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In Memoriam

VIRGINIA WALTON BROOKS

1904-1997

Founding President
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In 1943 Virginia Walton Brooks graciously offered the hospitality of her home and library at 283 Hawthorne in Memphis to a group of 14 friends who shared a common interest in genealogy. As she later said, her invitation was enthusiastically accepted by an increasing number of friends. The group soon evolved into the Memphis Historical Society ... then the Memphis Genealogical Society ... and finally, the Tennessee Genealogical Society in recognition of its being the first genealogical society issued a charter by the state. Over the years, the group of 14 expanded .. reaching 48 by 1954 ... 497 by 1960 ... and today some 1400 or so scattered from Maine to California.

Virginia headed the organization for its first seven years and was awarded an honorary lifetime membership. When she and her husband, the late **Berry B. Brooks**, built a new home in nearby Raleigh, Tenn., they named it Epping Forest Manor for the estate of her ancestor, **Col. Joseph Ball**, who was **President George Washington's** maternal grandfather.

While proud of her ancestry, she did not believe in boasting about it. "All of us have a responsibility to emulate the early colonists and preserve the freedom they won for us with their strength, courage, wealth, and their very lives," she often said. In addition to their leadership in genealogical, civic, and social activities, Virginia and Berry were world travelers and avid collectors. Peacocks were her passion. At one time she had 22 of them. Virginia belonged to the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Jamestown Daughters of the Confederacy. When she died of heart failure in Memphis on 23 December 1997, Virginia was in her 93rd year. Her only child, **Virginia Brooks Martin**, died last year in New York. Surviving are her granddaughter, **Ann Martin Putnam**, and four great-grandchildren.

Some years ago in recalling TGS' beginnings, Virginia Walton Brooks said, "Here was a meeting of minds with mutual interests, objectives, and problems to be solved. Everyone shared their findings, gave suggestions, helped one another, and welcomed newcomers into the genealogical fold." That formula still guarantees success for any genealogical society. And it's the legacy Virginia leaves with us. God bless!



THE EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

by Dorothy Marr Roberson

IT MAY BE TIME TO TAKE A BREAK from genealogy when you pick up the stock market page and start scanning down it for one of your family surnames. Yep, it happened to me. (Bobo was not trading that day.) And what made it so bad was that I had just finished listening to a doctor on television who was giving tips on how to improve your memory.

WHAT'S WORSE than a book without an index? An index without a book. Invariably, when you check the bookless index, you find numerous references to your ancestors -- all of whom no doubt would be the missing links you've been searching for all these years.

THE LAST FEW MONTHS have added decades to my age. (The total is none of your business!) Suffice it to say, I have grown to be a much older lady sitting at the microfilm reader and experiencing the anxieties of the Civil War, the horrors of yellow fever epidemics, and the tensions associated with dueling. It is difficult to read the wills drawn up on the eve of the Civil War without feeling some of the agony that hung over the husbands and fathers of that period as they faced their fears of what might happen to their families when the war came to their home county. A rare glimpse of those particular anxieties is reflected in the wills written in Bradley County on the war's eve. (For abstracts of those wills, see our Winter 1997 issue.) The Bradley County courthouse was burned, and many of the wills were destroyed. Only those for which duplicates were found remain today. Most of the wills were never probated ... in most instances, probably because no property was left to be divided. How little we truly know of heartbreak.

IF YOU'VE EVER been curious about how it felt to have lived when yellow fever epidemics were sweeping the southern United States, then you should read some of the newspapers of that era. The tension building up in the city of Memphis literally leaps from the pages. It's hard to read the accounts and not feel the panic. In the coming months, we will be bringing you stories from some of those epidemics. Since the deaths during the 1878 epidemic here -- the worst of three or more -- exceeded 4,000, we won't be carrying lists of the dead ... there are books containing many of those. But we will try to bring some information about the people who fled Memphis ... some escaping the dread disease, some carrying it with them and succumbing away from home, and some managing to live through the ravages of the disease. If you know of some yellow fever experiences of your ancestors and would like to pass them along, let us hear from you.

HAVE YOU EVER CHECKED a city directory for genealogical information? If not, you may be passing up a rich source. I had great fun one day tracing my family in the early 1900 city directories in the Tennessee Valley collection at the University of Memphis. Recently, my neighbor's cousin --

former Memphian Shirley (Sibley) St. Martin -- was on a visit from Maryland and was anxious to see if she could find out when her grandfather died in Memphis. We searched cemetery and funeral home record books, newspapers, etc., to no avail, and it appeared that she would have to return home without finding out. Her grandfather, **Raymond/Rayborn Sebastian Brooks**, had run a grocery store in the area of what is now the University of Memphis and had been plagued by break-ins. At the suggestion of a friend, he rigged up a booby trap for the burglars ... using loaded guns. When he went in the next day to check the store, one of the guns fired and fatally wounded him.



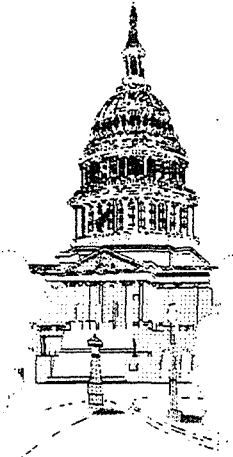
Shirley's mother had always said she was nine years old when her father was killed. That would have put the year of his death at 1914 ... but we could find no death records or an obituary for him in that year. Someone said the area where he lived was not in the city limits then, so that seemed to rule out the use of city directories. Just for the heck of it, I decided to give them a try anyway and gathered up microfilm for 1912, 1913, and 1914 directories. As luck would have it, the very first microfilm I scanned had this entry: **Ray S. Brooks died May 16, 1912**. As you can see, the discovery didn't come about as the result of any expertise on my part -- it was sheer luck and came as a real surprise because I had no idea that a death date would ever be found in a city directory. A check of *The Memphis Appeal* on the following day revealed a Page One story about his accidental death.

The Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 29, No. 2 carried an interesting article, "The Riches of City Directories," by **Julia Schwab Roberts Vodicka**. (It was reproduced last fall in the San Luis Obispo (Calif.) Genealogical Society's *Bulletin*, Vol. 30, No. 3.) Among the many fascinating things she pointed out about city directories was her own "find" in the 1914 Memphis directory. It seems that her great-aunt **Ricka (Scholem) Wolf's** husband died in Germany before she came to America. Ms. Vodicka had never been able to discover the first name of her great aunt's husband until she found her great aunt listed in the directory as "**Fredericka Wolf, wid. [of] Bernard.**"

One day while reading microfilm at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library, I was a little startled when a man sitting about three or four readers down from me suddenly burst out, "It's him! It's him! It's him!" He looked around, obviously seeking someone to share his jubilation. (Being a native Tennessean, I of course volunteered.) It seems that he was from California and had been searching for this particular Memphis ancestor for six long years and voila! there he was, in bold face type, in the Memphis city directory. If you're fortunate enough to have had folks who lived in a place big enough to have had a city directory, check 'em out. You may make a find!■

In 1884 ...

92-Year Old Bob Chester Delivers State's Presidential Votes To Washington



Ninety-two year old Col. Robert I. Chester¹ of Jackson, Tenn., made a triumphal appearance in Washington in December 1884 when he arrived there to deliver the official statement of Tennessee's electoral vote for Grover Cleveland as the 22nd president of the United States. But due to a mix-up, the elderly Democrat didn't get paid on the spot for his services. It seems that someone had sealed Chester's credentials in the box along with the election returns, and the seal could only be broken on 6 January 1885 when both houses of Congress convened to make their official vote count. Chester at that time was said to be the oldest Democrat in Tennessee and the oldest Mason in the United States, and he had been selected as Tennessee's official vote-bearer over some 50 other candidates.

The Honorable R. R. Butler² of the Tennessee General Assembly personified righteous indignation as he made a speech on the floor of the Tennessee House,³ denouncing "the stupidity and carelessness of the electoral college" in preventing Chester from obtaining prompt payment for his services. "Robert Chester is a man who has voted for all presidential candidates from Washington down,⁴ way down to Polk, Pierce, Cass, Buchanan, Jeff Davis, and Peter Grover Cleveland," Butler boomed. Retracing Chester's long trip to the nation's capital, he said Chester took the route through Virginia "for fear the glorious returns of a whole 9 thousand majority for Cleveland might be captured by the Republicans of Ohio. All along the line at every depot he was hailed and cheered as the messenger carrying the electoral vote of Tennessee to Washington," Butler said. "When he reached Lynchburg [Va.], there was an ovation. Men, women, and children met him at the depot and strewn his pathway with flowers." Following Butler's oration, the Tennessee House passed a resolution thanking Col. Chester for safely delivering the state's votes and expressing regret over the delay in paying him for his service.

In a letter to the *Nashville American* on 18 December,⁵ Col. A. S. Colyar, an old friend of Chester's who lived in Nashville's West End and had accompanied him on the journey, wrote that they had arrived on time and said:

"Col. Chester has shaken the hands of more Democrats today than any man in Washington. He is a bigger man than 'Old Grant.' Everybody looks at him with astonishment. He is in remarkably good health and cheerful."

Chester's stories of the old days -- along with his wit and vigor -- attracted much attention both en route to the nation's capital and during his circuitous route home. Reporters in Washington, for instance, were regaled by his answer to their questions about his younger days.⁶

¹ Chester was named for his grandfather Robert Johnson Chester. However, in an interview 18 Nov 1891 with the *Nashville Banner*, he said that because the letter "J" was made so much like the letter "I" in the olden days that he came to be known and called Robert I. Chester. (Quoted by Emma Inman Williams in *Historic Madison*, published by Madison County Historical Society, Jackson, 1946, pp. 55-56)

² Butler represented Johnson, Carter, Greene, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties in the Tennessee General Assembly

³ *The Greeneville Herald*, 19 Feb 1885

⁴ Butler got a little carried away with his oratory. Chester was only six years old when President Washington died.

⁵ Reprinted in *The Jonesboro Journal*, 27 Dec 1884

⁶ *Washington Post* article reprinted in the *Weekly Public Ledger*, Memphis, 30 Dec 1884

"The first thing I know of that happened to me of any special interest was during the War of 1812 when I was quartermaster under Gen. Jackson. I was sent to Mobile under the command of General Winchester and was right in the heart of the enemy's camp. While there we were reduced to serious straits for food and had to experiment as to whether the beef was good enough to eat by throwing it at a tree. If it stuck where it was thrown, we ate it. But if it began to crawl up the tree, that was more than even we could stand and we let it crawl."

Chester said when the war was over, he settled down at Carthage, Tenn., as a cotton and tobacco merchant. He recalled how different travel was at that time. In 1817 he and a companion traveled to Philadelphia on horseback to buy goods, carrying their money in belts around their waists. The trip took two weeks, and on the way they passed through Washington which was then just a small town.

"In order to be able to say we had been inside the Congress halls of the U. S., we visited the House and Senate and saw those eminent men Webster, Calhoun, and Randolph."

After making their purchases, the men put the goods on wagons and transported them to Pittsburgh where they were transferred to boats and conveyed by way of the Ohio and Cumberland rivers to Carthage. In the following years, Chester went down river to New Orleans on a keel boat.

"These boats were floated down river, but on the way up against the current, they had to be poled and cordelled -- that is, a long line would be attached to a tree some distance ahead of the boat and sailors would pull on the rope and so haul the boat along. On account of the exceedingly laborious work, freight was necessarily high being as much as \$10 a hundredweight. From New Orleans I went around by sea to New York -- a journey taking 30 days -- and from there returned to Carthage by land and river."

In 1822 Chester was surveyor for Smith County, and in about 1824 he removed to Madison County and settled in Jackson where he became a merchant and served as postmaster from 1825-1833. In 1835, Chester emigrated to Texas and was there during the war for Texas independence. **General Sam Houston** sent him back to Tennessee to raise a regiment to take part in the war, but the conflict came to a close before he could complete his assignment. He returned to Jackson where he was reappointed postmaster and named registrar of the western land district. In 1837 **President Martin Van Buren** appointed Chester marshal for West Tennessee, a position he held for 16 years.

"During the Civil War, I lost a great deal of property and my estate was considerably embarrassed, and I have been devoting myself since then to putting it straight and in good order."

Chester was elected to two terms in the state legislature, serving from 1870 to 1874. He proudly showed Washington reporters a massive walking cane that had been made of wood from the famous ship *Constitution* or "Old Ironsides." The cane had been presented to **President James K. Polk** by Congressman **Joseph Hall** of Maine in 1848, and was given to Chester by **Mrs. Polk** in 1869. It bore two silver plates -- one with an inscription from Hall to President Polk, and the other with an inscription from Mrs. Polk to the colonel.

CHESTER (continued)

The colonel at age 21 cast his first vote for **James Monroe**, and said he had voted the straight Democratic ticket ever since. He was a close friend of **President Andrew Jackson**, who was the uncle of his first wife **Elizabeth Hayes**.⁷ Born in Carlisle, Pa., on 31 July 1793, Chester was an infant when his father moved the family to East Tennessee.

Before returning to his home in Jackson, Tenn., after his visit to Washington, the colonel made a trip to Albany, N.Y., expressly to shake hands with **President-elect Grover Cleveland**. He then visited relatives in Lynchburg, Va., and traveled on to Knoxville where he was met at the train by an old friend, **Col. Peres Dickinson**, who had a carriage in readiness and conveyed Chester directly to his beautiful island home near the city. They spent New Year's evening calling on all the ladies keeping open house for the holiday. *The Knoxville Tribune* added its amazement at the 92-year old's vigor: "He walks erect, is in good health, and displays the vitality of one not over 60."

Chester's next stop was in Jonesboro, Tenn., where he visited for four days in the area where he had spent his boyhood days before moving to Madison County in 1823. Chester then journeyed on to Nashville where he dropped off his traveling companion, Col. Colyar. In an interview with *The Nashville American* while at Colyar's home, Chester told of seeing in Lynchburg the venerable **Judge Garland** who, he said, was aged 93 and "in full vigor of intellect and body except for loss of sight."

Regarding the mission he had just completed, Chester commented:

"If I have not added honor to Tennessee, I have certainly gained for her some degree of notoriety for I was beset while in Washington by citizens who were curious to look at a man of my age performing this service."

His hometown paper, *The West Tennessee Whig* of Jackson,⁸ said this of its now famous resident:

"Colonel Chester is perhaps the most interesting figure in Tennessee today. The activity of his mind and body, his unfailing sweetness of temper, ease of manner and his dignity, his fund of reminiscence and -- above all, his lively and hearty interest in the affairs of this generation -- combine to render him an exceptional personage and a man to be honored on all sides."

Robert I. Chester died at Jackson on 14 January 1892 at the age of 99. He and his wife Elizabeth had five sons and two daughters:

Mary Jane Chester - married George W. Bond⁹

Dr. John Chester - born 18 May 1827, d. 4 June 1877 of smallpox, m. **Apphia A. Taylor**¹⁰ on 24 Oct 1848, was lieutenant-colonel in 51st Regiment raised in Madison County in Dec 1861

Robert Hayes Chester - b. 8 Apr 1829, d. 24 Nov 1921, m. on 1 Nov 1853 to **Mary J. Long** (b. 20 June 1832-d. 10 June 1900)

Martha Butler Chester - b. 3 June 1832, d. 1 Apr 1872, m. Dr. Lucius Lucullus Battle, daughter Sandol Humphreys Battle

William Butler Chester - d. 25 Nov 1887; m. **Laura Ann** (O'Conner?), had 5 children, **Anna O'Connor**, **John**, **James O'Connor**, **William B.**, and **Nora Chester**

Andrew Jackson Chester - (apparently died young since Goodspeed's on Page 851 states that "all four of his sons served in the Confederate Army with conspicuous gallantry")

Dr. Samuel Hayes Chester - b. 24 February 1840, d. in Jackson 17 June 1898, m. in 1878 to **Ella Ragland** (b. 5 Mar 1885-d. 2 June 1910) had two daughters, **Maida Chester Beesley** (b. 25 Mar 1879-d. 29 Sept 1963) and **Bessie Chester**.¹¹

⁷ Elizabeth, the daughter of **Robert Hayes**, died in 1841. Chester married **Mrs. Jane P. Donelson** at Inglewood, Shelby County, on 22 Jan 1855.

⁸ 14 Jan 1885 issue

⁹ Marriage dates from *Madison County Marriages 1838-1871* by Byron & Barbara Sistler, Nashville, 1983; death dates from *Riverside Cemetery Inscriptions*, published 1975 by Mid West Genealogical Society, Jackson

¹⁰ *Jackson Tribune & Sun*, 20 Jul 1877

Missing Puzzle Pieces

THOMPSON

About the middle of September [1825], a man of genteel appearance, stout muscular form, between 45 and 50 years of age landed from the sloop *Favorite Frederica* on his way, as he stated, to St. Mary's. He called himself **Col. P. Thompson**, said he was a native of Virginia, but had removed to Rutherford Co., N.C. On his way to Savannah, his saddlebag's strap had been cut in Edgefield District, S.C., and he was robbed of \$1,000. Shortly afterwards his horse was taken sick and died. This unfortunate man had not long been on Island St. Simon when he was seized with a fever ... and died on the night of 26 September. In his possessions was found a paper dated 22 Feb 1825 recommending **John P. Thompson**, a citizen of Blount Co., Tenn., to the friendship and respect of every gentleman to whom he may make known his business. The paper was signed by 23 names of which better written are **W. Hunter, James Fraiser, N. Morgan, T. Moore, James Ried, B. R. Thompson, and William S. Temple**. He also had an indenture made 24 Dec 1823 by **Jacob Hollingsworth** of Blount County for 100 acres in Pendleton District, S.C., in consideration of \$500 in hand paid, said land being conveyed to Hollingsworth by **Benjamin Church** of said district and state, signed by **Tall Mearbil and B. J. Thompson**, and attested by **William Griffith**, Blount County justice of the peace. -*The Journal, Jonesboro, Tenn., 24 Feb 1826.*

BAYARD

If **Anthony Bayard**, who left his father **Powell Bayard** in Rockingham Co., Va., about six or seven years ago and is supposed to have gone to Tennessee or Kentucky, will apply to **Henry Bowyer** in York Co., Pa., he will receive a considerable legacy left him by his father. Notice dated 23 October, 1903. Printers in Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, and the Mississippi Territory are requested to insert this notice a few times and forward their accounts. -*The Newspaper & Washington Advertiser, Jonesborough, Ten., 15 Feb 1804*

FALLS

About mid-July, **Philip Falls**, a resident of Union, Boone Co., Ky. -- a few miles from Covington -- left his home for Clarksville, Tenn. He arrived at Louisville and stayed overnight at one of the prominent hotels where he met an old enemy. They resumed their ancient quarrel and Falls struck his opponent on the head with a pistol, knocking him down. Friends separated them and they then agreed to settle their feud the next day with pistols in the mountains of Kentucky. As agreed, they met the next day and concluded preparations. They took the train and left the city for the mountains, unaccompanied by friends or spectators. From that day to this not a word has been heard from Philip or his enemy. A search and inquiries have all been fruitless. Both men were in good social standing. Their quarrel was about a woman. -*The Chattanooga Times, 30 Aug 1878*

ELLSIE

If **Nelson Ellsie** is now living, it will be to his interest to come forward and make his identity known. There is said to be a large fortune awaiting him at his old home county near Beaver Falls, Pa. Early in the war, Ellsie -- then a young man -- enlisted in the 7th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry Regiment and came South. He was in several of the fiercest battles of the war and came to the Tennessee Valley in this locality in 1863 when his time expired. He then in the year 1863 joined the First Tennessee Cavalry and fought in that regiment until the close of the war. Since then, nothing has been heard from him. **Sam Duncan** of the 7th Ward has known Ellsie for a number of years, having been acquainted with him when both were in the Tennessee Regiment. He says he saw Ellsie last in Chattanooga about four years ago. At that time, he was in the ministry and resided in one of the "boom" towns up on Cincinnati S. railroad. He believes he still resides in East Tennessee. -*The Chattanooga News, 14 June 1897*■

White County Merchants' Licenses 1845-46

(From microfilm produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives of State Revenue Docket as transcribed on 28 July 1836 by WPA clerk Helen Howell, under supervisor Mrs. Rhea Garrett. The docket book at that time was in the office of A. J. Sims, White County court clerk. The license cost includes state and county taxes, and the clerk's fee. William Little was White County clerk in 1845-46 when these licenses were issued. To conserve space in the transcription that follows, a license to maintain a store offering "goods, wares, merchandise, groceries, jewelry, and drug"s at retail has been designated as "a general merchandise license." A license "to stand for the purpose of covering mares or Janets in White County for a certain stallion" has been designated as "a breeder's license." The docket book contains only four licenses issued in 1845, with the remainder being all that were issued in 1846.)



Docket Page No. 1

- **William M. Young** - general merchandise license for Sparta, issued 27th Aug 1845. \$17.75 taxes & fee.
- **Farmer & Brown** - general merchandise license for Sparta issued 29th Aug 1845. \$24.50 taxes & fee.
- **R. G. Smith & Co.** - general merchandise license for Sparta issued 10th Dec 1845. \$137.00 taxes & fee.

Docket Page No. 2

- **William B. Taylor** - general merchandise license for White Co., issued 3 Apr 1845, \$17.75 taxes & fee
- **Jesse Allen** - general merchandise for Sparta, issued 21 Jan 1846, \$17.75 taxes & fee
- **James Cook** - liquor license, issued 2 Feb 1846, \$39. 25

(Docket Page No. 3 contains an oath dated 2 Feb 1846 and signed by Cook who swore that under the license issued he would not retail any "spiritous or vinous" liquors to any slave or knowingly permit this to be done without written permission of the slave's master, mistress, or overseer. He further swore that he would not knowingly allow "any gaming for whiskey, wine, rum, brandy, money, or anything to eat or drink or other valuable things" in the house in which retail spirits are sold on his premises, and promised to give information to the county grand jury if any person gamed or bet on his property.)

Docket Page No. 3

- **Lowery Smith & Co.** - liquor license issued 25 Feb 1846, \$39. 25 taxes & fee. Oath similar to Cook's signed 26 Feb 1846 by **Lowry Smith, Robert Smith, and John Smith** (his mark). Their oath includes the statement that the value of the amount of liquor at their establishment does not exceed \$250.

Docket Page No. 4

- **Thomas Ridley** - breeding license for his certain Dark Jack named Princeton for 1846 season, issued 7 March 1842. \$9.50 taxes & fee

Docket Page No. 5

- **James D. Cope** - breeding license for his certain Dark Brown Stallion Ben Franklin for 1846 season, issued 14th Mar 1846. \$5.00 taxes & fee.
- **George Broyles** - breeding license for his certain Sorrial stallion named Floyd for 1846 season, issued 9 Mar 1846. \$3.87-1/2 taxes & fee

Docket Page No. 6

- **James Snodgrass** - general merchandise license for Sparta, issued 23 Jan 1846. \$103. 25 taxes & fee
- **Benjamin Weaver** - breeding license for his certain Bay Stallion Charles Franklin for 1846 season, issued 21 Mar 1846. \$5.00 taxes & fee
- **David England** - breeding license for bay stallion Livingston for 1846 season, issued 24 Mar 1846. \$5.00 taxes & fee

Docket Page No. 7

- **William Glenn** - general merchandise license for Sparta, issued 18 Feb 1846. \$24.50 taxes & fee
- **John M. Anderson** - general merchandise license for White County, issued 2 Feb 1846. \$17.75 taxes & fee
- **John Duncan** - breeding license for stallion Merrimora for 1846 season, issued 15 Apr 1846, \$7.25 taxes & fee

WHITE COUNTY MERCHANTS (continued)Docket Page No. 8

- **J. M. and W. Simpson** - general merchandise license for White County, issued 1 Jan 1846. \$35.75 taxes & fee
- **Hayes Arnold** - breeding license for Jack named Supriram for 1846 season, issued 18 Apr 1846. \$5.00 taxes & fee
- **Jonathan Buck** - general merchandise license for White County, dated 1st Jan 1846 with notation "Issued by advice of J. L. Goodall." \$2.00 fee.

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- **Braxton D. Hunter and Henry T. Dawson (trading under the name of Hunter & Dawson)** - general merchandise license for White County, issued 10 Feb 1846. \$17.75 taxes & fee
- **Wayman Leftwick and George G. Dibrell (trading under the name of Leftwick & Dibrell)** - general merchandise license for Sparta, issued 21 Mar 1846. \$47.00 taxes & fee

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- **Laben Wallis** - breeding license for Jack named Wonder for 1846 season, issued 10 May 1846. \$2.75 taxes & fee
- **Laben Wallis** - breeding license for Jack named King Savins for 1846 season, issued 10 May 1846. \$2.75 taxes & fee
- **William B. Taylor** - general merchandise license for White County, issued 3 Apr 1846, \$69.50 taxes & fee

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- **Joal Hill** - general merchandise license for White County, issued 6 May 1846. \$17.75 taxes & fee
- **John W. Harpending** - general merchandise license for White County, issued 10 Mar 1846. \$19.75 taxes & fee
- **Bluford Findley** - breeding license for Chestnut Sorrell Stallion named Bellishazer for 1846 season, issued 2 June 1846, \$5.00 taxes & fee

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- **William Bossun** - general merchandise license for White County, issued 1st Mar 1846. \$19.75 taxes & fee
- **James Bohanon** - breeding license for stallion Bruner for 1846 season, issued 12 June 1846. \$3.42-1/2 taxes & fee

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- **James Price** - breeding license for stallion named Long for 1846 season, issued 13 Jan 1846. \$1.62-1/2 taxes & fee
- **William Hudgens** - breeding license for stallion Jack Walker for 1846 season, issued 16th June 1846. \$2.75 taxes & fee
- **Samuel Madewell** - breeding license for stallion Ribbon for 1846 season, issued 6th Jul 1846. \$2.75 taxes & fee

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- **James Scott** - breeding license for sorrell stallion Bailey Payton for 1846 season, issued 7 Jul 1846. \$5.00 taxes & fee
- **David Snodgrass** - breeding license for gray stallion named Sam Hasesten for 1846 season, issued 7 Jul 1846. \$5.00 taxes & fee
- **Samuel Dyer** - breeding license for stallion Young Hugh L. White for 1846 season, issued 11 Aug 1846. \$5.00 taxes & fee

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- **Hall & Wright** - general merchandise license for Sparta, issued 23 Jan 1846. \$35.75 taxes & fee
- **William M. Young** - general merchandise license for Sparta, issued 27 Aug 1846. \$47.00 taxes & fee
- **James Carrick** - breeding license for sorrel stallion Hugh L. White for 1846 season, issued 27 June 1846. \$23.00 taxes & fee

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- **William Willoon** - general merchandise license for Sparta, issued Sept __ 1845. \$19.75 taxes & fee

WHITE COUNTY MERCHANTS (continued)

- **Mark Lowery** - breeding license for sorrel stallion Glenco for 1846 season, issued 25 May 1846. \$11.25 taxes & fee
- **Stewart Warren** - breeding license for bay stallion Tom Pankey for 1846 season, issued 25 May 1846. \$6.12-1/2 taxes & fee

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- **Joel Burgess** - breeding license for black stallion Bust for 1844 season, issued 14 Sept 1841. \$5.00 taxes & fee
- **Joel Burgess** - breeding license for black stallion Bust for 1845 season, issued 14 Sept 1846. \$5.00 taxes & fee
- **Thomas Carmichael** - breeding license for bay stallion Brimer for 1846 season, issued 14 Sept 1846. \$3.32-1/2 taxes & fee

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- **Richard Bradley** - breeding license for stallion John Bell for 1846 season, issued 14 Sept 1846. \$3.87-1/2 taxes & fee
- **John Brown** - breeding license for sorrel stallion Henry Harrison for 1846 season, issued 4 May 1846. \$7.25 taxes & fee
- **White & Denney** - general merchandise license "to retail both foreign & domestic," issued 27 Feb 1846. \$17.75 taxes & fee

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NOTE: Walmon/Wamon Leftwick and John S. Goodall, White County commissioners, made settlement on 9 Oct 1846 with Clerk William Little for all licenses in this book up to this page.

- **William W. Moore** - general merchandise license for Sparta, issued 2 Sept 1846. \$69.50 taxes & fee
- **Warren & White** - general merchandise license for Sparta, issued 15 Oct 1846. \$69.50 taxes & fee■

John Pomfret Long

When **Capt. John Pomfret Long** died 27 June 1885, his death was widely reported in Tennessee. The following obituary, reprinted from *The Chattanooga Times*, appeared in *The Memphis Ledger* on 30 June 1885.

"Born in Knoxville on 25 November 1807, John Pomfret Long was the son of **William Long**. His father was born in Mecklenburg Co., N.C., about the time of that county's declaration of independence, and moved to Knoxville in 1797, a year after the Territory was made into a state. In 1813 the family relocated at Washington in Rhea County where John was raised to manhood. John's early education was limited, with schools in that day being scarce. He made the most of his opportunities and, after a few sessions at Hampton Sydney Academy in Knoxville, began the struggle of life. He turned his attention to mercantile pursuits and, after preparatory experiences of clerking for a few years in one of the best mercantile establishments of that day, embarked in business in the village where he was raised.

On 6 November 1834, John married **Eliza Smith**, daughter of **William Smith, Esq.**, founder of Smith's Cross Roads, site of the present town of Dayton. At that time, there were no railroads. The Tennessee River was beginning to be navigated by steamboats with several making regular trips from Decatur, Ala., to Knoxville. East Tennessee products were shipped down the Holston and Tennessee rivers in flatboats and conveyed by wagons from the different landings.

Ross Landing was the lowest above the mountains and appeared to be the best location for concentration of trade. Long landed there 18 April 1836 and began business. When the state legislature on 29 November 1837 passed the land law, 50 families settled there and were entitled to a joint preference of entry of 250 acres included in the boundary of Georgia Avenue, 9th Street, the foot of Camera Hill, and the river. Capt. Long, one of three commissioners to whom a settler on one of the tracts assigned claims and who entered land laid out for the town. The lots were sold on 20 April 1839. Shortly after Long located there, a postoffice was established and he was appointed postmaster. There was no mail route through the place, however, and it was made a special office and supplied from Rossville, Ga., five miles distant. Later the name of Ross Landing was changed to Chattanooga and was supplied by a tri-weekly, four-horse post coach route from Augusta, Ga., to Nashville.

In 1843 Long and his wife joined the Presbyterian Church and he was later elected ruling elder to fill the vacancy due to the death of his father.

