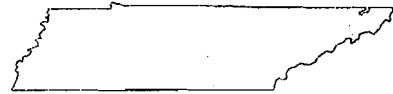

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY
Dorothy Marr Roberson

SOME SAGE recently advised making a copy of your census return for 2000 and putting it with your papers so that your ancestors won't have to wait 75 years to find out about you.

All I can say is if you filled out the short form, forget it. Your ancestors could find out more about you by reading the papers you filled out when you registered a product, applied for a credit card, or answered a consumer survey.

From the howls that went up from long-form recipients, however, very few of them were genealogically-inclined... but then maybe I wouldn't have been either if I had received the longer version!

THERE'S an Indian prayer I keep posted above my computer which goes like this:

"Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins."

Staff member **Carol Mittag**, like most of us doing genealogical research, may possibly have had some pointed remarks to make about census-takers at one time or another. And so she decided to pull on her moccasins this spring and see what it was like to be a census-taker.

Her adventures appear on Pages 45-46.

IF YOU'RE DOING research about Memphis, you might be interested to know that the 1874 City Directory is virtually equivalent to a census between the 1870 and 1880 censuses. It gives far more more information about individuals than any of the other directories.

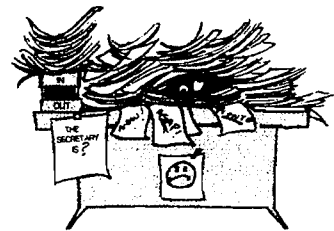
It lists the head of the household's name, street address, ward number, place of birth, total number of persons residing in the household along with how many were males and how many females. Another section in the directory gives the boundaries of the various wards so that you can pinpoint the location of this particular residence.

For instance, the following information was gleaned from that directory for a man in Australia¹ about his relative who was living in Memphis at the time:

John York, occupation - carpenter; residence - 3 Trezevant in Ward 6; birthplace - Nova Scotia; number of persons in household -- five males, two females, total -seven. Ward 6 at that time was defined as: "All that portion of the city bounded on the south by Calhoun St., on the East by Causey Street, on the north by Beale St., and on the west by the Mississippi River."

A check of **York** surnames in the directory revealed one other business man at the same address -- namely, **William York** who was a clerk at **H. Harder's**. And what kind of business was **Harder** in? A check of ads in the directory

showed that **Henry Harder** operated a boot and shoe business at his residence at 245 Main (He probably lived above the store.)



The Memphis city directories are on microfilm at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library, and also at the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Nashville, which has directories of other cities as well. They're great information sources.

HEARTFELT THANKS -- as well as head-felt and hand-felt appreciation -- go to IBM from all of us at the Tennessee Genealogical Society for their generous contribution of a ThinkPad 390X laptop computer.

Since **TGS President Jim Bobo** has temporarily assigned it to me to help in my research on your behalf, you can bet I'm leading the cheers. It's a great thing, believe me, to be able to go to the library and enter information directly into the computer instead of having to copy it tediously by hand and then come home and recopy it into my desktop computer -- recopy, that is, IF I can decipher my handwriting which all too soon disintegrates into scribbling.

With a wonderful device like the ThinkPad going with the territory, we should have no difficulty in finding some one to take my place as editor when my term expires next year. The line forms to the right ...

COUNTY COURT RECORDS seem to be the source that many genealogists are most likely to overlook in their research. Even though early court minutes probably contain more information about more people than any other county source, many of us tend to avoid them because they're so tedious to try to decipher.

Two of TGS' stellar genealogists have come to the rescue and done some of that deciphering for us. **Jane Paessler** has devoted much of the last two years to abstracting 12 years of Obion County Court minutes -- starting in October 1849 and continuing through September 1861. We ran a portion of her work in *Ansearchin' News* last year ... and now all 12 years are available in a book just published by TGS. See Page 49 for details.

Bettie Davis, meanwhile, has begun abstracting Lauderdale County Court minutes. In this issue, she begins with the first entry in May 1836 from Minute Book A. The minutes reflect the county's beginnings and are chuckful of names of early-day residents. The first installment of Bettie's abstract begins on Page 25.

BE SURE TO ATTEND the seminar-workshop that **Charles "Chuck" Sherrill** of Nashville will be conducting in the Memphis area on Saturday, 23 September, at Hillwood near the TGS library on the historic Davies Plantation. For reservations and information, call TGS headquarters at (901) 381-1447. We promise you'll be truly glad you did! ■

¹See his comments in *Letters to the Editor*, Pages 47-48

The Flat Gap Horror



Compiled from accounts in the *Knoxville Sentinel*, the *Knoxville Journal*, the *Memphis Ledger*, and the *Memphis Appeal* of Aug 22- 28, 1889

Friday morning, the 22nd of August, 1889, started off as a beautiful day in Knoxville. It was expected to be a day that would mark a great event in the city's history and a significant milestone in the building of railroads in the South. Two years earlier, the city of Knoxville had subscribed \$225,000¹ towards construction of a new rail line that would go into the new town of Middlesboro, Ky., and thus provide a more direct route to Louisville. With the contract period for the construction due to expire that day, railroad officials were hosting an excursion trip to show city authorities that the road had been completed on time.

Some 65 of the city's most prominent leaders -- government and railroad officials, business and professional men, court officers and members of the press -- had been invited to ride the special train that would be the first to travel on the new road. All the invited guests were in festive spirits as they boarded the train with its two freshly varnished coaches provided by the Knoxville, Cumberland Gap, & Louisville Railroad. They were looking forward to the outing that would take them through some glorious scenery along the celebrated route up Powell's Valley and allow them to view the great tunnel at Cumberland Gap. The route extended north from Knoxville about 73 miles to Middlesboro, Ky., and was almost exactly the same as the old Cumberland Gap trail which was used as a wagon trail for nearly a century.²

The Knoxville Sentinel reported that the train was "officered" by **Capt. L. F. Wynn**, conductor, and **Will Foster**, brakeman, with Engineer **W. H. Hodge** assisted by **J. M. Nelson** at the throttle. Several wagonloads of provisions including liquid refreshments, watermelon, and various other fruits were piled into the forward car standing on the grounds of the University of Tennessee near the river bank. A large number of ladies were present to see the new cars and bid their gentlemen farewell when the train pulled out at 8:25 a.m. for the day's journey.

Less than two hours and 23 miles out of Knoxville, the excursion party reached the high trestle that spanned Big Flat Creek in Grainger County.³ The engine and the first car ran onto the bridge and then the rear coach -- carrying most of the passengers -- suddenly detached, turned over, and plunged 20 feet into the narrow creek, landing bottom side up. Only one passenger in the car -- **F. W. Vaughn** -- escaped serious injury. He had caught hold of the handles of the seat just in time to save himself from violent shock.

What had started off as a day of celebration ended in one of the worst tragedies in Knoxville's history. *The Memphis Ledger* called it "the Flat Gap horror." *The Knoxville Journal* headlined its story with the words, "Horrible! Oh the Pity of it --" and declared that August 22nd would "go down in our annals as the date of a grievous affliction which has troubled more people and brought with it more universal sorrow than any previous event." **C. M. McClung** was quoted as saying, "We have seen the most horrible tragedy ever to befall our town."

News accounts first reported three of the prominent civic leaders dead and 30 injured, but within a few days the toll had risen to six dead and 41 injured.⁴

Because of the remoteness of the accident site, it was impossible to obtain medical attention for all of the victims, and it was not until about 5:30 in the afternoon that most of them were returned to Knoxville and received treatment. Some were brought back on the train, while others had to be conveyed on flat cars through a driving rain during the last part of the journey.

¹ The city of Knoxville never paid the \$225,000. The railroad had notified **Mayor Martin Condon** on 30 Aug 1889 that the road had been completed and connections made at Cumberland Gap with the L&N railroad. In December city officials learned that the company had turned its stock over to the construction company. The case went through numerous court hearings and rulings, and twice was sent to the State Supreme Court. Under the final ruling 16 Nov 1896, Knoxville was not required to issue the bond.

² The new Knoxville, Cumberland Gap, & Louisville road passed through Beverly, Corryton, Powder Springs, Lone Mountain, Powell's River, and Cumberland Gap, three miles from Middlesboro.

³ Tennessee has four or five bodies of water called Flat Creek. This particular Flat Creek is a north branch of the Holston River, rising in Grainger County west of Rutledge and east of House Mountain. Its mouth is in the east end of Knox County.

⁴ *The Memphis Ledger* reported that 41 of 65 persons on the train were injured, but lists in the *Knoxville Sentinel* and on the *Associated Press* wire contained only about half that many names, possibly due to the fact that victims with less severe injuries returned to their homes instead of going to the hospital.

