near **Major Strong's**; and **William Morris** living near **Giffin's** mill. - Notice by **Francis S. Ellis**, Deputy Ranger. (*Aug. 11, 1810*)

DOCTOR: Maxwell Sharp, upon recovery of health, has again returned to Clarksville where he may be found by those requiring his medical aid at Hulings Inn. (*June 9th, 1810.*)

SALT of the best quality for sale at my tanyard on moderate terms.- **James Williams**

ROBERTSON COUNTY ESTRAYS taken up by: **John Allpin**; **Garland Hall**, middle fork of Red River; **Levi Noyes**, living in the town of Springfield; **John Coals**; **Plummer Willis**, Springfield; **John Robertson**, waters of Spring Creek; **Jacob Pickering** living in Springfield; **William Fletcher**, Red River; **Michael Fiser**, Kerr's Creek; **James Pike** for **John Philips**. - Notice by **Levi Noyes**, Ranger. (*June 9th, 1810.*)

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the firm of **King & Poston**¹ is this day dissolved by mutual consent of **William Trigg**, surviving executor of **William King**, deceased, and **John H. Poston**. (*Dated July 23, 1810*)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY estrays taken up by **William C. Jamison**, **John Coffey**, **Thomas Smith**. - Notice by **James A. Bunting**, Ranger. (*Dated July 23, 1810*)

WEST FLORIDA - The Natchez mail last night brings the joyful news that inhabitants of this desirable section of the continent have nobly resolved to shake off their European allegiance and join the U.S. or establish a free government. The event is important to us -- a free commerce on the Mobile &c. may be expected. We wish them all the success they can merit.

¹ King and Poston operated a dry goods and grocery store.

BIDS are being sought on constructing a 42' x 32' two-story brick courthouse in Shelbyville, Bedford County, to be completed before 1st March 1813. The notice was signed by Commissioners **John Atkinson, William Wood, Bartlett, Martin, Howel Dawdey, Benjamin Bradford, and Daniel M'Kissic.**

A GREAT BARGAIN-- In a throng settlement and genteel neighborhood on the west fork of Red River within 3 miles of Clarksville, Montgomery Co., **Capt. John Stewart** offers for sale his plantation, renowned for health and on an airy situation. There is about 400 acres of best second-rate land with considerable improvements, 100 and odd acres under good fence, a large commodious dwelling house, barn, and other necessary buildings. Will take in exchange horses, hogs, beef, cattle, tobacco, cotton, negroes, and cash. Always on the premises ready to bargain -- good whiskey grog and a hearty welcome. - **John Stewart**

NOTICE: On the 4th day of September next, **John G. Blount, Jr.,** will proceed to take the deposition of **Henry Rutherford** and others relative to the beginning corner and other specialties of the tract granted by the state of North Carolina to **Henry Johnson** for 640 acres in Humphreys County at the mouth of Richard Creek.

DR. R. F. SLAUGHTER will practice medicine in Clarksville and its vicinity. His shop is adjoining the store of Messrs. **Reynolds and M'Farland** on the hill.

JOHN KETHLEY is offering for sale 700 acres with a good dwelling house and other necessary out-houses, apple orchard, and small peach orchard. Also one-half interest in the saw mill and grist mill on Spring Creek known by **Kethley & Whitfield's Mills.** Also a house and lot in Clarksville now occupied by **Capt. A. J. Bunting** and lying on Water Street at the upper end of town. (*Notice dated May 26, 1810*)

HENRY WILLIAMS offers a \$10 reward to any person who would deliver to him on little west fork of Red River three miles from Clarksville a pale sorrel horse which strayed from him at the Cumberland Furnace on 15 of December last.

SHERIFF John Allen of Davidson County announces a public sale on 6 Sep 1810 of all right, title, claim, and interest that **Solomon Kitts** has in a 5,000-acre tract lying on Big Hatcha, Grant No. 280, and 5,000 acres on Big Hatcha, Grant No. 281, to satisfy a judgment obtained against him by **Martin Hess, John Henry Tobler, Frey & Pentalossl, John Conrad Lacker, and Solomon Tracler.** ■

Hawkins County Land Sold for 1801 Taxes

Hawkins County Clerk **Richard Mitchell** reported to the county court in February 1804 that taxes for the year 1801 remained unpaid on three tracts of land. As reported in *The Newspaper & Washington Advertiser*, Jonesborough, on 15 Feb 1804, the property owners, the land to be sold, and the tax and court costs due, were as follows:

- **Thomas Fletcher and Samuel Harrison**, 640 acres on Poor Valley Creek - \$4.03
- **Elisha Wallen**, 300 acres "not known where" - \$3.19
- **James Harris**, 100 acres on Beach Creek - \$2.63■

Memphis City School Teachers Appointed For 1857-58 Term

(Transcribed from microfilm of the 19 Oct 1857 issue of the Memphis Evening Ledger)

Leroy Pope was superintendent of Memphis city schools for the 1857-58 school year.

Serving on the Board of Visitors (later to be known as the Board of Education) were **Thomas D. Eldridge**, member at large; **S. W. Jefferson**, Ward 1; **Fred. Baxter**, Ward 2; **Gen. R. Grant**, President, Ward 3; **B. F. Dill**, Ward 4; **W. J. Tuck**, Ward 5; and **H. F. Farnsworth**, Secretary, Ward 6.

The list of teachers and their schools was as follows:

Mr. L. G. Marshall - Senior Male School on the south side of Jefferson Street between 3rd and 4th

Mrs. Ann C. Bradford - Senior Female School, Court Street

Mr. H. T. Burke, **Mr. Talbot B. Coleman** - Junior Male School, Navy Yard

Mrs. Mary Gallagher, **Mrs. F. P. McGehee**, **Miss H. Black**, **Miss R. Rawlings** - Junior Female School, Hernando St. one door south of Beal Street

Miss M. E. Lester - Junior Male School, Causey Street

Miss R. F. Yancey, **Miss E. S. Yancey** - Primary Male School, Brick House, Linden Street, third door west of Bayou

Mr. D. H. Saunders - Junior Male School, Brick House, Linden Street, third door west of Bayou

Miss M. J. A. Creighton, **Miss Frances J. Wood** - Primary Male School, Navy Yard

Miss S. C. Harvey, **Miss Susan Jobe**, **Mrs. H. Hampton** - Primary Female School, Navy Yard

Miss Italia Walsh - Primary Female School, Causey Street between Beal and Linden

Miss Mary F. Woods - Primary Female School, Court Street

Miss M. W. Bowers - Primary Female School, Hernando Street one door south of Beal

Miss A. C. Tobey - Primary School, Orleans Street ■

Letters to the Editor

Editor, *Ansearchin' News*:

In early 1996, Genealogist and Author **Olga Edwards** passed away. Mrs. Edwards had published several books, among which she co-authored *The Connections in East Tennessee*.

Her daughter, **Mrs. Gloria Holman**, has donated several boxes of genealogical material gathered by her mother to the Knox County Public Library in Knoxville. **Mr. Steve Cothan** of the library has mentioned that a room in the library will be dedicated to Mrs. Edwards' memory and will house the collection. Since much of her research was about East Tennessee, I thought perhaps your members would like to know about this added resource which is now in Tennessee.

Frances Eddy

1730 - 19th St., N. E.

Salem, OR 97303-1136

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks for passing along this information.

Editor, *Ansearchin' News*:

I just received my first copy of *Ansearchin' News*. I am so impressed, could I have information for back copies? All my ancestors either came through Tennessee or stayed.

Dorothy Bayless

12021 N. 43 Ave., Apt. 162

Phoenix, AZ 85029

EDITOR'S NOTE: If all your ancestors were as nice as you, too bad they didn't stay in Tennessee.

Editor, *Ansearchin' News*:

In reference to my query in *Ansearchin' News*, Fall 1997, I failed to state the dates and place for **Hepsey O'Daniel** (1842-1886) and **Dr. Francis Marion James** (1828-1882). They met, married, and all their children were born in Gibson Co., Tenn.

Velma Evans

P.O. Box 926

Joelton, TN 37080■

Hardeman's First Settler Said to Have Arrived At Clover Creek in 1819

A letter from **William Joyner** of Pocahontas, Tenn., to *The Bolivar Bulletin* under date of 23 April 1878 states that **Asa Robertson** was the first white man who came to Hardeman County, landing with his family in the spring of 1819 at the mouth of Clover Creek. The Robertsons, who had lived in Livingston Co., Ky., came down the Ohio River in a large poplar canoe to the mouth of the Hatchie River at Randolph. Asa then went up the Hatchie, paddling and pulling through brush and cutting his way through many blockaded drifts.

"After two weeks of toiling thus, he found himself, wife, and three little ones safely landed at the mouth of the creek," Joyner wrote. "With one axe and one hoe, he went to work building a cabin and clearing up a small farm. With his hoe, he cultivated his crop in 1819."

Hardeman County was inhabited by Indians and wild beasts at the time.

Billy Pollk came the same year with a family of Negroes, settled near Middleburg, and made a crop. Two years later, Joyner's father's family and the **West Harris** family from Kentucky settled in Hardeman.

In the same year before Bolivar was established, Joyner said **Major McNeal**, **Major Bills**, **Pitser Miller**, and a number of others came. "Those old ancient forefathers were kind and true to each other in building up this county," he added.

Joyner wrote his letter, reprinted in *The Memphis Public Ledger* of 10 May 1878, after learning that Asa Robertson had died 4 April 1878 in Tippah Co., Miss., at the age of 117 years, five months, and four days. He said Asa left a host of relatives, six generations, and friends to mourn his loss.

"His most singular request was responded to -- a big gun was fired over his grave, the last signal of an old soldier of the Revolutionary War. He claimed to have been under Gen. Washington for seven years, battling for our glorious liberty we all so much enjoy."■

TIPTON COUNTY WILLS, 1824-1835

(Abstracted from microfilm of Tipton County Court Clerk Records of Wills, Volume A, which begin in August 1824)

ADDISON PAXTON: Will dated 9 Aug 1824. Witnesses: **John Miller, James Hodges, Thomas Huff.** Executrix: wife. Probated Sep court term 1824. **Andrew Green**, court clerk.

Wife - **Malinda**

Children - **Jane Eliza Paxton** and the child she is pregnant with.