Long was elected city recorder of Chattanooga in 1860, and was reelected to four terms. He was active in securing Chattanooga as the terminus of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, the first which came into Tennessee. At the close of the war, Long established a real estate office and was admitted to law practice.■

DYER COUNTY SCHOOL CENSUS 1908-09

The so-called "school census" appeared in Tennessee in the late 1800's as the state's governors and the General Assemblies moved to strengthen education. Because state funding for educational purposes was allocated to the various counties on the basis of school populations, the school censuses were of special importance. Taking a "nose-count" of children born within a school year also enabled legislators and educators to make plans for future school needs. From a genealogical standpoint, the censuses provide a wealth of information. The following school census taken in Dyer County in the 1908-09 school year, for instance, includes each child's name (where given), birth date and place, sex, and color. It also lists the physician or midwife, and the date the information was received by the county. The following census was transcribed from microfilm produced by the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville, and available at the Tennessee Genealogical Society's Research Center.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

Child's Name	Birth Date	Sex	Col	Birthplace	Father's Name	Father's Birthplace	Occupation	Mother's name	M's Birthplace	Phys at birth	Midwife	Date rec.
Weaver, Alex Daniel	7/20/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	Marion Weaver	Dyer Co.	Farming	Mandy Weaver	Crockett Co.	T. D. Rice	Bell Smith	7/24/09
No Name	4/14/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	Mattie Ferrell	Dyer Co.	Farming	Mattie Ferrell	Dyer Co.	T. D. Rice	Maggie Dean	"
Hopper, Jewel	8/18/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	Jessie Hopper	Dyer Co.	Farming	Meidy ? Hopper	Dyer Co.	T. D. Rice	F. A. Brock	"
Green B. M.	7/10/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	Jay Green	Dyer Co.	Farming	Pearl Green	Dyer Co.	F. T. Taylor	Ella Green	"
Akins, Charles	11/10/08	M	B	Dyer Co.	Charles Akins	Dyer Co.	Farming	Willie Akins	Dyer Co.	T. D. Rice	Sara Bumpres	"
Williams, James	6/29/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	A. Williams	Crockett Co.	Farming	Flora Williams	Haywood Co.	T. D. Rice	Mrs. J. H. Bessent	"
Paul, Willie D.	4/4/09	F	B	Dyer Co.	Wiley Paul	Nashville	Farming	Edie Paul	Gibson Co.	None	Mela Graham	"
Bessent, Euel	4/5/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	Plez Bessent	Dyer Co.	Merchant	L. Bessent	Dyer Co.	T. D. Rice	Mrs. J. H. Bessent	"
Green, Mary Lou	3/24/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	Henry Green	Wynne Co.	Farming	Susie Green	Dyer Co.	T. D. Rice	Mela Graham	"
Avery, Etta May	4/24/09	F	B	Dyer Co.	Tom Avery	Crockett Co.	Farming	Cora Avery	Dyer Co.	None	Annie Nash	"
Webster, Jessie	9/2/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	James Webster	Dyer Co.	Farming	Effie Webster	Crockett Co.	T. D. Rice	Carrie King	"
Perry, Guy	9/12/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	Robert Perry	Crockett Co.	Farming	Hattie Perry	Haywood Co.	John Powell	Mamie ? Payne	"
Mayfield, Ida	4/28/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	William Mayfield	Dyer Co.	Farming	Maggie Mayfield	Dyer Co.	Clyde Nash	Matie Carys	"
Clark, James	11/11/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	O. Clark	Gibson Co.	Farming	Nettie Clark	Gibson Co.	T. D. Rice	Minnie Stallings	"
Jackson, Frances	11/8/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	John Jackson	Dyer Co.	Farming	Nannie Jackson	Dyer Co.	W. F. Smith	Mrs. J. E. Baker	"
Sinclair, (no name)	11/6/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	Jim Sinclair	Dyer Co.	Farming	Helen Sinclair	Crockett Co.	O. L. Dodds	Laura Avory	"
Goforth, T. W.	11/18/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	Charles Goforth	Haywood Co.	Farmer	Maggie Goforth	Haywood Co.	John Powell	Tex Haunays ?	"
No Name	4/20/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	Horace Agee	Massln, MO	Farmer	Emma Agee	Crockett Co.	T. D. Rice	Lula Gibson	"
Camp, Harry Lee	5/13/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	John Camp	Gibson Co.	Farmer	Bettie Camp	Crockett Co.	T. D. Rice	Lula Gibson	"
Rice, George S.	1/20/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	George Rice	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Maud Rice	Dyer Co.	T. D. Rice	Fannie Young	"
Blackburn, Vetra	3/29/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	L. Blackburn	Decatur Co.	Farmer	Dona Blackburn	Haywood Co.	T. D. Rice	Anna Lewis	"

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

Childs Name	Birth Date	Sex	Col	Birthplace	Father's Name	Father's Birthplace	Occupation	Mother's Name	M's Birthplace	Phys at Birth	Midwife	Date rec.
Curry, Evline J.	7/23/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	M. S. Curry	Hardeman Co.	Farmer	Minnie Lewiston	Dyer Co.	W. F. Smith		7/12/09
Patrick, Eula M.	11/21/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	P. C. Patrick	Gibson Co.	Farmer	Lula Spence	Dyer Co.	W. F. Smith		"
McConnell, Mary	8/26/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	F. H. McConnell	Gibson Co.	Farmer	Carrie Lovelace	Obion Co.	C. T. Nash		"
Roberson, Lizzy	1/16/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	J. M. Roberson	Crockett Co.	Farmer	Addie Jones	Wilson Co.	C. T. Nash		"
Nash, Mary S.	11/30/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	R. R. Nash	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Minnie Miller	Dyer Co.	J. P. Powell		7/13/09
Dority, Gladis S.	9/24/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	B. F. Dority	Crockett Co.	Farmer	Minnie Staleup	Dyer Co.	J. P. Powell		"
Miller, Theo	8/11/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	G. T. Miller	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Emma Raines	Gibson Co.	J. S. Sanders		"
Norvill, Mary Sue	7/31/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	C. A. Norville	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Ora Moore	Dyer Co.	C. T. Nash		"
Winfrey, J. Frances	12/22/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	Dave Winfrey	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Gala Riggins	Crockett Co.	W. F. Smith		"
Hook, Eudoris	2/06/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	Lewis Hook	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Tonia Winfrey	Williamson Co.	W. F. Smith		"

Dyer County School Census (continued)

Childs Name	Birth Date	Sex	Col	Birthplace	Father's Name	Father's Birthplace	Occupation	Mother's Name	M's Birthplace	Phys at Birth	Midwife	Date rec
Briggs, Cecil	9/28/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	H. A. Briggs	Fayette Co.	Farmer	Lucy Hawkins	Crockett Co.	John Powell		"
Hawkins, Walter R.	9/28/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	W. W. Hawkins	Crockett Co.	Farmer	Sailla Harinel (?)	Haywood Co.	J. F. Sanders		7/14/09
Hawkins, Mary Miller	4/06/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	R. D. Hawkins	Crockett Co.	Farmer	Julia E. Griggs	Dyer Co.	John Powell		"
Taylor, Annie Lewis	8/20/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	F. D. Taylor	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Tammie Duncan	Arkansas	John Powell		"
Harris, Tom L.	7/10/08	M	B	Dyer Co.	Jerry Harris	not known	Farmer	Fannie Cox	Dyer Co.		Parlyce Cox	7/14/09
Bowen, Wille	9/10/08	F	B	Dyer Co.	William Bowen	Lauderdale Co.	Farmer	Emma Harden	Dyer Co.		Parlyce Cox	"
Golden, Harry	8/28/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	T. G. Golden	Crockett Co.	Farmer	Annie Green	Crockett Co.	T. D. Rice		7/16/09
Bryant, Lola B.	1/06/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	W. H. Bryant	Missouri	Farmer	Marie Gora	Obion Co.	W. F. Smith		"
Dye, (no name)	6/3/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	N. N. Dye	Missouri	Farmer	Sena Dye	MO	W. F. Smith		"
Holland, (no name)	9/11/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	John Holland	Bedford Co.	Farmer	Willie Sawyer	Franklin Co.	W. F. Smith		7/12/09
Stephenson, Paul	11/3/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	M. H. Stephenson			Mertle Miller	Dyer Co.	C. T. Nash		7/16/09
Price, John H.	12/10/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	M. G. Price	Rutherford Co.	RFD	Kate Putman	Dyer Co.	C. T. Nash		7/12/09
Bell, Kathrine	3/30/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	R. A. Bell	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Lizzie Walker	Dyer Co.	C. T. Nash		7/16/09
Brooks, Ida C.	10/14/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	J. H. Brooks	Crockett Co.	Farmer	Lou Brooks	Crockett Co.	W. F. Smith		
Jackson, Lewis	2/20/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	Allie Jackson	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Nettie Sorrell	Dyer Co.	W. F. Smith		
Brassfield, (no name)	5/30/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	W. R. Brassfield	Crockett Co.	Farmer	Lizzie Walker	Dyer Co.	C. T. Nash		7/12/09
Sorrell, J. N.	6/25/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	J. N. Sorrell	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Mary L. Flomis	Dyer Co.	J. D. Richardson		7/19/09
Flomis, Edgar P.	7/24/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	P. E. Flomis	Dyer Co.	Farmer	M. Frost	Dyer Co.	W. F. Smith		7/19/09
Battle, Alcena	1/30/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	Walter Battle	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Nora V. Roberson	Gibson Co.	C. T. Nash		7/19/09
Snelling, Luidora	10/10/08	F	B	Dyer Co.	Dee Snelling	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Tennie Nash	Dyer Co.		Ann Nash	7/19/09
Tate, Herman	8/10/08	M	B	Dyer Co.	Jess Powell	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Maud Tate	Dyer Co.	C. T. Nash		7/19/09
Suidain, Herman	8/10/08	M	B	Dyer Co.	Alma Suidain	Dyer Co.	Framer	Castoria Hicks	Dyer Co.		Ann Nash	7/19/09
Vaughn, Gracie	10/20/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	T. J. Vaughn	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Cletha Lillard	MO	W. F. Smith		7/19/09
Sorrell, Harry	8/31/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	W. D. Sorrell	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Lockie Jones	Dyer Co.	C. T. Nash		7/19/09
Harwell, F. W.	4/1/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	J. W. Harwell	Crockett Co.	Farmer	Florence Liscomp	Dyer Co.	C. T. Nash		7/20/09
Slaughter, Author H.	10/27/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	Jno Slaughter	Crockett Co.	Farmer	Annie Rogers	Hardeman Co.		Mary Rogers	7/20/09
Sanders, Author	6/15/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	F. S. Sanders	McNairy Co.	Farmer	Ida Sorrell	Dyer Co.	W. F. Smith		7/20/09
Sorrell, (no name)	11/28/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	W. J. Sorrell	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Fannie Flomas	Dyer Co.	W. F. Smith		7/21/09

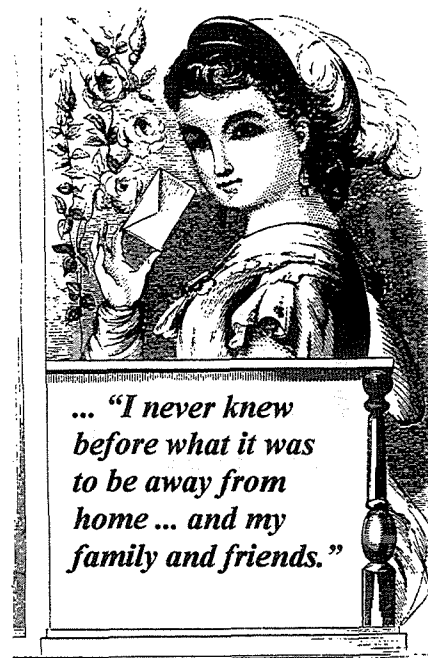
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3

Childs Name	Birth Date	Sex	Col	Birthplace	Father's Name	Father's Birthplace	Occupation	Mother's Name	M's Birthplace	Phys at Birth	Midwife	Date rec
Pierce, Mary Jenie	12-8-09	F	W	Dyer Co.	Bid Pierce	Hardeman Co.	Farmer	Mary Ellen Pierce	NC	J. H. Nunn		7/19/09
Stutts, Leslie May	10/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	T. W. Stutts	Ala.	Farmer	Annie Joe Stutts	Ala.	Dr. Smith		7/20/09
Leggett, Wilma	8/19/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	A. G. Leggett	Dyer Co.	Farmer	C. M. Leggett	Dyer Co.	Dr. Richardson		7/20/09
Espy, Ida May	7/6/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	A. H. Espy	Dyer Co.	Farmer	E. E. Espy	Dyer Co.	Dr. Smith		7/20/09
Young, Jeff Thomas	5/17/09	F	W	Lake Co.	D. T. Young	Dyer Co.	Farmer	E. E. Young	Crockett Co.		Mrs. Woods	7/20/09
Summitt, (no name)	10/14/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	Homer Summitt	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Ada Summitt	Crockett Co.	Dr. Smith		7/20/09
Daniel, (no name)	2/4/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	J. T. Daniel	Henderson Co.	Farmer	M. V. Daniels	Henderson Co.	Dr. Richardson		7/20/09
Palmer, Ruby V.	4/13/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	H. G. Palmer	Carroll Co.	Merchant	E. F. Palmer	Dyer Co.	Dr. Richardson		7/20/09
Harris, Ike	3/9/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	I. R. Harris	MO	Farmer	Ida Harris	Dyer Co.	W. J. Spence		7/20/09
Moore, Ruth	3/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	W. D. Moore	Humphreys Co.	Farmer	Fanie Moore	Humphreys Co.	Dr. Smith		7/20/09
Espey, Tazee	10/13/08	M	W	Dyer Co.	Lester Espey	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Emma Espey	Lauderdale Co.	Dr. Smith		7/20/09
McDaniels, Sadie	10/29/08	F	W	Dyer Co.	Lee McDaniels	Miss.	Farmer	Pearl McDaniels	Lauderdale Co.	Dr. Smith		7/20/09
Beaseley, Malcom	1/5/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	John Beaseley	Crockett Co.	Farmer	Ida Beaseley	MO	Will Spence		7/21/09
Roberson, Mier	5/26/09	F	W	Dyer Co.	Howard Roberson	Lauderdale Co.	Farmer	Avery Roberson	KY	Dr. Smith		7/21/09
Roberson, John	4/15/09	M	W	Dyer Co.	John Roberson	Dyer Co.	Farmer	Ella Roberson	Carroll Co.	J. H. Nunn		7/21/09

Letters from a Soldier

Contributed by Betty T. Benson, 3210 Lindbergh Drive, Dallas, TX 75228
Great-Great Granddaughter of James Walker and Susan (Bird) McSpadden

During the war with Mexico in 1847-48, **James Walker McSpadden** was a first lieutenant in Co. C of the Fifth Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers. Other officers in the regiment, which was made up of men from Monroe County, were **Col. George R. McClellan**, **Lt. Col. George W. Bounds**, **Major James Walker**, and **Capt. John C. Vaughn**. Lt. McSpadden, born in Jefferson County in 1818, was the son of **Samuel Eagleton McSpadden**¹ and **Mary A. Lowery**. He became a farmer and teacher. On 3 Nov 1842 he married **Susan Caroling Bird** in Murray Co., Ga. They lived for a while in Jefferson County before moving to Monroe. Six letters that James wrote to Susan during the war have been preserved by the McSpadden family and handed down from generation to generation. The following letter, written from Knoxville en route to Mexico, was delivered to Susan at Madisonville by **Mr. C. W. Coffin**.



Knoxville, Ten. Nov. 26th 1847

Dear Susan and Friends:

I embrace this present opportunity of addressing you a few lines, informing you by the same that I have enjoyed good health since I left home with the exception of a bad cold and it is some better at this time. The health of our Company is good with the exception of two of the boys who have had the mumps and they are almost well. We have 86 men in our Company and [are] looking for five or six more in a day or two. There are eight companies now in the camps near Knoxville and we are looking for two more in a day or two, but, if they do not come, we will organize into a Regiment and go on to the seat of War with eight Companies. Tell **Traplitt's** family he is well and has been well, and we have not drawn one cent of cash as yet and we do not know when we will. I will write you again as soon as I am certain when we will have time and perhaps that will be next week. No person can tell when. I am acting as orderly Sergeant at \$16.00 per month. Yours in haste,

J. W. McSpadden



Knoxville, Ten. Dec. 4th 1847

Dear Susan - I embrace this opportunity of addressing you a few lines informing you by the same that I am well and in fine spirits and we are to leave here tomorrow or next day and I want you to write to me at New Orleans as soon as you receive this and let me know how all things are doing. I send you by **C. W. Coffin** fifteen dollars in Gold, five dollars for you and five for **Mary** and five for **Martha**² but you may use the whole of it for any purpose you please. This day we had an election for officers and **George McClelland** was elected Col. by 47 votes Democrat over **Bicknell Whig** (Good). **Cap. Bound Whig** was elected Lieutenant Col. and **James Walker** was elected Major. I weigh 152 pounds and you may guess from that I have enjoyed good health. I am in a hurry and will come to a close. Show this letter to all my friends. Yours affectionately,

James W. McSpadden

I will write at the next place we stop. The boys in our Company are all well.

¹Samuel was born 15 June 1791 in Virginia, the son of John McSpadden and Esther Thompson. He died 7 May 1874 in Monroe Co., Tenn. On 6 Feb 1817 in Jefferson Co., Tenn., he married Mary A. Lowery, daughter of James Lowery (Lowry) and Nancy Davis, both native Virginians. Born 24 June 1799 in Jefferson, Mary died 30 Nov 1832 in Monroe County. Samuel and Mary had 7 children: James Walker, John Thompson, Thomas Alfred, Samuel Eagleton, Jr., Isaac Anderson, Matthew B., and Amanda McSpadden. Samuel later married (2) Mary C. Reynolds, (3) Charlotte Cunningham.

²Mary Louise (1843-1892) and Martha A. (20 Feb 1846-18 Jun 1909) were his daughters.

LETTERS FROM A SOLIDER (continued)

December 24th 1847 -- Memphis 60 Miles South

Dear Susan - I embrace the opportunity of addressing you a few lines informing you by the same that I am well except a pain around my left eye which was accompanied by cold. We are now aboard the Steamboat Louisville about sixty miles North of Memphis, Tennessee and we will get there today provided we have no bad luck. The Mississippi is a large and beautiful stream and the scenery is grand truly on the bank of the King of Waters in North America. We have had good luck with one exception. That was passing through the Mussle Shoals when we were at the very lower end of them our boat and **Cap. Reece's** boat were lashed together and they run against a ____ and mushed Reece's boat in on the top and it fell on **Thomas Jones'** neck and broke it and he died instantly and another by the name of **Thomas Jones**, a nephew of the other, fell in the river and has never been seen. Both of them [were] Reece's men. None of our men were hurt but all barely survived. Five of our boys who had jumped overboard stayed {?} on an island at night, one of them coldest nights, and you may guess they suffered severely. In all on the island there were fifteen or twenty. Tell **Johnny**³ I am to get my Commission from **General Kengan** and you keep it for me until I return home. Show this letter to all my friends and tell them to write to me and out of so many I will receive some. The Steam Boat shakes so I cannot write to do any good. We are now landed at Memphis and I want you to write to me at Vera Cruze when ever you receive this.

Yours affectionately.

Write where you are living and if **Salina**⁴ is with you.Vera Cruz, January 13th 1847⁵

Dear Susan and friends.

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines informing you by same that I am in only tolerable good health. I took a bad cold on the river at at Decatur Alabamma. I had a severe shake and I took some medisine and got better and remained better untill we got on the Gulf and I crossed that safe as far as getting sea sick was concerned but the last two days I was very bad off with a pain in the fore part of my head and for three or four days after we landed and sure enough I waked up and had one of the largest fattest shakes perhaps you have heard of or at least I was so cold I thought it was a monster but I took medeson two or three days and this morning feel as harty as any person could be expected from taking two days of Calomel. Shaw, I will write about something else or else you will come to the conclusion I am unhappy, but if you come to that conclusion you will be mistaken for I am perfectly well satisfied with the trip so far and what little I have seen I would not take a great deal [for] it. I have seen nothing as yet. The calculation [is] that we will march up in the Mountains, a town Arazaba near the Mount Arazalis. Hear there is perpetual snow and you know we will have a very pleasant climate but no person can tell as yet where we will be stationed at.

There has been a great deal of sickness in our Company with the Mumps and Measles and [one] died with the Measles. **Isaac A. Southard** died the 8th Jan 1848 in the Hospital in Vera Cruz. He was a nephew of **M. Southard**, the Methodist circuit rider. Is one of the Polk County boys but he would take no care of himself nor no advice from his friends or perhaps he might have got well. We are all in good spirits here. We have plenty to eat and that which is a tolerably good article. We have first rate Bacon, good Cracklings, moderate Coffee, Sugar Beans, vinegar, salt and sometimes Mollasses and the last one of the boys I believe can live on the like of that, but you know some will grumble if they were fed at the King's Table but such men as them are beneath the notice of gentlemen. There is everything green here you could name. Have almost [everything] they tell me in the market house, but I have never been there yet. I am going to look about in two or three days and see if I can make a few discoveries as to makings and things in general and then I will be satisfied to leave this City founded by Cortes the great Spaniard. The houses are all flat on top and all of them are built out of Coral and cemented together and they look rather smoky and black to suit my refined taste if mine can be called refined, but I will say also the whole woods is green as you ever saw in the summer time in Tennessee. I have seen droves of sheep, a hundred or more in a drove, and Goats by [the] score, and a hundred Mules herded by two or three men, and Cattle in abundance of the pattis. **Mr. Traplitt** is well and has enjoyed good health and he is perfectly well satisfied and he is not well satisfied because his family does not write to him and he wants you to let them know what he says to them. I want you to write to me just as soon as you receive this letter and direct your letter to J. W. McSpadden 5 Tennessee Regiment Vera Cruz Mexico and after that I will write to you where to write or take this letter to Town and get **Stakely** to pack it. I have seen **Alex. Whitson** here. He came here about two months since and joined a horse Company. I heard from **Jim Vaughn** the other day. He is at the National (?) bridge and well. There is more stinking filth, dirt, and nastiness here than ever I have seen in all my life. If you have an opportunity, let **Mrs. Spears** know that a short time ago **Spears** was well and as fat as a bean. **S. W. Gann** sprained his knee as we came down the river cabling the boat and it is still swelled smartly.

³His brother John McSpadden (1820-1897)⁴ Identity unknown⁵This date should be 1848

LETTERS FROM A SOLDIER (*continued*)

I think our boys are well satisfied with their officers with the exception of our **Lieutenant Col. Bounds** and he would be a perfect Tyrant if he had the power. You will excuse the scattering manner in which I have written this letter and you do better or get **Isaac**⁶ to write for you as I have never heard one breath from you since I left Knoxville. I subscribe myself your most obedient and very humble servant.

J. W. McSpadden, O. Sgt.



San Wan, Mexico Feb 11th 1848 [Letter postmarked Feb 27]

Dear Susan

I now embrace the present opportunity of one time more addressing you a few lines informing you by the same that I am as well as I ever was in my life. I weighed about two hours since and I weighed one hundred and fifty-one and a half with my pants and shirt on, and you may judge by that I am in fine health as that is more than I have weighed at one time in the last five years. The company are all in good health but four or five, and the idea with me is that they are home sick and in fact two of them will grieve themselves to death (viz.) **A. J. Hooper & Richard Algood**, and the balance of the boys are in fine health and spirits. I have never heard one word from you except one time through the politeness of **John Agnew** in a letter to **Capt. Vaughn** stating you were all well. I heard that **William S. Jarvis** is no more. That made me feel very bad as he was one of the finest boys in that country, but all must die. Two of our boys have died since we landed here one on the 7th January, **S. A. Southard**, and the other on the 7th February -- just one month between the two. **Wm. Summa** was the last that died. They were both of them from Polk County and I hated that worse because I was one that went for them.

We landed at Vera Cruz on the 7th Jan. and remained there until I was tired perfectly out with flies but we left there the 31st of Jan. and landed at San Wan about 18 miles West of the city of Vera Cruz on a small river or a large creek by the name of San Juan and the water is perfectly clear and tolerably cold and healthy. Our encampment is on a beautiful eminence where the breeze can strike us fairly from the Gulf. I want you to be perfectly well satisfied if you are in a healthy country and judge you have plenty to live on and I want you in a special manner to take good care of **Mary** and **Martha** and if you have no chance to send **Mary** to school I want you to learn her at home to speak, read, and everything you can and if I never get home my last request would be to send the children to school and give them as fine an education as possible. The first trusty man that comes home I will send you some money so that you can have just what you want while I am gone.

My honest conviction is that we will not be discharged under eighteen months or two years from this day and perhaps longer, but I hope for the better as that is longer than I want to stay in a foreign land and away from my family as that is all that I care about living for on this earth. I want you to give my best respects to **Uncle John D. Lowry**⁷ and all the Lowreys in a special manner and tell them I want them to write to me as soon as they can as I want all of them to know I still think of them even during this silent watch of the night in a foreign land and in an enormous country parched by a tropical sun as it is. I want you to give my best respects to **Col. Jarvis'** family, **Joseph Brown's** family, **Sam Magell's** and all the inquiring friends and in a special manner to the children and all those who went to school to me, my last school, as there is something strange attached to my feelings every time I think of that school and them scholars, and tell them whether they forget me or not, there is one thing certain I want them to know. I never shall during this life forget them. I want you to write to me and give the particulars of the neighborhood and home and all the news of the states concerning peace as we want to know all about the news at home. I want to know if **Salina** is living with you or not and what **Sam**⁸ is doing and **John** and tell John my request to him is if he is not married to Mary forthwith and without delay and write to me all of you. You may begin to look for me home but be sure peace is in fact made.

Your affectionate husband and friend,

J. W. McSpadden

I want you to be certain to remember me to **James Mason** and write to me where he has moved to. I have the good will and friendship of every man in this Company, I am satisfied of that fact. In haste, J. W. McSpadden



San Juan Mexico April 2nd

Dear Susan

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines informing you by the same I am in fine health and spirits. I enjoy myself as a soldier very well, all to marching and that almost worries me to death and blist[er]ing my feet so in the sand that I can scarcely walk at all, but we have no marching scarcely to do. We have not marched more than two hundred miles in all since we have been in the service. I received a letter from Isaac bearing date March 9th and I also received one the other day bearing date

⁶ James' brother Isaac McSpadden (1849-1897)

⁷ His mother's brother

⁸ His brother Samuel McSpadden (1848-1881)

LETTERS FROM A SOLIDER (continued)

March 2nd, both of which gave me much pleasure to hear you were all well and doing well and in fine spirits. They state you intended to go back home in a few days. I want you to do the very best you can and enjoy yourself and take special care of yourself and the children. I want you to write to me as often as every two weeks or oftener. I have received four letters from **Isaac**, one from **Sam**, one from **John**, and one from Father and I have answered all of them and written more.

Today and tonight there are eight hundred wagons come into our encampment. It is the American Train going from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico. They are loaded with Mexican Merchandize as some say -- and as others say with provisions for our army, but in my opinion, they contain some of both. Monday morning, April 3d -- I am still well. The Mexican Train has been passing here all day. 12 o'clock and we are looking for them to pass for at least one week yet. They also had some Mexican armed soldiers with them, the first friendly armed Mexicans I have seen yet. They are the most degraded looking people I have ever saw in all my life, half dressed in their own stile. There were several women with them dressed I can hardly say how. I will wait until I get home and then I will tell you. It is tremendously warm here and has been ever since we landed here, but it is still warmer every day. I believe it rained none, you may say, since we have been here. **Mr. Traplett** is well and sends his best respects to you and wishes you to let his family know he is well and has been well all the time and in fine spirits.

I want you to give my best respects to all inquiring friends and tell them I hope to return back to my native home before it is long when I can see them face to face and converse with them on matters, anything in general. I calculate if I get home with my life, I will do well without money but I will try and have some little of that. Write to me often for I never before knew what it was to [be away] from home before from my family and friends. I have understood you have a fine son.⁹ Well take good care of him and name him just what you like and it will please me. Give my best respects to **J. Hamilton**, **John Dixon** and their family. I also want you to tell **Malinda Jarvis** and **Alex Shelten** that I wish them much joy and whumping fat Children. I have the honor to subscribe myself your affectionate husband

J. W. McSpadden

H. B. Tell **Mary** two of her cousins by the name of **Staples** are here with us and they are well. McSpadden

Lt. McSpadden was honorably discharged 20 Jul 1848 at Memphis and returned home. The 1850 census shows he and Susan and their three children, Mary, Martha, and Samuel, living in McMinn County. Their fourth child, **Sarah Jane**, was born in Tennessee in 1852. By 1854 they had moved to the Springfield area of Greene Co., Mo., where their fifth child, **Charlotte Elizabeth McSpadden** (my great-great grandmother) was born 29 May 1854. Susan died in 1856 after giving birth to her sixth child, **Joseph H.** The following year, James married **Nancy Bennett** and they had two children: **James Bennett McSpadden**, born in 1858, and **Thomas Matthew McSpadden**, born 30 Jul 1859.

When the Civil War broke out, James was elected 1st lieutenant of **Capt. Dick Campbell's Company** which was organized in Greene County on 11 June 1861 and promptly enlisted in Confederate service.¹⁰ Because of the number of Union Home Guards there, the company left Greene County and went into Taney Co., Ark., where it camped two weeks or more, then joined the Missouri army, and had a brief skirmish at Wilson's Creek.¹¹ During the winter of 1861 when the company was reorganized, McSpadden was elected captain. The company fought at Pea Ridge, Ark., and then joined Beauregard's army in Mississippi where it participated in battles at Iuka and Corinth. Half of the company's men were killed or wounded at Corinth during the battle on 4 Oct 1862, and Capt. McSpadden was shot through the knee by a mini-ball. Hospitalized in Iuka, he wrote home that he had lain on his back for months without being able to turn on his side, but had been able to sit up for the last month and walk around a little with crutches. James was later transferred to a Confederate hospital in Uniontown, Ala., where on 14 July 1864 he wrote his wife and children that he was in good spirits. "As I have informed you, I will be a cripple for the rest of my life but I will hold up my head if I die hard." When James was discharged, he could not go back to his home in Greene Co., Mo., because it was occupied by Union forces. Instead he went to Liberty Hill in Williamson Co., Tex., where his cousins were living. He died from his wounds there in 1866 without ever having returned home. ■

⁹Susan was pregnant when James left for the Mexican war. She named their son, born in February or March 1848, **Samuel Walker McSpadden**.

¹⁰It was part of the First Division, Army of the West, Third Missouri Cavalry under Gen. Price

¹¹*History of Greene Co., Missouri*, Western Historical Co., St. Louis, 1883, pp. 403-406

STATE OF TENNESSEE. VAN BUREN COUNTY.