The Dead

- Judge George T. Andrews**, former state supreme court judge and one of East Tennessee's most prominent lawyers
- Col. S. T. Powers**, head of the clothing firm of Powers, Little & McCormick
- Alex Reeder**, former Knox County sheriff and political leader
- Col. Isham G. Young**, chairman of the Knoxville Board of Public Works
- N. Frank Hockenjos**, Knoxville alderman
- Edwin S. "Ed" Barker**, young business man who was described as the most horribly mangled of all the victims

The Injured

- Elijah W. Adkin/Atkins**, general bruises
- C. Aebli**, tailor and member of the Chamber of Commerce; slightly bruised
- Jack Ahearn** - head wound, possibly broken rib
- A. J. Albers**, wholesale merchant; broken right hip and right wrist, eye injury (last person taken from the wreck)
- Alexander A. Arthur**, president of the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce; internal injuries, sprained back, bruises
- I. E. Barry**, Knoxville alderman; severe flesh wound and bruises on left side near the heart; was thrown against window ; and abdomen filled with shattered glass, prognosis grave
- Rev. R. J. Cook**, dean of Grant University's Theological School, Athens; two fractured ribs, bruises
- John B. Hall**, Middlesboro, Ky.; cuts and bruises of the head and face
- John T. Hearn**, editor of the *Knoxville Evening Sentinel*; painful but not serious injuries
- Alderman Hockings** - hemorrhaging, internal injuries
- Judge H. H. Ingersoll**, spinal injury, broken collarbone, internal injuries, bruises
- Peter Kern**, member of the Knoxville Board of Public Works; bruised around right shoulder
- J. F. Kinzel**, night watchman at City Hall; broken shoulder blade, back injuries
- County Judge George L. Maloney**, broken rib, fractured thigh bone
- Hugh M. "Hum" McKeldin**, Athens, Tenn.; two broken ribs, internal injuries, bruises
- Will A. Park**, state inspector of mines; right leg and spine slightly injured
- W. O. Perry**, Knoxville alderman; bruises of the arm, hips, breast
- W. B. Samuels**, broken left arm, bruises of face, arm, and body
- Phillip Samuels**, six-year old son of **W. B. Samuels**; bruises of the head
- Gen. H. L. Schubert**, member of **Gov. Taylor's** staff, right leg broken above the knee, left leg broken below the ankle, cuts on head, bruises
- R. Schmid**, bruised shoulder, back, and chest; ribs torn from back; face badly bruised
- W. I. Smith** (no description of injuries)
- Charles S. Seymour**, attorney, compound fracture of left leg, with ligaments torn from knee cap (was amputated)
- W. F. Smith**, flagman, possible internal injuries; stayed on coach until it turned and then jumped 30 feet
- Capt. H. H. / P. H. Taylor**, two broken ribs, badly sprained ankle, facial and head bruises
- Dr. T. A. West**, Knoxville physician, slight skull fracture, spine injury, badly hurt arm
- H. B. Wetzell**, back injury just over kidneys, cuts of face and legs
- Alexander W. Wilson**, assistant engineer, K, C & L Railroad, compound fracture of right leg, fractured right hip
- Capt. W. W. Woodruff**, leading wholesale merchant, simple fracture of leg and arm

George Eager of Boston, president of the construction company that built the road, and **Lenox Smith**, vice-president of the railroad, were in the forward car and escaped injury.

Others in the front car were: **George Gurley**, **Lee Hall**, **Jack Hastings**, **Thomas R. Holloway**, Engineer **Will H. Hodge**, **Henry Jones**, former Mayor **James C. Luttrell**, **T. P. McDaniel**, **John C. Murphy**, City Recorder **C. C. Nelson**, **Finley Patterson**, **W. D. Peters**, **Thomas Rogers**, **M. L. Ross**, Esq., Knoxville alderman, **James D. Selby**, **J. W. Wilson, Jr.**, Conductor **Wynn**, and **W. F. Yardley**.

Finley Patterson of the newspaper *Negro World* was said to have been the first man to leave the car and arrive at the scene of the wreck where he crawled into the coach through a broken window. He was soon followed by **M. L. Ross** and others.

An eyewitness account in the *Knoxville Journal* -- apparently written by a man named **Peters** -- described the scene this way:

"I was sitting in the baggage compartment of the forward car which was next to the engine. I was sitting on an empty goods box which **Jack Hastings**, **Mr. Eager's** secretary, and myself had placed near the door on the lefthand side of the car looking north. I was enjoying the scenery when

I heard a sharp call for down brakes. Having just looked ahead, I felt nothing was wrong in that direction and quickly glanced backward just in time to see the car leave the track and turn over on its side. It fell over the opposite side of the trestle from which I was sitting, but I plainly heard the terrible crash, the creaking of timbers, the breaking of glass ... and then the groans, cries, and shrieks of the dead and dying.

"The engine and one car had safely passed over and were stopped a few feet beyond the trestle. Quickly grasping the situation, I ransacked all the gripsacks in the car for whiskey and, taking a liberal supply of that and all the towels and linens to be found, made my way toward the wrecked car. **James C. Luttrell, Tom Rodgers, Alderman Jones, W. F. Yardley** and others in the forward car as well as **J. W. Wilson, Jr.**, who was on the engine, rushed to the assistance of the wounded.

"The first man to emerge from the wreck was **W. B. Samuels**, cut and bleeding about the head and bearing on his shoulder his little son **Phillip**, 10 years old, who had received a severe scalp wound and several bruises about the head and face. When I got to the car, **Rev. R. J. Cooke, J. F. Kinzel, F. Hockenjos, R. Schmid**, and others who were more or less seriously injured, had pulled themselves out and were lying on the east bank of the little stream, groaning and writhing in pain.

"Inside the car, which rested squarely up on its top, the side spreading outward, the scene was too horrible to describe. The wounded people, the seats, the stove, the chandeliers, all piled up together in a frightful mass! Pools of blood were in the center of the car. Gaping wounds met the eye everywhere.

" 'For God's sake, move me, **Peters**,' said **Gen. Schubert**. 'Both my legs are broken.'

" 'Hand me that whiskey,' said **Alex Wilson** with a smile. 'My leg's broke, but I'm all right. Give me a bracer and then pass it to others, for heaven's sake.' **Wilson** was to the rear of the car and the heater had turned over on him, pinning him to the ground and breaking his right thigh above the knee. 'I'll stay here until everyone else is moved' -- and he did.

"**Capt. Woodruff**, lying on two cushions, his left leg and left arm broken, was as cheerful as any man could be under the circumstances. He assisted materially in the removing of others by his timely suggestions. **Judge George Andrews**, lying near **Woodruff**, was groaning and apparently suffering the most terrible agony. I offered him assistance and to a question about his injuries he made no reply. Sitting near these two, upright on a cushion, was **S. T. Powers**, I asked him if I could be of assistance to him and he told me to look after **Woodruff** as he himself was not badly hurt. I could see, however, that he was suffering terribly. A few minutes -- or maybe seconds -- afterward, he had fallen back on the cushion and was breathing with great difficulty. He gasped and died with a smile on his face that I shall never forget.

"Toward the front of the car was **Mr. Wetzell**, blood oozing from his nostrils and from sundry cuts about the head and face and complaining of internal injuries. **Mr. Alex Reeder** lay on the roof of the car suffering the most terrible pain. **Capt. H. H. Taylor** near him with injuries of the shoulder, head, and back ... and here was good-natured **Jack Ahern**, who was standing in the aisle telling a joke when the car took the fearful plunge, perfectly delirious and suffering intensely from a wound in the head and possibly a broken rib. In his delirium, he imagined that he had been blown up in a steamboat accident and asked bystanders how far it was to the landing.

"Out of the car across the creek from where I started with cushions for pillows lay **H. M. McKeldin** and **Charles Seymour**. **McKeldin** was suffering broken ribs and other wounds and **Seymour's** left leg was fractured. Here I saw a true hero -- **Ed Barker**, who was riding on the back platform with **Will Park** and others, was pinioned to the ground by the guard rail with the whole weight of the upturned car and heavy tracks square on his body. He lay there for 1½ hours with the sun falling squarely in his face while strong-armed men worked and prized and lifted until the heroic sufferer was finally liberated.

"Col. **Isham Young**, who somehow fell or jumped from the window, was among the first to be attended to. He was carried to the nearby residence of **Dr. Dail**⁵ where medical attention was rendered. **Will Park**, **Alderman Perry**, and **W. P. Smith**, flagman on the train who suffered internal injuries, also were removed to the house and treated as quickly as possible.

"Editor **John T. Hearn**, in the midst of the debris and seriously hurt, seemed to be suffering more pain than anyone else. **Dr. T. A. West**, city physician and the only doctor on the train, was badly injured so it was impossible for him to attend to the wants of his suffering companions although he made an effort to do so. **Alex A. Arthur**, general manager of the American Association, although pinned to the floor and suffering intense pain, refused to be removed or treated until all the others were cared for.

"People in the neighborhood began to gather in as news of the wreck spread like wildfire. Scores of country people were there in an hour, working to relieve the sufferings of the wounded. **Dr. Dail's** family, the **Mullinses**, and other families gave up their bedding and linen.

"**George R. Eager**, manager of the road, and **Mr. Lenox Smith**, company vice president, were doing all they could to provide accommodations to the victims. Among the brave workers were ex-Mayor **J. C. Luttrell**, **Thomas Rodgers**, **M. L. Ross**, **John B. Hall**, **Lee Hall**, **F. W. Selby**, **Alderman Henry Jones**, **W. F. Yardley** (colored), **John Murphy** (colored), **James W. Wilson, Jr.**, **Conductor Wynn**, **George Gurley**, **Capt. Thomas L. Holloway**, **Maj. J. C. Anderson**, and **Alderman Perry**.