JOHN P. CALDWELL: Will dated 25 Dec 1824. Witnesses: **John H. Hurley, James G. Stone.** Executor: his friend, **Marquis Carnes.** Probated January court term 1825. **Andrew Green**, court clerk.

Wife - **Delpha**

Minor children - **William Henry Caldwell**, "and the one with which my wife Delpha Caldwell is now pregnant"

Slaves - Negro woman - **Hannah**

Negro man - **Ben** and the child with which **Tenar** is now pregnant; **Peter, Hardiman**

ARCHIBALD WALKER: Will dated 8 Jul 1826. Witnesses: **David T. W. Cook, D. Walker, M. B. Winchester, A. B. Carr, John Brown, Jas. L. Vaughn.** Executors: sons **David S. Walker, Peterson A. Walker.** Probated Sep 1827 court term, **Andrew Green**, clerk. Recorded 4 Sep 1827, **R. W. Sanford**, deputy clerk.

Wife - **Lucy D.**

Sons - **David S. Walker, Peterson A. Walker, James William Walker, George Washington Walker, and Thomas Jefferson Walker** who "on account of his natural infirmity is entitled to receive one-fourth of a child's share more than the other children." (All of his sons are under 21 years of age.)

Daughters - **Sallie Ann Burchett Stone, Martha Ann Elizabeth Talbot** (youngest daughter, under 21)

Slave - mulatto girl **Nancy**

BENJAMIN SMITH (JR.): Will dated 4 Aug 1828. Witnesses: **Michael Holshouser, John C. Cox, Robert R. McGuire.** Executor: his father, **Benjamin Smith (Sr.).** Proved Sep 1828 court term, **Andrew Green**, clerk, by **R. W. Sanford**, deputy clerk.

Father - **Benjamin Smith, Sr.**

JAMES MOORE: Will not dated. (written on sick bed.) Witnesses: **William Lamb, Jno. T. Fulton.** Proved in Mar 1829 court term. **Andrew Green**, Clk., by **R. W. Sanford**, deputy clk. Executors: trusty friends **John Champion, John E. Little.**

Heirs - **John D. Williams** (deceased), **Joseph John Williams** (son of John D., deceased, and his wife)

Negroes - **Beck, Sam, Richmond, Milly, and Frank**

STEPHEN CHILDRESS of Williamson Co., Tenn.: Will dated 28 Mar 1821. Witnesses: **M. D. Cooper, William Eastice, Abram Maury, H. Petway.** Executors - son **William Childress, Maj. James McEwen, David Cummins, Esq.** Proved Mar 1829 court term. **Andrew Green**, clk. by **R. W. Sanford**, deputy clk.

Wife - name not given

Sons - **Stephen S. Childress**

William G. Childress

Daughters - **Elizabeth Hulen**

Susan Hulen, wife of **Thomas Hulen**

Polly Benton

Patsy L. Childress (leaves her \$800 more than other children because she is a cripple)

Younger children - referred to but not named

Negroes - **Daniel**, little **Jacob, Peter, Jane, Hager, and Charity**

Mentions debts due him -- one in a judgment against the **Easons**, one against **William Yancy**, and one in Natchez County

MARTHA HILL: Will dated 18 (?) Aug 1830. Witnesses: **James Peirce, Jacob Tipton.** Executor: son **Augustus Hill.** Proved Sept 1830 court term. Executor posted \$30,000 bond with **Rufus Gailard Daniel, A. Dunham, James Peirce, Jacob Tipton**, securities. Clerk, **R. W. Sanford.**

Sons - **Augustus Hill, James J. Hill**

Sons-in-law - **Richard H. Gailard, John Stone, Rufus H. Gailard**

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Other children - minors whom she mentions but does not name

Slaves - **Chancy** and her son **Nelson**; **Clary**, **Clayton**, and **Mary**; **Marico**, **Anderson**, and **Ben**

Refers to 307-acre tract which she purchased from **R. W. Long** and on which she lives. Her son **Augustus** and son-in-law **Richard** made a note as security for \$4,000 she was to pay in three annual installments beginning 25 Dec 1830. Wants her son Augustus to take charge and educate her minor children.

WILLIAM SPEAKEMAN: Will dated 6 Aug 1830. Witnesses: **William Moore**, **Jessy F. Miller**. Court-appointed administrator: **David Callahan**. Bondsman: **Thomas Robinson**. Proved Sep 1830 court term. Court clerk: **R. W. Sanford**.

Son - **William Speakeman, Jr.**

Other heirs - relationship not indicated

Mary Polly Cullahan

Nelly Burchard

Joseph Burchard

Refers to money owed him by **Jacob Eberly**, **Thomas Jones**, **John Musgrove**, **Hiram Hammond**. Instructs that money be collected by **Richard Bennet**.

GEORGE WATSON: Will dated 30 Sep 1830. Witnesses: **Henry Murray**, **Sabert Wood**. Executors: wife **Elizabeth Watson** and **Joseph Watson** (latter not identified as to relationship).. Proved Dec 1830 court term. **R. W. Sanford**, clk., by **R. Small**, deputy clk.

Wife - **Elizabeth**

Children - referred to but not named

Negro - girl **Caty**

WILLIAM A. MILLER: Will dated 25 Feb 1832. Witnesses: **William H. Ligon**, **James P. Locke**. Executors: **John Mathews**, **Edward/Edmon Booker, Sr.**¹ Proved June 1832 court term. Bondsmen: **Robert B. Clarkson**, **James N. Smith**, **Frederick R. Smith**. Clerk: **R. W. Sanford**.

Daughter - **Virginia**

Three sons - **William**, **Thomas**, and **William Barba** (all under 21)

Heir - **John H. Woodcock**, relationship not stated

Refers to property in Covington and Florence

WILLIAM R. DURHAM: Will dated 25 Apr 1832. Witnesses: **Ferrand Durham**, **Dudley Durham**. Executors: his friends **John Wilson** and **Thomas Durham**. Proved June 1832 court term. **R. W. Sanford**, Clk.

Wife - **Ann**

Brothers - **Alston Durham**, **James M. Durham**

ROBERT H. CHAPMAN of Greenville, Augusta Co., Va.: Will dated 18 Nov 1820. Witnesses: **N. Tarbet**, **Susannah Tarbet**. Executors - wife, older son **William S. Chapman**, and son **Robert H. Chspman**. Codicil #1 dated 18 May 1825 and witnessed by **Robert D. Glass**, **James M. Glass**. Codicil #2 dated 18 June 1833, witnessed by **Thomas Allen Tidball**, **William Hill**. Proved in Sep 1833 term of Tipton County Court. None of subscribing witnesses reside in Tipton County. **Marquis Carnes** and **Robert Green** attested that writing was Chapman's.

Wife - **Hannah**

Sons - **William S. Chapman**, **Robert H. Chapman**

Daughter - **Elizabeth**

Other sons and daughters - all under age 14, not named

Slave - mulatto woman **Betty**

Codicil #1 instructs that 30 acres he bought 15 Nov 1826 from **John Logan** adjoining the town of Greenville, Va., be sold and that mulatto woman **Betty** be left to his wife during her lifetime and then to the children. In Codicil #2, **Chapman** states that he was taken ill on his return from the North to his family, and since leaving home had recovered considerable property as evidenced by an agreement entered into with the throne of England and a decree of Chancery Court in New York City, N.Y. Names son **Robert H. Chapman** as an executor of will and codicil in addition to wife and other son named in will. At court

¹Will refers to Mr. Booker as Edward; court clerk refers to him as Edmon

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held in Frederick Co., Va., 4 Nov 1833 codicil was sworn to by **Thomas Allen Tidball** and **William Hill** who said **Chapman** died at **Tidball's** home on 18 June 1833, having arrived there very ill four days before. Some hours previous to his death, he requested **Thomas Allen Tidball** to write the codicil. He attempted to sign but was too weak and so he made his mark. **Tidball**, clerk of Frederick Co., ordered the codicil to be recorded 4 Nov 1833 and a copy sent to Tipton County Court. **John Smith**, presiding justice of Frederick County Court, certified that **Tidball's** attestation was in due form. Tipton County Court on 2 Dec 1833 ordered letters testamentary be issued to **Robert Hill Chapman** in addition to those granted **William** and **Hannah Chapman**. **R. W. Sanford**, clk., by Deputy **G. Hamp. Evans**.

ROBERT H. ROSE: Will dated 15 June 1830. Witness: **David Dunn**. Executor: son **Robert H. Rose (II)** on condition that he act as guardian of his siblings. Proved in Sep 1833 court term. **David Dunn** testified that will was lodged in his hands for safe keeping. **Robert G. Green** and **John Brown** verified **Rose's** handwriting. Bond for executor made with **David Dunn** and **Robert Young** as securities. **R. W. Sanford**, court clerk.

Will specifies that his real and personal estate is left to "the following children and no others."

Children - **Robert H. Rose**
Francis M. Rose (daughter)
Mary M. Rose
Henry Rose
Samuel Rose

Revokes will made in 1826 which is now or was lately among papers in Tipton County and at **John F. Newman's**.

MARGRET LEWIS: Will dated 10 Aug 1833. Witnesses: **James Scales**, **John Roddy**, **Richard A. Stanley**. Executor - son-in-law **James Roddy**. Proved Sep 1833 court term. James Roddy's securities: **William Clark**, **Robert Payne** who put up \$5,000 bond. **R. W. Sanford**, clk.

Two daughters - **Margret Wood Roddy**, **Hannah Yound Wingo**

Granddaughters - **Nancy Lewis Roddy**, **Fannie Tabitha Roddy**

Grandson - **Robert Alexander Roddy**

Negroes - Girls - **Mary**, **Rebecca**; boy - **Willis**; others - **Betsy**, **Thursy**, **Aron**, **Silva**, and **Martha**

Leaves young cow, calf, and sow to **Robert Montgomery** "for goodwill and affection"

(GEN.) THOMAS BLOUNT of Edgecomb, N.C.: Will dated 23 Aug 1808. States there are no witnesses "as my handwriting will be known by everybody acquainted with me and I have no fear or concern that any of my relatives will be disposed to dispute or contest the validity of this will." Also states that will is written "to guard against any evil consequences that might result to my wife in case I should die before my return from Warrenton where I am about to go." Names as executors his brothers **John Gray Blount** and **Willis Blount**, and his nephews **Thomas H. Blount** and **William G. Blount**. Will proved in Edgecombe Co., N.C., Court in May 1812. **Frances L. Daney**, **Morses Mordin** (signature goes off page), **Robert Stewart** swore that will was in Blount's handwriting. Attest: **Edward Hall**, court clerk. In May 1814, will of Gen. Thomas Blount again produced for probate. Will found among his valuable papers. Ordered recorded. Certified by **Mitchael Hearne**, Edgecomb County clerk of Court of Pleas & Quarter Session on 24 Mar 1825, **Richard Harrison** presiding as justice. **John Owen**, Governor, affixed seal 25 Mar 1829 in Raleigh, N.C. **John B. Muse**, private secretary. In Jan 1831 session of Shelby Co., Tenn., Court, will was ordered recorded by **R. Lawrence**, clk. Admitted to record in Hardeman Co. in April 1832 circuit court session by **Thomas J. Hankman**, clk.