Marriage Records

County Court Clerk's Office, May 1840 - 1842

*Transcribed from microfilm produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville**[Abbreviations: J. P. = Justice of the Peace O. M. = Ordained Minister]*

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<u>Parties' Names</u>	<u>Lic. Issued</u>	<u>Solemnized by</u>	<u>Date Solemnized</u>
James Sparkman & Eliza McElroy	26 May 1840	(No return)	(No return)
William Long & Jane York	13 Jul 1840	Isaac Howard, J. P.	14 Jul 1840
Lewis G. Pain & Elisa Well	2 Oct 1840	(No return)	(No return)
William Hollingsworth & Myra Sparkman	2 Oct 1840	(No return)	(No return)
David R. Meadows & Lydia Hill	28 Nov 1840	John Fleming, J.P.	28 Nov 1840
Alexander Moore & Lydia Priest	2 Dec 1840	(No return)	(No return)
Micago D. Walker & Syntha Measles	26 Dec 1840	John Gillentine, J. P.	27 Dec 1840
Bird W. Johnson & Harriett Watson	19 Jan 1841	(No return)	(No return)

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John Stewart & Martha Gillentine	3 Feb 1841	(No return)	(No return)
James Davis & Susa Honara	14 Feb 1841	Jackson Dyer, J. P.	14 Feb 1841
Jessee McGuire & Mary Sorrels	17 Dec 1840	Abraham Drake, J.P.	17 Feb 1841
William Romons & Mary McGuire	28 Feb 1841	Abraham Drake, J. P.	3 Mar 1841
Herendon Harper & Mary Romons	21 Mar 1841	Abraham Drake, J.P.	21 Mar 1841
Joseph G. Mitchell & Susanah Parker	22 Mar 1841	Tillman Brown, J.P.	23 Mar 1841
Benjamin S. Wiggins & Adah L. Jones	30 Mar 1841	Jackson Dyer, J. P.	31 Mar 1841
Joseph Dotson & Maryan Moore	4 Apr 1841	John Gillentine, J. P.	6 Apr 1841

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Reuben W. P. Mooney & Nancy A. Johnson	6 Apr 1841	Ozias Denton, Ord. Min.	11 Apr 1841
Moses Keener & Lucinda Cruise	14 May 1841	Tillman Brown, J. P.	14 May 1841
James Davis & Elisabeth Miller	21 May 1841	(No return)	(No return)
Isaac Whittenbeurg & Marila Walling	1 June 1841	Ozias Denton, Ord. Min.	24 June 1841
William Cruise & Elisabeth Wright	27 June 1841	Jackson Dyer, J. P.	27 June 1841
William C. Bowmon & Nancy Denton	9 Jul 1841	(No return)	(No return)
Leroy Gregory & Polly Moore	9 Jul 1841	Alexander Grissom, J. P.	11 Jul 1841
James Davis & Fany Dukes	25 Jul 1841	Isaac Howard, J. P.	26 Jul 1841

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Noel H. Grantham & Abigail Lawson	11 Aug 1841	Tillman Brown, J. P.	12 Aug 1841
George W. Sparkman & Malisa Hill	17 Aug 1841	William Pettit, J. P.	19 Aug 1841
Isaac Davis & Priscilla Craig	28 Sep 1841	(No return)	(No return)
Wesley Tally & Sally Martin	9 Oct 1841	(No return)	(No return)
Thompson Perry & Tabitha Witt	12 Oct 1841	William Pittit, J. P.	15 Oct 1841
James W. Haston & Jane Shockley	15 Oct 1841	John Fleming, J.P.	21 Oct 1841
William D. Simons & Margaret C. Williams	21 Oct 1841	(No return)	(No return)
Bird W. Johnson & Pollyan Simons	17 Nov 1841	John Gillentine, J. P.	23 Nov 1841

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Thomas J. Shockley & Peggy E. Mitchell	25 Nov 1841	David L. Mitchell, O. M.	25 Nov 1841
Melvert Hattermon & Eliza J. Lane	26 Nov 1841	Abel Hutson, O. M.	27 Nov 1841
John E. Clark & Jane Parker	27 Nov 1841	John Gillentine, J. P.	28 Nov 1841
Harrison A. Ridelles & Nancy Plumlee	12 Dec 1841	(No return)	(No return)
James Lett & Nancy Howard	18 Dec 1841	Jackson Dyer, J. P.	18 Dec 1841
Finis E. Plumlee & Lucinda Sparkman	28 Dec 1841	William Pittit, J. P.	30 Feb 1841
William McDonald & Ciota Meadow	1 Jan 1842	(No return)	(No return)
James C. Johnson & Sally Kneel	3 Jan 1842	Jackson Dyer, J. P.	5 Jan 1842

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Parties' Names

James Durham & Martha Brock
 William J. T. Passons & Caly Grissom
 Jessee Brock & Susan Robberds
 Seth Wright & Lucrea Paine
 William C. Martin & Polly Grissom
 James H. Dyer & Emeline Jourdan
 Fielding L. Lones & Martha Smith
 Sartin M. Russell & Sally Ellis

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5 Jan 1842
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 2 Mar 1842
 14 Mar 1842
 22 Mar 1842
 1 Apr 1842
 26 Apr 1842
 10 Aug 1842

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 Alexander Grissom, J. P.
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 Alexander Grissom, J. P.
 John Russell, J. P.
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James Sparkmon & Inda H. Cumings
 Garfield Brown & Priscilla McBride
 Robbert Orare & Elisabeth Ranar
 William Hopkins & Lydia Worley
 Solomon Simons & Sally Hollingsworth
 Isaac Romons & Matilda Harper
 Elijah Drake & Sarah Carler
 William McGlothlin & Lucinda Seals

11 Aug 1842
 5 Sep 1842
 7 Sep 1842
 7 Nov 1842
 21 Nov 1842
 29 Nov 1842
 12 Dec 1842
 27 Dec 1842

Lewis Sparkmon, J. P.
 Micajah Simons, J. P.
 John Fleming, J. P.
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 Lewis Sparkmon, J. P.
 Harmon York, J. P.
 (No return)
 Thomas Moore, J. P.

21 Aug 1842
 11 Mar 1843
 8 Sep 1842
 13 Nov 1842
 22 Nov 1842
 29 Nov 1842
 (No return)
 1 Jan 1843■



In 1877 ...

Brighton, Tenn., Is Scene Of Big July 4th Celebration

(From microfilm of the 7 Jul 1877 issue of *The Memphis Daily Appeal* at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library)

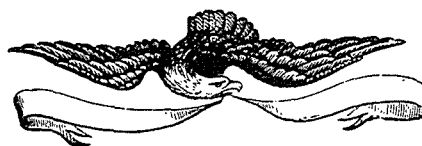
July the Fourth was the occasion of a grand picnic and barbecue at Brighton, Tenn., 30 miles out on the Memphis and Paducah railroad. A special train left the city at 7 a.m. having a large delegation of ladies and gentlemen on board. The number increased considerably at way stations along the line and when the train reached Atoka, there were at least 100 persons of that little city awaiting transportation to Brighton.

Col. Givens, superintendent of the road, ably assisted by Mr. Davie, had kindly arranged ample accomodations for the merry picnickers who were headed by the Atoka brass band which played a lively air. Fifteen minutes later found the throng on the picnic grounds located in a beautiful shady grove of tall hickorys, oaks, and elms in sight of the town of Brighton. The picnic and barbecue were gotten up by the Tipton County Grange Association to advance that order's interest. Stirring speeches were made by several distinguished gentlemen including the Hon. Holmes Cummins and Capt. C. B. Simmonton. After dinner, hundreds of gay and festive youth of old Tipton tripped the light fantastic until a late hour in the evening. The number of persons on the ground was variously estimated from 1,000 to 1,500.

Covington was well represented by a number of young ladies and gentlemen among whom were the Misses Jennie Yarbro, Emma Lock, Jennie Jackset, Mollie Dillahunt, Lena Calhoun, Kate Sherrill, and Mr. J. W. Talley and Mr. J. M. Young.

Atoka was represented by a goodly number including Misses Lydia Glenn, Aggie and Maggie McLaughlin, Annie Miller, Ida and Ada Hall, Dora Trice, Norah Reeves, and Mrs. M. Johnson of Pine Bluff, Ark.; Col. J. C. Walker, Sam B. Glenn, Sam Benton, John Banks, George Manasco, and J. A. Fite, leader of the Atoka brass and string band which discoursed excellent music throughout the day.

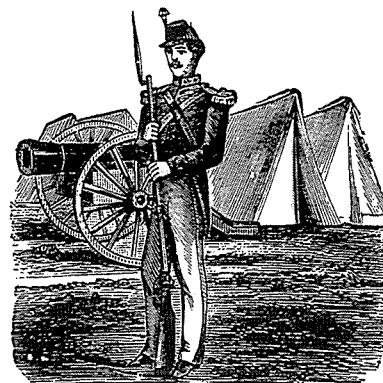
Mr. Bolick and his gentlemanly assistants were untiring in their efforts to make the picnic and barbecue a great success which they certainly did.■



Sumner County Sends Three Companies Of Volunteers To War With Mexico

Sumner County provided three companies of volunteer soldiers for the war with Mexico 1846-47, according to an article by **J. W. Blackmore** which appeared in the *Gallatin Semi-Weekly News* on 11 May 1901.

Two of the companies were in the 1st Tennessee Regimental Infantry commanded by **W. B. Campbell**. Regimental officers included Sumner Countians **Lt. Col. S. R. Anderson**, **Major Richard B. Alexander**, and **Lt. Nimrod D. Smith**, who was acting adjutant for a period. One company, known as the 10th Legion and commanded by **Capt. W. M. Blackmore**, was made up of men from Gallatin and vicinity. The other, under command of **Robert A. Bennett**, was called the Polk Guards and consisted of enlistments from Hartsville and surrounding area. Each company had about 100 men.



The third company from Sumner County, known as Legion 2nd and led by **Capt. William Hatton**, was part of the 3rd Tennessee Regimental Infantry. It was commanded by **Col. B. Frank Cheatham**. **Major Perrin Solomon** of Sumner was among the 3rd Regiment's officers.

The 1st Tennessee Regiment and the Mississippi Regiment commanded by **Col. Jefferson Davis** were praised for their valor in charging the enemy's defenses at Monterey. The Tennesseans suffered heavy losses in the charge. Killed were: **Booker H. Dalton** and **John F. Ralphfill** of the Polk Guards; and 1st Corp. **Julius C. Elliott**, **Peter Hinds Martin**, **Edward Pryor**, **Benjamin Soper**, **Isaac Inman Elliott**, and **Thomas Jones** of the 10th Legion. **Lt. J. Cam. Allen** of that company lost a leg. Forty-five men in the 3rd Company died of disease contracted in the service.

Sumner County citizens erected monuments to those who died in 1846, '47, and '48 as a result of the war with Mexico. Memorialized were:

POLK GUARDS, CAPT. ROBERT A. BENNETT'S COMPANY

- George Barker** - born in Sumner Co., died at father's in Sumner Co. on 12 Dec 1848 of disease, age 21
- King Carr** - born in Sumner Co., died in Camargo on 10 Sep 1846, age 23
- Richard L. Carr** - born in Sumner Co., died at mother's home in Sumner Co. on 12 May 1848 of disease contracted in service, age 26
- Booker H. Dalton** - born in Sumner Co., killed at Monterey on 21 Sep 1846, age 30
- Edmund Esdes** - born in Sumner Co., died in Camargo on 31 Aug 1846, age 23
- Thomas E. Harris** - born in Smith Co., Tenn., died at Camargo on 8 Nov 1846, age 27
- Briscoe Hatchett** - born in Sumner Co., died at Camargo on 24 Sep 1846, age 23
- Archibald Hull** - born in Sumner Co., died in Camargo on 3 Sep 1846, age 22
- John Inghram** - born in Sumner Co., died in Camargo 2 Sep 1846, age 35
- Robert Jones** - born in Sumner Co., died in Camargo 5 Sep 1846, age 25
- Richard Latham** - born in Sumner Co., died at Jallippa on 3 Sep 1847, age 26
- Joseph Marshall** - born in Sumner Co., died at Camargo on 5 Sep 1846, age 23(?)
- Ephriam Parsley, Jr.** - born in Sumner Co., died in Camargo 7 Sep 1846, age 19
- Oliver H. Powell** - born in Bedford Co., Va., died in Camargo on 13 Sep 1846, age 26
- John F. Ralphfile** - born in Philadelphia, Pa., wounded at Monterey on 21 Sep 1846, died 24 Sep 1846, age 30
- Thomas H. Seawell** - born in Sumner Co., died in Camargo on 22 Sep 1846, age 27
- 2nd Sgt. James W. Stubblefield** - born in Sumner Co., died at Point Isabel, Mex., on 3 Sep 1846, age 25
- Thomas Young** - born in Macon Co., Tenn., died at Lomita on 9 Aug 1846, age 28

SUMNER COUNTY (continued)10th LEGION, CAPT. WILLIAM M. BLACKMORE'S COMPANY

- William Bradley - born in Sumner Co., died at Camargo on 11 Sep 1846, age 24
- William L. Cantrell - born in Sumner Co., died at father's home in Sumner Co. on 20 Oct 1846 of disease contracted in service, age 21
- Isaac I. Elliott - born in Sumner Co., killed at Monterey on 21 Sep 1846, age 22
- 1st Corp. Julius C. Elliott - born in Sumner Co., died in Monterey on 3 Nov 1846 of wounds received 21 Sep 1846, age 21
- Thomas Jones - born in England, killed at Monterey on 2 Oct 1846, age 43
- Samuel W. Lauderdale - born in Sumner Co., killed at Cerro Gordo on 18 Apr 1847, age 21
- Peter Hynds Martin - born in Sumner Co., killed at Monterey on 21 Sep 1846, age 22
- Edward Pryor - born in Sumner Co., killed at Monterey on 21 Sep 1846, age 23
- Benjamin Soper - born in Sumner Co., killed at Monterey on 21 Sep 1846, age 21
- John D. Watson - born in Sumner Co., died at Matamoras on 18 Aug 1846, age 22
- Zaccheus D. Wilson - born in Sumner Co., died in Camargo on 31 Aug 1846, age 23

LEGION 2ND, CAPT. WILLIAM S. HATTON'S COMPANY

- Richard C. Ainsworth - born in Sumner Co., died in the City of Mexico on 29 June 1848, age 26
- Pleasant V. Bell - born in Sumner Co., died in the City of Mexico on 10 Jan 1848, age 28
- Joseph Blair - born in Sumner Co., died in Gallatin at father's home on 6 Aug 1848 of disease, age 33
- Powhattan Childress - born in Sumner Co., died in City of Mexico on 31 Dec 1847, age 19
- William Curry - born in Sumner Co., died at father's in Gallatin on 5 Aug 1848 of disease, age 19
- James K. Frazer - born in Sumner Co., died at father's in Sumner Co. on 16 Nov 1848 of disease, age 25
- William Gambell - born in Sumner Co., died at uncle's in Sumner Co. ca. 16 Nov 1846 of disease, age 21
- Stephen Goarley - born in Sumner Co., died in Memphis on 19 Jul 1849, age 18
- Joseph Henry - born in Sumner Co., died in City of Mexico on 1 Jan 1848, age 19
- William Henry - born in Sumner Co., died at father's in Sumner Co. on 20 Dec 1848 of disease, age 21
- James H. Hogan - born in Sumner Co., died at father's in Sumner Co. on 23 Aug 1848 of disease, age 21
- Albert King - born in Sumner, died at Jallapa on 14 May 1848, age 33
- John G. Kirby - born in Sumner Co., died at Penal Mexico on 10 Apr 1848, age 26
- James T. Leddy - born in Sumner Co., died in Memphis on 21 Jul 1848 of disease, age 22
- Aser Lemons - born in Sumner Co., died on the Mississippi River on 10 Jul 1848, age 21
- Henry W. Perry - born in Pennsylvania, died in the City of Mexico on 5 Jan 1848, age 22
- Joseph Rhodes - born in Sumner Co., died in hospital in New Orleans on 18 July 1848, age 22
- Eli Robertson - born in Sumner Co., died at father's in Sumner Co. on 5 Aug 1848 of disease, age 22
- Patrick Saunders - born in Sumner Co., died in Vera Cruz on 19 Dec 1847, age 18
- Alexander R. Schell - born in Sumner Co., died at Salappa on 17 Dec 1847, age 18, buried here
- Joseph Taylor - born in Sumner Co., died in Puebla, Mex., on 5 June 1848, age 21
- Joseph S. Tennison - born in Sumner Co., died in the City of Mexico on 13 Jan 1848, age 19
- Andrew T. Thomson - born in Sumner Co., died at father's in Sumner Co. on 20 Oct 1846 of disease, age 17
- Marley Young - born in Sumner Co., died in Molino del Rey on 5 May 1848, age 22
- Josephus Zarecor - born in Sumner Co., died Gulf of Mexico on 29 June 1848, age 22 ■

**ROBERT WOODS OBITUARY**

Died at West Wood in the Nashville vicinity at 7 o'clock last evening, **Robert Woods, Esq.**, aged 56, a member of the respectable banking house of **Yeatman, Woods & Co.** He was a native of West Virginia and came to this city, if we mistake not, to reside permanently about the close of the late war and, on active introduction of steam navigation on the Western waters, embarked in that branch of trade (of which indeed he may be regarded as one of the early pioneers) in partnership with his elder brother, **Mr. Joseph Woods.** His funeral will take place at West Wood this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Divine service by **Rev. Dr. Edgar.** -*Nashville Union, 27 Jan 1843* ■

HARTMAN

Michael Hartman, over 72 years of age, died on Christmas Day [1878] after an illness of three months. He suffered from dyspepsia. He had married three times and raised a large family of good children. When he was first brought to his bed, he said he would never get well and he further said he would die on Christmas Day. Both of these prophecies were fulfilled. Mr. Hartman was buried with Masonic honors last Saturday.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 4 Jan 1879

ANDERSON

Mary B. Anderson was born at "Bleak Hill," King William Co., Va., on 4 Mar 1807 and died in Clarksville on 11 Dec 1878. She descended from one of the oldest and best known families of Virginia. In this line were **Secretary William Nelson** of Colonial memory and his son, **Thomas Nelson**, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and governor of Virginia. She was left early in life a widow with six children to rear.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 4 Jan 1879

BOOKER

It is our sad duty to record the death of **Mrs. Julia A. Booker**, wife of our esteemed fellow townsman **Capt. Mat Booker** of the I.C.R.R. She died at Atlanta, Ga., the 16th inst., after a protracted illness and was buried in Barto Co., Ga. She leaves six children and a grief-stricken husband.

-West Tennessee Whig, Jackson, 29 Nov 1884

HAYS

Died at the residence of **James Walker, Esq.**, in Columbia on Friday evening the 17th inst., **Miss Mary Jane Hays**, daughter of **Gen. Samuel J. Hays** of Jackson and recently a member of the Columbia Female Institute. -West Tenn. Whig, Jackson, 9 Mar 1849

EMBREE

Departed this life on the evening of the 9th inst. after a long illness which she bore with Christian meekness and resignation, **Mrs. Susannah Embree**, consort of **Mr. Elijah Embree**, in the 27th year of her age. She was for many years a pious and worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

-The Jonesboro Journal, 16 Dec 1825

DEATHS**WHITEHORN**

Died in Carroll County on 7th inst., **Mr. George Whitehorn** in the 89th year of his age. Born in Sussex Co., Va., on 17 Oct 1779, he removed to Tennessee in April 1818 and died lacking only 10 days of having completed his 89th year and having been for more than 30 years a citizen of Tennessee. During the War of 1812, he gallantly bore arms in defense of his country and during the recent civil convulsion remained true to the cause of the Union and lost no opportunity to speak a word of encouragement to its supporters. He leaves a family of descendants consisting of five children, 17 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. -West Tennessean, Huntingdon, 15 Oct 1868

JACKSON

Died in this place on the evening of 1 March, aged about 32 years, **Mrs. Susan A. Jackson**, wife of **Dr. Alexander Jackson** and daughter of the late **Maj. James Freeman**. She was born in Bertie Co., N.C., from whence her father emigrated to this county as an early settler. She was a fond mother, affectionate wife, and devoted daughter and sister.

-West Tennessee Whig, Jackson, 9 Mar 1849

JONES

Died at his residence in Springfield, Tenn., on Monday morning, Jan. 27th, of consumption, **Dr. J. M. Jones**, a skillful physician, much esteemed citizen, and Christian gentleman.

-Nashville Daily Gazette, 4 Feb 1862

TUCKER

Mrs. Sallie E. B. Tucker passed into the great beyond at 5:45 yesterday afternoon. She was born at Amherst Court House, Va., in 1833, and came here about 17 years ago with her husband, **Dr. G. A. R. Tucker**, now of the *Chattanooga Times*. During a long residence here, she won the esteem of all with whom she came in contact. Surviving are by six children: **G. A. R. Tucker, Jr.**, **Erastus C. Tucker**, **Roger Tucker**, **Randolph Tucker**, **Mrs. O. A. Dietz**, and **Mrs. P. S. Steele**. -Chattanooga News, Thursday, 14 Jan 1897

ARNOLD

Mr. Ephraim Arnold died in Henderson County Monday morning last in the following manner:

He left his residence in Perry County the day before and stopped for the night at a house of entertainment 10 miles from Lexington. After breakfast the next morning, he ordered his horse to resume his journey. He appeared to be in fine health and, while seated before the fire conversing freely with the landlord, he suddenly threw his head back and expired in his chair. He was a gentleman that enjoyed good health which makes his sudden death the more mysterious.

-From the *Sommerville Reporter*, 12 Feb 1842, reprinted in the *Huntingdon Advertiser*

WISDOM

Mr. A. J. Wisdom, one of Chattanooga's most prominent pioneers, passed away at his home on West 9th Street at an early hour this morning. A severe affection of the kidneys had made him an invalid for years. He passed his 70th birthday last August. Born in Floyd Co., Ga., in 1826, he came to Chattanooga in 1863, accepting employment in the livery stable of **R. M. Rawlings**. Energy and ability carried him from employe to proprietor and in 1866 he embarked in the livery business in his own account. His association in that business was with some of Chattanooga's best known citizens, among them **John L. Divine**, **F. F. Wiehl**, and **Lewis Owen**. In 1872 **Mr. Wisdom** established a stockyards on the Nashville & Chattanooga Road in south Chattanooga, associating himself with **Mr. O. P. Fouts**.

He married at an early age of 19 to a Mississippi lady who died a few years later, leaving three daughters: **Mrs. Lewis Owen**, **Mrs. William Foust**, and **Mrs. Joseph Nix**. He afterward married **Miss P. P. Cloudis** of Chattooga, Ga., who survives him. Three children were the issue of this marriage: **Mrs. Lanier** and **Mrs. Brantley** who survive him, and **Mrs. Harry Chapman**, who died a few years ago. No citizen of Chattanooga was better or more favorably known than "Ab" Wisdom.

-The Chattanooga News, 15 Jan 1897

MITCHELL

Rev. S. Woodbury Mitchell, late of Zion Church, Maury County, died at Smyrna, Rutherford County, on 2 February of heart disease, aged 70 years. The remains were taken to Columbia for interment in Rossell Cemetery. The deceased went to Columbia from the state of Maine some years prior to the late war and was a gallant Confederate soldier, being a private in **Capt. Bill Gordon's** Company from Maury County. - *Benton Co. Enterprise, Camden, 14 Feb 1890*

YARBROUGH

Died at his residence in Camden on the 12th inst., **I. C. Yarbrough** of consumption, aged 66 years. His funeral was from his residence with Masonic honors. He was a resident of Camden for about 30 years, and was one of the town's best merchants. He was a member of the county court for a number of years, and was station agent for the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railway for many years at the time of his death.

-*Benton Co. Enterprise, Camden, 15 Nov 1889*

MITCHELL

A resolution of respect was passed by the bar, county officials, and the Chalk Level Agricultural Wheel No. 44 at the death of **Allen H. Mitchell** on 12 Dec 1889. He was a long-time register of Benton County. Born 3 May 1844, he was a Confederate soldier, volunteering 17 Dec 1861 and serving till the war's end. He left a wife and children.

- *Benton Co. Enterprise, Camden, 20 Dec 1889*

CROW

Died near this place on Monday evening, 15 March, **Mr. Isaac N. Crow**, aged 22 years 4 months 12 days. His disease was dropsy from which he suffered eight weeks when death came to his relief. - *Athens Republican, (McMinn County), 18 Mar 1869*

PARRISH

Died at the residence of **W. W. Reid**, nine miles southeast of Franklin on Saturday the 12th inst., **William Cannon Parrish**, aged 17 years 8 months. - *Franklin Review & Journal, (Williamson County), 17 June 1875*

DEATHS (continued)BROOKS

The Honorable **Stokely D. Brooks** died at his home in Choptack, 11th District, today after a lingering illness of dropsy, age 70 years. A member of the Baptist Church, he once represented Hawkins County in the lower house of the state legislature. He leaves a widow and seven children.

-*Hawkins Co. Herald, Rogersville, 19 Dec 1894*

EMMERT

Mrs. Mary Emmert, wife of **James Emmert** of Choptack, died last Saturday night of consumption. She was about 45 years of age, and was a member of the Baptist church. She leaves her husband and six children. She was buried at Long's Burying Ground on Sunday.

-*Hawkins Co. Herald, Rogersville, 5 Dec 1894*

WILLIAMSON

During a wind and rain storm Wednesday evening, a tree was blown down in the yard of **Mr. Thomas S. Williamson** four miles east of College Grove (in Williamson County), instantly killing him and severely wounding his son and a **Mr. Parsley** who were assisting him in getting ready a reaper to harvest his wheat. He was an old and valuable citizen of Triune vicinity. -*Franklin Review & Journal, (Williamson County), 24 June 1875*

HUNTER

Died in this town on Friday night last **Mrs. Maria Hunter**, aged about 25 years, wife of **Mr. David Hunter**. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and died with the pleasing hope of a glorious immortality.

-*Jonesboro Journal, Friday, 9 Dec 1825*

HOUSTON

Died at his residence in Blount County on 11 May 1865, **Mr. Robert Houston**, aged 62 years and 10 months. He was an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Eusebia. He was thoroughly for the Union, having given up two sons for the defense of the country, one of whom lost his life in the service.

-*Knoxville Whig, 16 Aug 1865*

VANCE

At Wright's Island on Thursday the 5th inst., **Hugh Vance**. A wife and several small children are left to mourn their irreparable loss. - *Knoxville Argus & Commercial, 21 Sep 1839*

JONES

Rev. Lewis Jones, one of Blount County's oldest citizens, died 5 September. The church has lost a valuable and worthy member, and his wife and children an affectionate husband and parent.

- *Knoxville Argus & Commercial, 21 Sep 1839*

RANKIN

Died in Newport, Tenn., on Sunday evening, 5 July, of whooping cough, **Elizabeth Rankin**, daughter of **William D. and Elizabeth L. Rankin**. She was near five years of age.

-*Knoxville Argus & Commercial, 5 May 1840*

RADER

Catherine Rader died in the 3d District on Saturday night, May 14, of heart disease. She was a good old mother in Isreal and in her 84th year. She was buried in St. James' Church yard Sunday afternoon. - *The Greeneville Herald, 17 May 1881*

DEVAULT

Died in the 9th district Sunday, May 15, **Mrs. Maria Devault**, wife of **David Devault**, aged 64. - *The Greeneville Herald, 17 May 1881*

HANNAH

Major John H. Hannah died 11 Jan 1879 at Oliver's Spring in Anderson County near Knoxville after three months' illness. He left a wife and two bright little boys. A native Tennessean, he was a gallant Confederate soldier and attained the rank of major in the 19th Tennessee Regiment. After the war he settled in Louisville, Ky., and was in business there for several years. During that time, he married **Lillie Girding**, daughter of a prominent German citizen who had to leave East Tennessee on account of his southern sympathies. For the past few years, Hannah lived at Oliver's Spring. He was a genial gentleman and as true a man as ever lived.

-*Memphis Public Ledger, 14 Jan 1880*

DEATHS *(continued)***STRAIN**

Departed this life on 29 May 1865 at the residence of her eldest son in Washington City, **Mrs. Jane H. Strain**, widow of the late **Allen Strain** of East Tennessee. She was a native Tennessean, born in 1793 and consequently at the time of her death in the 72nd year of her age. In the summer of 1812, she with her husband united with the Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of eight children, all of whom are still living except one son. Mrs. Strain went to live with her son in Washington when the war broke out. Burial was on 30 May in Oak Hill Cemetery on the Heights of Georgetown.

-Knoxville Whig, 16 Aug 1865

STEWART

Elisha Green Stewart, brother of **Col. M. D. L. Stewart** and **W. L. Stewart** of Memphis, died on Fraim Island just above the city on Tuesday, the 13th inst., of malarial fever. His remains were buried yesterday at Elmwood beside his parents. Born in Madison Co., Tenn., near Spring Creek on 30 July 1828, he came to Memphis in 1851 with his father's family. He lived a few years in DeSoto Co., Miss. Mr. Stewart was a merchant in Memphis for a time, and for many years was a clerk in several large dry goods and groceries. He took charge of Fraim Island this spring as superintendent for his brother, M.D.L., and was engaged in farming when stricken last Friday.

-The Memphis Ledger, 14 Aug 1878

FORD

Rev. Reuben Ford, pastor of Second Baptist Church in South Nashville, died at 6 o'clock last evening after two weeks' illness with pneumonia. He was a former pastor of Leigh Street Baptist Church at Richmond, Va., aged 47 years. He was an affectionate and laborious pastor, a tenderly devoted husband and father, and a worthy and respected citizen. The funeral at 3 this afternoon will be attended by the Masonic fraternity of which he was a loved and honored member. -Nashville Gazette, Sunday, 18 Mar 1864

In 1861 --

Volunteers Form Forked Deer Company In Henderson County

The Forked Deer Volunteers were formed at Mifflin in Henderson County in the middle of May 1861, and its supporters proudly declared, "No more gallant and efficient company has been or will be offered for service."

Officers of the newly formed company, listed in *The West Tennessee Whig*, were: **Capt. G. L. Ross**, 1st Lt. **B. M. Bray**, 2nd Lt. **W. B. Edwards**, 3d Lt. **J. J. Rice**, Orderly **Sgt. John P. Thomas**, 2d Sgt. **C. C. Cawthon**, 3d Sgt. **J. R. Bray**, 1st Corp. **E. O. Clifford**, 2nd Corp. **James Hart**, 3d Corp. **W. J. Crook**, Surgeon **Dr. B. F. Dickinson**.

Six other companies of infantry volunteers were raised in Madison County and mustered in at Jackson on 15 May 1861 by Assistant Inspector **General Alexander W. Campbell**. Companies and officers were:

SOUTHERN GUARDS

Capt. Timothy P. Jones
1st Lt. **W. Clinton Penn**
2nd Lt. **John C. Greer**
3d Lt. **John D. McDonald**

JACKSON GRAYS

Capt. Wm. H. Stephens
1st Lt. **Joseph B. Freeman**
2d Lt. **James E. Irod**
3d Lt. **Isaac M. Jackson**

M'CLANAHAN GUARDS

Capt. J. M. Woollard
1st Lt. **John J. Anderson**
2d Lt. **Henry C. Hill**
3d Lt. **Jason W. Fussell**

MADISON INVINCIBLES

Capt. Wm. W. Freeling
1st Lt. **George L. Winchester**
2d Lt. **Thomas Lacy**
3d Lt. (Vacant)

THE DANES

Capt. John Ingram
1st Lt. **Francis W. Campbell**
2d Lt. (Vacant)
3d Lt. **James Walker**

MADISON GUARDS

Capt. John W. Newsom
1st Lt. **Robert Arnold**
2d Lt. **William Bray**

Love Wins Out

(From the Nashville American, 8 Apr 1879)

Barclay Martin, formerly of Shelbyville but now of Round Rock, Tex., where he is engaged in the practice of law, passed through Nashville yesterday morning on his way to Shelbyville where he is to be reunited in wedlock to **Mrs. Kate F. Martin** from whom he was divorced by decree of the Bedford Circuit Court several years ago. They were first married in 1850 but have been separated and divorced about three years.

It seems that the fire of love has never been fully extinguished on the altar of their hearts and the twain are to be one again. Altogether, it is a romantic affair!

Were Thomas and Lucy East Tennessee's Oldest Couple in 1885?

Thomas and Lucy Barry, who were living near Taylorsville in Johnson County in 1885, might have been the oldest couple in East Tennessee, *The Greeneville Herald* speculated in its 26 Feb 1885 issue.

Both were born in Virginia -- Thomas on 11 Sept 1793 and Lucy on 20 Dec 1794, making them 92 and 91 respectively -- and both migrated to Tennessee while quite young.

They had been married for over 69 years when the story appeared in *The Herald*.

**NOTICE**

The Episcopal Church in Athens, by Divine permission, will be open for services every Sabbath at the hours of 10-1/2 o'clock in the morning and 3-1/2 o'clock in the evening.

Rev. Dr. Mitchell, Rector

-The Athens (Tenn.) Republican, 11 Feb 1869

Washington County Wills, 1887

(Transcribed from microfilm at the TGS Library Brunswick, Tenn., produced by Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville)

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SUSAN HASS: Will dated 22 Feb 1887. Witnesses: **L. C. Hass, J. D. Weaver**. Executor: **E. M. Carr**. Probated in Washington County June 1887 Court term.

Neighbors - **Thomas Welbourn, Jacob Smith, Caruthers.**

Benjamin Boren - named in will but relationship not stated

Deceased lived in 9th Civil District of Washington County.

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WILLIAM GIBSON: Will dated 6 Mar 1884. Witnesses: **S. M. McKinney, Joseph J. Woolf, John S. Woolf**. Executor: son, **T. J. Gibson**. Probated June 1887 court term.

Daughters - **Minerva C. Gibson, Abigail J. Gibson, Harriet E. Gibson, Maggie Hoage**

Son - **T. J. Gibson**

Wife - **Hannah**

Refers to lands adjoining those of E. T., Va., and Ga. RR. Co., 40 rods wide.

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GEORGE W. TELFORD: Will dictated 8 Apr 1885. Witnesses: **J. N. Black, J. W. Brown**. Probated county court May and June 1887 terms. Executors without bond: his friends **E. H. Webb, F. W. Earnest**.

Wife and children - mentioned but not named

Granddaughter - **Mrs. Mary Burgess**, wife of **Mc Burgess** and daughter of **Robert Earnest** and **Jane Earnest**, (formerly Jane Telford), and her children.