"The track was soon repaired and the coach which remained on the track and a flat car brought from up the road were set across the trestle and the wounded were brought and placed aboard, and the train slowly pulled away. A few minutes out of the city about 4:15 **Judge Andrews** and **Alex Reeder** both passed away within a few seconds of each other."

Another account stated that the wounded were loaded on the flat car and backed into town over the Knoxville and Ohio track from the junction after being detained an hour or so while a "Y" was put down to allow the trains to reach the Knoxville & Ohio track. They arrived in Knoxville shortly after 5 p.m. in a pouring rain where great crowds were gathered around the railroad station, and more than 100 carriages thronged the streets leading to the station. "Ghastly" was how *The Knoxville Sentinel* described the scene as the wounded and dead were taken from the cars and placed on stretchers. Doctors were in short supply and many of the injured had to wait several more hours before receiving medical treatment.

In an editorial, *The Sentinel* commented:

"Never since the awful siege of Knoxville when hundreds and thousands of brave soldiers met death in the ditch around Fort Sanders have the people of Knoxville been called upon to witness such a scene as met their gaze at the depot yesterday afternoon. It was a harrowing scene to watch the heroic work of kindly railroad officials and citizens generally carrying victims of the wreck, one by one, on stretchers from the cars through the gates to the carriages."

The Knoxville Journal said the trestle was not strong enough to support the train's weight and collapsed. A coroner's jury composed of **J. M. King**, **H. T. Cooper**, **D. A. Carpenter**, **Leon Jouroimon**, **J. A. McCampbell**, **W. A. Galbraith**, **J. W. Caldwell**, and Coroner **R. F. Galyon**, was quickly convened to investigate the tragic occurrence. They learned that the roadbed had been examined and found in perfect order, the wheels were tested before the train started, and the cars were just out of the shop. No reference was made to the trestle. The jury completely exonerated the Knoxville railroad from any responsibility for the accident, stating: "The cause remains unknown as experts are totally unable to explain it."

⁵ Probably **Dr. N. G. Dail**, a prominent and respected physician of Grainger County.

Obituaries of the Six Fatalities

JUDGE GEORGE ANDREWS: Born 28 Dec 1826 in Putney, Vermont, **George Andrews** moved at age 14 with his parents to Macomb Co., Mich., where he studied and practiced law in Detroit for several years. He settled in Knoxville in 1865, becoming a law partner of **O. P. Temple**. Three years later he was appointed to the Tennessee Supreme Court by Gov. **William G. Brownlow**, and in 1870 was appointed district attorney for East Tennessee by President **Ulysses S. Grant**. He later was a member of the Andrews, Thornburgh and Sanford law firm. For many years, he was on the board of trustees for the University of Tennessee. **Andrews** died about 4:15 p.m. en route to Knoxville from the crash scene. He was 63. Immediate survivors were his wife, the former **Mary Lathrop** of Saginaw, Mich., whom he married in 1856; and a daughter, **Carrie**, wife of **Capt. Frank Milligan** of the U. S. Navy (son of the late **Judge Milligan** of Tennessee).

ALEXANDER REEDER: A native of Grainger County, **Alexander Reeder** spent most of his life in Knox County. In his early years, he served as keeper of the poor in the county. He was constable of his district for 12 years, deputy sheriff of the county for four years, and sheriff for four years, having been twice elected. In 1880 he was elected representative to the Tennessee General Assembly from Knox and Anderson counties. He was about 65 years of age. **Reeder** died on his way home on the train. His funeral was at the First Baptist Church in Knoxville.

COL. S. T. POWERS: Born in Virginia, **Col. Powers** had been a resident of Knoxville for about four years. He moved to the city from Augusta, Ky., where he had been a tobacco dealer and merchant for 20 years. In Knoxville, he became president of the East Tennessee Insurance Company, and was one of the original members of the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. At the time of his death, he was president of Powers, Little, & McCormick, a clothing firm in Knoxville. He died only about 20 minutes after the wreck. Survivors included his wife and children. Funeral services were held in Knoxville at the First Baptist Church where he was a member, and his body was returned to Augusta, Ky., for burial.

COL. ISHAM G. YOUNG: He was born in Roane County near Kingston where his aged father, **Col. Freemorton Young**, was still residing in 1889. Raised a farm boy, he went with his father and many of their neighbors into the ranks of the Union Army in Kentucky in 1861. He rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the cavalry and commanded his regiment for some time before the close of the war. **Young** became best known to East Tennesseans through his long service as a passenger conductor on the Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia Railroad, a position he took soon after the war. Three years before his death, he was elected chairman of the Knoxville Board of Public Works. He was an enthusiastic believer in Knoxville's future. **Young** died 23 Aug after being in a coma for about 12 hours. His funeral was held at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with burial in Gray Cemetery. He was survived by his wife and children.

B. FRANK HOCKENJOS: A native of Baden-Baden, Germany, he was married in Switzerland and soon after sailed for the United States, coming direct to Knoxville, the Switzerland of America. He soon engaged in cigar-making and had carried on an extensive business ever since. Although it was said that **Hockenjos** never mastered the English language sufficiently to elucidate his ideas clearly, he nevertheless was level-headed, forcible in debate, and known for his congeniality. He was several times elected alderman from the 3rd Ward. Very prominent in German society, he was a leading member of the Turn Verein and of the Knights of Honor. He left a wife and five children. He died 25 August.

EDWIN S. BARKER: A young single man, he came to Knoxville with his parents from North Buffalo, N.Y., some years before his death. He was engaged with his father in the coal, marble, lime, and cement business, and resided with him on W. Clinch Street. Universally liked, **Ed** was a moral and prudent young businessman. The Amateur Athletic Association, of which he was a member, passed a resolution calling him "a young man of high qualities and spotless character." One of the most horribly mangled of the victims, **Barker** was caught and pinned to the earth by the weight of the car, and was extricated with great difficulty. His cheerful attitude despite his grave injuries made him the hero of the hour, and dispatches about his condition were carried almost daily in the Knoxville papers. It was thought he was doing well after the amputation of his leg, but his condition suddenly worsened and he died 29 August. His funeral was held at the Church Street Methodist Church South of which he was a member.

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FEMALE ACADEMY

MRS. DUDLEY

WEST HARPETH, WILLIAMSON
COUNTY

JUNE 10th, 1814

Respectfully returns her thanks to those friends who have so liberally patronized her School from its first commencement and takes this method of acquainting them and the public generally that her seminary is again opened for the present year when the same branches of education as heretofore will be taught - (to-wit:)

Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, and Geography, Embroidery & other fine Needle Work, Drawing & Painting.

There will be two vacations during the course of the year, of a fortnight each; the one will commence on the 1st of July, the other on the 16th of December.

For the satisfaction of parents and others interested, the trustees will afford examination of pupils on the day preceding each vacation, by which they will be made acquainted with the progress their children may make in the several branches taught in this Academy.

The price of board, tuition, and washing will be \$50 a session, one-fourth part to be paid in advance. Merchantable produce will be received in payment, delivered in Franklin or Nashville, at market price.

N. B. Young ladies must come provided with necessary bedding.

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-From *The Nashville Clarion*, 25 Jan 1814

1930 Federal Census To Be Available In Two Years

The 1930 census and all existing Soundex will become available to the public on 1st Apr 2002 at the National Archives building in Washington and at regional facilities in 13 major cities.

Census data collected in Tennessee take up 54 rolls of microfilm. The total for the entire U.S. is about 2,668 rolls. Soundex is available for the Tennessee census as well as for Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. Indexes are available for only certain counties in Kentucky and West Virginia.

The National Archives & Records Administration (NARA) is not yet ready to accept purchase requests, but later will announce when it will take orders.

The census, taken 1st Apr 1930, asked 32 questions about each person. Among them were the person's place of abode, the names of persons living there and their relationship to the head of the family, home data, personal description, education, each individual's birth place and his/her parents, and native language if foreign-born.

A sign of the times is reflected under "home data," which asked if the family owned a radio set. Other questions concerned whether the home was owned or rented, what its value was if owned, or what its monthly rental was if rented. Questions under "personal description" asked sex, color or race, age at last birthday, marital condition, and age at first marriage.

For information from the 1930 or later censuses about yourself or a deceased person for legal or other purposes, Request Form BCC-600 from the Bureau of the Census Age Search Service or the U.S. Census Bureau, National Processing Center, 1201 E. 10th St., Jeffersonville, IN 47132. NARA is located at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20408-0001. For updates on release of the 1930 census, check NARA's home page on the Internet at: <http://www.nara.gov/genealogy/1930cen.html> ■

Rutherford County Officers 1856

Sheriff - **A. M. McKnight**
Circuit Court Clerk - **D. D. Wendel**
Chancery Ct. Clerk - **Jas. F. Fletcher**
County Judge - **Joseph Lindsey**
County Ct. Clerk - **John Jones**
County Trustee - **F. Henry**
Register - **G. W. Holden**
Ranger - **H. C. Carter**
Coroner - **E. J. Covington**
Notary Public - **W. D. Hicks**

Justices of the Peace
for the Murfreesboro District
**F. Henry, John W. Thomas, R. S.
Northcott**

Constables
for the Murfreesboro District
D. D. Sublett, S. H. Singleton

Murfreesboro Municipal Officers
Mayor - **Joseph B. Palmer**
Aldermen - **F. Henry, John A.
Crockett, Alfred Miller,
W. D. Fly, Samuel R. Sanders, W.
R. McFadden**
Recorder - **D. D. Wendel**
City Constable - **D. D. Newgent**

Fletcher Death Report In Manchester Untrue

A story in the *Manchester Times* of 27 Jan 1888 demonstrates how easily rumors get started.