Wife - **Jackey S. Blount**

Brothers - **John G. Blount**, **Willis Blount**

Brother-in-law - **McKennice(?) Summer** (deceased)

Nephews - **John Gray Blount**, **Thomas Henry Blount**, and **William G. Blount**, sons of his brother **John G. Blount**

Nieces - **Annie Blount Took**, **Mary Blount Miller**, two youngest daughters of his deceased brother **William Blount**

Refers to his plantation called "Hall Brook." Disposes of land in Halifax Co., N.C.; Tarborough, N.C.; land near mouth of Duck River, Tenn.; and land in Fish Swamp, Pitt Co., N.C.

JOHN ECKFORD: Will dated 1st May 1833. Witnesses: **Jacob P. Davis**, **William Goodwin**. Executrix: wife **Elizabeth**. Proved in Sep 1833 court term. Securities: **Joseph White**, **Marquis Calmers**. \$2,000 bond. **R. W. Sanford**, clk.

Wife - **Elizabeth**

Four children - **Francis M.**, **Martha B.**, **James H.**, and **John T. Eckford**

WILLIAM "WILL" TEMPLE: Will dated 23 Aug 1833. Witnesses: **Thomas Moncrief, Robert G. Green.** Executors without bond - wife, son **Edward W. Temple**, and "trustworthy friend" **John Postlethwaite** of Covington. Proved in Dec 1833 court term. Recorded 2 Dec 1833 by **R. W. Sanford**, clerk.

Wife - **Lucy S. Temple**

Son - **Edward W. Temple**

Other children - referred to but not named

States in will that it is probable something will be coming to him from French claims under the late treaty with France, and instructs his executors to use this to purchase a "small but comfortable" farm for his wife to support her and the children. Also instructs wife to keep up the tavern they now have rented to the end of the present term.

JOSEPH J. ALSTON: Will dated 2 Aug 1834. Witnesses: **William H. Harris, Berry H. Alston, James J. Alston.** Proved Sep 1834 court term. Court appoints **Ruffin Smith** administrator with **William H. Harris** and **James J. Alston** securities. Mentions wife, daughter, and father but does not refer to them by name

ELIAS F. POPE: Will dated 21 Dec 1833. Witnesses: **L. Sanders, William Bowles, Erasmus P. Stewart.** Proved Sept 1834 term of Court of Pleas & Quarters. Executors - his brother-in-law **James S. R. Smith**, and wife **Eliza Jane Pope**. On 2 Dec 1834 executors post \$40,000 bond with **Drew Smith** and **Daniel Durham** securities. **R. W. Sanford**, clerk.

Wife - **Eliza Jane**

Children - refers to "all my children both posthumous as well as living" but does not name

BENJAMIN F. PERKINSON: Will dated 21 Oct 1834. Witnesses: **Edward Booker, William H. Ligon, J. W. Jeffress.** Executrix - wife. Proved Dec 1834 court term. Executrix posts \$2400 bond with **Booker, Ligon** as securities. **R. W. Sanford**, clerk.

Wife - **Elizabeth**

Children - **Nancy B., Maria L., Lucy J. Perkinson**

Slaves - Negro man **Archer** "if he should ever be recovered"

Others - **Phillis James** and **Mary** (instructs his wife to vest a part of his estate in land for them a home)

JAMES RODDY: Will dated 29 July 1835. Witnesses: **C. J. Bradford, William M. Hankins.** Executors - his wife and friends **James Scales, Nathaniel Hunt.** Proved Sep 1835 court term with **Bradford** testifying. Proved again at Dec 1835 court term with **Hankins** testifying. Executors posted \$4,000 bond with **Bradford** and **James Scales** securities. **R. W. Sanford**, Clerk.

Wife - **Margaret "Peggy" Roddy**

Four children - sons **James H. Roddy, Robert Alexander Roddy**; daughters - **Mary Lewis, Frances Talbatha**

Slaves - Woman - **Betty**; Boys - **Stephen, Aaron, and Sam**; Girls - **Mariah, Silvey, Martha, and Thersey**

Refers to fact that he has been ill for a considerable length of time.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL: Will dated 20 Sep 1835. Witnesses: **William A. Bowers, James Wilson, James Callam, Iredale M. Marsh.** Executor - his friend and brother-in-law **Carlton Allen.** Proved Dec 1835 court term. Executors post \$7,000 bond with **Adam D. Campbell, James Callam** securities.

Wife - not named

Children - **Jane D., John A., Frances M., Thomas C., and William Campbell**

Instructs executor to buy another piece of land in **Christian Co., Ky.**, "near to where **Joel Wills** lives."

ALEXANDER SMITH: Will dated 7 Nov 1835. Witnesses: **Alfred Polk, George Huffman, Moses Smith.** Executor - **Leonard Smith.** Proved at Dec 1835 court term. Executor posts \$2,000 bond with **James Smith** and **Joseph Miller** securities. Wife **Prudence C. Smith** objects to will and asks that it be set aside saying certain provisions for her in the will are "very inadequate, temporary, and insufficient."

Wife and child - mentions but does not name

Brother - **Elias Smith**

Instructs that he is to be buried at **Andrew Yarbrough's** graveyard. Leaves his interest in mills on Indian Creek known as **Leonard Smith's Mills** to his brother **Elias Smith.** ■

Book Reviews

INDEX TO THE 1880 CENSUS OF EAST TENNESSEE by Barbara, Byron, and Samuel Sistler. 1997. Hardcover, 8-1/2 x 11," 334 pp., \$48.50 including shipping. Tennessee residents add 8.25% sales tax. Byron Sistler & Associates, 1712 Natchez Trace, P.O. Box 120934, Nashville, TN 37212, phone (615) 297-3085, FAX (615) 298-2807.

If all you know about your ancestor is that he (or she) was in East Tennessee in the late 1800's, this may be the very book you've been waiting for. In general, it is essentially a head of household index. Nineteen years in the making, it lists some 106,880 individuals who were residing in 35 East Tennessee counties in 1880. Those counties are: Anderson, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Grainger, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hamblen, Hawkins, James, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Polk, Rhea, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Sequatchie, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union, and Washington. Entries are arranged alphabetically by head of household, and individuals whose surnames differed from that of the household head also are included. Each entry consists of the individual's name, age, county symbol, and stamped page number which appeared in the upper righthand corner of every other page in the original schedule. Sex and race also are indicated.

MECKLENBURG CO., N. C., MINUTES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS, Vol. II: 1801-1820 by Herman W. Ferguson. 1997. Softcover 8-1/2x11", full-name, place, and subject index, map. 342 pp. \$30 postpaid. North Carolina residents add 6% sales tax. Order from Herman W. Ferguson, 600 Chad Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 17803-1512, telephone (919) 443-2258, e-mail FERGGEOPEN@AOL.com

This is the author's second book containing transcriptions of Mecklenburg County court minutes, taking up where he left off two years ago and proving the accuracy of his belief that court minutes are the best "person finders" of all the early county records. As the author notes, it's quite likely that individuals could evade the tax collector and census takers, but most of them eventually would witness a note, will, or deed and thus get recorded in court minutes. And while court minutes listing the registry of a deed, the probate of a will, or the appointment of administrators to settle the estates of intestates may in themselves tell us little, they alert us that much more information of interest may be found in the original documents. Court minutes also reflect persons assigned to jury duty or to work on roads, apprentice indentures, orphans taken under the care of the court, taverns licensed, and other information. Genealogist Jo Ann Linn, who penned a foreword to the book, says court minutes provide an "incorruptible contemporary source" of information and contain more names than any other primary source record grouping other than tax lists. (The fact that early tax lists of Mecklenburg County are not extant makes this work all the more valuable.) She also attests that Ferguson's abstracts are "famous for their accuracy and detail." (Note: The author will check the index for up to three individuals a researcher may wish to present if the request is accompanied by a business size SASE.)

LIST OF SELECTED MAPS OF STATES & TERRITORIES compiled by Janet L. Hargett. Special List No. 29, National Archives and Records Administration, 1971. Reprint Willow Bend Books, 1997. Softcover 6x9", 113 pp., \$15 including shipping. Willow Bend Books, 39475 Tollhouse Rd., Lovettsville, VA 20180-1817, Phone & FAX (540) 822-5292, willowbend@mediasoft.net

With the National Archives and Records Service's archival holdings now amounting to 900,000 cubic feet, here's a handy finding device for those interested in locating general state and territorial maps they might not even know existed. This facsimile reprint of the original list, published in 1971 and now discolored, provides valuable descriptive information on about 900 state maps dating from the late 18th century to 1920. Most cover an entire state or a major part of one, and some have several states or territories. Maps of the territories are included to provide early coverage of areas which later became states. The special list includes six maps of Tennessee taken chiefly from surveys by General D. South and others, with the earliest map dating back to 1795. It shows roads, towns, Indian towns, and "Indian boundaries." Another Tennessee map of interest is annotated to show segments of certain roads marked off. Published in the early 1820s, it gives county names and boundaries, towns, colleges, roads, physical features, and parts of adjoining states of that era. It also shows land districts and land surveys, and includes part of the "government road from Natchez to Nashville." The map also has a table that lists county populations, and a view of the Chickasaw Bluff on the Mississippi. Photocopies of the maps can be had from the National Archives for a fee.