Mentions one-half acre lot on north side of **Brown's** Branch, adjoining lot of **Robert Reed**. States that he plans to build house on the lot for his wife in 1885 if able to do so. If not, he instructs executors to have it built after his death with the cost not to exceed \$300.

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SUDIE E. HUNT: Will dated 21 Jul 1887. Witnesses: **Isaac Harr, T. C. Murry**. Executor: **R. M. K. Denkins**. Probated in county court Aug 1887 term.

Husband - **W. C. Hunt**

Sisters - **A. E. L. (Eliza) Stepp, Mattie Madden, Addie Tucker, Jennie Thomas**

Brother - **R. B. H. Barnes**

Niece - **L. E. Stepp**

Nephew - **Eddie Thomas**

Persons named but not identified - **Virgie Martin, J. M. Hunt, Mora E. Hunt**

Specifies that 42 acres in 9th Civil District which was part of her father's farm and adjoins lands of **Isaac Barnes, W. E.**

Madden, is to be sold and the proceeds equally divided among her sisters. Instructs her executor to pay her mother "what she shall ask for waiting on me and keeping me in my last sickness."

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HARVY K. CHASE: Will dated 20 Apr 1887. Witnesses: **C. O. M. Beals, J. K. Weems**. Executors: wife and **Dr. J. L. Clark**. Probated county court June 1887 court term.

Wife - **Elizabeth Chase**

Daughters - **Mattie E. Chase, Fannie Chase, Dolly/Dollie Chase**

Son - **Andy S. Chase**

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WILLIAM M. FLEMING: Will dated 4 Oct 1887. Witnesses: **S. J. Kirkpatrick, E. J. Baxter**. Executrix: wife. Probated county court Nov 1887 term.

Wife - **Caroline S. Fleming**

WASHINGTON COUNTY WILLS (continued)**Daughters - Kate R. Fleming, Mary V. Fleming**

Excludes his other children and grandchild from benefits of the will "only because they are more favorably situated and better able to support and care for themselves."

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MARY VAUGHN AIKENS: Will dated 19 Mar 1883. Witnesses: **John B. Shipley, Fanny E. Matthews.** Executor without bond: husband. Codicil dated 25 Nov 1884, with same witnesses as those in will. Proved 28 Oct 1887 on testimony of Shipley and Matthews, both of Knoxville, Tenn., before Knox County court clerk **John W. Conner.** Recorded in Washington County by **Jacob Leah,** county court clerk.

Husband - **John Chapman Aikens**

Sisters - **Mrs. Martha Crawford, Ella L. Temple**

Sister's children - **R. Delle M. Crawford, Charles T. Crawford**

Also leaves \$100 to Southern Baptist Mission.

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ELIZABETH CAULEY: Will dated 8 Nov 1887. Witnesses: **Conrad Bashor, Robert Bates.** Executor without bond: **Dr. E. L. Deadrick.** Probated county court Dec 1887 term. Deadrick declined to accept executorship; court appoints **Capt. I. E. Reeves.**

Husband - **Joseph A. Cauley**

Three oldest children - **David J. G. Cauley, Samuel R. Cauley, Joseph Cauley**

Two youngest children - **Lafayette Cauley, Alexander C. Cauley**

Refers to land on which she lives as part of the homestead farm formerly owned by her father, **Jacob Keebler,** which joins the lands of **Alpheus Keebler.** Also mentions land adjoining that of **E. A. Shipley, D. S. Crumby** heirs.

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R. K. COLLINS of Johnson City and Washington Co., Tenn.: Will dated 5 Aug 1887. Witnesses: **J. T. Kincannon, L. A. Calvin.** Executrix: his wife. Probated county court 1888 term.

Wife - **S. M. Collins**

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HENRY SWADLEY: Will dated 11 Aug 1886. Witnesses: **A. B. Bowman, S. H. Ponder.** Executors: sons **John** and **David Swadley.** Probated in county court Apr 1888 term.

Wife - **Mary Swadley**

Sons - **George E. Swadley** of Unicoi Co., Tenn.

John W. Swadley

David C. Swadley

Daughters - **Virginia W. White** of Sullivan Co., Tenn., wife of **James M. White**

Susan A. Swadley

Barbra A. Swadley

Niece - **Anne E. Nead**

Refers to estate of **Daniel Nead.**

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SARAH SQUIBBS: Will dated 23 June 1882. Witnesses: **J. F. E. Morrell, Reece B. Stone.** Executor without bond: her nephew, **Henry Clay Keebler.** Probated in county court April 1888 term. (Was resident of Washington County's 14th Civil District.)

Nephew - **Henry Clay Keebler**

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SUSAN EMELINE FORD: Will dated 18 Mar 1888. Witnesses: **W. S. Porch, A. R. Johnson.** Executor - **W. S. Porch.** Probated in county court April 1888 term. (Was resident of 10th Civil District.)

Three children:

Daughter - **Mary Elizabeth Clemons**

Sons - **George Washington Ford**

William A. Ford

WASHINGTON COUNTY WILLS (continued)*Pages 578-579*

JOHN A. KEPLINGER: Will dated 14 Jan 1888. Witnesses: **John I. Blair, T. D. Keplinger, James N. Peoples.**
 Executor: his father. Probated in county court April 1888 term.

Wife - **Elizabeth F. Keplinger**

Son - **William Rhea Keplinger** (under 21)

Father - **Samuel B. Keplinger**

Instructs that four horses, two-horse wagon, and harness he owns in Virginia be sold and proceeds used to pay balance on 350-acre farm he owns in Washington Co., Va., adjoining lands of **Col. J. G. Haynes, D. E. P. Campbell, Jordan Fleenon, Gus Massey, Mrs. Whillow.**

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DAVID MAY: Will dated 7 Mar 1888. Witnesses: **W. F. Simpson, James Whaley, Francis Rackett.** Executor: grandson **H. F. Deakins.** Probated county court April 1888 term.

Daughter - **Mary Deakins**

Son-in-law - **James Deakins**

Grandchildren - **Veina, Hester, Floyd, Will, Carl, Liza, James, Jr., and Maggie Deakins**

Grandson - **H. F. Deakins**

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E. SMITH MATHES: Will dated 6 June 1888. Witnesses: **E. Z. S. Mathes, James M. Argenbright.** Executor: **Mack M. Mathes.** Probated county court July 1888 term.

Four children:

Sons - **Mack M. Mathes, Alex P., and Rollie J. Mathes**

Daughter - **Adda M. Mathes**

Grandchildren - **Birly and Mamie Mathes** (Mack Mathes' two daughters)

Effie D. Mathes

Frank S. Mathes

Heirs of **Thomas Riddle** if they can be found to receive amt. due them as per will of **Alexander Mathes, Sr., dec'd**
 Leaves \$50 each to the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Old School and Presbyterian Church. Refers to property he owns including Bone Mill, Bricker lot, and woodland near **Thomas Cloyd's**, carding machine in **Moore's** Mill, work mules Beck and Jack, mare Celum, organ, and library of books

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JAMES HODGES: Will dated 14 Jan 1881. Witnesses: **A. G. Pickens, E. C. Reeves.** Executors: sons-in-law **Richard Kidwell, E. C. Reeves.** Probated county court July 1888 term.

Wife - **Mary**

Five daughters - **Elizabeth Smith, Susan Cox, Hannah White, Louisa Kidwell, Mary Range**

Sons - **Martin, Henry, Kenedy, Rolan**

Grandson - **Joseph K. Hodges**, only child of my deceased son **Joseph**

Granddaughter - **Mary Hodges**, only child of my deceased son **John**

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REBECCA KEEN: Will dated 17 May 1888. Witnesses: **Ambrose Gibson, Robert McCulley, W. A. Robeson.**
 Executor: **John P. Duncan.** Probated county court July 1888 term.

Heirs (relationships if any not stated):

George S. Whitlock

Amanda M. Moulton (\$10 a month for waiting on me 2-1/2 months)

Martha Mullinix

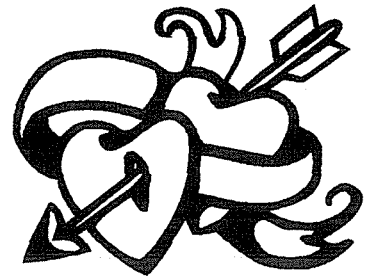
Mary M. Basket's heirs

Van Zant Keen

Enoch N. Keen

Ester W. Duncan ■

Married...



On Tuesday evening the 19th inst. by **Rev. Mr. Green, James Thomas Craig**, proprietor of the *Lebanon Mirror*, to **Miss Mary E. Robertson** of this city. - *Nashville Union*, 21 Jan 1836

In Nashville on the 18th January by **Rev. McFerrin, David P. Richardson**, Esq., of Louisiana to **Miss Ellen M. Bosworth**. - *Nashville Union*, 21 Jan 1836

On the 19th January by **Rev. Mr. Lapsley, Rev. W. A. Scott** of Louisiana to **Miss Ann Nicholson** of this city. - *Nashville Union*, 21 Jan 1836

In Jackson, Miss., **Mr. James S. Fall**, junior editor of *The Mississippian*, to **Miss Esther O. Crutcher**, daughter of the late **George B. Crutcher**. - *Nashville Union*, 21 Jan 1836

In this city on Tuesday evening the 20th inst. by **Rev. John B. McFerrin, Mr. Jesse Thomas**, merchant, to **Miss Elizabeth Litton**, daughter of **Mr. Joseph Litton**. - *Nashville Union*, 21 Jan 1836

On the 28th inst. by **Rev. Mr. Roswell, Mr. David S. Dirickson** of this county to **Miss Mary S. Wilson**, daughter of **Samuel Wilson** of Rutherford County. - *Nashville Union*, 21 Jan 1836

On the 8th inst. by **Rev. John W. Hall, Col. William Walton** to **Miss Jane M. Tyree**, both of Sumner County. - *Nashville Union*, March 16, 1836

In LaGrange on the 20th inst., **Mr. Daniel Boothe** to **Miss Emily L. Jernegan**. - *Somerville Reporter*, 30 Mar 1839

In Fayette County on the 21st inst., **Mr. Benjamin W. Evans** of Mississippi to **Miss Margaret Wayte**. Also, **Mr. John H. Matthews** to **Miss Sarah B. Allen**. - *Somerville Reporter*, 30 Mar 1839

On Wednesday evening the 28th ult. by **Thomas G. Moss, Esq., Mr. Joab Horn** to **Miss Penninah P. Daugherty**, all of this place. - *Gallatin Union*, reprinted in *Nashville Union of Friday*, 13 Jan 1842

In Cleveland on the 3d inst. by **Rev. Henry Price, Maj. G. W. Rowles** to **Miss Mary A. Stout**, all of that place. - *Nashville Union*, 13 Jan 1842

In this city by **Rev. J. B. McFerrin** on the 4th inst., **Dr. Charles Glasier** to **Miss Margaret E. Weakley**, daughter of **Mrs. M. Weakley**. - *Nashville Union*, 7 Mar 1843

On the 2nd inst. at the residence of **Mrs. Overton** in this vicinity by **Rev. Dr. Edgar, William E. French**, Esq., of Knoxville to **Miss Isabella White**, daughter of the late **Hon. Hugh L. White**. - *Nashville Union*, 8 Feb. 1843

On Tuesday evening the 14th by **Rev. Mr. Gray, Mr. Thomas J. Talley** of Sumner County to **Miss Permelia Butterworth** of Davidson County. - *Nashville Union*, 17 Feb 1843

In Dickson County on the 8th inst. by **T. Parma, Esq., Mr. Benjamin Stones** of this city to **Miss Mary Jane Napier**, daughter of **H. C. Napier, Esq.**, of Dickson County. - *Nashville Union*, 14 Feb 1843

On Thursday evening last by **Rev. Mr. Lapsley, Mr. James A. Woods** of Westwood to **Miss Elizabeth M. Campbell**, daughter of **James Campbell, Esq.**, of this city. - *Nashville Union*, 31 Mar 1843

MARRIED (continued)

On Thursday evening the 2nd last by **Rev. G. T. Henderson, James M. Johnston**, publisher and proprietor of the *Murfreesboro Jeffersonian*, to **Miss Caroline Russ** of Shelbyville. - *Nashville Union*, 10 Mar 1843

By **Rev. James Whitsett** on the 14th inst., **Mr. Warren Walker** of Smith County to **Mary Jane Tilford**, daughter of **Mr. James Tilford** of this vicinity.

-*Nashville Union*, 21 Mar 1843



On the 20th inst. by **Rev. Dr. Edgar, Major William H. Bowman** of Mississippi to **Miss Elizabeth M. Maney**, daughter of **Major William Maney** of Williamson Co., Tenn. - *Nashville Union*, 26 Sep 1843

On the 21st inst. by **Rev. Dr. Edgar, Mr. Robert T. Hill** to **Miss Catherine Stout**, daughter of **S.V.D. Stout, Esq.**, both of Nashville. - *Nashville Union*, 26 Sep 1843

Married on Tuesday the 11th inst., **Mr. Henry Pointer Wade** to **Miss Caroline Bond**, daughter of **Thomas B. Bond, Esq.** In Shelbyville on Wednesday, 22 Dec., by **Rev. S. S. Moody, George W. Buchanan, Esq.**, to **Miss Virginia L. White**. In Shreveport, La., on 19th Dec., **Dr. Bell** to **Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson**, widow of the late **Thomas L. Robinson** of Franklin. - *Western Weekly Review, Franklin*, 14 Jan 1853

Mr. James M. Mansfield and **Miss Mayme Norton**, both of Fayetteville, were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon, 12 Jan., at the residence of **Mr. James T. Bickley** of Lynchburg by **Rev. Berry McNatt** of the Baptist Church. The groom is bookkeeper and buyer for the dry goods and clothing house of **Samuel C. Hipsh** at Fayetteville. The bride is the stepdaughter of **Mrs. James T. Bickley** and a niece of **Judge George W. Higgins** of Fayetteville. - *Chattanooga News*, 14 Jan 1897

Married at the residence of **Mr. Isham Dyer** in this city on Wednesday evening by **Rev. M. Edgar, Mr. Horace P. Kezer**, merchant of this city, to **Miss Emeline Maynard**, daughter of **Major F. Maynard** of Randolph, Tenn. Also, in Franklin County, **Mr. James A. Snowden** to **Miss Sophia Holder**. - *Nashville Union*, 3 Apr 1835

Married on Tuesday the 29th inst. at McLemoresville by **Rev. Mr. McDonald, Mr. S. D. Wilkins** of Trenton to **Miss A. J. Blackwell** of McLemoresville. - *Trenton Southern Standard (Gibson County)*, 3 Dec 1859

Married in Madison on the 24th ult. by **Rev. George Day, Mr. G. W. Tiner** to **Miss S. Williamson**. - *Trenton Southern Standard, (Gibson County)* 3 Dec 1859

Married in this county Wednesday the 13th by **Rev. J. W. Hurt, Mr. W. L. Nesbitt** of Arkansas and **Miss Mallissa Robertson** of this county. Married on the 14th inst., **Mr. W. R. Hale** and **Miss Mollie Prichard** of this county. - *Trenton Southern Standard, (Gibson Co., Tenn.)* 16 Feb 1861

Gibson County marriages for the month of November 1859: **Mr. J. G. Johnson** to **Miss S. A. Jones**, **Charles Chaney** to **Miss Martha Stewart**, **Mr. J. P. King** to **Miss N. G. Peoples**, **Mr. G. A. Foster** to **Miss M. F. Cannada**, **Mr. R. A. McAdoo** to **Miss S. F. Stone**, **Mr. G. E. Rudicy** to **Miss V. Harvey**, **Mr. N. C. Oakley** to **Miss A. L. Sanders**, **Mr. T. G. Hatley** to **Miss M. A. Walton**, **Mr. N. W. Rain** to **Miss S. A. Williams**, **G. B. Benson** to **Miss A. Peble**, **A. R. Wilson** to **Miss S. C. Cole**, **W. G. Nowell** to **Miss H. M. Jackson**. - *Trenton Southern Standard (Gibson County)*, 3 Dec 1859

MARRIED (continued)

Maury County marriages: On 24 May - **Mr. James W. Bates** to **Miss Elizabeth Paul**; on 27 May - **Mr. Dudley Clanton** to **Miss Lucinda Stone**; on 29 May - **Mr. William J. Rieves** to **Miss Hasky Maddox** and on same date, **Mr. Daniel Evans** to **Miss Emily D. Johnson**; on 31 May - **Mr. George W. Hatfield** to **Miss Ann J. Lawhorn**; on 6 June - **Mr. Samuel M. Daniels** to **Miss Mary Baker**. - *The Maury Intelligencer, Columbia, Tenn., 14 June 1849*

Married at the hour of midnight on the 11th inst. near Union City, **Mr. Strong Voorheis** and **Miss Annie W. Jones**, both of Obion County. **Elder Burgess** officiated, and attendants were **Mr. William Bently** with **Miss Loukie J. Goodrich**, **Dr. Miles** with **Miss Emma J. Goodrich**, **Dr. Edwards** with **Miss Bettie Goodrich**. A lady friend sends us word that the bride looked fair and charming, the bridegroom perfectly happy, the attendants joyous and well pleased, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." The morning of the wedding we saw at the depot with fine store clothes on **Messrs. Grigsby Brothers'** handsome clerk, **Mr. William Voorheis**, and as he had his bag checked for Union City, suppose, of course, he was present at the joyous occasion. - *Trenton News, 20 Sep 1871*

On the 10th inst. at the residence of the bride's father near Trenton, **Mr. R. A. Courtney** and **Miss Dorcas Rosson**, both of this county. **Rev. P. C. Dozier** officiated. - *Trenton News, 20 Sep 1871*

On Thursday morning, 24 August, by **Rev. James Mahoney**, **Mr. John Parrott** of Parrottsville, and **Miss Malvina C. Strong** of Knoxville. - *Knoxville Whig, 6 Sept 1865*

At Strawberry Plains, Knox County, on 7th August by **Rev. R. P. Wells**, **Lt. Oliver N. Taylor**, Q. M. of the 10th Michigan Cavalry to **Miss Lackey W. Sneed** of Knox County. - *Knoxville Whig, 6 Sept 1865*

On the 23 November 1865 by **Gov. Brownlow**, **Capt Elias Goodard** of Blount County and **Miss Sue A. Grizzard** of Nashville. - *Knoxville Whig, 29 Nov 1865*

At the Cathedral Sunday afternoon by the **Right Rev. Bishop Feehan**, **Mr. James R. Ryan** of Chattanooga to **Miss Eliza Brennem** of Nashville. An immense concourse of friends, nearly filling the church, assembled to witness the tying of the hymeneal knot. - *Nashville Daily Gazette, Tuesday, 23 Apr 1867*

At the residence of **A. J. Bain** in Choptack on last Sunday night by **Esq. S. L. Chesnutt**, **Mr. J. D. Webb** to **Miss Bettie Bain**. This was Esquire Chesnutt's first marriage ceremony since being elected magistrate and although Sam denies being scared, they do say the ceremony was exceptionally 'short and sweet.' - *Rogersville Herald, Saturday, 30 Mar 1889*

Mr. Cornelius Cronan and **Miss Margaret Wilson** were married on the evening of the 23rd inst. at St. Patrick's Church by **Rev. Father Welsh**. The occasion drew together a large crowd of ladies and gentlemen to witness a beautiful and impressive ceremony. - *Memphis Weekly Ledger, 24 Aug 1870*

Married in Knoxville on the 21st inst. by **Charles Morrow, Esq.**, **Mr. David Thomas** and **Miss Amanda L. Dawson**, all of Knox County. - *The Tri-Weekly Whig, Knoxville, 26 Jul 1864*

On Thursday evening the 28th last by **Rev. German Baker**, **Mr. William Armstrong** to **Miss Martha W. Ragsdale**, daughter of **Capt. John Ragsdale**, all of Shelbyville. - *Western Intelligencer, Shelbyville, 29 Aug 1828*

On 15th August by **William J. Whitthorne, Esq.**, **Mr. John S. Brown** of Lincoln County to **Miss Nancy Chapman** of this county. - *Western Intelligencer, Shelbyville, 29 Aug 1828* ■

Politically Inspired . . .

The Duel Across The Mississippi

Duels were fairly frequent occurrences in America until the late 1800s. The first is said to have occurred at Plymouth in 1621. One of the most famous was in 1804 when **Aaron Burr**, shortly after losing the governor's race in New York, killed **Alexander Hamilton** in a pistol duel in Weehawken, N. J. Burr reportedly blamed Hamilton for his defeat. In 1801, Tennessee became the first state to outlaw dueling. Even so, duels continued to be popular methods for settling disputes over personal honor, property, cheating at cards or dice, women, and other noble causes. In 1806, **General Andrew Jackson** shot and killed **Charles Dickinson** in a pistol duel that resulted from a dispute over a horse race. (It was only one of several for the general.)



Memphians were not without their share of duels. One of the last known of such affrays -- and the only one described in such minute detail in the local papers -- took place on 29 June 1870 between two young Memphis lawyers -- **Capt. James Brizzolara**, 21, and **Capt. George Richard Phelan**, 22. The two attorneys were careful not to violate Tennessee law, taking their firearms across the river to Hopefield, Ark., just opposite Monroe Street in Memphis. Differences between the two arose over a communication which had appeared in *The Memphis Appeal* five days earlier under Phelan's signature. In denouncing the leaders who were reorganizing Shelby County's Democratic executive committee, Phelan took aim at Brizzolara with these comments:

"There is another member of this committee of whom I dislike to speak solely because on such a subject silence is the best commentary. This is Colonel or Major or Mister James Brizzolara. While no one has anything to say against this gentleman, unfortunately, no one has anything to say for him....He has sprung up with unhesitating assurance -- in growth as rapid and green as Jonas' gourd -- and we now find him pushing our seniors away, grasping the party helm with all the rash confidence of his raw and inexperienced youth ... and ready and eager to pilot the party around the storm of Radical opposition, intrigue, and patronage. True, he is an Italian and I am glad to say we have an increased number of these good citizens in our city, but I deny that the Colonel represents this element further than perhaps the immediate circle of his well known and respected family.¹ Let him remember when he thrusts himself so boldly before the gray-haired, eagle-eyed leaders of our party that it takes the genius of a god to support a babe among the elders."

Brizzolara replied with a letter the next morning in *The Memphis Sun*, referring to Phelan as "a puny Roman dictator [whose] toadying, crying, and cowardly courting of all elements which sought to sunder the Democratic party have fallen to the ground with shame and disgrace ... and who, conscious of his inability to achieve a legitimate reputation in the honorable profession of his choice, seeks to drag himself into a brief and sickly notoriety by venting his puny and malignant spleen in said communication...He has demonstrated himself very little of a gentleman, somewhat of a coward, and a most confirmed liar."

¹Brizzolara a few days before had been orator of the day at the Italian Festival celebrating the 10th anniversary of Italian independence. It was one of the largest gatherings held in the city.

In Tennessee parlance, "Them's fightin' words" ... and Phelan was not one to ignore the challenge. At 11 o'clock that same morning, according to *The Weekly Public Ledger*, he fired off a note to Brizzolara asking when they could meet at Hopefield, Ark., so he could have the pleasure of handing Brizzolara a further and more personal communication. At 6 p.m. came the reply:

"Your note was handed me this morning while I was under arrest and without the opportunity to reply.² Having just been released, I beg leave to say that any communication you may desire to have with me will reach me at 9 a.m. Monday the 27th inst. at Hopefield, Ark., [where] three friends will be there to receive it."

The two, accompanied by their respective friends, met at 9 o'clock Monday morning, and began an exchange of written notes through their assistants. Phelan submitted the first, which stated:

"I demand satisfaction from you for the insult offered me by you in a card which appears over your signature in the Memphis papers. Col. M. C. Gallaway³ will hand you this and is fully authorized to act for me."

At 10 a.m., through a note handed by his friend, Col. W. F. Rogers, to Col. Gallaway, Brizzolara replied that "full satisfaction" would be accorded Phelan. Rogers and Gallaway then arranged the terms of the pair's meeting as follows:

1. The time shall be Tuesday afternoon the 28th inst. at 6 o'clock.
2. The place shall be Hopefield opposite Memphis, nearly fronting Monroe Street in said Memphis.
3. The weapons shall be Colt's navy six repeaters.
4. The distance shall be 15 paces, each party to maintain his position and continue firing until all barrels are emptied. In the event either party falls, the firing will cease.
5. Word will be given as follows: The second winning the word will take his position and say, "Gentlemen, are you ready?" Both parties shall respond in a distinct voice saying "Ready" after which the second will say "Fire!" Neither party is to raise his pistol before the word 'fire.'
6. Each party shall be entitled to 12 friends besides surgeons to be present on the field.

The terms were signed and sealed about noon on Monday. Brizzolara, having business to transact in the city, was compelled to return to town with his friends, while Phelan and his companions remained in Arkansas. His every motion was accordingly watched, *The Appeal* reported. The terms were kept so secret that *The Ledger* reported on Monday evening the two had settled their differences satisfactorily. Even so, the town was rife with rumors, half of them saying there would be a fight and the other half saying there wouldn't. As Brizzolara started to go down to the boat to keep his rendezvous, he was followed by a large crowd eager to see the tragedy. At 6 o'clock Monday morning, the two principals arrived at the site and then all boarded the steamer *Cheek* which had been chartered to take the entire party to an open field about four miles down river to prevent interruption by authorities. The two men stood with their respective friends in the shade of two trees about 50 yards apart while their seconds made final arrangements for the fight. Following is the blow-by-blow description that appeared in *The Weekly Ledger*:

"Cols. Gallaway and DuBose⁴ stepped off the 15-pace distance and the seconds were careful to arrange the ground so that neither of the combatants would have advantage of the other, bringing the rays of the declining sun immediately across the line that would be selected. Stakes were driven into the earth where the parties

²On Saturday afternoon, Brizzolara had been arrested by a deputy sheriff, taken before a magistrate, and placed under a \$1,000 peace bond.

³Editor of *The Daily Appeal*.

⁴Col. J. J. DuBose, head of the Democratic Executive Committee, had been asked by Brizzolara to take Col. Rogers' place
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were expected to stand. **Col. Gallaway** threw a nickel in the air, **DuBose** called "tails," and tails it was, giving **Brizzolara's** second the right to call "the word." The pistols were then loaded by **Cols. Coleman** and **Gallaway**, the barrels were measured and found to be exactly of a length with the only difference being that one was fluted and the other smooth. Seven paces were measured off at right angles to the line, and **Col. DuBose** stood to give the word. The principals were then placed in position.

"**DuBose** asked, 'Gentlemen, are you ready?' **Brizzolara** said, 'Not ready' and, putting his pistol between his knees, proceeded to roll up the cuff of his right sleeve which had fallen down and seemed to annoy him. This time both answered 'Ready' and **DuBose** gave the order to fire. **Brizzolara** fired the first shot and **Phelan** discharged his pistol, the ball taking effect as was supposed from **Brizzolara** slightly shrinking at that instant. He recovered and discharged his pistol a second time. **Phelan** fired again and **Brizzolara**, in the act of firing, fell. Upon examination, it was found that he was seriously wounded. Thus ended the affair of honor."

The surgeon on the scene staunched the wound and **Brizzolara** was removed on a cot to a waiting steamboat. A quick trip took him to the home of his sister, **Mrs. Vincent (Mary) Baccigalupo**, on Union Street where **Dr. Mitchell Ingram** and other surgeons rendered all assistance in their power to save the young man's life. *The Ledger* reported the wound was not considered very dangerous and there was great hope **Brizzolara** would recover. *The Appeal* reported the shot entered **Brizzolara's** chest near the left nipple over the heart and came out under his left arm.

The young lawyer's recovery was fairly quick -- a fact not surprising to those familiar with his background. The son of **James** and **Rosa Brizzolara**, he was born in Richmond, Va., on 9 June 1848 and went to Italy at age 10. After attending school there for a year, he entered the Italian Revolutionary Army under **General Giuseppe Garibaldi**. At age 14 he was elevated to the rank of colonel for his meritorious service. He was said to have been wounded 30 times during his three years in the Italian revolution. Captured by federal forces, James was sentenced to be shot as a spy but escaped and rejoined his regiment. During the seven years he lived in Italy, **Brizzolara** was involved in numerous political duels but always managed to escape injury. In 1866 he removed to Memphis, Tenn., where he studied law under **Gen. Albert Pike** and **Gen. James R. Chalmers** and was admitted to the bar at age 19.

Soon after recovering from the duel with **Phelan**, **Brizzolara** eloped to Arkansas with 16-year old **Virginia "Jennie" Baccigalupo**. They were married on 23 Sep 1870 by a Presbyterian minister in Little Rock, where they lived for a brief period before removing to Fort Smith. Within a short time, James became city attorney and in 1875 was appointed assistant U. S. attorney. In 1887 he was elected mayor of Fort Smith, serving three terms. Some said Fort Smith ceased to be a bad border town from the time **Brizzolara** took office. While mayor, he was appointed commissioner of the U. S. Circuit Court. In 1889 he was appointed Fort Smith postmaster and resigned while serving his third term. He also served five terms as chief of the fire department. The colonel died from heart disease on 23 Sep 1913 at age 65. His obituary in *The Memphis Commercial Appeal* the following day called the colonel "one of the most distinguished characters of the Southwest." His law library was described as one of the largest and most valuable in the world. He left three children: **James Brizzolara, Jr.**, of Little Rock, son of his first marriage; and **Mrs. Anna Vaccaro**, Memphis, and **Attorney John B. Brizzolara**, Fort Smith, children by his second wife, **Mary Lane**.⁵ Also surviving was his third wife, former Memphian **Stella Zanone** (1874-1949) whom he married in 1896. (They had no children.)⁶

⁵Mary was born in Fort Smith in 1860. Daughter Anna was born in Sept 1888 and son John in 1889, both in Arkansas.

⁶Family information provided by TGS member Emily Iland, 28848 Woodside Drive, Saugus, CA 91350-1294

And what became of **Phelan**? His life continued to be one of restless adventure. Born in Tuscaloosa, Ala., in 1847 and reared at Aberdeen Miss., he was the son of **James** and **Eliza (Moore) Phelan**.⁵ At age 10, young George is said to have rebelled against his father's authority, organized a rebellion and secession with several other boys, and started down the Tombigbee to the sea. At 14 he joined the Confederate army, serving some months in Virginia, and then was sent to military school at Tuscaloosa from which he was expelled for "general deviltry." After working for a while on schooners in Texas and Mexico, he landed in New Orleans where he shipped on a schooner for Philadelphia and eventually landed at New York. To get back South, he enlisted at age 16 in the Fourteenth New York Cavalry which was shipped to Opelousas, La., where he escaped to the Confederate lines. In 1863 he again joined the Confederate Army, serving until the end of the war. Phelan then studied law for a year and came to Memphis in August 1866. While in New York on business, he took up with some prominent Fenians⁶ and made an expedition to Ireland as a colonel in the cavalry. A reward of 500 lbs. was offered for his capture. Phelan escaped to England and returned to Memphis where he organized a large Fenian circle. In 1867 he joined the army in Brazil, but eventually returned to Memphis and resumed his law practice, quickly rising to prominence.

Two years after his duel with Brizzolara, Phelan married **Miss Julia Tate Hunt**, daughter of **Col. W. R. Hunt** of Memphis. They had three children: **William Richard Hunt Phelan**, who became a lawyer; **George Richard Phelan, Jr.**, who died young; and **Julian Edward Phelan**.

George [Sr.] was elected to a term in the 40th Tennessee General Assembly for the 1877-79 legislative term but resigned in 1877.⁷ His resignation could have been due to the fact that he had been diagnosed as having consumption. In hopes of regaining his health, he exiled himself to the wilds of Texas, Mexico, and Colorado, where he stayed a season with the Ute Indians. He spent several winters with a Negro attendant in a small sailboat between New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla. Finally when his doctor advised that he had little time left to live, Phelan came home to Memphis having decided "it was childish to contend longer with my fate. Better by far to wrap my toga around me and fall with dignity, than to spend my last hours fighting with straws and battling for a little more breath." He died 24 September 1882.