The Times said it was reported on Monday of that week that **James F. Fletcher** of the 10th District was dead, and the news had been received with sorrow by his many friends.

Esq. **Green Fletcher**, in town on Tuesday, said the report was untrue and that **Jim** was hearty when he was at his house Monday. **Green** said **James'** wife made him go to the woods Monday to chop some wood and that it might be someone knowing he would nearly as soon die as chop wood, took it for granted the job would prove fatal and started the report that **James** was dead. ■

Former Tennesseans in the 1850 Census of Marshall Co., Miss.

(Transcribed from Roll 377
National Archives Microcopy No. 432)
Southern Division
Enumerated beginning 29 Aug 1850

House	Name	Age	Sex	Birthplace
No. 2	T. I. Nichols	20	M	Tenn.
	E. A. Nichols	15	F	Tenn.
	M. C. Nichols	13	F	Tenn.

[Head of household, **Andrew Nichols**, age 49, blacksmith, b. N.C. In same house, **Lucinda Nichols**, 44, also b. N.C.; **S. F. (f.)**, 5, and **Wm. S. Nichols (m.)**, 2, both b. Miss.]

No. 3	Henry C. Nichols	26	M	blksmith.	Tenn.
	Sophia Nichols	23	F		Tenn.

[In same house, **E. I. Nichols (f.)**, age 1 year, b. Miss.]

No. 4	Joel E. Wynne	37	M	farmer	Tenn.
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[In same household, **Martha A. Wynne**, 25, b. N.C.; **Margaret Wynne**, 4, and **Alice Wynne**, 2, both b. Miss.]

No. 9	James J. Bell	41	M	farmer	Tenn.
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No. 11	Elizabeth V. Balfour	33	F		Tenn.
	Andrew Balfour	20	M	farmer	Tenn.
	David Hogg	10	M		Tenn.
	Calista Hogg	12	F		Tenn.

[Head of household, **John Balfour**, 44, farmer, b. N.C.; other **Balfour** children: **Henry**, 18; **Mary E.**, 13; **Thomas**, 11; **Daniel H.**, 4; and **Dayton Balfour**, 1; all b. Miss.]

No. 12	John W. Baum	22	M	farmer	Tenn.
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[Wife, **E. M. Baum**, 24, b. Ala.]

No. 13	William Cox	10	M		Tenn.
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[Head of household, **Richard Cox**, 40, farmer, b. in N.C.; other **Cox** children: **P. (?) B. (f.)**, 13; **L. E. (f.)**, 11; and **Martha A. (f.)**, 15, all b. N.C.]

House	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
No. 14	Jas. W. Martin	25	M	farmer	Tenn.
	Sarah Martin	25	F		Tenn.
	Henry W.	6	M		Tenn.
	Thomas B.	5	M		Tenn.
	Frances L.	3	F		Tenn.
	James A.	2	M		Tenn.

[Other child, **Mary W. Martin (f.)**, age 1 mo., b. Miss.]

No. 16	Malcom J. McNeil	11	M		Tenn.
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[In same household: **Malcom McNeil**, 60, farmer; **Nancy McNeil** 35; **John McNeil**, 22, farmer; **Mary C. McNeil**, 13, all b. N.C.]

No. 21	Eldrige Franks	26	M	farmer	Tenn.
	Julia A. Franks	24	F		Tenn.
	Minerva A. Ross	13	F		Tenn.

[In same household, **James M.** 4, **R. N. (m.)** 3, and **L. M. Franks (m.)**, 1 month, all b. Miss.]

No. 23	Jackson Owens	23	M	farmer	Tenn.
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[In same household, **Hamora Owens**, 19, b. in Ireland; **Mary J.**, 1 year, and **Josephine Owens**, 1 month, both b. Miss.]

No. 28	Ed Howel	60	M	farmer	Tenn.
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[In same household, **Jane Howel**, 51, b. N.C.; **William H.**, 29; **Martha**, 16, and **Mary A. Howel**, 14, all b. Ala.; **Sarah F. Howel**, 12, b. Miss.]

No. 29	Aaron Deane	34	M	farmer	Tenn.
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[In same household, **Susan Deane**, 25, b. Ala.; **James H.**, 10, and **N. B. Deane (m.)**, 6, both b. Miss.]

No. 31	Hardy Deane	33	M	farmer	Tenn.
	Cynthia E.	33	F		Tenn.

[Children, all b. Miss.: **Aaron V.**, 12; **Joseph**, 8; **Thomas**, 6; **William**, 4; **Elizabeth**, 10; and **Cynthia E. Deane**, 2.]

Former Tennesseans in the 1850 Census of Marshall Co., Miss.

House	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
No. 35	Martha Apperson	13	F		Tenn.
	Mary Apperson	15	F		Tenn.

[Head of household: **Thomas Apperson**, 43, farmer, b. Va.; living in same home: **M. A Apperson** (f.), 24, b. Ala.; **Lucy**, 4; **Caroline**, 2; and **Ann Apperson**, 5 months, all b. Miss.]

No. 36	Adaline Milam	22	F		Tenn.
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[Head of household: **B. L. Milam** (m.), 24; living in same home: **M. J. Remmington** (f) 17, **Sarah A. Milam** (f), 16; **Cynthia M. Dooke** (f) 20, all b. Ala.; **Susanna Milam**, 65, b. Ky.; **William A. Marshall**, 30, b. S. C.]

No. 38	Jeff Meek	20	M	farmer	Tenn.
	Wm. B. Meek	18	M	farmer	Tenn.

[Head of household: **James Meek**, 49, farmer, b. Ky.; living in same home: wife **Sarah**, 42, b. S. C.; children: **Mary J.**, 14; **James R.**, 11; **Alexander**, 9; **George**, 6; **Henry E.**, 4; and **E. M.** (f) **Meek**, 1, all b. Miss.]

No. 39	Julia F. Garrett	22	F		Tenn.
	Rebecca J. Garrett	20	F		Tenn.
	Martha P. Garrett	18	F		Tenn.
	Eliza E. Garrett	16	F		Tenn.

[In same household: **J. A. Garrett** (m), 13, and **Lucy E. Garrett** (f), 11, both b. Miss.]

No. 42	Va. L. Jameson	11	F		Tenn.
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[Head of household: **William H. Jameson**, 49, physician; living in same house: **E. A. Jameson** (f), 35; **James D. Jameson**, 21, farmer, and **E. A. Jameson** (f), 15; **Martha A. DeGraffenreid**, 56; all b. Va.; **James K. Jameson**, 6, and **Jameson**, 4, both b. Miss.]

No. 43	Martha Wooten	17	F		Tenn.
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[Head of household: **Narcissa Wooten**, (f), 52; living in same house: **Jessie W. Wooten**, (m), 28; and **A. J. Wooten**, (m) 23, all b. N.C.; **Sarah L/J. Wooten** (f), 17, b. Va., and **William C. Wooten** (m), 7 months, b. Miss.]

House	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
No. 45	Wm. A. Wright	49	M	Farmer	Tenn.
	Mary J. Wright	39	F		Tenn.
	John G. Wright	16	M		Tenn.
	L.L. Wright	14	M		Tenn.

[In same household: **Ransom B. Wright**, 11; **William B. Wright**, 10; **Mary W. Wright**, 7; **Blackburn Wright**, (m) 5; **Robert G. Wright**, 3; **Sarah J. Wright**, 2; and **John W. Miller**, 2, all b. Miss.]

No. 46	Sarah Killough	39	F		Tenn.
	Jane Killough	16	F		Tenn.

[Head of household: **John Killough**, 49, farmer, b. Ga.; others in house: **Jessee R. Killough**, 12, b. Miss.; **Allen Stone**, 10, b. Tenn.]

No. 47	Eliza J. Wilkerson	16	F		Tenn.
	Wm. D. Wilkerson	2	M		Tenn.

[Head of household: **L. G. Wilkerson**, (m) 25, b. Ala.]

No. 49	M. M. Hall	17	F		Tenn.
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[Head of household: **James M. Hall**, 26, b. Ala.; living in same house: **Thomas J. Hall**, 3, b. Miss.]

No. 50	Mary Hollowel	17	F		Tenn.
	Geo. W. H. Hollowel	16	M		Tenn.

[Head of household, **Silas Hollowel**, 48, b. N.C.; in same house: **Sarah Hollowel**, 45, b. N.C.; **Rebecca Hollowel**, 12; **Martha Hollowel**, 11; and **Julie Hollowel**, 9, all b. Miss.; **Robert Barden**, 21, and **Revina Barden** (f), 21, both b. N.C.; and **Thos. J. Barden**, 1 mo., b. Miss.]

No. 52	R. A. Bowen	37	M	tailor	Tenn.
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[In same household: **Sarah A. Bowen**, 30, b. N.C.; **Wm. J.**, 10, **Mary A.**, 8, **John W.**, 6, **Frances L.**, 4, **Caledonia** (f), 1, all b. Miss.]