Book Reviews (continued)

SELECTED FINAL PENSION PAYMENT VOUCHERS 1818-1864, ALABAMA: Decatur-Huntsville-Mobile-Tuscaloosa abstracted by Alycon Trubey Pierce, C. G. 1997. Softcover 6x9", full-name index including place names, 113 pp., \$16.50 including shipping. Willow Bend Books, 39475 Tollhouse Rd., Lovettsville, VA 20180-1817, Phone & FAX (540) 822-5292, willowbend@mediasoft.net

The National Archives staff formed these listings by culling only the "settled accounts" from each pension office's payment records. Two-thirds of the payments were to Revolutionary War veterans or their heirs. The five-year project resulted in separating about 55,000 final or last payment vouchers and creating an index to these vouchers. This book contains information from Alabama pension agencies in Decatur (from March 1835 to October 1837), Huntsville (March 1839-March 1860), Mobile (April 1833- July 1859), and Tuscaloosa (September 1827-April 1859). The agencies served pensioners living in Alabama and the border counties of Mississippi when the vouchers were drafted. However, the vouchers document that these veterans previously served or resided in Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Some pensioners seeking to collect their payments no longer resided in Alabama, and their powers of attorney reveal their out-of-state residences. A variety of other "extra" data are found in the vouchers. In final payments to remarried widows, for instance, may be found the new husband's name and the date of the second marriage. In 14 instances, pensioners gave power of attorney to persons sharing their same surname -- a clue to likely relatives.

EVIDENCE! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian by Elizabeth Shown Mills. 1997. Hardcover, 6x9-1/4", indexed, 124 pp., \$16.95 plus \$3.50 postage. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, (1) 800-296-6687, FAX (1) 410-752-8492.

"When you drink from the water, remember the source." That, according to a blurb on this book's cover, is the maxim our ancestors lived by and that's the advice Elizabeth Mills hopes you'll heed in your genealogical fact-gathering. The author, who has been editor of the scholarly *NGS Quarterly* since 1987, provides this book as a road map for beginners who hope to avoid mistakes and as a guidepost for the advanced who already appreciate the need to map their own course precisely. The questions we must ask about information turned up in our research are: (1) where did it come from, and (2) who produced it? The fact that words are spoken or written on a sheet of paper doesn't make them true ... nor does the appearance of a name, date, place, or relationship on a frame of film or in a database make that information true either. "As family historians, we inherit the job of unearthing every clue and weighing every fragment of evidence so carefully that we piece together an accurate mosaic of each ancestral life," she states. The author then goes to to explain -- clearly and simply -- genealogical standards for citation and analysis, following that up with more than 300 models for citing conventional and on-line materials common to family history.

ELLIS CO., TEX., PATENTS & DEED ABSTRACTS 1845-1856 by Joyce Martin Murray. 1997. Paperback 8-1/2x11", full-name index. 136 pp. \$30 plus \$3.50 p&h. Texas residents add 8.25% tax. Order from Joyce Martin Murray, 2921 Daniel, Dallas, TX 75105.

Ellis County was established in 1849, being created from land that had been part of Navarro County. This book contains abstracts of the first patents and deeds for the area that became Ellis County. It was developed by the author from microfilm of Deed Books A and A&B at the Texas State Library. The book is the fifth in her Early Texas series. Previous volumes covered the counties of Red River, Washington, and Austin.

ELBERT CO., GA., DEED BOOKS A-J, 1791-1806 by Michal Martin Farmer. 1997. Hardcover 6x9", four maps, acid-free paper. 429 pp., including 66- page full-name index. \$40 postpaid. Texas residents add \$3.30 sales tax. Order from Michal Martin Farmer, P. O. Box 140880, Dallas, TX 75214-0880.

At the time of the 1790 census and tax records, Elbert County was still part of Wilkes County. Created on 10 Dec 1790, Elbert had a population of 10,094 by 1800 -- while its mother county's population was 13,103. Many of Elbert County's residents were from Virginia and the Carolinas. Deed abstracts in this book list grantors, grantees, adjoining landowners, witnesses, justices of the peace, and all details. They were transcribed by the author from microfilm obtained from the Georgia Department of Archives & History in Atlanta. The book is the author's seventh, and she plans to follow it with abstracts of 1806-1819 Elbert County deeds. ■

THE OBITUARY of Nashville - born **Rev. Richard Owen Curry**, M. D., is abstracted in the *North Carolina Genealogical Journal*, Vol. XXIII, No. 3. The eldest son of **Robert B. Curry**, formerly of Orange Co., N.C., he died 16 Feb 1865 in Salisbury, N.C., where he was chief surgeon and chaplain at the military prison. Curry died of meningitis. He attended the University of Nashville, then gave up the ministry for medicine, graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1841. He established a female academy at Knoxville, and preached at Madisonville and Sweetwater churches.



VARIATIONS of the **McPheeters** surname are explored by **Harold L. McPheeters** in the *Rowan Co., N.C., Register*, Vol. 12, No. 3. Family members include **David McPetters** who lived in Jefferson Co., Tenn., in the 1790s and had two sons, **Jonathan** and **Charles McPeters**. David moved to Morgan Co., Tenn., soon after 1814 and later lived in Robertson County.



TENNESSEE-BORN residents in the 1884 Bates Co., Mo., directory are listed in Vol. 28, No. 3 of *Prairie Gleaner*, published by the West Central Missouri Genealogical Society.

Included are **Thomas Scott** (b. Tenn. 1832) and wife, **M. Welk** (b. Mo. 1835); **Shacklefort** (b. Tenn. 1831); **David Thomson** (b. Tenn. 1842) and wife, **M. Payne** (b. Tenn. 1845); **B. Woodson** (b. Tenn. 1846) and wife, **W. E. Thomson** (b. Ill. 1845); **William Walden** (b. 1843) and wife, **E. Snow** (b. Mo. 1836); **J. W. Harshaw** (b. Tenn. 1844) and wife, **E. McGlothen** (b. Iowa 1848); **B. F. Hanes** (b. Tenn. 1848) and wife, **M. Phillips** (b. Ky. 1851); and **Mrs. C. Hall** (b. Tenn. 1837).

The same issue also lists native Tennesseans among the Missouri families who were not in the Soundex for the 1880 census. In Benton County were **John W. Morgan**, 31, and his mother-in-law, **Mary Ball**, 60; **Sarah Cates**, 65; **Mrs. Delaney Alexander**, 33; **William Cox** (?), 64; **David E. Hedgpath**, 64; **Luisa Powell**, 55; and **James Q. (?) Ingram**, 54.

Gleanings

FROM HERE 'N THERE

Mentions of Tennesseans
~In Our Exchanges~

THE 1850-1880 mortality index for Atascosito District counties in Texas includes seven former Tennesseans. Published in the Southeast Texas Genealogical & Historical Society's *Yellowed Pages*, Vol. XXVII, No. 3, the index includes **Joseph Williams**, 45, who died in Newton Co., Tex., in February 1870. Tennesseans who died in Tyler Co., Tex., in 1850 were: **William Pruitt**, 33, and **R. Tompkins**, 56; in 1860 -- **T. Y. Frazer**, 26, and **Rhoda Gibbs**, 60; and in 1870 -- **Kesiah C. Heard**, 69, and **Daniel E. McAlister**, 61.



AN ARTICLE in *The Arkansas Family Historian* (Vol. 35, No. 3) on the **Haskins** families in Arkansas mentions **Dennis Haskins** and his wife, **Sarah**, both long-time residents of McMinn and Polk counties, Tenn., who apparently owned land in Independence Co., Ark. The first Haskins known for certain to have lived in Independence were **Hiram** and **Elizabeth (Blair) Haskins** who came with their family by wagon train from Monroe Co., Tenn., in 1849 and settled in Washington Township where they remained for decades. About 100 other persons from the Monroe County area came on the same wagon train. Four of the Haskins sons -- **Samuel**, **John**, **David**, and **Thomas** -- served with the Confederate Army, and a fifth, **Hiram Lafayette**, apparently died between 1850-1860. The Haskins also had twin daughters, **Elizabeth Jane** and **Polly Ann**, both of whom intermarried with **Cook** families in Monroe County.



WILLIAM THREET'S obituary appears in *The Backtracker*, Vol. 26, No. 3, published by the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society. Threet, born near Nashville, Tenn., on 7 Apr 1843, moved at age 10 to Arkansas with his parents who homesteaded north of Pleasant Ridge. Threet served three years with the Confederate Army during the Civil

War, and in 1870 married **Margaret Deans**. They had four children: **Harmon**, **Rinda**, **Caleb**, and **Robert**. **William Threet** died 10 Sept 1920 near Rogers, Ark., at the age of 77.



THE TEDFORD FAMILY of Harde-man Co., Tenn., is the subject of an article by **James T. Goodbread** in *The Southern Genealogists Exchange Quarterly*, Vol. 38, No. 163. **David Tedford** (b. 14 Nov 1789, d. 5 Oct 1826) was married to Virginia-born **Francis Doss**, daughter of **John** and **Mary Margaret Shields**. While her birth and death dates are unknown, the 1870 census shows her at age 75 living with her grandson, **David S. Nelms**, in Hardeman County. The Tedfords' children were: (1) **Mary Ann**, who married **Wiley Jarrett Davis**; (2) **William C.**, who married **Edith** ____, (3) **John Jackson** who married **Phoebe N. Rossen**, then **Alice Warren**, (4) **Maletha Jane**, who married **Thomas Jennings Tipler**, (5) **Amanda**, who married **George D. Freeman**, and (6) **Sofronia O.**, who married **Abner C. Nelms**.



SOME VIRGINIANS who became Tennesseans and then Missourians are mentioned in an article in *Virginia Tidewater Genealogy*, Vol. 28, No. 1 Their biographical information was abstracted from the *History of Greene Co., Mo.*, published in 1883.