In a tribute written by his former second, Col. Gallaway, in *The Memphis Appeal* of 26 September, Phelan was described as an "eloquent and forceful speaker an accomplished lawyer and [a man] composed of the stuff of which heroes are made." Journalist O. F. Vedder in his book, *The History of Memphis, Tennessee* called Phelan "one of the brightest intellects that ever adorned the Memphis bar." He also was referred to as "a wayward, lovable genius" and the Memphis Bar Association⁸ described him as a man whose talents were "of the very highest order."■

⁵**James Phelan** became a senator from Mississippi to the Confederate Congress and later practiced law in Memphis. **Eliza** (1827-1860) was the daughter of **Dr. Alfred Moore** and her grandfather, **John Moore**, was one of the first ministers ordained by **Bishop Asbury** in the South. Their other children in addition to George were (1) **Elizabeth** who married **___ Calloway** of Louisville, Ky.; (2) **Kate** - who married **Wade Hampton, Jr.**, of South Carolina prominence; and (3) **Cong. James Phelan** (1856-1891), who married **Mary Early** of Virginia. [Source: Saunders' *Early Settlers of Alabama*, Part II, p. 393]

⁶A secret organization founded in the U. S. ca. 1858 for the purpose of overthrowing English rule in Ireland. Phelan's grandfather, **John Phelan**, had migrated from Ireland to America, living in New York, Virginia, and later Huntsville, Ala.

⁷*Biographical Directory of the Tennessee Legislature*, pp. 723-24

⁸*Bench and Bar of Memphis Memorial*, Vol. 1.

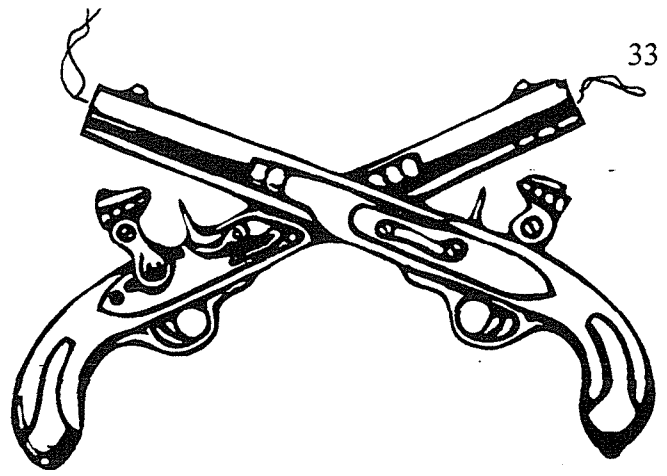
More Smoking Guns Plus Some Non-Smokers

One of the earliest duels reported in the Memphis press took place on the Arkansas shore of the Mississippi River on 15 May 1837 between **William T. Gholson** and **Albert Jackson**.¹ *The Enquirer* reported that the original cause of the duel was of a trivial nature.

The two Memphians took their positions at a distance of 30 feet, each holding his pistol by his side. At the count of "three," both men raised their pistols and fired simultaneously, the sound making but one report. Jackson dropped his pistol and gave an involuntary twitch, the ball having passed through his body below the hip. Gholson did not move from his position for a moment, standing with his eyes fixed on his adversary. Then he turned toward his surgeon, took three or four steps with a smile on his face, and fell dead in the surgeon's arms without speaking. The ball passed through his heart. Jackson was not considered in danger, although it was reported that the shot would have been fatal if the ball had struck half an inch nearer his spine. Gholson was said to have been from one of the first families of Virginia.

In 1855, another duel was to take place at the grove that came to be known as the "Dueling Oaks," about eight miles south of Memphis on the Hernando Road.² It seems that a handsome young German college student, **Fritz Shubut**, had come to Memphis to visit his uncle. When he appeared at a social function in the full dress uniform of a Prussian officer, he completely dazzled the local belles -- much to the chagrin of their Memphis suitors. **Capt. Wells**, a noted local duelist who reputedly had killed several adversaries on the field of honor, made an offensive remark to Shubut. The young German appeared to ignore the remark, but later in the evening, when conversation at the party turned to the question of honor, Shubut rose to his feet and looking in Wells' direction, stated, "It is a proud trait of my country that gentlemen never notice insults made by cow hands."

Wells demanded an instant apology, but Shubut refused. The two exchanged cards and selected seconds. Since the challenged party in a duel always had the choice of weapons, Shubut chose the French rapier -- a weapon in which he had been well schooled. Wells, a good pistol and rifle shot who also did well with a saber, was completely unexperienced with the edgeless rapier. Being almost twice Shubut's size, though, he thought he could overcome his opponent with sheer force. On the morning of the appointed day, Shubut arrived an hour early and engaged with his second, **Capt. Brown**, in a fencing bout. Wells arrived on the scene just in time to see Brown's sword go flying through the air from a lightning-like thrust by Shubut. Without a word to



his second or surgeon, Wells quickly wheeled his horse around and rode "hell for leather" towards Hernando. No one ever knew what became of him.

"The Dueling Oaks" also was the site in 1866 for a match between a pair of prominent Memphians whose families were among the city's oldest and most esteemed. **Henderson Taylor**, a brother of **Dr. Arthur K. Taylor**, reportedly made an insulting remark about a member of the Greenlaw family to **Alonzo Greenlaw**, son of **W. B. Greenlaw** and a veteran of **Gen. Nathan B. Forrest's** cavalry. According to a newspaper account, Greenlaw demanded an apology when the two met one afternoon on Union Avenue. Taylor denied ever making the remark, and said he didn't like the manner in which Greenlaw addressed him. Greenlaw responded by slapping Taylor across the mouth with his glove, leaving a red welt on his face. The next morning, a formal challenge was delivered and immediately accepted. Taylor's second was reported to be **Col. Langdon Haynes**, former senator in the Confederate Congress,³ and Greenlaw's was **Capt. Gift**.

Armed with Navy repeaters, the men met at the grove about noon on 13 July 1866, and their seconds agreed on a distance of 10 paces. When the word was given, the two fired almost simultaneously. Taylor's shot grazed Greenlaw's head, and Greenlaw's struck Taylor in the right side, lodging near his heart. Taylor did not fall at once, but turned a little. Greenlaw, thinking Taylor was not fatally wounded, cocked his pistol and was taking aim when a second cried "Halt!" **Capt. Greenlaw** held his fire and then left the grounds. Taylor lived only a few minutes. He was buried at his brother's residence at No. 77 Adams Street, according to *The Memphis Post*.⁴

The sheriff of Hernando, Miss., had the last word when two of Memphis' top newspaper editors were about to battle over their respective honors in his home county (DeSoto). **Col. M. C. Gallaway**, editor of *The Appeal* and the same man who had been **George Phelan's** second in his duel with **James Brizzolara**, had unmercifully ridiculed **Gen. Jordan**, editor of *The Avalanche*. Jordan, though a Southerner, had opposed **Jefferson Davis** throughout the Civil War and wrote an article for *Harper's* magazine charging that

¹ An account of the duel appeared in the 20 May 1837 issue of *The Memphis Enquirer* on Page 3, Column 1

² *The Commercial Appeal*, 4 Oct 1931, Section I, Page 18

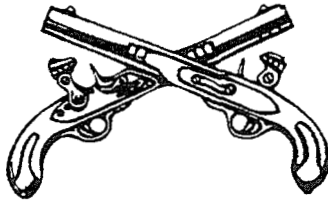
³ One Memphis newspaper identified him as **Capt. Milton Hayes**.

⁴ Issue of 13 Jul 1866, Page 8, Column 3

MORE SMOKIN' GUNS

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Davis' constant interference in military affairs was largely responsible for the Confederates' downfall. His timing was especially bad since Davis at this time was not only imprisoned in a Union barrack but had been put in irons.



The article enraged Gallaway, who was a personal friend of Davis, and for almost a week he devoted his entire editorial column to a tirade against Davis' critics. On 28 June 1866 he wrote an article deliberately aimed at Jordan, saying "Remorse -- deep, poignant, and consuming -- will be like a coal of fire in the bosoms of Southern men who assail Mr. Davis while he is chained down in a dungeon."

Jordan immediately sent a note to Gallaway demanding an apology. Correspondence was exchanged, published in the papers, and on the 1st of July the two met in Hernando. Just as they were about to take their places to shoot it out, Sheriff Jackson arrived on the scene and promptly escorted them to jail. Their seconds got together the next morning, submitted the matter to a dueling court,⁵ and the affair was settled amicably.

"Purely private matters" was the only explanation given for the duel on 25 Aug 1870 between Major Ed Freeman, a bookkeeper with Brooks & Co. on Front Street, and E. L. Hamlin, a Memphis attorney.⁶ Freeman had challenged Hamlin a week earlier, but mutual friends staved off an actual showdown when the two met across the river in Arkansas. The difficulty was not settled, however. Freeman ran a card in the paper advising Hamlin he wanted to arrange "a speedy meeting" to settle all existing differences. "It is hardly necessary to refer to the past," Freeman stated. "Let it suffice that I ... denounce you as a coward, a poltroon, and a base scoundrel. If this is not sufficient to induce you to give me the satisfaction every gentleman at all times has the right to ask of another, inform me and I will cheerfully give it to you."

Hamlin's response came the following day from Hopefield, Ark.: "I am unconscious of having done you any wrong or of having given you any cause for this most extraordinary communication, but the peremptory terms of your note debar me from any reply other than acceptance of the meeting you desire."

Consequently, a second meeting was scheduled for sunrise on Friday the 26th of August at a point on Nonconnah Creek about nine miles from the city.⁷ (Some said it was the same place where Greenlaw killed Taylor a few years earlier.) At first fire, Hamlin was mortally wounded, the ball entering his right side, passing through his liver, and exiting on his left side. Hamlin told Freeman, "I have never said

aught against you or injured you in all my life." Then he told his surgeon, Dr. D. D. Sanders, and his seconds, Major Sanders of Tunica, Miss., and D. B. Scales of Memphis: "Say nothing to my poor mother, but tell my father I was born a gentleman and died a gentleman."

Hamlin, about 25, was the son of Col. W. B. Hamlin, a prominent Memphis businessman, and served on Gen. Marcus B. Wright's staff during the war. After the war, he attended Cambridge and then returned home to begin his law practice. He was a partner of Judge Henry G. Smith before starting his own practice.

Freeman, a native of Virginia, came to Memphis at the close of the war. It was said that he always appeared to be a "quiet, polite gentleman who went in the best society and had many friends." His seconds at the duel were Charley Wooldridge, Major W. H. Rhea, and Capt Taylor.

The Memphis Bar Association attended Hamlin's funeral in a body. Bar members appointed pallbearers were L. B. McFarland, C. W. Metcalf, L. E. Wright, D. M. Scales, W. K. Poston, Charles S. Collins, G. I. Griffin, W. W. Goodwin, George R. Phelan, R. D. Jordan, A. M. Stephens, George Harris, S.O. Scarbrough, L. B. Horrigan, and C. M. B. Thurmond.

A duel that never took place drew far more publicity than many that did. The scheduled set-to involved the editors of Memphis' two morning newspapers, Edward W. Carmack of *The Commercial* and Col. William A. Collier of *The Appeal-Avalanche*.⁸ On 4 May 1893, their intense rivalry reached a boiling point when Carmack ran a card in *The Commercial* charging that the rival paper had "sunk to the level of a night-strolling trollop plying its trade in the back alleys of town ... [and] selling its soul to whomsoever may buy." Collier replied in kind the following day, saying *The Commercial* was "so low, mean, and contemptible that nothing said of it would be a slander. I denounce [the card] as a wilful and malicious lie, and its author as a wilful and malicious liar."

That did it -- and the two editors agreed to meet on the dueling field the following Saturday afternoon in nearby Holly Springs, Miss. Official members of the Carmack party were to be W. J. Crawford and John Armistead, and those of the Collier party were designated as Holmes Cummins and John F. McCallum. Both editors and their parties were to catch the 10'clock train. Meanwhile, Memphis Police Chief Davis, informed of the scheduled duel by a mysterious, heavily veiled woman, went before Judge Scruggs and had two bench warrants sworn out against Carmack and Collier at 9 o'clock that morning. One was given to Deputy Sheriff Joe Perkins, and the other to Deputy Sheriff App. Failing to find Carmack at his office or hotel room, Perkins headed to the Memphis & Birmingham depot where he found Carmack seated in the smoking car with Crawford nearby. Carmack submitted without a word, boarded a street car with Perkins

⁵ A group of friends who arbitrate the bone of contention

⁶ *The Weekly Ledger*, Memphis, Friday, 26 Aug 1870

⁷ One account identified the spot as Shanghai on Hernando Road in the state of Mississippi.

⁸ *The Appeal-Avalanche* in its 7 May 1893 issue devoted 2-1/2 columns on Page 5 to the meeting that didn't come off. *The Commercial* carried a Page One story that same day.

MORE SMOKIN' GUNS (continued)

and in 10 minutes was seated calmly in the Shelby County Criminal Court. Meanwhile, App went to the *Appeal-Avalanche* building and found the Collier party boarding a hack to go to the depot. App, thinking the group intended to go to the courthouse, waved the other gentlemen into the hack first. **Major Dabney Collier** leaped into the vehicle followed by McCallum. Col. Collier then took his seat and Deputy App also entered. The Negro driver, **Joe Williams**, understood he was to proceed to the depot and took off. When App realized what was happening, he attempted to rise from his seat but McCallum and Major Collier seized him by the wrists. He then asked to be let out of the hack, and was promptly released. App then made a leap for the driver, and McCallum sprang from the carriage and seized him. Pistols were drawn, and the carriage took off at breakneck speed, leaving McCallum and App behind. At the depot, Col. Collier jumped from the still moving carriage, boarded the train undetected, and bolted himself in a private compartment. App then got on the train and, as it rolled down Broadway, a fierce struggle was going on between the law officer and the Collier party. On reaching Mississippi, two miles out of town, the officer finally gave up and left the train.

While all of this had been going on, Carmack managed to escape from the Memphis courtroom. Claiming that he had to go to his office to arrange some business and get security on his bond, Carmack was released on the grounds that he report back to the court before 1 p.m. Instead, he secured a special train and soon was rolling along at 30 miles an hour to meet his adversary at Holly Springs. With the original time for the duel already passed, Crawford and Cummins conferred regarding the possibility of a second appointment. Cummins considered it his duty under the rules as he understood them to decline to make any further appointment.

On 10 May, **M. D. Gallaway**, **Josiah Patterson**, and **Casey Young** wrote letters to Collier and Carmack, proposing that each man select two friends who would be authorized to choose a fifth gentlemen.⁹ The five would then be empowered to adjust all matters at variance between Collier and Carmack. "Such a difference should not exist between gentlemen of your influence and position in the community," the letters stated. Carmack agreed, and selected Gallaway and Patterson as his friends. Collier also accepted and chose **Gen. George W. Gordon** and **Capt. J. H. Martin** as his friends. The fifth man on the panel was **A. D. Gwynne**. The five ruled that all offensive statements made in the editorial columns of *The Commercial* in relation to the *Appeal Avalanche* on and after 1 May 1893 should be withdrawn, and neither editor was to indulge by word or act in further hostilities toward each other. Thus was averted a fatal collision.¹⁰ ■

⁹ A copy of the letter appeared in the *Appeal Avalanche* of 16 May 1893

¹⁰ Carmack, who later became editor of a Nashville newspaper, was shot

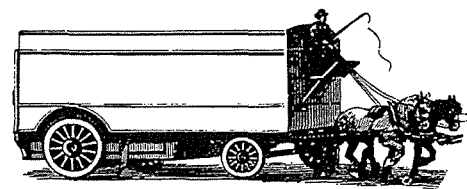
In 1873

They Supervised Public Instruction In Their Respective Counties

The Chattanooga Daily Times, in its issue of 17 April 1873, carried the following list of superintendents of public instruction who were elected by their respective county courts:

County
 Haywood
 Carroll
 Lauderdale
 Blount
 Sumner
 Gibson
 Wilson
 Washington
 Bradley
 Henry
 Bedford
 Rutherford
 Robinson (Robertson)
 Trousdale
 Giles
 Hawkins
 McMinn
 Roane
 Fayette
 Warren
 Knox
 Greene
 Carter
 Hamilton
 Dyer
 Jefferson
 Maury

Superintendent
 J. B. Turner
 Rev. G. W. Williams
 H. T. Hauks
 Rev. John H. Morton
 G. W. Callender
 A. S. Curry
 A. D. Norris
 Prof. H. Presnell
 W. L. Sharp
 R. M. Dickenson
 John R. Dean
 Prof. G. W. Jarman
 J. W. Watts
 Robert Smith
 W. R. Garrett
 Campbell Edmondson
 Rev. Joseph Janeway
 A. Newton
 William Norris
 A. M. Barney
 Thomas C. Karas
 J. C. Park
 C. C. Collins
 J. H. Hardie
 H. Parks, Jr.
 Dr. Samuel Anderson
 Hugh T. Gordon ■



Bedford County's Forerunner to FedEx

Express delivery of packages was going on in Bedford County, Tenn., well over a century ago.

The Shelbyville Commercial, in its edition of 8 Mar 1872, reported that **W. N. Perry** sold his horse and wagon to **W. C. Knott** who at that time had been awarded the contract for delivery of express packages.

and killed on the streets of the state capitol on 9 Nov 1908 by **Robin Cooper**.

Dyer County Tax Sales 1859

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*(From microfilm of the 5 Mar 1859 issue of the Dyersburg Recorder, Roll DYS 301- Dyersburg State Gazette [Misc.] 1866-1922
produced by the Tennessee State Archives & Library, Nashville, Tenn.)*

Abbreviations used: CD= Civil District, R= Range, S= Section

STATE OF TENNESSEE, DYER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FEBRUARY TERM, 1859

Whereas **William M. Watkins**, collector of public taxes for said county, has returned herein into Court his report of lands and town lots of non-residents, the taxes on which for the year 1858 remain unpaid, which is ordered by the Court to be recorded, to-wit: **I, Will M. Watkins**, collector of the public taxes for the County of Dyer do hereby report to the court the following tracts of land, town lots, and parts of town lots as having been assessed for the year 1858 which lie in the county of Dyer and in the Thirteenth Surveyor's District on which the taxes are due and remain unpaid. (Dated 1 Feb 1859)

T. J. BLAIR - one lot in the town of Friendship in Civil District No. 1, Range 6, Section 1, part of **E. Davidson's** 2000-acre grant No. 118 valued at \$150, taxes 42 cents.

J. M. BASS - 182 acres in CD No. 1, R-6, S-2, part of **Ben Smith's** 5000-acre grant No. 416, valued at \$1,567, taxes \$4.09.

EWING & WHITE - 128 acres in CD No. 1, R-6, S-2, part of **John Stoke's** 2500-acre grant No. 36, valued at \$192, taxes 53 cents.

H. K. EASON - 95 acres in CD No. 1, R-6, S-1, part of **Calvin Jones's** 2,560 acre entry No. 194, valued at \$475, taxes \$1.33.

HAYWOOD & BROTHERS - 122 acres in CD No. 1, R-6 S-2, part of **Thomas Jackson's** 5,000-acre entry No. 536, valued at \$244, taxes 68 cents.

W. H. JANUARY - 45 acres in CD No. 1, R-6, S-2, part of **Thomas Henderson's** 1,000 acre entry No. 682, value \$80, tax \$1.01.

JOHN SIMS - 60 acres in CD No. 2, R-6, S-2, part of **John Stoke's** 2500-acre grant No. 36, value \$2,720, taxes \$7.65.

JOHN A. TALIAFERRO - 614 acres in CD No. 1, R-6, S-1, part of **M. Armstrong's** 5000-acre grant No. 162, value \$2,763, tax \$7.76.

B. B. WATSON - 90 acres in CD (?), tax \$1.66

THOMAS YOUNG - 948 acres in CD No. 1, R-6, S-2, part of **John Stoke's** 2500-acre grant No. 36, value \$2,014, tax \$7.37.

JAMES H. CHARLESTON - 125 acres in CD No. 2, R-6, S-2, part of **Martin Armstrong's** 5000-acre grant No. 162, value \$1,000 in price, tax \$2.81.

WILLIAM H. DAVIS - 65 acres in CD No. 2, R-6, S-2, part of **Thomas Jackson's** 5000-acre entry No. 536, value \$418, tax \$1.17

THOMAS DEBERRY 250 acres in CD No. 2, R-6, S-2, part of **M. Armstrong's** 5000-acre grant No. 162, value \$1,500 in price, tax \$4.21.

JOSEPH F. EVANS and **SAMUEL KILLOUGH** - 360 acres in CD No. 2, R-6, S-2, part of **M. Armstrong's** 5000-acre grant No. 162, value \$720, tax \$2.02.

JOHN LYTTE's heirs - 320 acres in CD No. 2, R-7, S-1, part of **Ben Smith's** 5000-acre grant No. 416, value \$960, tax \$2.70.

ROBERT MASSEY - 165 acres in CD No. 2, R-7, S-2, part of Entry 827 in the name of the devisees of **George Dougherty**, value \$1,072, tax \$3.01.

ROBERT MASSEY - 69 acres in CD No. 2, R-7, S-2, part of Entry 502 in the name of **John Rutherford**, value \$558, tax \$1.55.

ROBERT MASSEY - 8 acres in CD No. 2, R-7, S-2, entered in the name of **McLemore & Murray** by Entry 828, value \$64, tax 18 cents.

ROBERT MASSEY - 50 acres in CD No. 2, R-7, S-2, entered by **John Rutherford**, Entry 215, value \$400, tax \$1.13.

WILLARD SHIELD's heirs - 1,280 acres in CD No. 2, R-6, S-1, part of **Ben Smith's** 5000-acre grant No. 416, value \$8,960, tax \$25.15.

AUSTIN SHELTON's heirs - 160 acres in CD No. 2, R-7, S-2, part of **T. G. Polk's** 2000-acre grant No. 18572, value \$960, tax \$2.70.

JOHN BAILEY - 50 acres in CD No. 4, R-7, S-2, part of **B. Smith's** 5000-acre grant No. 416, value \$500, tax \$1.42.

LONG & NORWOOD - 1200 acres in CD No. 3, R-8, S-1, part of **Ben Smith's** 5000-acre grant No. 407, value \$1,200, tax \$3.37.

DYER TAX SALE (continued)

SHEROD BREWER - one town lot in CD No. 4, R-3, in the town of Dyersburg, value \$1,000, tax \$2.81.

F. N. W. BURTON's heirs - one town lot in CD No. 4, Lot No. 75 in the town of Dyersburg, value \$800, tax \$1.70.

JAMES CARUTHERS - 3,000 acres in CD No. 4, R-8, S-3, granted to **Ben Smith** by grant No. 122, value \$10,500, tax \$29.46.

DAVID McCLANAHAN - 100 acres in CD No. 4, R-8, S-3, part of **B. McCulloch's** 5000-acre grant No. 78, value \$500, tax \$1.42.

MARGARET RIDENS - one town lot in CD No. 4, Lot No. 89, in the town of Dyersburg added from the commons, value \$500, tax \$1.42.

JOHN FLOYD - 105 acres in CD No. 5, R-7, S-5, part of **James Douglas's** 3000-acre grant No. 78, value \$420, tax \$1.18.

S. G. GILLESPIE - 105-2/5 acres in CD No. 5, R-8, S-4, part of Entry No. 38 in the name of the heirs of **Jesse Benton**, value \$1,026, tax \$2.88.

S. G. GILLESPIE - 16 acres in CD No. 5, R-8, S-4, part of Entry No. 38 in the name of the heirs of **Jesse Benton**, value \$1,026, tax \$2.88.

W. L. MERRIWEATHER's heirs - 600 acres in CD No. 5, R-8, S-5, Entry No. 402 in the name of **G. W. Marr**, value \$1,200, tax \$3.88.

McLEMORE & VAWX - 55 acres in CD No. 5, R-8, S-4, part of **Joseph Barbour's** 274-acre entry No. 365, value \$288, tax 62 cents.

JAMES WILSON & wife - 800 acres in CD No. 5, R-8, S-5, part of **John Doughn's** 2415-acre entry No. 62, value \$76.00, tax \$4.??.

JOHN WATSON's heirs - 200 acres in CD No. 5, R-8, S-5, occupant entry No. 355 in the name of **E. Baker**, value \$1,000, tax \$2.81.

JOHN WILLIAMS's heirs - 200 acres in CD No. 5, R-8, S-5, occupant entry in the name of **Cochrane & Johnson**, value \$1,000, tax \$2.81.

SWINBORN CRAVEN - 100 acres in CD No. 6, part of **William Sharp's** 5000-acre grant, value \$5 __, tax \$1.41.

ROBERT ____ LLOWS - 666 acres in CD No. 6, R-7, S-5, part of **James Morton's** 5000-acre grant No. 108, value \$666, tax \$1.87.

THOMAS & JAMES GALLOWAY - 2,667 acres in CD No. 6, R-7, S-5, part of **J. Morton's** 5000-acre grant No. 108, value \$2,667, tax \$7.50.

F. G. HELLUMS's heirs - 117 acres in CD No. 6, R-7, S-5, part of **James Dougan's** 3600-acre grant No. 72, value \$928, tax \$2.60.

GEORGE W. RAY - 115-1/2 acres in CD No. 6, R-7, S-4, part of **William Melhatton's** 3,880-acre entry No. 46, value \$808, tax \$2.47.

LEWIS V. READ - 178 acres in CD No. 6, R-7, S-5, part of **J. G. & T. Blount's** 2000-acre grant No. 227, value \$800, tax \$2.75.

JOSIAH READ - 200 acres in CD No. 6, R-7, S-6, part of **J. G. & T. Blount's** 2000-acre grant No. 227, value \$800, tax \$2.75.

T. J. SEALS - 75 acres in CD No. 6, R-7, S-5, part of **James Dougan's** 3600-acre grant No. 72, value \$300, tax 85 cents.

SAMUEL J. HAYS - 400 acres in CD No. 7, R-7, S-2 entered in his own name by Entry No. 453, value \$600, tax \$1.70.

SAMUEL J. HAYS - 200 acres in CD No. 7, R-7, S-2 entered in his own name by Entry No. 454, value \$300, tax 85 cents.

WILLIAM WILKES - 50 acres in CD No. 7, R-7, S-3, part of **John Miller's** 1000-acre entry No. 156, value \$300, tax 85 cents.

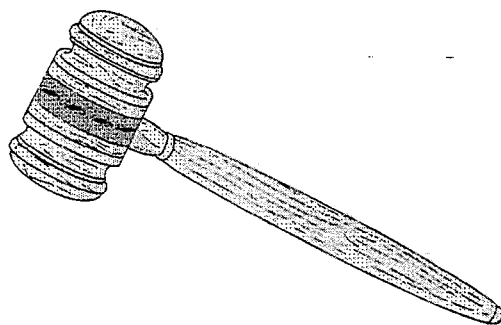
HENRY SPRATT - 200 acres in CD No. 8, R-7, S-8, part of **Polk & Leach's** 971-acre entry No. 105, value \$800, Tax \$2.25.

FREDERIC ARMSTRONG - 124 acres in CD No. 9, R-6, S-4, part of **Alex McCorkle's** 2,411 -1/2 acre entry No. 50, value \$992, tax \$2.78.

SAMUEL DICKENS - 471 acres in CD No. 9, R-6, S-5, entered in the name of **Robert Ritchie's** heirs by Entry No. 654, value \$706, tax \$2.00.

JOSEPH GARWOOD's heirs - 425 acres in CD No. 9, R-6, S-4, part of **Thomas Persons's** 1,2 __ acre entry No. 52, value \$2,125, tax \$5.90.

HARRY HILL's heirs - 559 acres in CD No. 9, R-6, S-5, part of **Hardy Murfree's** 2,581-acre entry No. 14, value \$2,236, tax \$6.27.



DYER TAX SALE (continued)

ISAAC LARSON - 1,000 acres in CD No. 9, R-6 and 7, S-5, part of **J. G. & T. Blount's** 2000-acre grant No. 227, value \$2,000, tax \$5.62.

M. B. MURFREE - 559 acres in CD No. 9, R-6, S-5, part of **Hardy Murfree's** 2,581-acre entry No. 14, value \$2,236, tax \$6.27.

W. H. MURFREE - 1,030 acres in CD No. 9, R-6, S-5, part of **Hardy Murfree's** 2,581-acre entry No. 14, value \$4,120, tax \$11.57.

ARCHIBALD McCANN - 450 acres in CD No. 9, R-6 and 7, S-5, part of **J. G. & T. Blount's** 2000-acre grant No. 227, value \$900, tax \$2.58.

JAMES VAULXORE - 700 acres in CD No. 9, R-6, S-5, part of **W. B. C. Lewis's** 5000-acre entry No. 498, value \$2,100, tax \$5.89.

NATHAN ARMSTRONG - 350 acres in CD No. 10, R-10, S-2, part of **Martin Armstrong's** 5000-acre grant No. 38, value \$700, tax \$1.97.

ROBERT I. CHESTER - 500 acres in CD No. 10, R-10, S-2, granted to **S. J. Hays** by Grant No. 13,203, value \$1250, tax \$3.51.

HILL & ALSUP - 50 acres in CD 10, R-9, S-8 entered in their own name by Entry No. 54, value \$200, tax 57 cents.

JAMES, DANIEL & W. F. HUGHES - 5,000 acres in CD No. 10, R-9 & 10, S-2 & 3, entered in their own names by Entry No. 425, value \$5,000, tax \$14.05.

JAMES, DANIEL & W. F. HUGHES - 2,500 acres in CD No. 10, R-9 & 10, S-3, entered in their own names by Entry No. 426, value \$2,500, tax \$7.08.

JOHN WITHERS - 670 acres in CD No. 10, R-9, S-8 entered in the name of **McCulloch's** 5000-acre grant No. 78, value \$2,010, tax \$5.65.

WESTON ALECK - 36 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-3, entered in his own name by Entry No. 75, value \$76, tax 29 cents.

OWEN FERRELL - 100 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-4, value \$300, tax 85 cents.

THOMAS J. FINLEY - 279 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-_, entered in his own name, value \$558, tax \$1.56.

GEORGE W. GIBBS - 2,500 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-1 & 2, part of **Martin Armstrong's** 5000-acre grant No. 96, value \$2,500, tax \$7.00.

GILBERT HART's heirs - 1,003 acres in CD No. 11, R-11, S-3 entered in the name of **Gilbert Hart** by Entry No. 631, value \$2,006, tax \$5.65.

MICAJAH HICKS - 640 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-4, entered in his own name by Entry No. 448 and granted to him by Grant No. 5,322, value \$1,280, tax \$3.60.

CHARLES I. LOVE - 1,700 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-3 & 4, entered in his own name by Entry No. 1667, value \$6,800, tax \$19.08.

MATHIAS B. MURFREE - 480 acres in CD No. 11, R-11, S-_, part of his 640 (remainder illegible)

JAMES McCLURE - 158 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-8 entered in his own name by Entry No. 7, value \$316, tax 90 cents.

JAMES McCLURE - 320 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-3 entered in his own name by Entry No. 19, value \$480, tax \$1.80.

JAMES McCLURE - 240 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-3 entered in his own name by Entry No. 19, value \$480, tax \$1.35.

JAMES McCLURE - 103 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-8 entered in his own name by Entry No. 8, value \$206, tax 58 cents.

M. M. MERIWETHER - 640 acres in CD No. 11, R-11, S-5 entered in the name of the Trustee of East Tennessee College by Entry No. 610, value \$1,280, tax \$3.63.

PLANTERS BANK OF TENNESSEE - 600 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-3, value \$1,000, tax \$4.21.

PLANTERS BANK OF TENNESSEE - 286 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-3, value \$745, tax \$2.68

CHARLES THOMAS - 400 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-3, entered in his own name by Entry No. 74, value \$80, tax 22 cents.

A. W. O. TOTTEN - 564-1/2 acres in CD No. 11, R-11, S-2 entered in his own name by Entry No. 48, value \$1,128, tax \$3.17.