No. 53	William D. Jarrat	17	M		Tenn.
	Mary A. Jarrat	12	F		Tenn.
	Henry B. Jarrat	10	M		Tenn.

[Head of household: **Fortunatus Jarrat**, 39, farmer, b. Va.; wife, **Susan A. Jarrat**, 38, both b. Va.]

Former Tennesseans in the 1850 Census of Marshall Co., Miss.

House	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
No. 55	Elmyra Sherman	17	F		Tenn.
	Mary Sherman	15	F		Tenn.
	James Sherman	13	M		Tenn.

[Head of household: **John Sherman**, 42, farmer, b. N. C.; in same house, **Sarah Sherman**, 42, b. Va.; and **M. C. (m)**, 11; **Sarah E.**, 9; **Flora**, 7; **John W.**, 5; and **William M. Sherman**, 3, all b. Miss.]

No. 56	Margaret Walton	37	F		Tenn.
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[Head of household: **John W. Walton**, 42, farmer, b. Va.; in same house, **A. B. Walton (m)**, 19; **John R. Walton**, 16; **Frances A. Walton (f)**, 13; **B. M. Walton (m)**, 11; and **Stone P. Walton (m)**, 9, all b. Ala.; **James C. Walton**, 3, b. Miss.; **Cynthia Stone**, 78, b. N. C.]

No. 61	E. I. Bracken	40	M		Tenn.
	Mary Bracken	30	F		Tenn.
	Charley L. Bracken	10	M		Tenn.
	Mary J. Bracken	8	F		Tenn.
	Henry Greer	30	M	farmer	Tenn.

[In same household, **Elvira P. Bracken (f)**, 6, b. Miss.]

No. 66	Theopolis Brister	10	M		Tenn.
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[Living with **Robert Brister**, 56, farmer; **Mary Brister**, 46; **Rebecca Brister**, 23; and **Louise Brister**, 22, all b. Va.]

No. 67	Mary S. Wilson	5	F		Tenn.
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[Head of household: **John J. Wilson**, 36, mechanic, b. N. C.; wife **Sarah A. Wilson**, 25, b. S. C.; **James L. Wilson**, 8; **Frances E. Wilson (f)**, 3, and **Lenora A. Wilson (f)**, 1, all b. Miss.]

No. 71	James M. Greer	32	M	farmer	Tenn.
	Mary A. Greer	25	F		Tenn.

[In same household, **James M. Greer**, 2, b. Miss.]

No. 72	Rachel Greer	55	F		Tenn.
	Elkana Greer	25	M		Tenn.

[In same household, **James Greer**, 74, b. Va.; **Joseph A. Coke**, 24, b. Va.]

House	Name	Age	Sex	Occupation	Birthplace
No. 73	Oscar Ross	24	M	merchant	Tenn.
	James Gurley	24	M	merchant	Tenn.

[Living in home of **Dr. John Oswald** and family]

No. 74	Wm. B. Lynch	33	M	merchant	Tenn.
	Eliza J. Lynch	33	F		Tenn.
	Charles Lynch	12	M		Tenn.

[In same household: **Julia A. Lynch**, 5; **Sarah E. Lynch**, 3; and **Matilda S. Lynch**, 10 months, all b. Miss.; **Mary V. Cant**, 13, b. Miss.]

No. 76	Mary E. Biles	21	F		Tenn.
	Wm. H. Biles	18	M	wagoner	Tenn.
	Marshall J. Biles	16	M		Tenn.
	Lucy J. Biles	14	F		Tenn.
	David R. Biles	12	M		Tenn.
	John S. Biles	10	M		Tenn.

[Head of household: **Harbert Biles**, 48, blacksmith, b. N.C.; wife, **Martha A. Biles**, 45, b. Va.; other children: **Samuel H. Biles**, 6, and **Joanna Biles**, 4, both b. Miss.]

No. 78	Mary W. Allen	18	F		Tenn.
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[In same household: **Samuel N. Allen**, 30, physician, b. Ala.; **Sutton J. Allen (m)**, 12; **Sutton W. Allen (m)**, 1, both b. Miss.]

No. 80	Eliza J. Van Kannon	28	F		Tenn.
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[Head of household: **John Van Kannon**, 34, millwright, b. N. C.; others in house: **John Wesley Van Kannon**, 10, b. Ill.; **Henry Clay Van Kannon**, 8, **B. Franklin Van Kannon**, 5, and **George Washington Van Kannon**, 2, all b. Miss.]

No. 82	Jones M. Brooks	17	M		Tenn.
	Olivia V. Brooks	13	F		Tenn.
	Marg'ret E. Brooks	11	F		Tenn.
	L. G. Brooks	7	F		Tenn.

[Head of household: **Alfred Brooks**, 48, farmer, b. N.C.; wife, **Lydia Brooks**, 47, b. Va.]

Former Tennesseans (continued)

No. 87	Benj. F. Owens	21 M	Tenn.
	James Owens	14 M	Tenn.
	Margaret Owens	18 F	Tenn.

[Head of household: **Ruth Owens**, 52, b. Va.; others in house: **Madison** (m), 12, and **Virginia Owens**, 8, both b. Miss.]

No. 88	Jas. F. Barmer	5 M	Tenn.
	Wm. R. Barmer	3 M	Tenn.

[Head of household: **Isaiah Barmer**, 35, farmer; wife, **Elizabeth Barmer**, 25; and daughter **Mary J.**, 6, all b. N.C.; other children, **Sarah R.**, 2, and **Frances E.** (f), 10 months, both b. Miss.]

No. 89	Seluster Matthews	12 M	Tenn.
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[Head of household: **William B. Matthews**, 39, farmer; wife **Judith A. Matthews**, 36; children: **Ralph W. Matthews**, 18; and **Sarah A. Matthews**, 14, all b. N.C.; other children: **Permelia A. Matthews** (f) 10; **Susan A. Matthews**, 8; **Thomas B. Matthews**, 5; **Martha A. Matthews**, 3; and **Cornelia Matthews** (f) 1, all b. Miss.]

No. 93	Celia A. Diggs	21 F	Tenn.
	Nancy C. Diggs	19 F	Tenn.
	Mary C. Diggs	17 F	Tenn.
	Marsha Diggs	15 F	Tenn.
	Jas. W. Diggs	14 M	Tenn.

[Head of household: **Pleasant Diggs**, 55, farmer; wife **Fanny**, 51, both b. N.C. In same house, **John Diggs**, 28, cabinetmaker, **Benjamin H. Diggs**, 25, farmer, and **Eli P. Diggs**, 24, all b. N.C.; and **Sarah F. Diggs**, 11, **Henry C. Diggs**, 8, and **Angeline W. Diggs** (f) 6, all b. Miss.]

No. 105	Va. F. Nunnally	16 F	Tenn.
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[Head of household: **James B. Nunnally**, 58, farmer, and wife **Dorothy**, 51, both b. Va.; others in house **James B. Nunnally**, 21, farmer, b. Ala.; **Victoria Nunnally**, 10, and **Charles Nunnally**, 8, both b. Miss.]

No. 107	Wm. M. Robertson	21 M teacher	Tenn.
	Mary J. Chism	15 F	Tenn.

[Head of household: **Mary Reynolds**, 55, b. N.C.; others living in house: **George W. Reynolds**, 20, b. N.C.; **Mary C. Reynolds**, 12, b. Miss.; **Nancy W. C. Robertson**, 7, b. N.C.]

(To Be Continued)

Mrs. Alabama Rountree Is Granted Confederate Widow's Pension

A Confederate widow's pension was granted **Mrs. Alabama L. Rountree**, 5145 Market St., Nashville, on 14 June 1913. Her application, #3838, had been filed two years earlier on 26 May 1911. Her late husband, **John Alexander Rountree**, served in the Third Tennessee Infantry and the Quartermaster Department during the war.

Mrs. Rountree, whose maiden name was **Baugh**, was born 12 June 1849 in Williamson County. Her husband was born 8 Nov 1831 in neighboring Maury County. They married in Nashville in Oct 1879, and, as recorded in **Alabama's** application, were given a wedding supper by **Mrs. Mary King**. They had two children, only one of whom — **Gertrude** (**Mrs. J. W. Kirtland**) — was living at the time of **Mrs. Rountree's** application. **John** died 30 May 1910 while visiting **Gertrude** in Montgomery, Ala.

Before entering the military, **John** had been a saddler by trade. At Spring Hill on 21 May 1861, when he was about 30 years of age, he enlisted in the Confederate Army under **Gen. Bragg's** command. After six months' service, he was transferred to the saddlery department for the remainder of the war. In Dec 1863 he was sent to Atlanta to look up goods remaining at several railroad depots. When his regiment surrendered at Greensboro, N.C., **John** was on duty in the Quartermaster Department at Jonesboro, N.C. He was paroled 2 May 1865 at Greensboro and honorably discharged at Nashville after signing the oath of allegiance on 30 June 1865. In applying for a widow's pension, **Mrs. Rountree** stated that she had a house and lot in Nashville appraised at \$2,000, but had a \$900 mortgage and a \$500 indebtedness.