Mentioned are: (1) **Rolla Carter**, born in Monroe Co., Tenn., in 1830 to Virginia-born **Calab Carter** and his wife **Nancy Ferguson** of Tennessee; (2) **Edward West**, born in Grainger Co., Tenn., on 18 Nov 1807, the son of Virginia natives **Samuel** and **Elizabeth (Thompson) West**;

(3) **Elijah Gray**, born in Halifax Co., Va., on 14 Dec 1799 and moved in 1806 with his parents, **John** and **Anne Gray**, to Williamson Co., Tenn., where they lived until migrating to Calloway Co., Mo., in 1827; (4) **Calvin M. Cloud**, born in Hawkins Co., Tenn., on 24 June 1820 to Virginia native **William Cloud** and his wife, **Rebecca Mitchell**, formerly of South Carolina; (5) **Judge John W. D. L. Flack**, who was born in Maury Co., Tenn., 15 Jan Virginia; (6) **Philip T. Simmons**, born

A Strange But True Tale

From *The Memphis Public Ledger*, Issue of 3 January 1886

Transcribed from microfilm in the History Department, Memphis/Shelby County Public Library

GALLATIN, Jan 3 - The circumstances leading to a marriage yesterday are even stranger than the story of Enoch Arden. Many, many years ago there was a young man named **Albert Taylor**, a first cousin to the father of **Governor Taylor**, reared in the mountains of East Tennessee, who loved a mountain girl named **Miss Jennie Martin**. She was his senior by nine years, he being only 15 while she had passed her majority and had reached her 24th year. They were married when at the respective ages. He being a youth, hied away from his paternal restrictions and took his bride to a neighboring village where a good old Squire tied the silken knot. Nine children were born to them and seven now survive.

After years of domestic happiness, discord came and the ties were broken by divorce. After being divorced, Taylor journeyed to Wilson County in this state and met a **Miss Martha Raney**. She became his bride in April 1854. Six children were born to them, four of whom are now living.

At the close of the war, Taylor left his wife saying he would return in a few days. He took with him a young son, **George Washington Taylor**. The father and son went up into the mountains of East Tennessee and lived in Sullivan County while Mrs. Taylor with the rest of the children moved to Dickson County below Nashville.

Years passed and Albert Taylor failed to appear and all trace of him was lost. Mrs. Taylor, believing him dead, married in Dickson County one **Henry Paschall**. No children were born to them. Paschall died four years after the marriage. George Taylor, the son who left with his father, then being grown, made Alabama and Texas his home. It was now eight years since he had heard from his father and 17 years since he had seen his mother. They had lost all trace of one another.

Several years ago, this same young man came to Gallatin where he found his mother, brother, and sister living. A week ago, Mrs. Taylor visited her daughter at Nashville and to her great surprise met her husband [Albert Taylor] who was supposed to be dead. They came to Gallatin together Christmas Day and there was general rejoicing. The trials of life were discussed over a feast and arrangements there perfected for a reunion.

Esquire Guthro was sought and this old couple were again married yesterday evening when the children, all grown, witnessed the marriage of their father and mother after being separated some 22 years. The old man is now 76 years of age and quite infirm, while his wife is 53. Their two sons, **George** and **Thomas Taylor**, are both practical millers and work for the Gallatin mills and are as clever gentlemen who ever drew breath. The old couple are comfortably fixed up and are now living happily together on Railroad Avenue, this city.

Mrs. Jennie Taylor, the first wife, now 85 years old, is living in East Tennessee and is hale and hearty. ■

GLEANINGS (continued)

15 Jan 1848 in Davidson Co., Tenn., and one of eight children born to **Dr. G. J. Simmons**, a Virginia native who moved to Tennessee as a young man, and his wife, **Fannie Taylor**; (7) **Allen J. Biggs**, born 14 Feb 1820 in Robertson Co., Tenn., to native Virginians **David** and **Frances Biggs**; (8) **Isaac M. Hall**, born 15 Apr 1836 in Halifax Co., Va., to **Pleasant** and **Cynthia A. (McAden) Hall** who moved to South Carolina and then Tennessee before settling in Greene Co., Mo.; and (9) **W. H. Vaughn** who was born in 1824 in Halifax Co., Va., moved to Tennessee at age 22, and was married 15 Jan 1857 to **Amanda Aken**, daughter of **Thomas L.** and **Martha (Strickland) Aken**. ■

Between CENSUSES

MRS. MARY D. MATHES (nee **Dulin**) died 31 Dec 1880 at Brownsville, Tenn, in the 26th year of her age. Born in Charleston, S.C., she was educated at the Female Institute in Columbia, Tenn., where she graduated with first honors in her class in 1870 or 1871. She was married to **Dr. George A. Mathes**, now editor of the *Brownsville States & Bee*, in the Calvary Church at Memphis by **Rev. Dr. George White** on 5 Nov 1873. She spent part of her maidenhood in Somerville where she was a teacher in the Female Institute. She leaves three little children. Funeral services were at the Episcopal Church of which she was a member, and burial was in Brownsville Cemetery on New Year's Day. (*Memphis Weekly Ledger*, 4 Jan 1881)

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH was filled to its utmost capacity by a fashionably dressed crowd last evening to witness the marriage of **Mr. Jacob J. Sturla** to **Miss Rosa L. Vaccaro**. **Prof. Piano** presided at the organ, and **Father Veale** performed the ceremony. Ushers were Messrs. **B. O. Featherstone**, **B. F. Koenloper**, **W. P. Nelson**, and **A. Signaigo**. A reception followed at the residence of **Mr. and Mrs. L. Vaccaro** on Beale Street. (*Memphis Weekly Ledger*, Tuesday, 27 Jan 1885)

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COL. R. K. BYRD, hero of two wars, died last Saturday morning at his residence in Emery Gap in Roane Co., East Tennessee, after a lingering illness of a year. He was an efficient officer in the Mexican War, serving out three full years and was a colonel of a Union regiment during the late war. When the war was over, he threw all of his influence in favor of reconciliation, peace, and enforcement of the law. Many an old Confederate soldier returning from Virginia or North Carolina through East Tennessee just after the surrender was befriended and protected by Col. Byrd. (*Memphis Weekly Ledger*, Tuesday, 12 May 1885)

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A VERY QUIET but elegant and well attended wedding took place last Sunday evening at the residence of the Franklin brothers on the corner of Vance and Centhia streets. The happy and handsome young couple united were **Mr. J. B. Lerner** and **Miss Esther Linsky**, a niece of **Mrs. F. Franklin**. The ceremony was performed by **Rabbi Samfield**. (*Memphis Weekly Ledger*, Tuesday, 12 May 1885)

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MR. BENJAMIN F. WHITNEY died last Friday morning at his residence at this place. He came here from Illinois in 1876 and married **Miss Jennie Dobson**. After his marriage, he purchased property here. In 1878 he was elected alderman. He was one of those genial, kind-hearted men, liked and respected by all who knew him. (*Greeneville Herald*, 26 May 1881)

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NEWS CAME TO MARYVILLE on 26 September of the death of **Rev. David M. Wilson** of Spring City. Born at Charleston, N.H., on 6 Mar 1827, he was taken to Ohio in 1828. He graduated from Lane Theological Seminary on 6 June 1847, was ordained as a minister on 16 Oct 1847, and on the same day married **Miss Emeline Tomlinson**. He and his wife under commission of the American Board of Foreign Missions went to Beirut, Syria, in 1848. They returned to the States in July 1861 due to his wife's failing health. Four children were born in Syria: **Mary T.**, now the wife of **Will A. McTeer** of Maryville; an infant buried on Mt. Lebanon; **Samuel T.**, now professor of English literature in Maryville College; and **Emma Marie** who died during their return to America and was buried at sea. In December 1867, the family came to Tennessee, making their home at Athens until 1884 when they moved to Spring City. (*The Athenian*, Athens, Tenn., 7 Oct 1887)

MR. S. D. BROOKS, aged 54 years, 5 months, 19 days died last Wednesday evening, 12 Dec 1894, after a long illness. He joined the Baptist Church at Cloud's Creek. He leaves eight children, 50 grandchildren, and a great many more relatives. (*The Herald, Rogersville, Tenn., 19 Dec 1894*)

MISS MINNIE CORBLY, oldest daughter of **M. Corbly**, the well known fruit grower, died at the age of 19 years at the family residence on Mission Ridge this morning at 3 o'clock after a short illness with pneumonia. She was taken ill on Christmas Day with the grippe. (*The Chattanooga News, 7 Jan 1897*)

COL. ANDREW JACKSON DOTSON, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of McMinn County, died at his home near Athens on Tuesday night, 20 Sept. He was 71 years of age and a native of this county. For many years he was a merchant at Riceville where he also was postmaster during the war. For the past 16-18 years, he had been giving his entire attention to farming. He leaves a wife, two children, and several stepchildren. He was a genuine pioneer of East Tennessee and always took an active part in public affairs. At one time, he was a colonel of the militia and later represented the county as a Whig in the legislature, running against **Col. Joe McCully** whom he beat by four votes. **Col. Dotson** was greatly interested in the success of the present prohibition movement in Tennessee and often remarked that he expected his vote for prohibition to be the last he would ever cast. He was buried at Mt. Cumberland. (*The Athenian, Athens, Tenn., 30 Sep 1887*)

DIED AT HIS HOME near Surgoinsville on Thursday night, 30 Jan 1890, **Mr. Samuel Pettibone**, aged 82 years 10 months 7 days. Born in Connecticut 24 Mar 1807, he came to Hawkins County about 60 years ago as a clock peddler. He was married a few years later to **Elizabeth Armstrong**, sister of **W. P. Armstrong**, **Mrs. L. Kenner**, and the late **Mr. Joseph R. Armstrong**. **Mrs. Pettibone** died in this place several years since. **Mr. Pettibone** was industrious and economical and had laid up quite a snug fortune during his long sojourn which we understand was generously distributed among relatives in his last will. His nephew, **Mr. Gale Armstrong** of this place, fell heir to about \$5,000. The funeral was in the Presbyterian Church here last Saturday and his remains were laid to rest with Masonic honors. (*The Rogersville Herald, 5 Feb 1890*)

MRS. MARY ANN HARTMAN, wife of **James Hartman** and daughter of **John M.** and **Sally Carter**, was born 4 Mar 1844 and died 13 May 1881. She made a profession of religion at a camp meeting at Carter's Station and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South in about 1859 or 1860, which was the last camp meeting ever held at Carter's Station. She married in May 1877. An affectionate wife, kind stepmother, obliging neighbor, and humble Christian, she died of heart dropsy. (*Greeneville Herald, 26 May 1881*)