A. W. O. TOTTEN - 195 acres in CD No. 11, R-11, S-3 entered in his own name by Entry No. 41, value \$195, tax 53 cents.

A. W. O. TOTTEN - 50 acres in CD No. 11, R-11, S-4 entered in his own name by Entry No. 49, value \$100, tax 29 cents.

UNION BANK OF TENNESSEE - 1,000 acres in CD No. 11, R-10, S-5, part of **Daniel Wheaton's** 2,560-acre entry No. 737, value \$3,000, tax \$8.42.

W. W. & W. M. WILSON - 874 acres in CD No. 11, R-10 & 11, S-4 granted to **Henry A. Rutledge** by grants No. 3561, 3562, 3564, 3565, 3466, and 3568 value \$5,244, tax \$14.71.

WILSON & WEBB - 800 acres in CD No. 13, R-9, S-5, part of **A. Murphey's** 2210-acre grant, No. 125, value \$1600, tax \$4.40.

JOHN EMASY BECK: Grandfather of Nathan Bedford Forrest

Contributed by R. F. Wicker, Jr., 5136 Violet Bank Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464-5643

Dr. Wicker, former Benton Co., Miss., resident, is a direct descendant of John Emasy Beck and a cousin of Gen. Forrest.

In all the biographies of **Nathan Bedford Forrest**, it is stated that his mother's family "was Scotch Irish and came from South Carolina." It is time to publish the truth about **Miriam Beck Forrest** and her family. They were of English origin and came from Pennsylvania¹ and North Carolina².

Miriam's parents, **John Emasy Beck** and his wife, **Frances Watts**, were among the earlier settlers of Bedford Co., Tenn. John Emasy's grandfather was **Jeffrey Beck**, who was born in Bucks Co., Pa., to **Edward** and **Sarah Beck** and moved via Virginia to North Carolina.³ John Emasy, born ca. 1770 in Chatham Co., N.C., was the son of **John Beck** and his first wife. In ca. 1791 John Emasy married **Frances "Franky" Watts**, daughter of **Benjamin** and **Franky Watts**.⁴ About 1808-09, John Emasy moved his family to Bedford Co., Tenn., along with the **Aaron Aldridge** and **Frederick Siler** families.⁵ Aaron and Frederick had married sisters of Frances Watts Beck.⁶ John Emasy purchased 200 acres on the west side of Caney Spring Creek from **James A. Wilson** on 21 Oct 1818. On 1 Apr 1833, he added 59 acres to his plat. An 1830-1840 map shows John Emasy living on the 200-acre plat and his son **Jeffrey** living on the 59 acres east of the creek.⁷

John Emasy and Frances brought valuable commodities to Bedford County: *marriageable daughters*. Their eight children, all born in Chatham Co., N.C., were:⁸

[1] **Jane Beck** -- born ca. 1790-1799. Her estate was settled 2 May 1842 in Marshall Co., Tenn. She married **John Patton**, and they had five children. Their three youngest -- **James**, **John**, and **William McKindred Patton** -- died young with tuberculosis. Daughter **Mary Patton** married **Edwin F. Kirk** in Marshall County; had one son, **John P. Kirk**; and then she died of tuberculosis. Daughter **Rebecca Patton** was the only child to escape tuberculosis and live out a normal life. She married **Osborn Rosson** prior to 1854, and their son **John Barnes Rosson** became a much loved family physician in Tulare, Calif. The Rosson family came from North Carolina also, possibly with the Becks.⁹

[2] **Miriam Beck** -- born ca. 1790-1799. She married **William Forrest** ca. 1820. They lived in a cabin in what is now the center of Chapel Hill, Tenn. The history of this family is well known except for one fact. As stated above, biographers of Nathan Bedford Forrest always incorrectly describe Miriam's family as "from South Carolina and of Scotch Irish origin." John Emasy's father moved to South Carolina AFTER the birth and youth of John Emasy.¹⁰ Miriam's second husband was **Joseph Luxton**. She died in Navasota Co., Tex., in the summer of 1868.

[3] **John Emasy Beck, Jr.** -- born ca. 1790-1799. He simply disappeared and has not been found despite arduous search.

¹ Will of Edward Beck, written Dec 1736, probated 1736, Solebury, Bucks Co. Pa.; marriage record of Jeffrey Beck and Lydia Phillips, 3 Dec 1742, Philadelphia, Pa.

² Land grant #726, warrant #266, Randolph Co., N.C.; will of Jeffrey Beck, Randolph Co., N.C., Jul 1774

³ *Augusta Co., Va., Deed Book 4*, p. 357: land purchase, 13 Feb 1752; sale of same in 1754, Chalkley's *Scotch Irish Chronicles*, Vol. 3, p. 314

⁴ Estate settlement of Benjamin Watts, Chatham Co., N.C., Apr 1786, listing children and spouses

⁵ Bedford Co., Tenn., 1812 tax list; Land Grant #265, Middle Tenn. Grants, Bedford Co.; Bedford Co. Deed Bk A-264, M-91

⁶ Estate settlement of Benjamin Watts (op. cit.)

⁷ *Marshall Co., Tenn., Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 22, 1992, p. 104

⁸ 1800 census, Chatham Co., N.C.; 1850 census, Tippah Co., Miss., for Miriam, Orrin; 1850 Tennessee census for others

⁹ Estate settlement of Jane Patton, Marshall Co., Tenn.; letter from John B. Rosson dtd. 7 Aug 1900, Tulare Co., Calif.; 1850-1870 Tennessee censuses

¹⁰ Carole Watterson Troxler: *The Loyalist Experience in North Carolina*, p. 63; Chatham Co., N.C., court Minutes 1790/1794, pp. 47, 81; death notice of John Beck, 19 May 1818, Roseland Plantation, S.C.

[4] **Orrin Alston Beck** -- born 20 Feb 1803; died 23 Sep 1868 in Tippah Co., Miss. He left his Tennessee home for Georgia to seek his fortune among relatives who had left North Carolina, moved first to South Carolina, and thence to Georgia. In Jones Co., Ga., Orrin met and married **Nancy Ann Mourning Davis**, daughter of **William Davis**. She was born 4 Apr 1802 in Jones County. Orrin was quite successful in his business ventures. In 1838 he moved to Mississippi to be near his sister, Miriam Beck Forrest, whose husband had died. At one time, Orrin owned more than 2,000 acres of rich bottomland along the Tippah River, a horse-racing track, and a spa known as Beck Springs which advertised dancing, ten pins, and accommodations for 200 persons.¹¹

[5] **Aaron Beck** -- born ca. 1805. He never married and died in Tippah Co., Miss. He said his happiest days were spent dancing at Beck Springs.

[6] **Jeffrey Beck** -- born ca. 1806, died in DeSoto Co., Miss., in July 1845. He was married on 19 Oct 1824 in Maury Co., Tenn., to **Mildred Osquires**. Their five children, all born in Bedford/Marshall Co., Tenn., were **Theodore C., Thaddius D., Florentine Elizabeth, Josephine, and Jerome/Jeffrey Beck**.¹²

[7] **Fannie Beck** -- born ca. 1807 and died prior to 1815 in Tennessee.

[8] **Sophie Beck** -- born in 1808 and died 6 Nov 1881 in Texas. She was married in Memphis, Tenn., in 1828 to **George Washington McLaurin**. George was born in Laurens, S. C., in 1801. He served as a judge in Rusk and Wood counties, Tex., and was killed in the Civil War. Sophie and George's ten children, all born in Lawrence Co., Tenn., were: **Mary J. H., Maltissa E. (male), John, William James, Richard C., George Washington, Jr., Francis R., Eula, James Knox Polk, and Robert Lee McLaurin**.¹³

John Emasy Beck, a large man physically, remained active to the end of his life. When his son Orrin moved to Mississippi, John Emasy followed and engaged in land sales there. He and Frances sold land in Tippah County on 18 Apr 1838. He was listed in the 1840 census of Marshall Co., Miss. The last deed he signed was 23 Nov 1840. Apparently, he died shortly afterwards and is buried somewhere in Marshall County. Frances then lived with her son, Orrin in the Salem community of Tippah County. She died 1 Sep 1841 and is buried in the Beck Cemetery in Benton Co., Miss., near Ashland.

On 18 Jan 1849, their son Jeffrey sold the Beck land in Marshall Co., Tenn., to Alexander Dysert, bringing to an end the Beck family life in Tennessee.

(Complete documentation on the family is available from the compiler, Dr. R. F. Wicker, Jr., 5136 Violet Bank Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464-5643.)■

A Melancholy Accident

(Transcribed from microfilm of the *Memphis Appeal*, Friday, 22 Dec 1843)

McCoy W. Campbell, Esq. of Maury County was crushed to death between two boats at the Maysville landing on the night of the 18th ult. He had taken passage at Wheeling for Maysville on the steamboat *Ben Franklin*. When it was ascertained that Maysville would be reached in the night, he manifested great apprehension and horror at being set ashore in the yawl. He and another passenger requested the captain to land the boat which he refused to do, alleging that he would have wharfage to pay. The boat arrived at Maysville about 11 o'clock. It was very dark. Campbell got into the yawl and when another passenger was about to descend into it, the boat collided with the steamboat *Mail*, and Campbell was crushed so as to die shortly after. At an inquest which followed, jurors found the captain guilty of gross and inexcusable negligence.■

¹¹Tippah Co., Miss., 1837 tax lists, 1838 land sales, Vol. 9, #3, p. 70

¹²DeSoto Co., Miss., estate settlement of Jeffrey Beck 7 June 1852; Bedford Co., Tenn., 1830 census; DeSoto Co., Miss., 1850 census

¹³Lawrence Co., Tenn., 1850 census; complete notes of children from Banks McLaurin, Jr., Dallas, Tex.

Book Reviews

NETTING YOUR ANCESTORS: Genealogical Research on the Internet by Cyndi Howells. 1997. 8-1/2x11" paperback. 182 pp., indexed. \$19.95 plus \$3.50 P&H. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore MD 21202-3897

Books on using the Internet are fairly common these days, but what sets this one apart is that it is designed specifically for those doing genealogical research on the Internet. And what makes the book all the more valuable is that it was designed by no less than genealogist and computer whiz Cyndi Howells, who created the award-winning web site "Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet." She provides simple, easy-to-understand answers (in plain English, by the way) to such fundamental questions as: *What type of computer hardware and software do I need? Where do I start? How do I get online and what do I do once I get there? What type of genealogical information is available?* To help genealogists get the most out of online research, the book contains separate chapters on three of the Internet's most useful features -- E-mail or electronic mail, mailing lists and newsgroups, and the "web" or World Wide Web. Also included is information on other options for furthering genealogical research on the Internet, downloading software, and a glossary of Internet terms. The last section in each chapter is devoted to research strategies that will benefit both new and veteran online researchers. In the introduction to her book, Mrs. Howells makes the point that the Internet is not a replacement for other important genealogical resources like libraries, archives, county records offices, etc., but simply adds to the list of possibilities, bringing resources from around the world into your own home and allowing swift and daily contacts with other researchers.

GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS SCRIP ACT 1852 by Margie G. Brown. 1997 reprint of 1990 publication with new name index and new county-level place index. 5-1/2x8-1/2" softcover. 463 pp., \$36 including shipping. Willow Bend Books, 39475 Tollhouse Rd., Lovettsville, VA 20180-1817, phone (540) 822-5292.

Genealogical information in this book was abstracted from records relating to the 1852 Revolutionary War Scrip Act, Record Group 49, Bureau of Land Management. The state of Virginia -- in a legislative act passed in January 1781 -- yielded all of her lands northwest of the Ohio River "on condition that if her lands proved insufficient to cover her previously granted bounties, lands would be made available between the Scioto and Miami rivers to honor the bounties she had granted to her veterans." Congress in 1783 agreed to accept the cession of lands on this condition, and various acts and changes followed. Finally in 1852 Congress made its final attempt to honor the agreement and take care of all previously awarded but unsatisfied military land warrants. The action generated 1,689 files of mainly Virginia families. By the time the act was passed, the veterans had long been deceased. As their descendants sought to prove their relationship to the veteran, various documents were required. In addition to court documents, the papers include copies of wills, depositions, powers of attorney, letters between the claimants and their attorneys, names of grandchildren and great grandchildren and the places to which they migrated. The records are available at the National Archives, Washington.

THE THIRD ARROW, A Story of Moshulatubbee, Choctaw Chief by Maxine W. Barker. 1997. 5-1/2x8-1/2" softcover, 166 pp., indexed. \$18 plus \$3 postage. Pioneer Publishing Co., P.O. Box 408, Carrollton, MS 38917, phone (601) 237-6010.

Like many others, the author was told as a small child that she descended from an Indian princess. In her case, a family Bible proved it to be true. The princess was Ann V. Lewellen, daughter of Choctaw Chief Moshulatubbee of southeast Mississippi who signed the Dancing Rabbit Creek treaty. Based on the records she found, Mrs. Barker is a direct descendant -- six generations removed -- from the chief. Her book is one of tears, tragedy, and triumph gleaned from legend, history, family records, and stories handed down through the years. It takes its name from the symbolism of the three crossed arrows in the Choctaw Nation's Great Seal -- the third of which represents Chief Moshulatubbee. A colorful and somewhat controversial figure, he was chief of the northeastern district of the Choctaw Nation in 1810, and in 1832 led his part of the tribe over the Trail of Tears to the wilderness of the Oklahoma Territory after the Treaty of Removal was signed. The author provides insights into the chief's character and reveals fascinating customs and traits of the Choctaw people. Names of many individual Choctaws and a few white settlers, missionaries, and government officials also are mentioned.

CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW EARLY CENSUS RECORDS compiled by Betty Wiltshire. 1997. 8-1/2x11" softcover. 180 pp., indexed. \$27 plus \$3 shipping. Pioneer Publishing Co., P. O. Box 408, Carrollton, MS 38917, phone (601) 237-6010.

Here's a book which should be valuable in researching early Indian ancestors in Mississippi. It includes the 1831 census of Choctaws made just before their removal to the Oklahoma Territory. The heads of each family are named, and the number of family members is given by age groups. Also specified are district captains and whites living in the Indian territory, and the number of slaves the Indians owned. The 1837 and 1839 censuses list Chickasaws living in Mississippi, and name the heads of families, with the number of males and females divided into age groups. ■

FORMER TENNESSEANS David Farmer Ward and wife, Jane Marler (sometimes Marlow), are among Wiregrass Georgia pioneers listed in the Huxford Genealogical Society's Magazine, Vol. XXIV, No. 3. David was born in Kentucky on 14 Dec 1815 and married Jane in McMinn Co., Tenn., on 1 Apr 1839. By 1850 he was working as a wagonmaker in Rhea County. David served as a justice of the peace from 1858-60, and then moved to Florida where he became a Baptist minister. He and Jane had 10 children: George W., James K., William Franklin, Ezekial M., Mary Jane, David Lewis, Andrew Jackson, John Newton, Nancy E., and Thomas Allen Farmer. After Jane's death in November 1884, David married Mary Delaney. He died 4 Mar 1902, and Mary died 8 Aug 1913.

RECEIPT of a "daintily printed" invitation to attend the nuptials of Capt. G. L. Gurley and Mrs. Sophie Young in Knoxville, Tenn., was acknowledged in *The Thomasville, Ga., Times* of 28 May 1881. The item was reprinted in *Origins*, Vol. 7, No. 3, published by the Thomasville Genealogical, History, and Fine Arts Library. The Gurley-Young wedding was to take place on Wednesday, 18 May 1881.

SARAH (COPPOE) HOSKINS' obituary is printed in the *Missouri State Genealogical Journal*, Vol. XVII, No. 3. Born in Jefferson Co., Tenn., in 1818, she died 18 Oct 1895 at the home of her son, John Hoskins, on Carter's Creek. She married Daniel W. Hoskins in 1836, and was the mother of 11 children. In 1851 the family moved to Missouri, becoming the second to settle on Carter's Creek. The obituary was abstracted from the *Current Local*, newspaper of Van Buren, Carter Co., Mo.

LIMESTONE CO., ALA., Chancery Court File #821 indicates Bryant McKinney and Jane Smith (widow of Wm. B. Smith), were married in Tennessee 6 Sep 1875. The item is reported in *Limestone Legacy* (Vol. 20, No. 1), published by Limestone County Historical Society in Athens.

Gleanings

FROM HERE 'N THERE

Mentions of Tennesseans
~In Our Exchanges~

NETTIE QUILLIAN of Lewis Co., Tenn., married Robert Joseph Turner of Lauderdale Co., Ala., on 28 June 1892 and the two migrated to Jasper Co., Mo., where they settled in Webb City. Nettie, born in 1876, lived to the age of 86 and Robert, born in 1870, died in his 56th year. Data on the two are from a family chart in West Central Missouri Genealogical Society's *Prairie Gleaner*, Vol. 28, No. 4.

THE BIRTH of Grove Sharp in North Carolina in 1763 marked the seventh generation of Sharps to be born in America. In 1781 Grove married Mary Fulghum in Wayne Co., N. C., and some time between 1820 and 1830 they moved to McNairy Co., Tenn. Two of their sons, John Arthur Sharp (born in 1804) and Henry Raiford Sharp (born in 1809), purchased land in Corinth, Miss., in 1838 and later in the vicinity of Iuka in Tishomingo Co., Miss. The family's story is told in *Chronicles & Epitaphs* (Vol. 1, Issue 3), published by the Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society, Iuka.

AN ABSTRACT of a descriptive book on the Missouri National Guard's 1st Infantry Regiment, Co. A, St. Louis contains the names of several Tennessee-born soldiers. The list, published in the *St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. XXX, No. IV, includes:

-John B. Howard, 21, a salesman, born in Nashville, Tenn., enlisted 28 June 1893;

-J. C. Lucy, 28, a salesman, born in Memphis, Tenn., enlisted 13 Dec 1894;

-Harry L. Rhodes, 28, a tinner, born in Memphis, Tenn., enlisted 12 Dec 1894.

The original volume from which the information was abstracted is in the Missouri Historical Society Archives.

THREE TENNESSEANS turn up in a story about the late San Angelo, Tex., physician, Dr. Thomas Peter Early, which ran in *Stalkin' Kin*, Vol. XXIV, No. 2, published by the San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society. Dr. Early's wife, Mary Scott Redding, was the daughter of William Redding of Nashville and Margaret Elizabeth Williamson, who was born 21 Oct 1853 in Tennessee. Mary married Dr. Early in Bastrop Co., Tex., on 19 Jan 1871. They had two daughters, Scottie N. and Edgar Poe Early, and two sons, William F. and Thomas P. Early.

THE FAMILY RECORD of Andrew Wilson, Sr., whose descendants settled in McNairy Co., Tenn., is reproduced in *The Guilford (N.C.) Genealogist*, Vol. 24, No. 4. Andrew, born in Ireland on 18 Sept 1753, came to America and settled in Guilford where he died on 15 Feb 1835. He had three wives and eight children. His descendants known to have come to Tennessee were Robert D. Wilson, who lived and died in the Bethel Springs community of McNairy County; Daniel Wilson, William Rankin Wilson, and Andrew Wilson III.

MEMBERS of the Ray and Buchanan families of Franklin Co., Tenn., and the Grizzle family of Cannon Co., Tenn., show up in a pedigree chart in *Northeast Alabama Settlers*, Vol. XXXVI, No. 3, published by the Northeast Alabama Genealogical Society in Gadsden. Mary Jane Ray, born in 1857 to Alfred and Nancy Christina Ray of Franklin County, married Benjamin A. Buchanan on 28 Nov 1872 in Franklin County. Their son, William Andrew, born in Madison Co., Ala., was married in Davidson Co., Tenn., in 1898 to Mary Frances Grizzle, daughter of James Polk Grizzle of Cannon County and Parlee Mathis. (The latter was born in 1848 but her birthplace and date and place of death are unknown.) ■

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are available at the TGS Library.

Obion County Court Clerk Minutes, 1849

(Abstracted by Jane Park Paessler from Tennessee Archives Microfilm Roll #28)

Page #1 - 2.**1st MONDAY in OCTOBER 1849**

Present at the courthouse in Troy were Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper, William Haislip, David Hogan, James Thomas, Alfred Hargill, Robert C. Nall, James Henderson, William Caldwell, Cage Hale, Cleber M. Wright, John Holoman, Sheriff John B. Hogue, and Allen S. Hord**, clerk.

Court ordered that **D. F. Hargett** replace **William E. Robinson** as overseer of the Trenton road from south of the Turnpike to the Gibson Co. line. Hands to work on said road: **C. M. Legate, H. J. Davis, Woodard Howell, Jonathan Nichols, Harris Hargett, Ezekiel Garrison, Wm.. Boyett, A. B. Hargett, D. F. Hargett, Calvin Nichols, Warren World, Harrison Reeves, John Bates, W. B. Boyett, Lafayette Garrison, B. Boyett, Stephinson Adams, R. L. Adams.**

Court ordered that **James H. Meacham** replace **John Maupin** as overseer on the Hickman Road from Adam's Mill to **William Calhoun's** line. Hands on said road: **C. Pleasant, R. Pleasant, Samuel Carmack, Daniel Pruett, Harmon Hansen, J. N. Whiteside, B. Blake, Jno. Maupin, Jonathan Haislip.**

Court ordered that **David McDaniel** replace **John Brown** as overseer on the Trenton Road from **John Moffatt's** house to the Turnpike Gate. Same hands as former overseer.

Thomas Sailes, Samuel Albridge, Mark Hubbs, B. K. Harper, and Austin Maupin were appointed commissioners to draft a plan and build a bridge over Hansen Creek on the new Tottan Road. \$25 appropriated for the bridge.

C. Wagster allowed \$29.87 for bridge over Davidson Creek near the Old Point Road.

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James M. Pound allowed \$29.87 for bridge over Davidson Creek near the Old Point Road.

John B. Hogan, sheriff, allowed \$50 for ex officio services in 1849. **Allen S. Hord**, clerk, allowed \$50 for ex officio services in 1849, \$10 for attending to common school matters, \$11 for furnishing trustee with county tax, \$2 for recording two settlements, \$2 for issuing jury tickets, and \$12.12 for issuing road orders.

Lewis Rogers, administrator for estate of **Chatsell B. Heath**, dec'd, appeared and reported return on sale of said deceased's effects.

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Court ordered **W. H. Caldwell, John M. King, Wilford Farris, Mosey Wright, and Joseph Neely** to draft a plan for a bridge across Richland Creek on the road from Troy to Dyersburg and let to the lowest bidder.

Allen S. Hord, clerk, to be paid \$45 for office rent for three years up to July 1849.

Settlements returned and ordered recorded: (1) **John T. Abington** and **David Taylor**, administrators of the estate of **Thomas Taylor**, dec'd; (2) **Daniel St. John**, guardian of **Sarah Catharan, Rebecca Wilson, Mary Wilson, Ruth D. Wilson, James P. H. Wilson, and Samuel D. Wilson**, minor heirs of **William M. Wilson**, dec'd

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Court ordered that settlement returned by **W. R. Hogan**, guardian of **Nancy C. and Mary S.**, minor heirs of **M. R. Stoker**, be recorded along with Hogan's inventory of said wards' effects. Also ordered recording of report from commissioners appointed at the last term to lay off one year's support for the widow and family of **Reuben M. Whister**, dec'd.

Stock marks were recorded by **David McDaniel, John McDaniel, W. W. Brown, Abraham Inman, John Brown, Robert Brown, George A. Harrell, and Mathew M. Garrison.**

Court ordered **C. Wagster, David Bright, Allen S. Hord, Abraham Enlor, and John Litton** to serve as patrols for the town district for the next six months with **C. Wagster** as captain.

Settlement by **J. H. C. Basham**, administrator of the estate of **A. Smith**, dec'd, was returned and ordered recorded.

Court ordered **John Hopkins** to replace **C. G. Simpson**, assignee of **Joseph W. Neely**, as overseer of the Dyersburg Road from **Reuben Hamit** 's farm. Hands to work on said road: **Peyton Barnett, Robert Barnett, Thomas Barnett, John Littleton, Austin Edwards, Enoch Ward, Philip Fields, C. G. Simpson.**

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Court ordered **F. Jones** to replace **O. J. W. Davidson** as overseer on Dyersburg Road from the 12 to the 14 mile post, and **George H. Long** to replace **Benjamin Harper** as overseer on Dresden Road from the 3 mile post to N. Fork bridge

Report from commissioners to lay off one year's support for the widow and family of **Joseph Shores**, dec'd, was returned and ordered recorded, along with inventory of dec'd effects by **Sarah Shores**, administratrix of the estate of **Joseph Shores.**

Court ordered recording of report from commissioners on value of the dower trust of **Nancy H. Brown**, widow of **William A. Brown**, in dec'd's real estate.

John B. Hogue asked the court to bind **William Jones**, orphan boy, to him until he is 21 years old.

Berton L. Stovall asked to be appointed guardian of **James L. Carter, Joseph D. Carter, Hannah E. Carter, and Westley Carter**, minor heirs of **Ezekiel Carter**, dec'd. Stovall was indicated to be the children's choice for their guardian, and he posted a \$606 bond with **D. M. John** and **J. S. Crockett** as securities.

Allen S. Hord, clerk, allowed \$2 for making a settlement with Westbrook Academy.

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Present in court Tuesday were Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper, William Haislip, David Hogan, James Thomas, Sheriff John B. Hogue**, and Clerk **Allen S. Hord.**

Allen S. Hord, clerk, allowed \$25.64 to buy two books for his office.

Court ordered that **I. W. Cockram**, one of the commissioners appointed to draft a plan for a courthouse and let a contract for its building, be allowed the amount of printer's fees for advertising.

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Present were Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper, William Haislip, David Hogan, A. A. Calhoun, William Caldwell, Cage Hale, James Robinson, James Thomas, Jesse Webb, Thomas P. Cooper, W. E. Motheral, Sheriff John B. Hogue**, and Clerk **Allan S. Hord.**

Court accepted and ordered recorded the settlements of (1) **William Taylor** as guardian of **George Taylor**, minor; and (2) **William E. Motheral** as administrator of the estate of **Mary Motheral**, dec'd.

William Nedry, administrator of the estate of **John Nedry**, dec'd, asked more time to wind up the estate. He was ordered to advertise the estate's insolvency.

Plesant Hutson was appointed overseer on the road from Mills Point Road near **J. P. Park** to Reelfoot River. Hands to work on said road: **William Cloar, William Jones, Allen Jones, Thomas Jones, H. Cloar, Perdey Barber, Anderson Glover, John Cloar, J. C. Cloar, William Blanton.**

Calvin Cartner was appointed overseer on the road from **Edmond Carroll** to Stone's ferry on Reelfoot Lake. Hands on said

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road: **F. Hogan, Newton James, Bat H. Boone, M. Peacock, W. Hamner, J. Cashen, N. Overall, W. Cartner, G. Usrey, Prine, L. P. McGee, Wm. Magee**

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S. S. Calhoun, David Bright, James Moffatt, John Crockett, and S. W. Cochran were appointed a jury to lay out a road from the Old Mill Road crossing the new bridge over Davidson Creek to the Pautt Road.

Raleigh Walker recorded his stock mark.

Jackson Harris was appointed to replace **John E. Applegate** as overseer on the Moscow Road. Same hands as before.

W. H. Caldwell was appointed to replace **Jeremiah Ward** as overseer on the Dyersburg Road from 3 mile post to 8 mile post.

John Cloar was allowed \$25 for a bridge over Reelfoot River.

George E. Caldwell appointed overseer on road from bridge below **William Price** and **W. White** to Rosses' lane on state line. Hands to work on said road: **Calvin Birdwell, William Y. Hale, James Barham, Slade W. Caldwell, Lewis Potter, Mrs. Fisher's hands, R. W. Lewis, Stacey Caldwell, Leavidas Meadows, George Whipple, Ervin Cox, Lewis Dowdy, Shedorick Forrest, R. T. Caldwell, Widow Forrest's hands.**

Settlement of **Jacob Yoacham**, administrator of the estate of **Benjamin Totten**, dec'd, was returned. Estate inventory ordered recorded.

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Jurors for February Court 1850 will be: **Westley Bransford, James Thomas, Samuel Elkins, Bennett Marshall, Anderson A. Calhoun, Frederick Carpenter, A. C. Cibert, James Hubbard, Benjamin Hutchinson, Moses Moultrie, William Calhoun, William H. Guy, William Pickard, William A. Watson, George W. Brown, James Reeves, Robert J. Benton, Richard Nelms, William C. Norrid, A. H. McNeely, Andrew J. Norrid, Philip Wright, Michael Peacock, Frederick Brown, Luke Gullett, James Henderson, and William Robinson.**

Court ordered that a copy of the will of **Hugh Williamson**, dec'd, which contains land in Obion County and is duly certified by the surrogate of the county and city of New York, be registered.

Frederick Carpenter was granted permission to build a mill on south Reelfoot River about one-half mile from the mouth.

Willis Jones' commission as Justice of the Peace, dated 29 Sept 1849 and signed by Gov. **Neil S. Brown** and Sec. of State **W. B. A. Ramsey**, was presented to court.

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Joel Dunegan was appointed overseer on Mills Point Road from Troy to 4 mile post. Hands to work on said road: **John P. Crockett, John Harrison, Alfred Bruer, William Ury, Martin Vance, James McLemail, James Dickey, Matilda Hogan's hands, William Hickman, Samuel Hogen, William P. Smith.**

Report on one year's support of widow and family of **Reuben McWherther**, dec'd, was returned and ordered recorded.

William Taylor renewed \$582 bond with **John Crockett** as security for guardianship of **George Taylor**, minor.

Sidney A. McCollum renewed \$3,000 bond with **A. Adams, B. L. Stovall, and John B. Hogue** as securities for guardianship of **Martha Ann McCollum**, minor.

James Davis asked to be appointed administrator of the estate of **John Bell**, dec'd. Made bond of \$1,500 with **B. J. Pullum** and **John B. Hogen** as securities.

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Report dated Feb. 1849 on the road starting near 2 mile post on Mills Point Road and turning north east to **George W. Gibbs** was presented to the court.

Court adjourned 9 Oct. Signed **M. Harper, William Haislip, David Hogan.**

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Present in court were **Moses D. Harper, William Haislip, David Hogan, Sheriff John B. Hogin, and Clerk Allen S. Hord.** Report was made on the road laid out from Troy crossing Davidson Creek and to the old road near **S. S. Calhoun's**. Ordered that the part of Mills Point Road from near **Horace Head's** to where the new road leaves old Point Road near **S. S. Calhoun's** be discontinued.

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DECEMBER Term 1849

Present were Justices of the Peace **Moses D. Harper, William Haislip, William Caldwell, James Thomas, James Robinson, Cage Hale, Sheriff John B. Hogin, and Deputy Clerk Pleasant H. Marberry.**

P. H. Marberry returned a settlement made by Court Clerk **Allen S. Hord** with **A. H. McNeely**, guardian of minor heirs of **John Robins**, dec'd.

Settlement by **James H. Stephenson**, administrator of estate of **N. Maxey**, dec'd, was returned, along with estate inventory.

The following were appointed to make a list of taxable property and polls in each civil district for 1850: #1- **James Thomas**, #2- **William Haislip**, #3 - **Anderson Calhoun**, #4 - **Stephen Mitchell**, #5 - **John L. Moultry**, #6 - **William Caldwell**, #7 - **Jessee Webb**, #8 - **John Holloman**, #9 - **Thomas Cooper**, #10 - **Nathaniel Stephenson**, #11- **James Henderson**.

Court ordered **John Hickman, Peter S. Clack, Jesse Hines, Robert C. Park, and D. H. Whipple** to mark a road leaving Moscow Road near Republican Meeting House and intersect McFarland Road on the south side of **John Hickman's**.