Supporting statements in her application were from **Mrs. T. G. Ryman**, her sister; **E. L. Baugh**, a cousin; and **M. E. Neely**, a resident of Erick, Okla., who grew up in the same community in Maury County as **John** and knew him when he enlisted at Spring Hill. **Neely**, who was about 80 years old when he signed the statement on 23 Jul 1912, said he was a private in Co. A, **Martin Holdman's** Regiment of **Gen. Forrest's** Brigade. ■

What the 'Four' Was For

The parents of **Dr. John Four Brown** must have had genealogists in mind when they picked out his name.

According to *The Jackson Whig* of 11 Aug 1893, he was given the middle name of "Four" because he was the fourth **John** in his family. **Brown** moved from Lebanon, Tenn., to Madison County in 1820. When the time came to pick out a name for his son, he passed along the name **John** but resisted the temptation to make it **John Five**. His son's middle initial was "L." [Last, maybe?]

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Giles County, Tenn., Deed Abstracts 1790-1819

Abstracted by Jean Alexander West from Microfilm Roll 70

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South of North Carolina Middle District, Entry Taker #1633 on 10 Apr 1784 surveyed for **Jethro Sumner** 1,470 acres on the east waters of Richland Creek of Elk River adjoining **Micager Green Lewis**. Surveyed 7 Mar 1786 by **Robert Weakley**, Deputy Surveyor. Chain Carriers: **Amos Moore, Charles Anderson**. Related entry on Page 155 notes that property, with all hereditaments and appurtenances, was conveyed to **Sumner** by Grant #11 for 10 pounds per 100 acres. **Sumner** is to make yearly payments to Tennessee General Assembly as directed from time to time. Registered in State Register's office, and recorded in Secretary's office. **P. Collier, P. Lee** [?]. Grant #11 duly recorded 11 Oct 1796 in Book D, p. 47, **Thomas Molloy**, Register. Deed registered by **James Johnston**, deputy register, Davidson Co., Tenn., 9 Oct 1792

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In deed dated 10 Nov 1810, **Martha Strudwick** of Orange Co., N.C., conveys 2,000 acres in Giles Co., Tenn., to **Henry Shepperd** of Orange Co., N.C., for \$500. Land, on Richland Creek, a branch of Elk River, was granted to the same **Martha Sheppard** in Grant #178 dated 20 Dec 1791 at Newbern, N.C. It adjoins property of **William Shepperd** and **Joseph Phillips**. Deed conveys the 2,000 acres with all rights, hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnessed by **Elira Jane Strudwick, Samuel Strudwick**. On back of deed: **John Taylor**, clerk of Orange Co., N.C., Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, certified deed 28 Nov 1810. **Taylor's** signature was certified 17 May 1811 at Hillsboro, N.C., by **James Webb**, Orange County Justice of the Peace.

Pages 159-160

Deed of Gift, dated 11 May 1811. **James Tuttle** of Giles County gives and bequeaths at his death a Negro man named **John** to his son, **David Tuttle** of Maury County, for love and goodwill. Deed is witnessed by **Thomas Richardson** and **George Brown**. Deed was proved by witnesses in Giles County court on 20 May 1811; registered by **German Lester**, court clerk.

Pages 160-161

Deed of Gift, dated 11 May 1811. **James Tuttle** of Giles County gives and bequeaths at his death one sorrel horse called **Sol**, one yearling, one sorrell mare and colt, one-half of his stock of hogs, and two pair of gears with his plow hoes and axes to his grandson, **Ichabod Tuttle**, of Giles County for love and goodwill. Witnessed by **Thomas Richardson** and **George Brown**. Deed was proved 20 May 1811 by witnesses in Giles County Court and registered by Clerk **German Lester**.

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Deed of Gift, dated 11 May 1811. **James Tuttle** of Giles County gives and bequeaths at his death one bay mare and spring colt called **Jim**, two cows and calves, one yearling, one-half his stock of hogs with their increase, three beds with their furniture, one big kettle, one small kettle, one small pot, two skillets, one hackle, and one table to his daughter, **Mary Tuttle**, for love and affection. Witnessed by **Thomas Richardson** and **George Brown**. Deed was proved 20 May 1811 by witnesses in Giles County Court and registered by Clerk **German Lester**.

Pages 163-165

In deed dated 23 Dec 1810, **Thomas Temple Armstrong** of Stokes Co., N.C., conveys to **Thomas Moody** 100 acres on Lynn Creek, a branch of Richland Creek of the Elk River, for \$300. Land, part of a 2000-acre tract granted Armstrong by the state of North Carolina, adjoins **Laird's** corner and meanders with river. Included are hereditaments and appurtenances. Deed is witnessed by **John Laird** and **John Fry**. Proved in court 20 May 1811 by witnesses, registered by Clerk **German Lester**.

Pages 165-167

Deed of Release: On 3 Feb 1807, **Thomas Hickman** of Davidson Co., Tenn., sold to **John Walthall** and **Abraham Maury** 2,780-acre tract in Williamson County on the waters of Richland Creek of Elk River, adjoining **George Doherty's** southwest corner. Now, on 14 June 1808, Hickman releases and quit claims **Walthall's** rightful proportion of 2,000 acres with appurtenances on west side of creek adjoining **Buford's** line, **Moses' line**, **Willson's** southeast corner, and **Buncum's** line. On 9 Dec 1809 the deed was delivered to, acknowledged, and signed by **Maury** in the presence of **Andrew Harris** and **Abram Maury, Jr.** The deed was proved in Williamson County court on 11 March 1811 and certified by Nicholas P. Hardeman, county court clerk, on 11 Apr 1811.

Pages 168-170

In deed dated 28 Jul 1809, **John and William Henderson** of Maury County conveyed to **John Haynes** of Maury County 160 acres for \$480. Land is part of 5,000-acre grant to **John Nelson** who conveyed it to **David McRee** and from him to **Henderson**. Property is located on headwaters of Robertson Creek, the waters of Richland Creek of the Elk River, adjoining William Henderson's southeast corner. Deed was witnessed by **William Woods** and **James S. Haynes**. Proved by **Woods** in February 1811 session of Giles County Court, and by **James Haynes** in May 1811 session. Registered 20 May 1811 by **German Lester**, county court clerk.

Pages 170-172

In deed dated 20 Jul 1809, **John Henderson** of Maury County conveyed to **William Henderson** of Maury County estimated 152 acres on headwaters of Robertson Creek, the waters of Richland Creek of Elk River. Land is part of 5,000 acres originally granted **John Nelson** and conveyed by him to **David McRee**. It adjoins **John Haynes'** northeast corner, and **Thomas Alexander's** line. Deed was witnessed by **William Woods** and **James S. Haynes**. Proved in February session of Giles County Court by **Woods** in May 1811 and later by **Haynes** on 20 May 181. Registered 20 May 1811 by **German Lester**, court clerk.

Pages 172-175

In deed dated 1 Dec 1810, **Richard Hightower** of Williamson County conveyed to **Henry Walker** of Williamson County 210 acres with all hereditaments and appurtenances for \$800. Land is on Big Creek of Richland Creek, branch of Elk River in Giles County, adjoining west boundary of **William Terril Lewis'** 5,000-acre tract. Witnessed by **John C. Walker** and **James I. Walker**. Partly proved by **John C. Walker** in Giles County Court session of February 1811 and fully proved by acknowledgment of **Hightower** in May 1811. Registered by German Lester, county court clerk.

Pages 175-177

In deed dated 18 Dec 1810, **Buckner Harwell**, **Thomas Westmoreland**, **Jesse Westmoreland**, and **William Wells**, all of Giles County, conveyed to **Henry Lester** of Williamson County 394 acres on Richland Creek of Elk River for \$866.80. Land, purchased by them from **Col. Charles Polk**, was part of 5,000-acre tract adjoining **Thomas Westmoreland**, Richland Creek, and **Haywood's** line (now **Graves'** line). Deed was witnessed by **Thomas Crittington (?)** and **John Bailey**. Acknowledged in Giles County Court in May 1811 by **Harwell**, both **Westmorelands**, and **Wells**. Ordered registered 20 May 1811 by **German Lester**, court clerk, and registered 21 Jul 1811.

Pages 178-179

In deed dated 20 May 1811, **Henry Lester** of Williamson County conveyed to **Elijah Anthony** of Giles County 153 acres for \$716.56. Land is part of 5,000-acre tract originally granted **Col. Thomas Polk**, then bought by **Buckner Harwell**, **Thomas Westmoreland**, **Jesse Westmoreland**, and **William Wells**. It adjoins **Thomas Westmoreland's** land, Richland Creek, **Henry Lester's** line, and **Anthony's** line (formerly **Haywood's** line). Acknowledged and proved in open court by **Henry Lester**. Ordered registered on 20 May 1811 by **German Lester**, Giles County court clerk.

Pages 180-181

In deed dated 18 Dec 1809, **Meridith Flynt** of Maury County conveyed 131 acres [plat] to **Absalom Boring** for \$260. Land, with all hereditaments and appurtenances, is on waters of Lynn Creek adjoining **Absalom Boring's** north boundary and is part of a 5,000-acre North Carolina grant to **Henry Montford** who sold it to **William Eskridge**, and he in turn sold it to **Merideth Flynt**. Witnessed by **James Read** and **John C. Walker**. Proved by witnesses in Giles County Court May 1811 and ordered registered 20 May 1811 by **German Lester**, court clerk.