MRS. BESSIE GRANT died at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home at 101 Burch Street after a short illness with grippe followed by pneumonia. A native of Mississippi, having been born in that state 49 years ago, she married **Major A. C. Grant** of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway. She is survived by her husband and six children: **Mrs. Tidiman**, Highland Park; **Mrs. Walter Truehart**; **A. C. Grant, Jr.**, **Misses Nellie and Bessie Grant**, and **Harvey Grant**. (*The Chattanooga News, 12 Jan 1897*)

A. R. BUCHANAN, McMinn County magistrate for six years, was buried at the Decatur town cemetery Sunday [10 Jan 1897]. He was a leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, serving as Sunday School superintendent and class leader. He was 48 years of age. A wife and two children survive. (*The Chattanooga News, 12 Jan 1897*)■

Thurman Jackson's Formula:**Genealogical Success = Perseverance + Luck + Tips + Travel**

By Sue McDermott, Assistant TGS Librarian

Thurman Jackson of Memphis, a two-year member of the Tennessee Genealogical Society, made an interesting family find this summer while researching his late wife **Marion's** great-great grandmother, **Maria Jane Lyons Thompson**. For the past 15 years, a photograph of Maria has hung in the Jackson bedroom -- a picture of a vital-looking, gray-haired woman holding a cake with many candles. On the back of the framed picture, Mr. Jackson's father-in-law, **James Thomas Stewart**, had written, "Maria's 100th birthday." All **Thurman** knew was that **Mrs. Thompson** had lived in Gibson Co., Tenn., and so he concentrated his research there. Then came a tip from a source on the Internet suggesting that he look in Madison County. So he drove to Jackson one day and in the Jackson/Madison County Library in a book on the county, he found several mentions of the name **Lyons** in the index. Imagine his surprise when he saw in one of the entries the very same picture that hung in his bedroom back home!

He also discovered that Mrs. Thompson was not 100 years old but 105. From an article in *The Jackson Sun*, he learned the names of her parents (**Thomas** and **Sarah A. Lyons**)¹ and her birthplace (Sparta, White Co., Tenn.). From another *Jackson Sun* article² written a few months before her 105th birthday, Thurman found some interesting family history:

"It would seem that in Mrs. Thompson's case the trait of longevity is hereditary for her mother, Mrs. Sallie Lyons, who died 50 years ago, lived to be 104 years old and at the age of 102 walked the one mile from her home to Trenton just to show her family that she could. Mrs. Lyons was born in West Virginia.

"From such hardy ancestry came Mrs. Maria Jane Thompson born at Sparta, Tenn., on Sept. 25, 1818. When she was two years old, her parents moved to Gibson County near Trenton. Until 20 years ago she resided there. For 33 years she lived and reared her children who, in turn, multiplied and brought into the world other descendants. At the present time, Mrs. Thompson is a great-great-great grandmother, her youngest descendant being little Jack Hunter, five years old of Memphis.

"Mrs. Thompson's long dead husband was named Richard Thompson, a well-to-do-farmer. Some of the Indians still were in Tennessee when Mrs. Thompson was in her girlhood. At the age of 22 she was married³ and in the same year she was married she joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

"In those dim, far-distant days of her childhood, Mrs. Thompson's father, owner of many slaves and much land, had his merchandise hauled many miles to him by teams of oxen for there were no railroads

"[She] was 43 years old when the Civil War started, Throughout the trying years ... she made many a Confederate gray uniform and knitted thousands of pairs of warm socks for the soldiers. And in 1918 ... when it seemed as if the Huns might overwhelm the

¹This information was especially helpful since Mrs. Thompson's death certificate mistakenly listed her husband as her father. Later research showed that Thomas Lyons was born ca. 1775 in Richmond, Va., and died ca. 1835 in Gibson Co., Tenn. His wife, Sarah A. (surname unknown) was born ca. 1775 in either Virginia or West Virginia, and died in Gibson Co., Tenn., in 1875..

²In its 11 Jul 1923 issue

³Richard Thompson and Maria J. Lyons were married in Gibson Co., Tenn., on 7 Jan 1847. Richard was born ca. 1818 in North Carolina and died in Tennessee in 1873.

Allies, Mrs. Thompson, at 100 years of age, kept her fingers busy knitting socks and sweaters for the American overseas troops. One of her prized relics is a small shoulder cape which was made from a part of her grandmother's silk dress which the latter wore 155 years ago. The cape, beautifully modeled, was made by Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Lyons, when she was 103 years of age. Many of Mrs. Thompson's descendants have exquisite quilts which she made and presented to them.

"Her oldest living child is Mrs. Lucy Taylor, aged 70, of Tampa, Fla. Her second oldest living child is Mrs. [Clint] Mathis with whom she has made her home the past half-century. Mrs. Jack Murphy, wife of a well-known Jackson business man, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Thompson."

Thurman also found an obituary of Maria Thompson in *The [Memphis] Commercial Appeal*, illustrated with the familiar "birthday cake" picture. From the story he learned that she had died on the morning of 28 Feb 1924 ... that her late husband **Richard Thompson** had died 50 years earlier ... that her family had moved to Tennessee from Virginia and settled at Sparta about 1800 ... that her two other daughters were **Mrs. Mettie Hamilton** of Bakersfield, Calif., and **Miss Bell Thompson** of Memphis ... and that she was buried in Hollywood Cemetery. The article stated that Maria Thompson's record as a consistent member of the Cumberland Prebyterian Church for 84 years had never been equaled by any other person. It also noted that Mrs. Thompson lived when **Napoleon** was a prisoner at St. Helena ...and that she saw **Andrew Jackson** several times in Nashville after he had retired from the presidency.

Further research revealed that Maria and Richard had a son named **Edward C. Thompson**, who was born in Gibson County in February 1850. He married **Cornelia Barrett** on 9 Dec 1873 in Gibson County. Their daughter, **Mattie Pearl Thompson**, was born there in December 1874. At the age of 24, she was married to **James Thomas Stewart**. Born in Gibson in April 1875, he was the son of **Neil McNeil Stewart**, who was born in North Carolina on 1 Feb 1844 and died in Oklahoma on 22 Feb 1927, and **Mary P. Sharp**, born 15 Feb 1851 in Humboldt, Tenn. **James** and **Mattie Pearl** were the parents of **Marion McNeil Stewart** who was born 13 Dec 1900 in Gibson County and married Thurman Jackson on 13 Jan 1933 in DuValls Bluff, Ark. Marion died on 3 Feb 1979 in Memphis. Perseverance, luck, tips, and travel unlocked a family mystery for Thurman Jackson. These same keys may also serve other genealogists as well. ■

Chattanooga Normal University Opens With 43 Students

Chattanooga Normal University commenced in 1897 under the most favorable auspices, starting off with 43 students and expecting more by Feb. 1. *The Chattanooga News* reported in its 7 Jan 1897 issue that **Professor Evans**, principal, was well pleased with the outlook. In attendance at the school were:

Otto J. Stephens, Sherman Heights, Tenn.; **C. W. Smith**, South Dakota; **Marshall Young**, Lawrence Abernathy, Carl Abernathy, Paul Abernathy, **D. J. Beck**, Mary Beck, Agnes, Brause, Young Calville, Flora Carter, Minnie Carter, Gertie Catlin, Mable Dove, De Forest Evans, Ruth Evans, Foster Hampton, Henry Hampton, Ethel B. Johnson, Latner Jones, L. Q. Jones, Henry Montgomery, W. M. Sherrill, Frank Thompson, Robert Vandergoff, Myrtle Williams, Victor Williams, and John Zoepful, all of Hill City, Tenn.; Ethel Allen, Jewel Allen, B. W. Beck, Warren A. Dewees, C. O. Elliam, Harold Fitzgerald, Chas. F. Hood, Earl Matthews, Julius Schlessinger, Emily Schlessinger, Edith Schlessinger, and Mamie Thompson, all of Chattanooga; Gussie Smith, South Chattanooga; Henry Armstrong, East Chattanooga; Catherine Andrews, Albion View, Tenn.; William La Farry, Mount Creek, Tenn.; Herman Lightcap and Fannie Skinner, Valparaiso, Ind.; C. E. Rogers, Hixson, Tenn.; W. Y. Prince, Sherman Heights, Tenn.; Breta Wheeler, Minneapolis, Minn.; Tunis Ryerson, Ridgedale, Tenn., and W. Collins, Highland Park. ■

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CHESTER: Seeking parents of Henry W. Chester who was in Weakley Co. in 1830 and lived there until he d. in late 1850's. Married Elizabeth Terrell some time in 1820's. Revolutionary soldier John Chester on same page as Henry in 1840 Weakley Co. census (from Hickman Co.). Interested in any Tenn. Chesters. Michelle Hall Hilaiel, 2321 - 26th St., Santa Monica, CA 90405

BOYKIN: Seeking descendants of Eli Boykin, b. ca. 1770 possibly in N.C., m. Polly Duggar on 1 Apr 1797, was in Hawkins Co., Tenn., by 1801, d. ca 1859 in Madison Co. Have found only 2 of his alleged 10 children -- Osborne Hale Boykin b. 1801, and John Burwell Boykin b. 3 Mar 1809. Osborne had 8 children (Joseph E., William L., Amanda M., John, Osborne H., Jr., Thomas, Henry, and Sarah A.), all b. in Madison County before he moved to Texas ca 1849. Supposedly was a physician and his son Joseph E. (b. 1825) a druggist. Will pay copying and postage. Kay Boykin Lewis, 1018 N. Plains Park, Roswell, NM 88201, tel. (505)-622-0967

ETHRIDGE: Who did Amanda Etheridge (b. 1848) marry? She was daughter of Israel Etheridge of Humphreys County. Who is mentioned in his will? Need to know. Please help! Alma Sparkman, 2195 Dartmouth Ave., Boulder, CO 80303

RHOADES/RODES/RHODES: Early Henderson Co. marriages listed in Goodspeed include that of Robert Rhoades and Lucinda Redges in 1823, both b. Tenn. Since this was burned county, where did info come from? Were there Redges in Henderson or was the name Ridge? Rhoades moved to Ark. by 1840. Margaret Norvell Sinclair, 4984 Welchshire, Memphis, TN 38117-5647

DUNN: Need info on Bartholomew Dunn, b. ca. 1804, m. Catherine Whittier in Hardeman Co. in 1834. Known children (b. 1837-1846): Richard T., Nancy, William, Thomas, and Elizabeth. Richard, my great-grandfather, m. Martha Williams in 1865 and I'm trying to find out where. They migrated to Missouri and may have met and married there. Have found no record there yet. Phyllis Bockstadter, 3562 Shelter Creek Dr., Napa, CA 94558