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Ezekiel Haroldston was appointed to clean out and open the road from the old ford on Little Hauser Creek to **George W. Gibbs'** farm. Hands to work on said road: **Thomas Lesser and Swift hands, James Palmer, Lehman Corum, John Verhine, Wilson Cage, Thomas Sayles, Archibald Corum, Scott and Parker hands, Allen White, Franklin White, George W. Gibbs' hands, Gabriel Henderson, __ Prater and W. Cage hands.**

Caldwell Pleasant was appointed overseer to open the road from Troy and Mills Point Road crossing Little Hauser Creek at the old ford on Lotten Road. Hands to work on said road: **Franklin Calhoun, Samuel Calhoun, Jonathan Haislip, James H. Meacham, the Bedfords, Howel Stroud, Martin Vance, William Hickman, Samuel Hogin, Widow Hogin's hands, Nathan Moore.**

Settlement by **James H. Stephenson**, administrator of the estate of **Stephen Maxey**, dec'd, was returned along with inventory.

George W. Brown on 17 Nov. 1849 was elected constable in District #6 to fill the unexpired term of **P. H. Marberry**. He posted a \$4,000 bond dated 3 Dec. 1849 and signed by **George W. Brown, P. H. Marberry, Jessie Harrison, Jno. Crockett, Almon Case, J. R. Brown, J. H. Meacham, Leonard K. Massey, and W. H. Caldwell.**

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Norton Oaks, John Holloman, William Holloman, B. Boyett, A. M. Finch, George Morrow, M. D. Robinson, John McNeely, Thomas P. McNeely, W. W. McNeely, Bethel Reeves, and John Dirks were appointed commissioners to inquire into the insanity of **Lucinda Garrison** and report at next term.

William Haislip applied to be appointed guardian of **John H. Welch**, minor. Posted \$400 bond with **Jesse Harrison and John Crockett** as securities.

Sarah Shores, administratrix of the estate of **Joseph Shores**, dec'd, returned the estate inventory.

Thomas Babb was appointed to replace **William F. Calhoun** as overseer on North Fork Bridge Road from **S. S. Calhoun's** lane to **Charles H. White's**. Hands to work on said road: **J. J. Harris, Benjamin Blake, Samuel Calhoun, James Bedford, Hiram Elkins, Benjamin Pullum, George W. Haislip, Clayton D. Sanders.**

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Jane Nichols and **Harvey Nichols**, orphans bound to **James Far**, are to appear in court January term to be bound out again.

B. P. Tyson is released from payment of \$3.87, amount of 1840 county tax on 550 acres in District #8 and \$1.43 in state tax.

5 Dec. 1849. **Norton Oakes**, deputy sheriff and tax collector, reported the following insolvencies by districts: #1 **Thomas Cage**, **James Long**, **Joseph Mims**; #2 **John C. Barham**, **William Bryant**, **Daniel Marshall**, **Calhoun Oautlaw**; #3 **Joseph Davis**; #4 **John Daniel**, **Ferguson McCameron**, **James Role**, **Wm.. Taylor**, **Perry Taylor**, **James Warnel**; #8 **John Petty John**; #9 **A. Rhodes**; #10 **Richard Graham**, **William Newman**, **Person Reid**, **William Graham**, **John Graham**.

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Norton Oakes, Sheriff and tax collector, was allowed a credit for \$10.10 county tax and \$3.25 state tax for his insolvent tax list.

Court met agreeable to adjournment. Present were **Moses D. Harper**, **William Haislip**, **William Caldwell**, Sheriff **John B. Hugin**, Clerk **Allen S. Hord**.

Moses D. Harper, **William Haislip**, and **David Hogan** allowed \$27 for court services since December 1848

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Allowances for court services since December 1848 for **William Caldwell** \$3, **James S. Moffatt** \$5. **James Buchanan** allowed \$10 to assist with road.

Court adjourned. Signed: **W. H. Harper**, **William Haislip**, **Wm. Caldwell**.

Uptown vs. Downtown Rivalry Erupted in Memphis As Early As 1845

(Old Folks Record, Vol. 1, No. 4, January 1871, Memphis)

Time was when Exchange Square was the dividing line between uptown and downtown Memphis. An intense rivalry developed between uptowners and downtowners, and it came to a head at a meeting in 1845 of Memphis Mayor **E. Hickman**, Register and Tax Collector **James H. Lawrence**, and about a dozen aldermen including **H. Cobb**, **C. Bias**, **Dr. Shanks**, **E. Magevney**, and **Dr. M. Gabbert**. During the meeting, one alderman arose with a paper in hand and said,

"Mr. Mayor, it comes to my knowledge that it is a daily occurrence that people are riding at a dangerous and breakneck speed through the streets, especially in the lower part of town. To correct this evil, I offer the following resolution: *"Resolved that any person riding through the streets of the town of Memphis faster than a walk or moderate trot shall be subject to a fine of ___ dollars for every such offence."*

There was perfect quiet in the crowded meeting room for a minute. Then a young member just elected from a new ward moved that the resolution be laid on the table, charging that it was "an uptown move to keep the town above Exchange Square." He requested the other aldermen to go with him and see the canal dug through Washington Street and the bridge on Main Street, and the bluff dug down so the locomotive from LaGrange could run to the river. "I would be ashamed to propose for the people to come down to a walk or trot." He declared that all the town's taxes had been spent to keep business uptown, and spoke of the folly of building a bridge from Market and Winchester streets across the bar to the mouth of the Wolf River and forcing **Capt. Hart** to move his wharfboat up there in the eddy. He said the resolution came at a time when the downtown was struggling for life.

"Think of the injustice it would do one of my constituents, **Mr. Watt Bledsoe**, who is running a line of drays and has to be at the cottonsheds before Lake Walker, down at the steamboats and flatboats, and uptown very frequently which he could not do without his pony -- and he could not ride the pony. It has no gait but a lope. Thus he would be deprived of his property and his business ruined. Now, Mr. Mayor, I am on constitutional grounds opposed to this horse-walking resolution and believe the whole Board will vote to lay it on the table." This brought down the house, and the resolution was laid on the table by an almost unanimous vote. ■

Know Anything About Ferries On the Tennessee River?

Tony Holmes, a member of the East Tennessee Historical Society, is writing a book about the 1,500 or so ferries that at one time or another dotted the Tennessee River. In the past few years, he has documented the state's few remaining ferries and dozens of early Indian ferries.

Holmes says he welcomes help in locating former crossings and also would appreciate receiving copies of old newspaper clippings, photographs, and information about ferry owners and operators. He can be contacted at 1025 Stagecoach Lane, Friendsville, TN 37737, phone (423) 995-2880.

Coffey Cousins Holding Family Reunion In Oregon

The Coffey Cousins' first family reunion on the West Coast will be held in Eugene, Ore., 28-30 March.

Dr. Marvin D. Coffey, who made a research trip to Ireland in the fall, will be banquet speaker. Reunion activities are being planned by **Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Lanning**, 91019 Hill Rd., Springfield, OR 97478.

Reservations should be made with the Ramada Inn, 225 Coburg Rd., Eugene, OR 97401, telephone (541) 342-5181. For special rate, specify Coffey Convention.

West Tennessee Watlingtons Family Book Now Available

"The Watlingtons of West Tennessee 1830-1997" has just come off the press "two years behind schedule" but with much better materials than its authors say they imagined. The 398-page book contains articles and information from more than 100 descendants of **George and Catherine Watlington**. It includes 22 pages of pictures, an index of persons and places, documentation, and a bibliography.

The book can be ordered for \$40, including shipping and handling, from **Elton and Janice Watlington**, 1226 S. Prescott, Memphis, TN 38111 or **Hubert and Betty Williams**, 1880 Steam Mill Ferry Rd., Jackson, TN 38301 (901) 424-1399.

What's NEW In GENEALOGY

Ellis Family Schedules First National Convention

The Ellis Cousins Nationwide is planning a family reunion at the Days Inn in Amarillo, Tex., June 19-21.

The event will mark the first effort to assemble all Ellis descendants in one place at one time, and is open to anyone with an Ellis family connection. Coordinator is **Barney Ellis**, 507 N. Stone Blvd., Raymore, MO 64083, phone (816) 322-4661. Reservations should be made directly with Days Inn, 2102 S. Coulter St., Amarillo, TX., phone (806) 379-6255.

South Carolina Archives Moving to New Location

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History will move to its new home at the South Carolina History Center, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia in late April, and will be open to the public in its new facility 5 May. The History Center officially opens its doors on 23 May with a day-long celebration and open house.

A new feature at the center will be a museum-quality exhibit hall that will allow the display of documents. On exhibit during the opening will be the original Ordinance of Secession by which South Carolina withdrew from the Union.

Hulse Family Network Establishing Library

The Hulse Family Network -- a loose association of researchers delving into and recording the various Hulse lines -- is in the process of establishing a genealogical library. Versions of the family surname include Hulse, Hulce, Huls, Hults, Hultz, Holsaert, Hulsart, Hulseheart, and Hulcee.

Genealogical materials relating to the Hulse family should be sent to Mrs. Kim A. Davis, 2203 Hamilton Drive, North Bend, OR 97459. For more information, call her at (541) 756-6168.

Going to Germany In April? Check Out This Group

The Genealogical Association of English-Speaking Researchers in Europe is planning a genealogical and family history conference on 25 April in Mannheim, Germany. The group is made up primarily of U.S. citizens working for U.S. Forces in Europe. The conference will be held at the Mannheim American Middle School in Benjamin Franklin Village. **Mrs. Lu Whitworth** is Association president. Her U.S. mail address is GAESR-E, CMR 420, Box 502, APO AE 09063; E-mail : whit@jas-net.de

Hooks Family Plans Reunion In Arkansas in May

The Hooks Family National Reunion is scheduled May 14-16 in Magnolia, Ark. The event will mark the family's 13th annual gathering. For further information, contact **Louise Hooks** at (870) 234-1578 or **Peggy DeLa Vergne** at (703) 476-9790.

Room reservations can be made at the Best Western Coachman's Inn (800) 237-6122 or King's Inn (800) 444-3612.

Young Irishlanders' Descendants To Gather In Late July

Descendants and relatives of The Young Irishlanders are invited to attend a gathering in Tipperary, Ireland, in late July to commemorate the group's 150th anniversary.

Formed about the time of the famine, the group included Catholic and Protestant men who were united by a fierce desire to change conditions for the Catholic poor and gain home rule. Seven members -- **William Smith O'Brien, Thomas Francis Meagher, Terence Bellew MacManus, John Martin, John Mitchel, Kevin Izod O'Doherty**, and **Patrick O'Donohoe** -- were arrested after an 1848 revolt, tried, and transported to Van Diemen's Land, now known as Tasmania, Australia. Others were exiled to America and France.

For more information, write Tipperary Clans Office, 45 Main St., Tipperary Town, Ireland. ■

Whatever Happened To Uncle Willie?



Contributed by Gwen R. Awsumb, 4736 All Spice Drive, Memphis, TN 38117

When I was a child, the favorite after-dinner conversation at Grandmother's house was, "I wonder whatever happened to **Uncle Willie**?" I was not quite sure who Uncle Willie was or where he fit into the family picture, but the story intrigued me nonetheless as it seemed to be such a mystery.

Charles John Robinson, born in Ireland in 1815, and his wife **Selina Burrowes**, born in Wales in 1829, emigrated to Canada at the time of the famine and settled in Sarnia, Ontario. They had nine children: six girls and three boys. One of the boys was **Charles Arnold**, my grandfather, and another was **William Hume** (Uncle Willie). At 14, Willie was quite large for his age and attended school in a small room that included a large, pot-belly stove for heat. The teacher was stern almost to the point of cruelty. One day a small lad was receiving a severe beating from the teacher, and it got to be too much for Willie who picked up a large piece of wood and knocked the teacher unconscious. Thinking that he had surely killed the teacher, Willie stuffed him into the wood box and ran away. No one ever heard from Willie again, and his parents both died thinking that he had surely met some dire fate.

One sister, **Rebecca**, kept hoping that some day he would be found and, in fact, hired a detective to try to trace him. Willie was located, but failed to respond to any plea from his sister to return or let his family at least hear from him. When his mother died in 1906, Rebecca sent him word and hoped that he would join all the other family members for her funeral. Following the funeral, the family all gathered on the front verandah for a group photograph. Rebecca arranged the members so that space was left for Willie should he show up. He never did.

Rebecca continued to send Willie news of the family, wedding announcements, birth notices, and even obits, but there was never any response. It was only at Rebecca's death in 1920 that his lawyer surfaced long enough to claim a small inheritance of about \$5,000 that Rebecca had left him. Willie went underground again, but it was then known that he lived at Brighton in Tipton County, Tennessee. Most family members still lived in Canada and my grandparents lived in Chicago, so interest in Uncle Willie waned.

In 1930 I moved to Memphis with my parents. My father still remembered the story of Uncle Willie, and we took a Saturday afternoon drive out toward Brighton to see what he might find. At that time, Brighton was no more than a wide place in the road with perhaps a filling station. That's where we stopped to ask directions. There was a young man leaning against the pump as we drove up, and we all remarked on his resemblance to my father's brother before he stepped up to the car. My father asked if he knew a Willie Robinson. He thought a moment, then smiled pleasantly and said in a typical country drawl, "I reckon. He's my paw." He further told us that his father was in Covington that afternoon getting a haircut, so he joined us and we drove into town to find him. The young man was named **Dallas** and, as he and his father approached the car where we waited, they both walked the same distinctive walk Robinson men had been kidded about for years. If Willie was annoyed at being found, he didn't show it. Neither did he seem

particularly hospitable, but he got in the car and directed us to his small farmhouse several miles out in the country. It was necessary to drive up a dirt road for about a quarter of a mile to get to the house which was the typical dogtrot type, unpainted, and standing on concrete blocks several feet off the ground. As we approached the house, we could see sweet potatoes spread over the ground beneath the house for storage. We were ushered into one room that appeared to be the sitting room as well as Uncle Willie's bedroom. He never explained his absence of years nor his silence during those years, but he pulled out a large tin box from under the bed and opened it. There we saw all the correspondence from his sister, including my parents' wedding announcement and notice of my birth. On the wall were life-size portraits of his mother and father, executed by a passing artist from pictures Uncle Willie had kept of his parents.

Uncle Willie introduced us to another son, **Charles** (named for his father), and a daughter, **Rebecca** (named for his sister who died never knowing of her namesake). When it seemed apparent that Uncle Willie was reluctant to reveal anything further about himself other than the fact that he had purchased this 50-acre farm with the inheritance he had received, we returned to Memphis.

We never saw Uncle Willie again, but his daughter Rebecca moved to Memphis during World War II, worked in one of the defense plants, and visited us a number of times. She returned to the farm after the war and we never saw her again. She died in 1985 and left no will. I was identified as a legal heir along with several of my cousins, and we shared in the proceeds of the sale of the farm and what small amount of cash she had left. Some years later my husband and I visited the Vietnam War Memorial and saw the name of **Dallas Robinson**, Tipton County, etched in the black marble and felt sure it must be the son of that young man who had greeted my family so long ago. ■

Letters Report Conditions of Tennessee Confederate Soldiers Captured By Federal Troops At Battle of Fishing Creek

(Transcribed from microfilm of the Nashville Daily Gazette of 4 Feb 1862, produced by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.)

"The following items of intelligence relative to the condition of some of the brave men captured by the Federals in the battle of Fishing Creek were gleaned by the *Union & American* from letters which came through under the flag of truce accompanying the bodies of **General Zollicoffer** and **Lieut. Peyton**:

- **Orville Ewing** was shot in the leg in two places and in the side, all slight wounds, and is doing well and treated kindly. He writes as merrily as a cricket.
- **Lt. Col. M. B. Carter** was captured and was not wounded as reported. He says he is on parole attending to our wounded who are all treated kindly, amounting to about 90.
- **Robert Fleming** is not hurt -- is on parole.
- **R. A. Jordan** is slightly wounded in the foot.
- **Josiah T. Martin** is well but a prisoner.
- **David Wood** is well but wants money.
- **H. H. Hanes** is wounded in the thigh, though not serious.
- **A. G. Hill, D. B. Jobe** unhurt. Says he is wounded in the knee but hops about yet.
- **H. B. Little**, a severe flesh wound in the thigh, doing well, and wants money.
- **T. J. McCullom** wounded and doing well.
- **O. H. Muller**, a prisoner but unhurt.
- **Sergt. E. E. Gray** was killed on the field and so was **Lt. Conley**.
- **Lt. Clemison** will die from his wounds.
- **Carmack** of the Hawkins Boys was killed." ■

Some 1820 Notices From Unidentified Gallatin Newspaper

(Only a few pages from this 1820 newspaper have been preserved. As reflected in the legal notices, the paper was published in Gallatin, Tenn., but its name is not known. The Tennessee State Library & Archives preserved these rare pages on microfilm.)

I WANT MONEY and I MUST HAVE SOME

The Subscriber requests all those who have long standing accounts with him to come forward immediately without fear or dismay and settle them as he cannot live well these times without money. If money is so desirable a thing in the best of times, what must it be in these times of distress? When Sheriffs and Constables have as much if not more business than they can do; I have no wish to place any accounts in their hands for collection, but should necessity compell me, by their inattention to this advertisement, they can have no excuse by saying that I gave them no Notice.

John Mitchel - Gallatin, Jan. 1, 1820

NOTICE: There will be sold for cash at the courthouse in Gallatin on the 2nd Saturday in February next all right, title, and interest that **Joseph Anthony** has to a house and lot in the Town of **Demascus** wherein said Anthony keeps a store at this time, taken by virtue of five fifas to me directed from the County Court of Sumner in favor of **Richardson & Fisk** and others. Also all right, etc., that **Ezekiel Corrathers** has to 40 acres of land ... adjoining the lands of **Joseph Robb**, **Robert Hodge**, and **John Shepherd** ... taken to satisfy two orders of sale, one in favor of **Jonathan Davis** and one in favor of **Cornelius Todd**. The sales will be about 12 o'clock. - **Charles Morgan**, Deputy Sheriff.

AGREEABLE to an order of sale to me directed from the County Court of Sumner County, I will expose to public sale at the courthouse in Gallatin on Saturday, 29 January next, 33 acres of land, property of **George Wright** which at the November term of County Court last was condemned and ordered to be sold to satisfy a judgment rec'd by **David Green** against **George** and **Reuben Wright** before a Justice of the Peace. - **A. H. Douglass**, Sheriff, Sumner County, Dec 15, 1819

...And Some 1823 Notices From *The Greeneville American*

NOTICE: The noted farm and plantation whereon **Jesse Davis**, Dec'd, last lived, one mile west of Babb's Mill lying on the wagon road leading from Jonesborough by said mill to Bull's Gap, will be rented or leased for any term not exceeding 7 years. Said plantation produces grain of all kinds equal to any in the county and is sufficiently large to give employment to three good industrious hands.

- **James Jones & Hugh Carter**, Executors. Greene Co., Tenn., 8th Month, 1823

ESTRAY taken up by **William Tilsen** living in Greasy Cove.

-**James H. Vance**, Deputy Ranger, Washington Co., 8th Month 3, 1823

PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT FOR SALE: **John Heiskell**, editor of the Winchester Gazette, induced by a consideration arising out of his domestic afflictions, offers his establishment for sale. Notice dated at Winchester, July 12, 1823

G. M'CRAW, sheriff of Hawkins County by **James Bradley**, deputy, to sell at the Rogersville courthouse on the 23d of August all right, title, and claim that **George White** has in one-half of tanyard lot adjoining land of **Jonathan White** near the town of Mount Sterling to satisfy a judgment **John G. Winston** recovered against him. Notice dated 8th month 9th, 1823 ■

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Queries

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(Please type or print query submitted and limit length to five lines or less. All queries will be edited for length and clarity, and will be used in the order received. Counties and towns referred to in queries are in Tennessee unless otherwise indicated. TGS members are entitled to one free query each year and may run additional queries for \$3.00 each. Non-member charge is \$5.00 for each query submitted.)

WALLING: Looking for ancestors of Abigail Walling who m. Thomas VanDeventer ca. 1800 in Sullivan County. Father may be Stephen Walling. Please send reply to John E. Silliman, 126 Mountain Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107-2916 (4t)

MOREFIELD: Need info on Morefield families who moved ca. 1855-1865 from Johnson Co., Tenn., to Estill Co., Ky. Interested in parents/grandparents of Vincent Morefield; Margaret Netherly; James and Jane M. Morefield; Henry and Martha Morefield; and parents of Sarah J. Morefield who m. Alexander Morefield in Estill County in 1874. Earl Tipton, 6 Carlyle Ct. NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547-1704

SMEDLEY: Need help with John Smedley and William Smedley in Bedford County in 1812. Was William the one in White Co. in 1820, McMinn Co. in 1830, Bradley Co. in 1836, Alabama in 1840 and 1850, then back in Bradley Co. in 1860? Was John in Lauderdale Co., Ala., in 1824 and then in McMinn Co. in 1829? Betty McDougald, 9718 Moorberry Lane, Houston, TX 77080-5223

OWENS: Seeking parents/grandparents of George Harvey Owens, b. ca. 1849 in Tenn., father b. in Va., mother in N. C. Married Cynthia Ann Puckett in 1871 in Estill Co., Ky. Lived in Powell Co., Ky., in 1872. Was shot to death ca. 1875. George is my great-grandfather. Earl Tipton, 6 Carlyle Ct. NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547-1704 (3t)

RESEARCHING the following families: Appling/Applin/Aplin [all locations] - Seago/Sego [all locations] - Robertson [DeSoto Co., Miss., & Tuscaloosa Co., Ala.] - Thornton, Thompson, Fumbanks, Jones, Cobb, Manley [Dyer Co., Tenn.] - McCan[d]less & Britton [Giles & Dyer counties]. Lynn Pierce Appling, 1687 Ronda, Memphis, TN 38108-2935 e-mail:lynnintn@netten.net

CHURCHWELL: Seeking parents/family of my great-grandfather James A. Churchwell, b. Tenn. 11 Sept 1825. Moved to Fayetteville, Washington Co., Ark., at age 22, m. Jane Gregg 17 Jul 1848. Jane was shot in 1864 by Union soldiers looking for James. Their children: James Columbus, Elizabeth, Charles, Anne Bell, Benjamin and Ellen Churchwell. James' 2nd wife was Mary Emilene Grady, b. Feb 1832. Their children: DeWitt P., Ailsey "Alie," and Adolphus Gaydon Churchwell. James d. 26 Feb. 1912, buried War Eagle Cemetery. Patricia A. Ware, 12021 S.E. 44th, Choctaw, OK 73020

COLLISON: Need info on parents of E. E. Collison, Sr., resident of Erin [Houston Co., Tenn.] from 1849-1890. Denise Tanaka, 19469 Rosemarie Place #3, Cupertino, CA 95014-3451

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, Box 7, Bethel Springs, TN 38315-9701, phone (901) 934-7349

BRANUM/BRANHAM: Need info on Benjamin F. Branum b. 1813 in Tenn. and wife Samantha b. 1818 in Tenn. Children, all b. in Ala.: James (1838), Sarah (1840), Louis (1848), and William (1850). Also need info on Tarlton Branum b. 1780 in N.C. and wife Agga b. 1780 N.C. Children, all b. in Tenn.: Martin (1824), Jonathan (1826), Solomon (1830), and Mary (1833). Was Benjamin also their son? Both families on 1850 Madison Co., Ala., census. Myra Norman, P.O. Box 944, Anahauc, TX 77514

RIGGS: Seeking info on Dr. Asa Riggs and his daughter Phoebe were in Tenn. area by 1770s. Phoebe married Frazier Brindley ca. 1793/1794 in Territory South of the River Ohio, Tenn./N.C. Jefferson-Greene Co. areas. Helen Brindley, 4579 Road 1564, Baileyton, AL 35019

THORNHILL: Seeking parents, siblings, and birthplace of James Bryant Thornhill, b. 1797, place unknown; m. Leonilla Stewart 20 Apr 1820 Sumner Co.; d. ca. 1873-84 (?). Children, all born in Sumner Co.: James N. (1821), Samuel A. (1826), Sarena S. (1824) Addison L. (1834), Jane (1837) and Susan (1842). John D. Jackson, Rt. 1, Box 208, Wing, AL 36483-9518, E-mail: jjcolinf@Cyou.com

QUERIES (continued)

KING, GILBERT: Need info on early King and Gilbert families of Montgomery Co., Tenn., before 1850. Mrs. John D. Barth, 5711 E. 5th Place, Tulsa, OK 74112-2906

HOUSTON, WILSON, KELLY, HAMMER, KOPPIN, SHERRILL: Need parents, siblings, other info on James Houston, d. 1820 in Greene Co., m. 17 June 1749 in Augusta Co., Va., to Agnes Wilson, had son William Houston, Sr., b ca. 1762, d. 3 Apr 1843 in Greene Co., Va., m. Hannah Sherrill on 17 Apr 1796 in Greene Co., Tenn. Also Kinchen Kelley, Sr., d. ca. 1740 Knob Creek area, Tenn., m. Elizabeth Hammer, daughter of John and Margaret Koppin. Will exchange info. Verna Mae Cottengim Newman, 1 Tarascan Drive, Cherokee Village, AR 72529-7431; E-mail: Cottengim@Juno.com

COX: Who were parents of Benjamin Cox, b. ca. 1790/1795, d. 10 Dec. 1841 Gall. Co., Ill.; m. 14 Mar 1816 in Lebanon, Wilson Co., Tenn.? Had brother William Cox b. 1800 Tenn., d. Apr 1853 Gall. Co., Ill., m. 1820/1822 Lebanon, Tenn., Holland Greer. Will gladly correspond with descendants. Judy Cox Batteiger, 3871 Belleau Wood Dr. #4, Lexington, KY 40517-1863, E-mail: jbatteig@juno.com

JARRATT, CLAYTON: Seeking ancestors and descendants of David M. Jarratt (1802) and Elizabeth Ann Clayton (1804) both born in N.C. Married 19 Nov 1822 in Randolph Co., N.C. Lived in Maury Co., Tenn., from 1830 and still had descendants there in 1911. Jewel Jarratt, 1042 S. Duquesne Dr., Tucson, AZ 85710-4751, E-mail: jewel@azstarnet.com

BAGGETT, GODWIN, TUBBS: Willing to exchange info and/or help anyone with these surnames. Barbara McPhail, 3070 Raleigh LaGrange Rd., Rossville, TN 38066-3422, (901) 854-4738, E-mail: BPmcPhail@aol.com

CALVERT: Seeking info on James Calvert in Niota, Tenn., on 1900 census with William and Lucinda Calvert in Pondhill area. Yvonne Young, 12642 E. 36th St., Yuma, AZ 85367-5786

ROOME: Need info on family of Edward Roome, b. 1835 in Miss., living in 5th Civil District, Shelby Co., Tenn., in 1860. Evelyn Duncan Sigler, 5903 Island 40 Rd., Memphis, TN 38127-1650

WILLIAMS: Seeking info on Jesse W. Williams in Williamson Co. early 1800s. Born in Va. 1800, m. Parmela W., b. in Va. Children: Washington, Henry R., Martha H., Felix, Parmela Jane, M. B., and W. H. Williams. Betty Larrabee, 4417 Garden Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33405-2541

GARRETT: My grandmother's first cousin was Cordie Garrett, who was living at Tennessee Industrial School, Nashville, in 1900 and was daughter of Mary E./Molly Garrett of Wayne Co. I would like to contact Cordie's descendants and find out what happened to her. Mrs. James E. Smotherman, P.O. Box 130, College Grove, TN 37046-0130

BURNETT, BAYLES: Lewis Burnett and Eldridge Bayles, brothers-in-law, were in Tennessee between Rutherford Co., N.C., and Adams Co., O., ca 1800. Where, when, or why? Robert A. Feters, 215 Dun Rd., Chillicothe, OH 45601-1173

WOODS, WINTERS: Need parents of Benjamin Woods, b. ca. 1767 in Va. or N.C., m. 15 Apr 1795 to Elizabeth Winters, Sumner Co., Tenn., d. 2 Nov 1852 in Lawrence Co., Mo. Ray Jones, Jr., 700 - 95th Ave., N. E. Bellevue, WA 98004-4921

EVENS, WELCH: Need parents, siblings of John D. Evens, b. 1810 and d. 1887 Clifton, Tenn.; wife Sarah "Sallie" Welch, b. 1816, d. 1889; both buried White Oak Cemetery with several of their children. Louise N. Crawford, 1106 S.E. Sara Dr., Bentonville, AR 72712-6462

CHUMNEY: Anxious for any info on Chumney family of Decatur/Henderson Co., Tenn. Ernest Thompson, P.O. Box 72, Trenton, TN 38382

MOORE, JOHNSON: Who were parents of Frances Moore, b. in Ala. in 1833, m. William C. Johnson in Hardeman Co. on 11 June 1846? Virginia Howell, 605 Webb Mill Bridge Rd., Hornsby, TN 38044

McELHANEY, ADAMS, BOWEN: Need marriage date and place for Levica McElhaney and Solomon Adams. Levica was daughter of John and Hannah Bowen McElhaney who lived in White and Grainger counties. Probably married in early 1820's. After Solomon "deserted" Levica, she married William Bowen ca. 1830. Laurel Lyn Posey, 12709 Dorina Place, Granada Hills, CA 91344-1418

QUERIES (continued)

JAMES: Searching for Thomas James who left wife Charlotte and five children in Dickson Co., Tenn., ca. 1870. Thomas was non-resident of Tenn. when Charlotte divorced him in 1871. Jean Edwards Hickman, 510 Krantz Rd., White Bluff, TN 37187-4303

HELP! Does anyone know how to get access to early Carter Co., Tenn., tax lists for period 1804-1810? Margaret B. Scoggins, P. O. Box 473, Poplar Bluff, MO 63902-0473

COATS: Would like to exchange info on the Coats families of Sullivan, Knox, and Grainger counties 1780-1880. Mrs. T. J. Cruise, 13902 Perthshire, Houston, TX 77079-5813

WRIGHT, PEWITT: Seeking info on Frederick Wright, married to Winna Pewitt ca. 1820 in Williamson County. Their children are thought to be Franklin, Laurie J., Hubbard, Wiley D., and Louisa (m. to Laban McClelland). Hal Pewitt, 909 Cottonwood, Woodland, CA 95695-4314

WILLIS: Seeking Virginia Agnes Willis who in 1850 at age 12 was in Lincoln Co., Mo., with James D. Horton family. Married Edward B. Lewis 27 May 1861 in Shelby Co., Tenn. Need parents and any other info. Ramona Smith, 5324 So. Hwy 51, Pope, MS 38658-9616

JOHNSON, HIGHFILL, SCOTT: Who were parents of Margaret Slater Johnson, b. in N.C. 30 Jan 1828; m. Bennett Highfill on 29 Dec 1847 in Hardeman Co., Tenn.; d. 8 Feb 1898 in Nashville, Kan.? Family legend says she was President Andrew Johnson's first cousin. Highfill, b. 22 Oct 1825 in Ill., son of Jeremiah Highfill and Artemicia Scott, moved back to Tenn. by 1828. Artemicia may have been daughter of Robert Scott. She d. ca. 1852 near Bolivar. Hazel J. (Southall) Hayes, Box 77, Blair, OK 73526, E-Mail: hhayes@Intellisys.net

GOSSETT, POGUE: Seeking info on Isaac Gossett (b. 1794 in S.C.; d. in 1860 in McNairy Co., Tenn.), and his first wife Mary Pogue (d. in 1839 in McNairy Co.). Known children: Malinda (m. Willoughby White), William Barnett (m. Elizabeth Winn), Rachel (m. Hugh Allen Robinett), John (m. Mary Anderson), and Mary, (m. Franklin Warren). Isaac and his second wife, Louisa Seat, had a daughter Celia who m. Joseph Chapman, and a son Isaac W. who m. Phoebe Anderson. Isaac's third wife was Margaret Robinett Anderson. Jean Garren, 2204 W. Moss, West Peoria, IL 61604-5444

McMAHAN: Seeking info regarding William and George Washington McMahan families on 1850 Dickson Co. census. Where are they buried? Would like to correspond with descendants and exchange info. Dorothy M. Williams, 4043 County Rd. 91, Stevenson, AL 35772-9307