Pages 182-184

In deed dated 22 Dec 1810, **Thomas T. Armstrong** of Stokes Co., N.C., conveyed to **Nathaniel Moody** of Giles County 240 acres on east side of Lynn Creek for \$500. Land is part of 3,000-acre grant to **Armstrong** by state of North Carolina. Deed witnessed by **John Laird**, **Thomas Moody**, **John Fry**. Proved in open court during May 1811 Giles County Court session by **Laird** and **Moody**. Ordered registered by **German Lester**, county court clerk.

Pages 184-186

In deed dated 22 Dec 1810, **Thomas Temple Armstrong** of Stokes Co., N. C., conveyed to **John Laird** of Giles County 328 acres on Lynn Creek for \$500. Land adjoins **Thomas Moody's** corner, and **Nathaniel Moody's** line, and is part of 3,000-acre tract granted to **Armstrong** by state of North Carolina. Witnessed by **John Fry**, **Thomas Moody**, and **Henry Fry**. Proved in open court in Giles County in May 1811 by **John Fry** and **Moody**. Ordered registered by Court Clerk **German Lester** on 20 May 1811.

Pages 187-188

In deed dated 9 Jul 1810, **William Polk** of Wake Co., N.C., conveyed to **Larkin Cleveland** of Franklin Co., Ga., 300 acres including hereditaments and appurtenances for \$1,500. Land begins at southwest corner of 3,000-acre grant to **Polk** on both sides of **Polk's Creek**, a branch of **Richland Creek** of **Elk River**, and adjoins **William Rainey's** line. Deed witnessed by **E. Polk** and **A. Franklin, Jr.** On back of deed: In **Giles County Circuit Court** in 1811, Clerk **James Berry** certified that deed was proved by **William Polk**, **E. Polk**, and **A. Franklin**. [See Page 194]. Whereas a power of attorney from the State of North Carolina, **Washington County**, grant bearing date 15 Sep 1787 to **Thomas Bunscomb**, heir of **Col. Edward Bunscomb**, for 7,200 acres in **Davidson County** on the west side of **Richland Creek**, nine miles north of the south boundary of the state of North Carolina, adjoining **George Doherty** and **Robert Hays'** corner, **Thomas Bunscomb** having died intestate without issue, leaving two sisters, **Elizabeth**, now the wife of **John Goelet**, and **Hester**, wife of **John Clark**, both since dead, leaving three children, **Ann**, **Hester**, and **Thomas Clark**. **Elizabeth** and **John Goelet** are entitled to moiety, and give **Thomas B. Haughton** power of attorney. Witness: **William Roulac**.

Related documents:

Page 189: North Carolina Middle District military warrant from the Secretary of state, #1072. Issued 18 Sep 1786 to **Thomas Bunscomb**, heirs of **Edmund Bunscomb**, 7,200 acres on west side of **Richland Creek**, the waters of **Elk River**, nine miles above the southern boundary of North Carolina, adjoining **George Doherty** and **Robert Hays'** corner. Surveyed 25 Sep 1780 by **Mark Armstrong**. Chain carriers **Charles Anderson**, **Amos Moore**. Deputy Surveyor: **Edmund Hickman**

Pages 190-191: State of North Carolina Grant #441 to **Col. Edward Bunscomb**: I have granted to **Thomas Bunscomb**, his heir, 7,200 acres in **Davidson County** on the west side of **Richland Creek**, the waters of **Elk River**, nine miles north of the southern boundary of the State of North Carolina, adjoining **George Doherty** and **Robert Hays** with all hereditaments and appurtenances, providing he pays such sums yearly as ordered and registers grant in the register's office of **Davidson Co., Tenn.**, within 12 months. (Signed) **Richard Caswell, Esq.**, Governor, Captain General, and Commander in Chief at **Kinston**, 15 Sep 1787. **J. Glasgow, Sec.** On back: Recorded in Secretary's office, **J. Martin**. Power of attorney from State of North Carolina, **Bertie Co.**, to **Thomas B. Daughton**, Deputy Sec. Registered 2 Aug 1811.

Pages 192-193: Whereas a grant to **Thomas Bunscomb**, heir of **Col. Edward Bunscomb**, officer of the Continental line, for 7,200 acres, etc. **Thomas Bunscomb** died intestate, having but two sisters, **Elizabeth**, wife of **John Goelet** of **Washington Co., N.C.**, and **Hester**, wife of **John Clark** of aforesaid county and state, having died intestate leaving three children: **Ann**, **Hester**, and **Thomas**. The children being now living and infants under 21 and being represented by me as their guardian and also as administrator of **John Clark**, their father, and for good cause appointed **Thomas B. Haughton**, attorney of **Washington Co., N.C.**, my power of attorney to act for me and for the benefit of **Ann**, **Hester**, and **Thomas Clark**, paying taxes and further securing title. Dated 26 Apr 1811. Acknowledged in state of North Carolina by **Kenneth Clark**, 26 Apr 1811. **John Walker**, **Washington Co.** clerk. **Jon Hall**, Superior Court clerk.

Pages 194-96: State of North Carolina, **Washington County**: Refers to a grant dated 15 Sep 1787 to **Col. Edward Bunscomb**, soldier, and granted to **Thomas Bunscomb**, his heir, [land] being in **Davidson County** on the west side of **Richland Creek** on the waters of **Elk River** nine miles from the state of North Carolina line, adjoining property of **George Doherty** and **Robert Hayes**. **Thomas Bunscomb** died intestate and his heirs at law are his two sisters, **Elizabeth**, wife of **John Goelet**, and **Hester**, wife of **John Clark**. **Hester** is now deceased, leaving three children: **Ann**, **Hester**, and **Thomas**. **Elizabeth** and **John Goelet** gave **Thomas B. Haughton** power of attorney to sell their undivided share with **Ann**, **Hester**, and **Thomas Clark**. Witnessed by **William Roulac** on 4 May 1811 and signed by **John Goelet** and **Elizabeth T. Goelet**. On back: June 1811, **Washington Co., N. C.**, Power of Attorney. Proved by **William Roulac**. **James Jones** and **Samuel Blount, Esqs.**, privately examined **Elizabeth Goelet** who testified that she voluntarily executed power of attorney. **M. R. Byrd**, court clerk.

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Deed ordered registered 10 June 1811 by **James Berry**, **Giles County** court clerk.

Pages 197-198

In deed dated 22 Nov 1810, **William Polk** of **Maury County** conveyed to **Ezekiel Polk** 400 acres for \$1,300. Land adjoins that of **Thomas Polk**, **Ezekiel Polk**, and **Elijah Robertson**. If **Ezekiel** or his heir loses land, **William Polk** and his heirs are not bound to make restitution on any part of it. Deed witnessed by **Thomas M. Neal**, **Joseph McMullen**, **Robert Mack**, **Alfred Harris**. On back: Probate Court, May 1811 - deed proved on oath of **Robert Mack** and **Alfred Harris** on 20 May 1811. **German Lester**, court clerk.

Pages 199-201

In deed dated 17 Sep 1810, **James Turner** of Davidson County conveyed to **Elijah Anthony** of Sumner County 1,000 acres on Richland Creek with hereditaments and appurtenances for \$1,250. Land is part of 5,000-acre grant to **William T. Lewis** and adjoins property of **Thomas Polk, John Yancy**. Deed witnessed by **Joseph Anthony, Elisha L. Kimbrough, James Kimbrough**. On back: Deed proved by oath of witnesses and ordered registered 21 May 1811 by Clerk **German Lester**.

Pages 201-203

In deed dated 14 Jul 18__, **James Reid** conveyed to **Parks Bailey** 100 acres on Richland Creek for \$250. Registered 23 Jul 1810. Land is part of 5,000-acre grant by North Carolina to **Stokely Donelson** who conveyed it to **Augustine Woodruff** who on 10 Jul 1780 conveyed it to **James Paton, Andrew Erwin, and James Reid**. On 4 May 1810 **Paton and Erwin** transferred their shares to **James Reid** with all hereditaments and appurtenances. Deed witnessed by **Samuel Jones, Alexander McVay, Charles C. Bailey**. On back: Deed acknowledged in open court of Giles County in May 1811. Ordered registered 20 May 1811 by Clerk **German Lester**.

Pages 204-205

In deed dated 23 Apr 1810, **James Turner** of Davidson County to **John Haywood** of same county and **Richard Hightower** of Williamson County conveyed 5,194 acres for \$5,217. Land represents the undivided moiety **Turner** purchased from **Joel Lewis**, and is part of 3,636 acres of **Hightower** and 1,558-8/12 acres of **Haywood and Turner** on part of **Edmund E. L. Bailey**. Deed witnessed by **James Prichard, Andrew Slatbought (?)**, and **Joseph Turner**. Proved in Davidson County Court in Jan 1811 by witnesses, certified by **Andrew Ewing**, Clerk, 31 Jan 1811.