MISSISSIPPI RIVER STEAMBOATS: Want info on Memphis to Cairo run, including duties of their pursers ca. 1870-1900. Also seeking info about ancestors of Ira Kneeland Booker, b. 1912. Mary Gene Hull Snyder, 7032 W. Hummingbird Ct., Milwaukee, WI 53223, phone (414) 365-1409, e-mail W7032@AOL.COM

MITCHELL: Seeking info on William Mitchell, son of William and Elizabeth S. (Dabbs) Mitchell who lived in Maury Co. ca. 1810-1840. William is believed to have m. Elizabeth Webster there ca. 1822. Children -- Griel, Ann, Levi, etc. 1850 census shows Elizabeth Mitchell, age 50, living in Wayne Co. with Elizabeth Webster (90), Ann Webster (54), and children. James L. Cooke, 6235 Westgate Dr., Beaumont, TX 77706-4321

CHILDRESS: Need parents of Joseph Childress, b. 5 June 1820 N.C., d. 6 Feb 1878, m. Mrs. Dialthia Adaline Able (last name of first husband). She was b. 23 Mar 1824, d. 5 July 1899 where? Children: William Joe, Martha, Minta, John Margaret, Jim, Poke, Addie. Lived for a time in Bledsoe Co. Doris R. DeBord, Rt. 2, Box 27, Pikeville, TN 37367-9509

CLAXTON/CLACKSTON: Is the James Claxton listed in 1830 Weakley Co. census and 1840 Fayette Co. census the same man who m. Polly Martin in Sumner Co. in 1817? What happened to him after 1840? Need siblings, children, parents, etc. Will exchange info. Wanda Claxton Warehime, 1520 E. 19th, Tulsa, OK 74120

ANDERSON, READ, McBROOM, GLENN: Seeking info on family of John Samuel (?) Anderson, father of William Riley Anderson who m. (1) Jane F. Pharmelia Read, (2) Rebecca McBroom. Sister Nancy married Solomon Glenn, lived in Madison and Hardeman Co. areas, perhaps Denmark community, according to 1820-60 censuses. John may have been from Lincoln Co. Kenneth Anderson, P. O. Box 14320, Tulsa, OK 74159

QUERIES (continued)

MASON: Searching for ancestors and info about Ida M. Mason, who m. Ira Kneeland Booker and died of milk fever ca. 1885-90. Mary Gene Hull Snyder, 7032 W. Hummingbird Ct., Milwaukee, WI 53223, phone (414) 365-1409, E-mail W7032@AOL.COM

PERSER/PERCER/PURSER/PUSSE: Would like info on any of these names. Looking for earlier relatives of William Perser, b. ca. 1827, d. 1859, m. Caroline Burrow in Fayette Co. in 1849. Tilmon G. Perser, 1885 Wicklow Way, Germantown, TN 38139, phone (901) 757-5172.

HORTON, KENNEDY: Compiling family history on descendants of Rev. Henry Cato Horton (1794-1868) and wife, Elizabeth Elliott-Kennedy (1795-1863). Family came to Williamson Co. in 1825, moved to Memphis in 1857-58 from Panola Co., Miss. Some related Memphis families: Andrews, Binford, Buford, Camp, Hill, Nelson, Ryan, Spicer, and Stewart. Please contact me if you are a descendant or think you might be. William R. Bauer, 823 Calhoun St., Columbia, SC 29201, phone (803) 256-7777, Fax No. (803) 252-0703, E-mail: william.bauer@MCIONE.com

FORTUNE, PASCHALL: Researching John T. Fortune, b. ca. 1848 in Hardeman Co., son of Nicholas W. and Rachael (Paschall) Fortune. May have served in Union Army. No proof found. Did he go to St. Francis Co., Ark.? Did he change name to Forten? Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901

SPARKMAN, HENLEY: Seeking info on Amanda J. Sparkman, b. ca. 1843 to Newborn and Lydia Sparkman, m. Robert N. Henley on 18 Nov 1872 in Bedford Co. Shown on 1880 Bedford census with children Anna Bell 6, and George W. 1. Amanda's brothers were Isaac Lewis and Newborn K. Sparkman. Verna Baner, 120 Elmwood, Huntsville, TX 77340-3057, phone (409) 294-9431, E-mail: vbanes@myriad.net

LET'S SWAP INFO: Would like to correspond with anyone researching Prince family in Humphrey, Benton, Decatur, or McNairy Co., Tenn., and in Scott Co., Mo.; Pickett family -- Dickson and Humphrey Co.; Curtis -- Humphrey and Benton Co.; Hooten -- Bedford, Perry, Humphrey, Benton, Henry, and Madison Co.; Bridges -- Loudoun Co., Va., and Wilson, Henry, Weakley, and Madison Co., Tenn.; Charles Tiler & John Jenkins -- Fairfax, Va., and Wilson Co., Tenn.; Joseph C. Jenkins -- Ohio and Wilson Co. Nancy P. Harvey, 5351 Tewkesbury Trace, Tallahassee, FL 32308, E-mail: npharv@aol.com

HELP WANTED: Info needed on following families: Alfred Denton and Dorcas Clock in Monroe Co. in early 1800s; Martha Leona Harris -- b. 1866 in Monroe Co., daughter of Jane Harris of Tenn.; Samuel Rone and Susannah Anderson - in Bedford Co. in 1850s; Enoch K. Smith - b. 1815 in Tenn.; Sowell family in Maury Co. in early 1800s. Mrs. Onoldah L. Rone, 1403 Cherrywood Dr., Richardson, TX 75080-5422, phone (972) 699-0185, E-mail: oronem@juno.com

BOBO: Seeking copies of family records in possession of descendants of Alex Bobo of Lebanon, Tenn., which link Kindred Garner Bobo and Lacy Simpson Bobo to their parents, Elijah Bobo and Sarah Pearson Bobo. Betty Bobo Niemann, 10881 Richmond #1115, Houston, TX 77042-4730, phone (713) 789-1091

HOOPER: Listed in 1850 Haywood Co. census are William Hooper, age 44; Sarah Hooper, 43; Austin, 18; Nancy, 16; James, 14; William, 12; John, 9. Is this same family that was in Bedford Co. in 1840 and Madison Co. in 1830? Who were William and Sarah's parents and siblings? Laurel W. Holloway, P. O. Box 461861, Garland, TX 75046-1861

PIERCE, GREER: Seeking info on parents/siblings of Hiram Pierce (1806-1886) and his wife Kizziah Greer (1814-1881), both from Big Sandy area of Benton County. Hiram was possibly born in Henry County. Knox Martin, 1176 Dearing Rd., Memphis, TN 38117-6148, phone (901) 685-8827

RAULSTON, RUSSELL, GONCE, WYNNE: Have moved back to my town of birth, and am selling my books at big discount. *Raulston and Russell Genealogy* - \$17, and *Gonce and Wynne Genealogy* - \$12. My new address is: Barbara Gonce Clepper, P.O. Box 747, South Pittsburg, TN 37380-1625, telephone (423) 837-5438

ANDERSON, BROWN, COX, HAMMOND, HICKLIN, JONES: Who were parents of Martha "Patsy" Brown (b. Va., d. 1843 Carroll Co., Tenn.) and her husband William Jones who d. in Halifax Co., Va., in 1828? Also seeking parents of Samuel Cox, b. 1779 in Va., m. 1830 in Williamson Co., Tenn., to (3) Barbara Hammond (1810-1893), and d. 1878 in Haywood Co. Son Henry Cox (1830-1880) m. Fedelia Wharton (Anderson), b. 1834 Tenn., mother Elizabeth b. 1804 Va., and m. (2) A. W. Hicklin. Joanne Cullom Moore, Frenchmans Bayou, AR 72338-0127

QUERIES *(continued)*

MORGAN: Need parents of Jackson Morgan who is listed on 1840-1870 Cannon Co. censuses. He m. Nancy Herriman, Elizabeth Mears, Nancy Morgan, and Nancy Moon. Dana C. Miller, Rt. 5, Box 136A, Ada, OK 74820

BROWN: Does anyone have any info on Thomas Brown (b. 1803) who lived in Gibson Co. in 1840? Later moved to Jefferson Co., Ark., and d. in 1856, leaving a widow Jane. They were closely allied with the Cribbs, Brewer, and Green families. Will exchange all info. Marilyn Markow, 1701 South Mays, J201, Round Rock, TX 78664-6734

SANDERS: Seeking descendants of Dr. Theophilus Sanders, b. 28 June 1797 in Wake Co., N.C., d. 17 Feb 1868 in Des Arc, Ark. Lived in Madison and Fayette Co., Tenn., during 1820-1850. Brothers: Briton H. and David H. E. Sanders. First wife, Angelina Whitaker, d. in Madison Co. on 13 Jul 1839. Theophilus married (2) Susan M. Rivers between Jul 1839 and 1840. Jack W. Sanders, 14305 Longtree Drive, Little Rock, AR 72212

McNAIRY CO., TENN., RESEARCH: Have info on families who lived in McNairy and surrounding counties in 1830-1930s. Have computer data bases on marriages, censuses, cemeteries, court records, wills, estates, and tax records. Land records 1823-1873 and later. Can search any record for any surname. Albert Brown, Rt. 1, Biox 7, Bethel Springs, TN 38315-9701, phone (901) 934-7349

WHITE, BURLESON: Thomas A. White, b. 1859, and Sarah L. Burleson, b. 1862, m. in Covington on 22 Dec 1881. They vanished by 1900. Does anyone know what happened to them? Children were Jessie, Susan Ora, Clarence, Walter, and Lydia, most of whom are found with family and friends in Paragould, Ark., after 1900. Robert W. Farris, Jr., 3607 Kipling Ave., Memphis, TN 38128-2049, tel. (901) 382-3135, E-mail rfarris@mobbs.com

MITCHELL: Seeking info on William Mitchell, son of William and Elizabeth S. (Dabbs) Mitchell who lived in Maury Co. ca. 1810-1840. Believed to have m. Elizabeth Webster there ca. 1822. Children -- Griel, Ann, Levi, etc. 1850 census shows Elizabeth Mitchell, age 50, living in Wayne Co. with Elizabeth Webster (90), Ann Webster (54), and children. James L. Cooke, 6235 Westgate Dr., Beaumont, TX 77706-4321