HERRING, IVY, JACOBS, ESTES, MORRIS, REES, MILLER, SMEDLEY, SMITH, SCALLIONS, MOSES: Will exchange info on any of these. Especially interested in why Ichabod Herring was in Haywood Co. by 1834, and his two older children were born in 1833 and 1835 in Alabama. What part? Was his mother Charity with his wife Nancy Ivy Herring and the babies there? He is shown in Zion Baptist Church minutes and Haywood Co. court records. Reese J. Moses, 2428 Upper Zion Rd., Brownsville, TN 38012-8065, phone (901) 772-4292, E-mail: reese@pchnet.com

PARKS/PARKES: Seeking info on this family from N.C. and Va. prior to 1793. My Moses Parks b. in 1793 in Nash Co., N.C., d. 1868 in Fayette Co., Tenn. My Parks family married into Humphrey and Cocks/Cox families. Please E-mail: TENNISKAY@Aol.com or write to Kay Hudson, 275 Fawn Lake Dr., Millington, TN 38053-6803

HENRY, IRWIN: Hugh Henry, Sr., member of Donelson Flotilla, wrote his will in Tennessee Co., N.C., in 1790. Andrew Irwin, one of the witnesses, proved the will in Robertson Co., Tenn., in 1808. Was Irwin a son-in-law of Henry? Any info about these families appreciated. Martha Heinemann, 705 N. Belvedere Blvd., Memphis, TN 38107

PITTMAN, MULLEN, SPARKMAN, MOORE, JARNIGAN, PITTMAN (second line from DeKalb County): Will exchange info. Need specific info on Jane Pittman who m. O'Neal/O'Neil, also from DeKalb Co. area. Carol P. Mathias, 1240 N. Washington, Brownsville, TN 38012

FORTNER, FRITTS: Seeking parents, etc., for Frances "Franky" Fortner, b. 11 Jan 1812 in Tenn., m. Isaac Fritts on 11 Apr 1836 in Knox Co.; d. 27 Aug 1890 in Lenoir City, Loudon Co. Lived in Knox Co. until mid-1840s, removed to Walker Co., Ga., then to what is now Loudon Co. where both buried at New Providence Baptist Church. Gene Fricks, 26 Windmill Dr., Clementon, NJ 08021-5821

QUERIES (continued)

BARKER, LETMON/LEHMAN: Need proof of Priscilla Briggs Barker's marriage to Sam Letmon/Lehman between 1760-1766. She was widow of William Barker who died ca. 1760 in Orange Co., N.C. Need proof that Mark Barker was William and Priscilla's son. Richard P. Edwards, Jr., 816 Serene Woods Circle, Canyon Lake, TX 78133-3514

ROBINSON, WRATHERS: Researching Isaiah Robinson of Rutherford County, Phillip Osborne Robinson, and Baker Wrathers and his daughter Mariah. Jane Buntrock, 434 E. Main, Perham, MN 56573-1714

WILLIAMS, JOHNS(T)ON: Seeking parents' names and any other info on James McHenry Williams, b. 1827 in Tenn. or Va. Family thought to be from Va. James m. Mary Elizabeth "Bettie" Johns(t)on in 1849 in Shelby Co., d. in 1880 and was buried at Burrow Cemetery in Fayette Co. Will probated in Tipton Co. Anne Batten, 9689 E. Cinnabar, Scottsdale, AZ 85258, phone (602) 860-9705; E-mail: BATTEN1120@AOL.COM

DAVIS, BATTEN: Seeking any info about my grandmother, C. Hommer Davis, who was b. near Malden, Mo., 23 Sept 1867; m. James Riley Batten on 27 Dec 1887 in Decatur Co., Tenn. and was buried there in 1914 at Yellow Springs Methodist Church. Who were her parents? Where were they from originally? Glenn Batten, 9689 E. Cinnabar, Scottsdale, AZ 85258 phone (602) 860-9705; E-mail: BATTEN1120@AOL.COM

HICKS: Need info on Zacheus (Zachariah) Hicks, b. ca. 1760 in Maryland or Burke Co., N. C. Was in Burke Co. in 1779, removed to Blount Co., Tenn., in 1820, and Monroe Co., Tenn., in 1830. Had a son, Williams Hicks, b. ca. 1800 in Monroe Co., wife Rosanah __ from S.C. Their children: Samuel H., Mary, Margaret, Caroline, Sarah, John, Eliza, and Misouria Ann, all born in Tenn. Jacqueline H. Claxton, P.O. Box 636, Paris, TN 38242-0636, phone (901) 642-0886

HARRIS, HULLUM: Seeking info on Mary Jane Harris, b. 29 Aug 1844, d. 7 May 1917. Parents b. in Ala. What were their names? On 15 June 1861, Mary m. William Loving Hullum, b. 8 Aug 1843 in Ala., d. 20 Mar 1915 in Texas. Sue Barnes, 2633 CR 154, Tuscola, TX 79562-3309

BAKER, WILSON: Henry Porter Baker (1835-1888), son of William H. and Diannah Baker, m. in Franklin County in 1869 to Mary Jane Wilson (1847-1932), daughter of Thomas B. and Nancy Wilson. Would like to share my extensive info on these ancestors with other descendants. Verna Baker Banes, 120 Elmwood, Huntsville, TX 77340-3057, E-Mail: vbanes@myriad.net

BEATY, BOND: Would like info on Dr. Abie Beaty, b. 1828, d. 1890 in Shelby County, m. Mary Lucinda Bond. Any info on parents and siblings in both families would be appreciated. Nina S. Bell, 15220 Meadow Wood Dr., Wellington, FL 33414

NEED HELP ON THESE TENNESSEE LINES: *Hickman Co.* - Flowers, Walker, Pace Edwards, Cooper, Curl, Joyce, Lomax, Moody; *Sullivan, Green, Hawkins, & Warren cos.* -- Randolph, Hill, Dalton, Hanby, Tatum; *Knox & Bedford cos.* -- Campbell, Love; *Giles & Grainger cos.* - Hightower; *Maury Co.* - Alderson, Polk, Moore. Mary M. Griffin, 1602 Russell, Lufkin, TX 75904-4430

HAMILTON: Seeking info on Hance Hamilton who lived in Tennessee in early 1800's, d. in Miss. in 1832. His children were: Thomas, Elizabeth, James H., Nancy Margarete, Salina, and Hance. Allied surnames are Strawder, Thacker, Nix, Gordin, and Varner. Marilyn Markow, 1701 S. Mays St., J201, Round Rock, TX 78664-6734

McAFEE: Searching for roots of Azariah McAfee b. 1793, served in N.C. Rgt. in War of 1812, m. Jane Ashby. Was living in Lincoln Co., Tenn., in 1818, and d. there in 1852. Jane had 10 children, some by previous marriage. My father, John W., and siblings Grace, Jenny, and Byrd were children of Thom W. McAfee of Titus Co., Tex. Have many records. Will pay or share. Lawrence K. McAfee, Sr., 12159 Huntington Park Dr., Houston, TX 77099-3121

DOWLIN: Seeking any info on John G. Dowlin who d. in Robertson Co. ca. 1846-47. First wife (name unknown) d. ca. 1840. Children: Lurana(y) A. Dowlin (b. 1830 Tenn., m. Joshua Hall on 10 Nov 1846 in Robertson Co.) and Thomas J. Dowlin (b. 1840 Tenn.). John's second wife was Rachel Carter whom he m. 30 June 1841, children unknown. Rachel m. James Maxey on 6 Dec 1848. Col. Ed H. Boyd, 5851 Elmwood St., Mesa, AZ 85205-5833, phone (602) 985-8108

BARRY: What was birthplace of Martha Jane Barry b. ca. 1850-60? Her parents living in Tenn. before 1850. Moved to Callaway or Cole Co., Mo., where she was born. Elsie McCabe, Cole Mahan Enterprises, Inc., 24320 Raleigh Rd., Waynesville, MO 65583-2873

QUERIES (continued)

COLLINS, BOTTS: Seeking info on parents, siblings, children of Moses Collins and his wife, Anna Botts, of Claiborne Co., both b. ca. 1774 and d. before 1860. Jerry Collins, 2035 Poplar St., Waukegan, IL 60087-5014, phone (847) 244-4737

EMERY: Need info on James Emery who lived in Meigs Co. in 1840. Pauline Kouvalas, P.O. Box 6604, San Jose, CA 95150-6604.

ROBERTS, WILSON: Will exchange info on Roberts and Wilson families of Haywood and Crockett cos. Richard Roberts m. Mary (Polly) Wilson in Orange Co., N.C., in 1813. He d. ca. 1818. His younger brother, Elisha Roberts, m. Mary Roberts in Orange Co. in 1825. Was she Richard's widow? Elisha and Mary moved to Haywood Co. in 1826 with Richard's two children, Wesley and Elizabeth. Elisha and Mary had 5 children: Harvey A., Rebecca Ann, William, David Elisha, and Judith. Jeff Reece, 1550 N. Parkway, #610, Memphis, TN 38112-4986

ALLEN: Need info on William Henry Allen, b. 1844 in Tenn., m. Adelia LaRue (b. 29 June 1858) on 29 June 1873. Mrs. Marlowe J. Meyers, 1026 Kirkham Ave., St. Louis, MO 63122-3122

REAVES/REEVES, WILKINSON: Looking for parents, siblings, birthplace of George Reaves/Reeves, b. 1818 N. C., m. Mary Saunders in McNairy Co., Tenn., before 1845; d. after 1880 in Hardeman Co. Also seeking parents of Clarissa Wilkinson who m. Francis (Frank) Wilkinson before 1802 in N.C., was in Middle Tenn. by 1813, in Hardeman Co. by 1828, and died there in 1852. Was her maiden name Bowers? Patricia L. Vincent, 212 W. Sycamore, Bolivar, TN 38008-2038, E-Mail: plv@aeneas.net

DANIEL: Seeking parents of John Daniel, b. 1767 in Va. Spouse: Nancy. Son: Peter was b. 1811, m. Mary C. Bethel. Will exchange info. Reta Evans, 5605 Westcreek Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76133, E-Mail: Revans5605@AOL.com

WRIGHT: Seeking Crisper Wright whose wife, Mary Racordson Crisper, d. in Smith County shortly before birth of son James in 1828. They also had a son, Edward, b. in 1826. Both sons buried in Wright-Thomason Cemetery in Apponossa Co., Iowa. Margaret Westman, 1704 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105-1542

FOSTER, BURGESS: Searching for parents, siblings, issue of Septimus Foster and Mary Burgess who m. in Christian Co., Ky., on 20 Feb 1827. Their daughter, Septima Foster, m. John H. Puckett in Davidson Co., Tenn., on 22 Feb 1860. Mary Ann Kaucher, 889 Centennial Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510

WILLIAMS, DODD, BRYANT: Who were parents of James Monroe Williams, b. 1833, m. 10 Oct 1857 in Cannon Co., Tenn., to Mary Anna Dodd, b. 1839. Their daughter, Martha Ann, m. William Riley Bryant in Tenn. in 1875. Mary Bryant Park, 2204 West 5th, Stillwater, OK 74074-2817, phone (405) 372-6777, E-Mail: Internet:75304_551@compuserve.com

GREEN, RIGSBY: Looking for anything on Joseph Green, b. 1779 in N.C., d. in Warren Co., Tenn., and Cannady Rigsby, b. ca. 1780-90 in N.C., d. in Tenn. Also surnames Booker, Lewis, Fine, Self. Evelyn Bailey, 15424 McClellan Rd., Memphis, TN 47143 (Editor's Note: Her home state is Indiana not Tennessee.)

GIVAN: Seeking ancestors of George Givan, d. 1811 in Worcester Co., Md.; m. Martha Laws, widow of Jacob Read. Sons William (b. ca. 1777/78, d. 1822, m. Sophia Evans Dale), and George (d. 1815, m. Nancy Johnson) both joined Adam Dale group in Liberty, Tenn. Other children: Sarah (b. 1780, m. Isaac Hudson, d. 1826 in Sumner Co.); Joshua (b. 1788, went to Ind.); Rachel b. 1785, m. James Jarman); Anney (b. 1775, m. ___ Burbage). Mrs. Joe W. Neal, 2209 Shoal Creek, Austin, TX 78705-4910

TARVER: Will exchange info on Elizabeth Tarver, b. ca. 1802 in Ky., d. 1856 Ky., daughter of Thomas and Susannah Tarver of N.C. (living in Wilson Co., Tenn., 1820-30). Elizabeth m. Thomas N. Moore on 11 Sep 1825 in Wilson Co. Their daughter, Nancy Jane Moore, b. 1825 in Tenn., d. 1876 Ky., m. Nathaniel R. Moore in 1847. Dolores Hall, 10714 Charlene Dr., Fairdale, KY 40118, phone (502) 368-1056

SANSOM, McADA, LACKEY: Will exchange info on John Sansom, S.C. Rev. War soldier, d. ca. 1781. Known children: Wm. P. (b. ca. 1775, m. Jane Lackey); Samuel D. (b. S.C., m. Elizabeth Lackey); and Nancy (b. 1772 S.C., d. after 1842 in Texas). Nancy m. John C. McAda/Macady/McCeddie who was b. 1769 in S.C., d. 1831 Shelby Co.(?), Tenn. Their son, John S. McAda (1800-1847), m. Nancy M. Sansom in Lincoln Co., Tenn., in 1825. All moved to Texas ca. 1838. Josephine Fitzhenry Hodge, 18218 Barbuda Lane, Nassau Bay, TX 77058-3402

QUERIES (continued)

MAXWELL: Seeking any data concerning family of John R. Maxwell, b. 18 May 1827 in Tenn. to William Maxwell and Nancy Reed. Married Sarah Caroline Drennon in 1850 in Hardeman Co. Living in McNairy Co. in 1860 with children William A. age 9, Sarah 7, Mary C. 6, John H. 1. Grace Crowder, RR2, Box 53A, Noel, MO 64854-9608

REECE/REESE, BINYON/BINNION: Need to exchange info with anyone searching Reece/Reese and Binyon/Binnion families of Rhea and Meigs counties in 1800's. In Va. ca. 1801-03. Mrs. Barbara Brommer Freshwater, 10042 Chapin Way, Sunland, CA 91040-3204

BROOKS: Isaac W. Brooks was b. in Buckingham Co., Va., ca. 1799, m. Marina Huddleston in Wilson Co., Tenn., on 5 Feb 1818, d. at Raleigh in Shelby Co., Tenn., ca. Sept-Oct 1868. His father was William Brooks. Who was his mother? Teresa Brooks, 9643 White Spruce, Lakeland, TN 38002

TIPTON COUNTY PHOTOS WANTED: Searching for old photographs of homes, businesses, churches, schools, local events, Confederate reunions, scenes of everyday life, and families of Tipton Co., Tenn., for preservation and a future county history. David A. Gwinn, Tipton County Generalist & Historian, 728 Jack Bennett Rd., Brighton, TN 38011

LAMBERT: Need info on parents of James Lambert, who m. Sarah Jane Hoover. They were in Knoxville in 1880. Their daughter is my grandmother. Desta Holder, 1756 E. Wolf Valley Rd., Heiskell, TN 37754

SIGNAIGO OF MEMPHIS: From 1840s to the present. Join our group researching many families with this name, looking for the link! Emily Iland, 28848 Woodside Dr., Saugus, CA 91350-1294, E-Mail: emily@lacbbs.com

OLDHAM: Who were parents of Edward Oldham, b. 1766, m. 1 May 1791 in King George Co., Va., to Sarah Dishman, daughter of Samuel Dishman? Their son Samuel Oldham, b. 1793, removed to Lauderdale Co., Tenn. Susan Oldham, 5410 S. Sycamore, Springfield, MO 65810-2040, E-Mail: oldham@getonthe.net

HENDERSON: Need info on Loving R. Henderson, b. 1795 in S.C., was in Tenn. ca. 1825-1838, in Harrison and Rusk counties, Tex., ca. 1838. Died in Harrison Co., Tex., 1854. Does anyone know what Tennessee county he was in? Evelyn Mitchell Smith, 302 NW. Ridgeview Way, Lawton, OK 73505-6132, phone (580)357-5130, E-Mail: gfreessmith@aol.com

MACON: Who was father of Gideon Thomas Macon, b. 25 Dec 1838, d. 28 Mar 1925 in Mansford, Franklin Co., Tenn. He is listed in 1860 Smith Co. census at same location as John W. and David A. Macon. Were they his brothers? William D. Wood, 5566 Elkhorn Nobles Rd., Springville, TN 38256-4707

LEE: Need info on Ewell Robert Lee, b. 4 Aug ca. 1857-59 in Columbia, Maury Co., son of Richard and Emily Fay Lee. Married Martha Jane Brown of Arkansas. Was station agent at Alma, Ark., in 1896. Mary M. Woodward, 464 Chesterfield Drive, Cardiff by the Sea, CA 92007-1934

DRIVER, EATON: Need info on Lucinda Jane Driver, b. 15 Mar 1826 in Tenn., m. Dr. James Evans Eaton. Living in Carroll County in 1850, d. 10 Nov 1918 in Piedmont, Mo. Is she any kin to Capt. William "Old Glory" Driver? Robert C. Van Dyke, 1006 Breckenridge Dr., Little Rock, AR 72227-2902, E-Mail: Bob@VanDyke.net

BROWN: Seeking parentage and ancestry of Maggie E. Brown, b. Jan 1862 in Tenn., father b. Tenn., mother b. Ky. Maggie m. John Wesley Cash of Ky., distant cousin of Johnny Cash. She is believed to have died in Mo. where several of her children were born. Debra Summers, 679 W. 21st St., San Pedro, CA 90731-5523

BICKERSTAFF: Will share info on Bickerstaff families of Tennessee during all of 19th century. My Bickerstaff lines were in N.C., Ga., Ala., and Miss. Some branches of my line moved from Ga. to Tenn. in early 1800s. Willie Sue Vieira, 1181 Live Oak Trail, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

GARNER, ELLIOTT: Need info on Willis Garner family of Warren Co. 1800-1840 Did their daughter Elizabeth marry Stephen Elliott? Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901

GIBSON, LOVELL: Seeking info on John Gibson who m. Hannah ____ and d. 4 Apr 1858 in Giles Co. Their daughter Ursula m. Thomas W. Lovell in Giles Co. Madalyn Teal, 17078 Vinland, Addison, TX 75248-1052

BLANTON, ANGLEA: Need info on Thomas Blanton, b. 1758 in Va., m. Drucilla Anglea in Cumberland Co., Va., in 1783, d. in Rutherford Co., Tenn., in 1847. Known children: [1] Nancy {m. Joseph Peek}, [2] Mary (m. (1) Allen Howard, (2) Edward Burgess, [3] Sally (m. Thomas Burgess), [4] Benjamin {m. Martha Farmer}, [5] Susan {m. Elisha Wheeler}, and [6] William. Barbara Burkhardt, 2305 Lancaster Dr., Austin, TX 78748-6032. E-mail: barbburk@swbell.net

CAMPBELL: Seeking descendants of William Campbell of Tipton Co. whose will appeared in *Ansearchin' News*, Winter 1997, p. 46. I know descendants of his son William, Jr., but would like to contact those of other siblings. Also would like to correspond with descendants of William, Jr.'s daughter-in-law Rebecca Jane Anderson who was b. ca. 1843 in Lauderdale Co., Tenn., daughter of Caleb William Anderson and Jane Wright. Gail Wood Campbell, 225 Westover Dr., Clarksdale, MS 38614

LAWRENCE: Trying to find death record for Redding Lawrence, b. ca. 1805, d. 24 May 1847 in Robertson Co., Tenn., but buried at Kingsburg, Ky. May be related to Lawrences of Logan Co., Ky. Is there a record of his marriage to Winifred Cromwell Hart on 24 Aug 1828 in Robertson Co.? Their 8 children, born in Tenn. ca. 1831-1845: Oliver Hazzard Perry, Alexander Cromwell, Jane, Rosanna, Sally, Elizabeth, Redding, and Benjamin Franklin Lawrence. Virginia Grissom Voelkel, 120 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Belleville, IL 62220-3954

HOWARD, MAINARD: Who were parents of Rose Howard, b. N. C. ca. 1813, d. between 1850/1860? She m. Brinkley Mainard, probably in Overton Co., Tenn., ca. 1837. Children: Armilda (m. David G. Gilpatrick), Eliza, Martha, Lydia Catherine (m. William Wesley Elam), Cecil, and Wesley P. Mainard (m. Elizabeth C. ca. 1874). Jennie W. Riggen, 2726 S. Bannen Ct., Veradale, WA 99037-9389

RANDLE, DAVIDSON, ATKINS, WHITE, EWING: Compiling family history on descendants of Major John Randle, Wilson Randle, George Davidson Randle, Col. George Davidson and Brazilla Atkins, Charles Mclean White, and Adelia Ewing. Judge Hugh W. Roark, P.O. Box 806, Elizabethtown, KY 42702-0806

BAYNE: Want to exchange info on Scott Bayne and wife Sarah Gordan Bayne, living in Shelby Co. on 12 Apr 1848 when their daughter Carolina m. (Dr.) William Brown McSpadden of Raleigh, Tenn. Alice Gray W. Houston, P.O. Box 327, Bay Springs, MS 39422-0327

BARNES: Seek parents, siblings of John S. Barns/Barnes, b. ca. 1813 in Ala./La./Miss., d. ca. 1853 in Cass Co., Tex. Was his father William Barns, b. ca. 1780/90, in 1830 Fayette Co., Tenn., census, lived next door to Lilburn Barns (ca. 1800/10)? Was this William in Wilkinson Co., Miss., in 1810 and in Yalobusha Co., Miss., in 1833-38? John S. m. Martha Cannon in Miss. in 1835. Children: Sarah Jane, Mary E., Rhoda Ann, Martha, Berry Henderson, Seaborn, Emeline Tennessee, perhaps others. Cecilie Gaziano, 4511 Fremont Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55409-1744

SMITH: Between 1930/1937 my grandfather Lewis Edward Smith traveled to Memphis in attempt to prove he was heir to a woman's estate. How do I find the probate records in Memphis if I do not know the name of the deceased? We believe the woman was his mother's sister. Any help would be appreciated. Margaret Alley, 797 N. Maple Ave., Montebello, CA 90640-3250, E-mail: mralley@worldnet.att.net

ESTES: Still looking for Estes in Shelby County in early 1800's. Katherine Holley, 105 Helen, Desloge, MO 63601-9725

DILLIARD/DILLARD: Need maiden name and parents of Eleanor (b. ca. 1801 in Md. or N.C., d. after 1860 in Texas, exact location unknown). She m. a Methodist minister, Lunsford L. Dilliard/Dillard (b. 10 May 1805 in Williamson Co., Tenn., d. 25 June 1872 in Granbury, Hood Co., Tex.). Census shows they lived in Bedford Co., Tenn., in 1830 and 1840. Also need info on their marriage ca. 1825 in N.C. or Tenn. Kathryn Dillard Schwend, HC 3, Box 31, Millboro, VA 24460

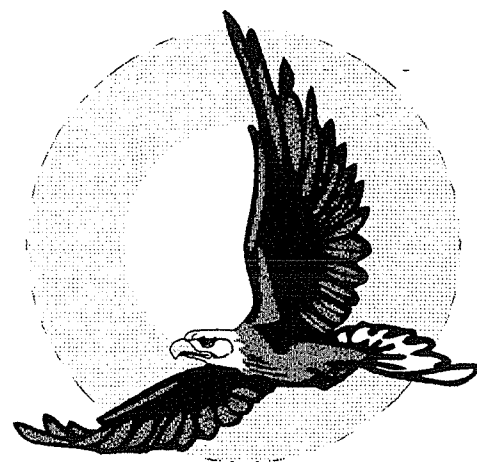
TUCKER, WRIGHT: Need parents of Howell Harris Tucker who m. Minerva Adeline Wright in Lincoln Co. in 1860. Children: James Matthew, Cora, Leila, Newton, Rosa, Coleman. Grandfather may be Aulden Tucker whose name appears in 1810 Lincoln Co. land records. June Cothran Deane, P. O. Box 129, Gypsum, CO 81637-0129

IRWIN, HOWELL: Seek any info on Samuel Irwin of Scot-Irish ancestry, b. 1790 in Tenn.. His father, Edward Erwin III, was b. ca. 1740 on Long Glade in Augusta Co., Va., and emigrated to Hawkins Co., Tenn., where he died 31 Jan 1794 leaving will. Samuel m. Mary Jane Howell in Wilson Co. on 14 Jan 1811, and they moved from Lebanon, Tenn., to Lawrence Co., Ala. Territory, in 1818. Who were her parents and family? Elizabeth G. Irwin, Box 248, Moulton, AL 35650, phone (205)-974-5221, Fax (205) 974-8711 ■

Eagleville in Rutherford County

"Where else but in Eagleville can you find such kind hearts ... such loyal natures ... such excellence of moral fibre ... such downy beds ...and such fluffy biscuits?"

That was the rhetorical question posed by a writer in *The Home Journal* published on 20 July 1906 in Murfreesboro. Eagleville, some 18 miles southwest of Murfreesboro 'as the eagle flies,' was described as "an inland village with a picturesque charm not found in larger cities."



Established in 1790 as one of the first settlements in the area, it is located in one corner of Rutherford County about an equal distance from Williamson, Bedford, and Marshall counties. It soon became an important trading center, and the crossing point of the Murfreesboro, Nashville, and Shelbyville pikes. Pioneer settlers included **William** and **Thomas Jordan**, **Henry Ridley**, **James Shepherd**, **Robert Donaldson**, **James Neal**, **Daniel** and **Ab Scales**, **John Guy**, **Robert Wilson**, **James Gillespie**, **Joe Carson**, **George** and **Albert White**.

By 1906, the town had a population of about 400 souls¹ and boasted four dry goods stores, two groceries, two hardware stores, a furniture store, two undertakers, and one vehicle establishment. It also had a livery stable, saw and planing mill, a flour mill, a tobacco factory, a grain and feed store, and several iron and wood-working establishments. Moreover, it had its own bank -- the Bank of Eagleville which had a total capital of \$10,000 and deposits totaling almost \$47,000. **J. C. Williams** was bank president with **U. J. Owen**, vice president; **A. B. Robertson**, cashier; and **D. H. Hughes**, assistant cashier.

Eagleville had four churches -- the Missionary Baptist pastored by **Rev. N. B. Williams**, the Primitive Baptist with **Rev. J. K. Wormack** as its pastor, the Christian Church which at that time had no resident minister, and the Colored Missionary Baptist led by **Rev. Allen Brown**. A widely known figure in town was **J. W. Elmore** who had driven a stage coach between Eagleville and Murfreesboro for 26 years. The town's one hotel was operated by **Mrs. E. R. Dryden**. Three doctors practiced in Eagleville -- **S. S. Duggan**, **E. L. Williams**, and **J. R. Moon**.

U. J. Owen, a native of Williamson County, was the sole proprietor of a three-story tobacco works. He had established a small tobacco factory at Allisonia in Williamson County in 1890 and moved to Eagleville in 1902. The town's school was headed by **John W. Williams**, who also taught math, English, and commercial law. Other members of the faculty for the 1905-06 school year were **J. W. Journey**, the assistant principal who also taught Latin and science; **Regina C. Cowdrick**, the primary department; and **Mrs. John W. Williams**, music department. School trustees were President **William A. Bailey**, Secretary **J. C. Williams**, **U. J. Owen**, **R. T. Russell**, **J. H. Hay**, **D. M. Hughes**, and **Rev. J. E. Sullivan**. **Hughes** was chairman of the board, **S. M. Williams** was clerk, and **A. J. Simms**, director. ■


¹Its current population is about 462

In 1864 --

Tennessee Confederate Officers Held at Johnson's Island

The following list of Confederate officers from Tennessee who were being held as prisoners of war at Johnson's Island appeared in the *Nashville Gazette* on 13 March 1864:

J. A. Minnip	B. H. Harrison	J. W. Lockhart	W. P. Cook	G. W. Pickett
N. Greg	C. W. Frazer	W. M. McCall	W. H. Robbins	Benj. F. Parks
Alex W. Campbell	H. C. Bate	George Leassher	W. P. Lewis	Willis Brannon
Baxter Smith	G. R. Campbell	W. P. Barron	John A. Perry	George Garnett
J. H. Duncan	W. Galloway	Frank Fembulata	Thos. L. Jennings	W. J. Muse
H. C. King	W. A. Dawson	S. S. Armstrong	A. J. Hughes	J. C. Grant
S. C. Bowers	A. Vauleer	W. A. Shelby	James H. Thompson	H. J. Hawkins
P. G. Thompson	W. H. Bennett	J. R. Hicks	Thomas P. Arnold	J. A. W. Boyd
James P. Byrne	W. N. Cosoden	Benton Warfield	J. B. Turney	C. J. Martin
W. J. Hendricks	A.O. P. Nicholson, Jr.	N. W. McConnell	A. C. Rees	James Roberson
W. J. Robinson	W. H. H. Adams	W. F. Fisher	E. Hixson	Nicholas Fain
John M. House	J. D. Milligan	H. J. Blanton, Jr.	Samuel Portreum	J. K. Warren
Horace M. Houston	F. M. Murray	A. E. Bell	George A. Piper	James Ford
J. W. Keele	P. H. Bateman	Wm. Frierson	R. F. Crumley	B. W. Kelly
L. P. Carson	W. C. Branch	A. Flsh (Fish?)	James C. Davis	Frank M. Jackson
M. P. Masberry	Robert C. Bryan	P. D. Hunter	R. M. Smith	W. J. Johnston
B. J. Bayliss	W. S. Moore	W. D. Ridout	B. A. Long	L. F. Rader
A. A. Barr	J. F. Smith	C. A. Peddicord	J. Y. Johnson	W. W. Wallace
W. F. Hutcheson	Sam'l F. Brewer	Jno. S. Daniell	A. N. Bradshaw	M. B. Williams
J. H. Finick	A. W. W. Brooks	Shearod Horn	W. D. Johnston	James D. Huff
Wm. B. Jones	A. F. Doneldson	K. James Davis	C. C. Alexander	J. C. Rowan
John S. Love	P. J. Branch, Jr.	Thomas O'Connor	Will W. Gillespie	T. B. Owen
F. Davant	J. Z. Beck	J. C. Howard	James C. Holt	John A. Fite
W. H. Carr	Willis S. Stone	J. W. Wiseman	W. H. Williamson	W. K. Bennett
J. J. Hartzell	William Haley	E. C. McDowell	N. J. George	J. H. Earthman
J. D. Musk	John R. Yonree	C. D. Corington	Frank Jay McLean	J. A. Savley
James Kerr	Hugh White	Wm. M. Gleaves	James Nableuer	W. G. Russell
Joel Pray	C. H. Tibb	John S. Carter	John P. Warmach	Frank White
A. L. Windle	Thomas H. White	Stephen T. Rives	Z. D. Duncan	J. C. Wilcox
R. N. Coffee	B. A. Haskins	John Sargeant	Geo. W. Winchester	Wiley Driver ■
R. B. Roberts	D. Phillips	J. L. Newborn		
W. J. Hagler	G. W. McDonald	Wm. J. Rogers		
M. B. Wood	J. C. Tipps	A. W. Hickman		
D. W. Mallory	Wm. J. Wood	Frank Battle		
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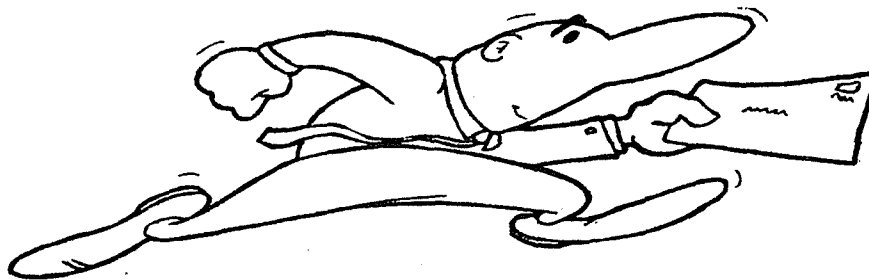
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