WADE, DICE, CLARK, WILLIAMS: Seeking Michael E./F. Wade, b. ca. 1820, m. 17 Aug 1848 in Smith Co. to Mary Dice, daughter of Solomon Dice. Children: Elizabeth b. 1849 and William Wade b. 1852. Was Michael son of William Wade and Rachel Clark? Would like to correspond with descendants of any Roger Williams of Virginia. Nona Reed Williams, 4160 Dunhaven Rd., Dallas, TX 75220-3740

DURHAM: In early 1800s, four brothers -- William, James, Joel, and Nathaniael Durham -- left North Carolina for Tennessee where they were lost to another brother, my ancestor, who moved to Georgia. They were sons of Thomas Durham and his wife Margaret "Peggy" Lindsey. If found, plz adv. O. M. Wilkinson, Jr., 200 Sandgate Rd., Houston, TX 77061-5016, phone (713) 643-7660, E-mail wilk100@aol.com

STAPP, CLARK, HENDRIX: Who are parents of Jessie Levi Stapp, b. ca. 1852 in Tenn., d. in Texas, father John Stapp b. ca. 1815, m. ? 2nd Jane ____? Also need parents, birthdate, and family of Jessie's wife Carey E. Clark, d. ca 1922 in Texas. Their daughter, Nellie Maud Stapp, b. 17 June 1882 in Bradley Co., Tenn., m. 1901 to Samuel Columbus Hendrix in Princeton, Tex., d. 11 Jul 1943 in Grayson Co., Tex., where buried at Hebron Cemetery. Nellie D. Tomlin, 2934 Paces Lake Dr., Atlanta, GA 30339-4209, E-mail nellied@vivid.net, phone (770) 436-3733

DUFFER, ELMORE, TAYLOR: Need parents of Issac Porter Duffer, b. 1837 in Va., and Nancy Epsia Taylor, b. 1839 in Tenn. Probably were married near Jackson after 1860. Died in Texas. Also need father of John Allen Elmore, b 1834 in Tenn., d. in Mo. Mother's given name Deborah, brother Rubin H. C. Elmore. Betty Duffer, 1806 37th Way S.E., Auburn, WA 98002

SOUTH, CAMP, HUBER: Seeking parents of Nancy A. South, b. 1833 in Tenn., m. Francis Carr Huber on 17 Nov 1851 in Warrick Co., Ind., d. 20 Mar 1898 in Chandler, Ind. Father b. in Tenn. Mother's surname Camp. Jack Maidlow, 4103 Sevilla Dr., Georgetown, TX 78628

DOUGAN: James Dougan, Sr., b. 1756 in Lancaster, Pa., lived in Franklin Co., Tenn., from ca. 1807-08 until death in 1837. Received pension as Revolutionary War veteran. Is his grave known or marked? Mrs. Rosa V. Cook, 218 E. Trinity Place, Apt. 824, Decatur, GA 30030-3419

QUERIES (continued)

WILLIAMS, ROBERTSON, SOWARD: Searching for info on my great-grandfather George Washington Williams, b. 19 Jan 1833 in Tenn., d. 3 Mar 1906 in Lawton, Okla. Possible siblings: Alford and John T. Moved to Texas ca. 1854 and was with Texas Rangers in Montague Co. in 1860. M. ca 1861 to Cynthia Emeline Robertson (b. 18 May 1837 in Tenn., d. 26 Jan 1898 in Duncan, Okla.). Her parents, Willis Daniel Robertson (d. 1858) and Martha Jane Soward (d. 1878), were both b. in S. C. Betty T. Benson, 3210 Lindbergh Dr., Dallas, TX 75228-5439

ALLEN: Seeking any info on Joseph T. Allen, b. ca. 1800 in Va. Listed in 1850-1880 censuses in Shelby County's 9th Civil District. Wife's name Susan (possibly Williams). 1850 census lists four children: Rebecca, John, Isaac, Elizabeth. Melinda Pilgrim Johnson, 9428 Silverdale Loop Rd., Silverdale, WA 98383-8329

HOLDEN, PACE: Seeking parents, siblings of Eli H. Holden, b. Tenn. in 1831/1832, m. Sarah L. Pace on 4 Dec 1850 Bedford Co. Had one child, William Charles Holden, b. 28 Jul 1852 in Bedford Co.; moved to Muhlenberg Co., Ky., by 1860. Eli enlisted in 3rd Ky. Cavalry, was in battle at Shiloh and near Hardmore City on 3 May 1862, d. 8 Jul 1862, buried at Camp Murray, Athens, Ala. William m. Margaret Rebecca Garst of Muhlenberg Co., Ky., on Christmas Day 1877 and had 6 children including William Alfred Holden. Patrick Holden, 6331 Rue Sophie, San Antonio, TX 78238-1533 (pholden@cnnecti.com)

VINSON: Interested in finding parents of my great-grandfather, Joseph Calhoun Vinson, b. in Tenn., moved to Union Co., S.C., where he m. my great-grandmother before 1883. Hardin Co., Tenn., 1860 census shows Joseph Vinson, age 1, only Vinson in Ledford household. Wish to correspond with anyone who may know Ledford or Vinson family. Since Joseph's middle name is Calhoun, I wonder if his family was from S.C. and Joseph, possibly an orphan, went to S.C. where relatives lived. Betty Jean Foster Dill, 168 Bullington Rd., Spartanburg, SC 29306-6308, phone (864) 582-2850 (Betty JDill@aol.com)

SMEDLEY: Were John and William Smedley, who are on 1812 Bedford County tax list, from Edgefield Co., S.C.? Was John the father of William? Was this William the same one who was in White County in 1820 and in McMinn County in 1830? Did all the Smedleys in the state connect to these two men? Betty Nelson McDougald, 9718 Moorberry, Houston, TX 77080-5223.

SINCLAIR, BROWN: Seeking info on Calvin Sinclair who d. 28 May 1875. His wife, Sarah ____, d. 23 Aug 1887. Was he son of Hugh Crige Sinclair, b. 13 Jul 1846 in Miss., d. 8 Aug 1924, and Mary Frances Brown, who d. 1878 in Ark.? Can anyone tell me anything about them? Where was Calvin from? Marian R. Wilder, 11018 Circle "S" Rd., Seffner, FL 33584

BAKER, HOUP: Desire info on George Baker and Mary Houpt. Their son, William Houpt Baker, m. Terissie Ann Rochell (1884), daughter of William Rochell and Elizabeth Croslin. William and Terissie had three children: (1) Henry George Baker, (2) Naomi Baker Lott, and (3) Nellie Pearl (who m. Ben F. Rucker) in Dyer Co. Belton G. Walker, 8719 E. Montebello Ave., Scottsdale, AZ 85250-6310

GUEST/GUESS, FRAZIER: Seeking info on Isaac Guest, b. ca. 1780-90 in N.C. Children by 1st wife Elizabeth Frazier: Isaac Jr., b. ca. 1805-1810, John Martin b. 1814, William b. 1815, and Elizabeth b. 1818. Children by 2nd wife Mary Terry Ball: Rhoda b. ca. 1823, Mary b. 1825, Orlena b. 1826, and J. Calvin b. 1827. Lived in Hawkins Co. in 1801, Warren Co. 1812, Fayette Co. 1826-28. Lera Powell, 3609 Therondunn, Plano, TX 75023-6011

GUEST, WHEELER: Need parents, siblings of Ann Wheeler, b. N.C. ca. 1817, m. Isaac Guest, Jr., probably in Tenn. ca. 1833. Children -- Joseph b. 1834, Mary b. 1839, and Isaac III b. 1842. Lived in Fayette Co., Tenn., in 1844 before removing to Texas. Was her father Quincy Wheeler? Lera Powell, 3609 Therondunn, Plano, TX 75023-6011

BRIZZOLARA, VACCARO: James Brizzolara, b. 1848 in Richmond, Va., d. 1913 in Fort Smith, Ark., m. Stella. Fought a duel in 1869 in Memphis with George R. Phelan. Any info on this? Seeking info on daughter Anna Brizzolara, m. Vaccaro of Memphis. Also on John B. Brizzolara. Seeking descendants of this family; will exchange info. Emily Iland, 28848 Woodside Drive, Saugus, CA 91350 or emily@lacbbs.com

MORRIS, THOMPSON, BURROW, WEAKS, SOMERS: Who were parents of William Morris, Williamson Co., who in April 1804 m. Mary "Polly" Thompson, daughter of Robert Thompson and Sarah Castleman? Sons -- Jacob Thompson, James Thomas, William, Nathan E., Robert T., and George W. Morris. Also seek info on Eliza Anne Weaks, Stewart Co., who m. James Thomas Morris on 20 Oct 1839. Was in Lonoke Co., Ark., in mid-1850s. Son James Munroe m. Maribah Lenore Somers, daughter of John B. Somers and Maribah Burrow, Carroll Co., Tenn. (Maternal grandfather Banks M. Burrow). Patricia Livingston Dakin, 2011 N. Hills Dr., Opelika, AL 36801-2436, phone (334) 742-0849; patdakini@mindspring.com

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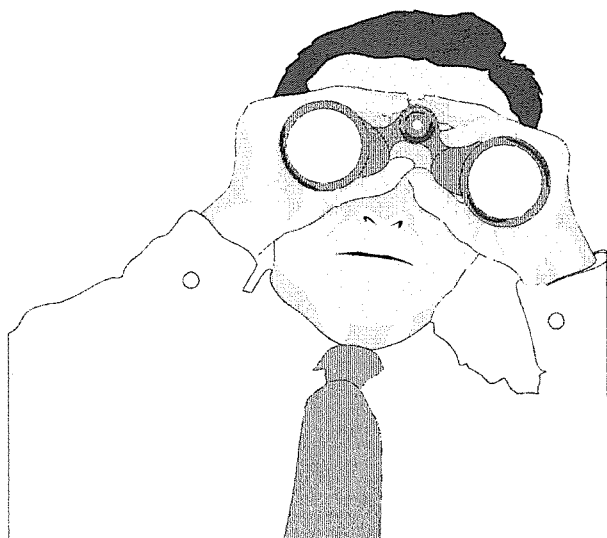
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