Pages 205-207

On 21 Aug 1810 **John Purviance** of Wilson Co., Tenn., and **Samuel Wood** of Preble Co., Ohio, as the assignee of **James Purviance** heirs, and **Peter Fleming** with others entered 3,000 acres in the Middle District on Indian Creek, a branch of Elk River, each party equal in expense and profit. Land in name of **John Purviance** in Grant #404 dated 17 Dec 1794. (Pages 204 & 205 are duplicates of above.) Page 206 states that this 3,000 acres adjoins **Lynn McCormick** and **William Ireland**. Witnesses: **William Woods, David Woods**. In June 1811 in Giles County Court, **James Berry**, circuit court clerk, certified that deed was proved by witnesses. Deed ordered registered 11 June 1811.

Pages 208-209

In deed dated 8 Sep 1810, **Alexander McDonald** of Giles County conveyed to **James Dugger** of Davidson County 100 acres with hereditaments and appurtenances for \$200. Land is on Leatherwood, a branch of Buchanan's Creek. Deed was witnessed by **Buckner Harwell, Lewis Brown, and James Harwell**. On back: Deed was proved in Giles County Court in May 1811 by **Buckner Harwell and Lewis Brown**, and ordered registered 20 May 1811 by Clerk **German Lester**.

Pages 209-211

In deed dated 22 Dec 1809, **John Easley** of Giles County conveyed to **John Baldrige** 160 acres for one hundred and ten cents. Land, with hereditaments and appurtenances, is on Elk River near mouth of Richland Creek and adjoins **Isaac Price's** line. Witnesses to deed: **William Price, Ebenezer Rice, Jr. (?), James Tolly**. Deed was acknowledged by **John Easley** in open court in Giles County in May 1811 and ordered registered 20 May 1811 by Clerk **German Lester**.

Pages 211-213

Power of Attorney given to **Samuel Polk** by **Robert Bigham, Thomas Bigham, John Bigham, and Robert L. Bigham** as administrator, and registered 26 Sep 1811 in Giles County. **Robert, Thomas, John, and Robert L. Bigham**, administrator of **James Bigham**, deceased, are heirs of **John Bigham**, dec'd, of Mecklenburg Co., N.C. On 21 Sep 1810 they appointed **Samuel Polk and James Greer**, both of Tennessee, to be their attorneys to demand, recover, and reclaim a parcel of land containing 3,200 acres on Richland Creek granted **John Bigham**, dec'd, by patent. Paper was signed by the four **Bighams** before **John Kendrick**, justice of the peace. On back: **Thomas Greer, Esq.**, swore to the power of attorney by all sons and legal heirs of **John Bigham** on 21 Sep 1811.

In State of North Carolina, **Isaac Alexander**, clerk of Mecklenburg Co., N.C., certified 21 Sep 1810 that **John Kendrick** was acting justice of the peace. **Thomas Greer** of Mecklenburg Co., N.C., certified that **Isaac Alexander** was county court clerk on 21 Sep 1810.

(To Be Continued)



HON. ROBERT H. CROCKETT.

Like His Grandpappy --

Bob Crockett Tries Unusual Approach To Crossing the 'Father of Waters'

In his youthful oat-strewing days, **Robert H. "Bob" Crockett** decided to live up to his heritage.

He had read somewhere that his famous grandfather **Davy** had waded on stilts across the Mississippi River at Memphis. And so **Bob** decided that, by golly, he'd act like a gentleman and drive a horse and buggy across the same stream.

He hired a spirited horse and a fine buggy at one of the livery stables in Memphis, drove down the cobblestones and into the river.

Bob, along with the horse and buggy, landed within a few yards of the bank where the water was said to have been some 20 to 30 feet deep, and the current quite strong.

The horse drowned, the buggy was badly wrecked, and **Bob** himself would have ended his mortal career except for the successful efforts of some friendly steamboat men who happened to be in their vessel just below where the plunge was made. They came to his rescue when he was going down the third time.

This escapade, which allegedly took place at some point in the early 1850s, was recounted in a letter that appeared in the *Memphis Public Ledger* of 20 Dec 1879 bearing the initials "J.P.P." of Frankfort, Ky. He reported:

*"The next day [after the incident], **Bob** -- fresh as a lark and 'in his right mind' -- walked into the office of the livery stable and handed over to the proprietor \$500 which more than reimbursed him for the loss of the horse and damage to the vehicle.*

*"That was **Bob Crockett** all over, for he was ever the soul of honor and the mirror of chivalry. This wonderful attempt to ford the 'Father of Waters' was, I think, the last of his escapades."*

Whether this really happened is a matter of conjecture, but most biographies about **Bob Crockett** indicate that he did indeed sow quite a few wild oats in his younger days.

Bob was born in Paris [Henry County], Tenn., on 15 Feb 1832.

His father, **John Wesley Crockett**, was the eldest son of the celebrated **David Crockett** and, like "**Davy**" -- as he was affectionately known -- represented Tennessee's 12th District in the U.S. Congress. **John**, born 10 Jul 1807 in Gibson County's Trenton, was admitted to the bar and began his practice in Paris. He was elected as a Whig to the 25th and 26th Congresses (1837-1841) and was attorney-general for Tennessee's 9th District (1841-43). **John** moved his family to New Orleans in 1843 where he became a senior partner in a cotton commission house doing business both in Memphis and New Orleans under the name of **Crockett, Henderson & Company**. After editing two publications, *The National* (1848-1850)

Bob's mother was **Mary L. Hamilton**, born 16 Jan 1809 and the daughter of the Hon. **John A.**¹ and **Martha Hamilton**. Her father was appointed attorney-general for the state of Tennessee on 10 Apr 1796 and was one of the first circuit judges in West Tennessee.² **Mary** died 12 Feb 1873.

It was during the family's residence in New Orleans that **Bob** became a teen-ager and displayed early signs that he had inherited his grandfather's adventurous spirit. He ran away and joined the Ocean Marines for a year, and upon his return joined the revolutionary forces taking part in **Narciso Lopez'** filibuster to Cuba. The invasion was a disaster, ending with **Lopez'** capture and execution.

The Trenton Star-Spangled Banner, commenting on **Bob's** return from the Cuban invasion in its 5 Jul 1850 edition, said his courage was highly complimented by those who were with him. "He is quite young but a chip from the old block and still retains the fire that burned in the bosom of his famed grandfather, the gallant hero of the Alamo."

Shortly after **Bob** got back home, his anxious parents sent him off to the Military Institute in Kentucky with the hope that he would learn discipline while acquiring an education. After completing his course at the military school, **Bob** read law for the next several years in the offices of **Isham Harris** and **J. E. R. Ray** in Memphis where his parents were then living. In 1853 he was admitted to the Memphis bar.

Like his father, **Bob** was torn between practicing law and dabbling in journalism. For a short time, he worked with **Smith P. Bankhead** as associate editor of the *Daily Memphis Whig*,³ and later at Brownsville, Tenn., started the first newspaper in the country known as *The Locomotive*.

He married sisters who were said to have been collateral descendants of **Gen. George Washington**.⁴ His first marriage was to **Sarah F. "Sallie" Lewis** on 10 Nov 1853 in Memphis. She died 14 Feb 1856 in Brownsville. Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church in Memphis, and she was buried in Winchester Cemetery. **Bob** married her 15-year old sister, **Mary B. Lewis**, on 8 Apr 1856 in Memphis.⁵

Soon after their marriage, **Bob** and **Mary** removed to Arkansas where he was a cotton planter on the White River near Crockett's Bluff. The 1860 census shows **Bob** and **Mary** in Polk Township of Arkansas County. He is listed as a 28-year old lawyer, and she is identified as a 19-year old seamstress. They had two children at the time: **Robert G.**, aged two years, and **John W.**, aged two months.⁶ That same year, **Bob** filed for a federal land patent on 160 acres in Arkansas County.

He soon gained a reputation for being a gifted orator. It was said that very few could match him when it came to telling an anecdote. He also was regarded as one of the finest mimics of his time, who might well have made his fortune on the stage.

"Bob could set and keep any sized table in a roar from the soup through all the courses," recalled Memphis attorney **John Hallum**.

In 1861, **Bob** and his family were living at Mount Adams, and **Bob** was one of 10 practicing attorneys in Arkansas County when the war broke out. That spring, he raised, organized, and commanded a company of 127 men from Arkansas County⁷ and marched them to Little Rock. In May 1861 his company and one other were combined to form the 1st Arkansas Infantry Regiment (Confederate) under **Gen. James Fagan**.

¹ Some sources give his middle initial as "C."

² **Hamilton** was judge of the 9th Judicial Circuit which was formed in 1823 and included Henry, Perry, and Carroll counties. He presided over the first circuit court that was held in Gibson County in the home of **William C. Love** on 24 May 1824. [Sources: **John C. Williams: Beginnings of West Tennessee** and **Goodspeed's History of Tennessee**]

³ *The Whig* claimed to have the largest circulation of any Memphis newspaper.

⁴ According to the letter in the *Memphis Public Ledger* signed by "J.P.P.," who stated that the girls were daughters of "Dr. Bagby" but no such person has been located nor has a Dr. Lewis of that era.

⁵ Records show **D. A. Clarke** as bondsman at **Bob's** first marriage, and **John W. Leftwich** as bondsman at his second.

⁶ They later had a daughter, **Sallie L. Crockett**, who married **William P. Price** on 3 May 1873

⁷ They were called "The Crockett Guards" and were designated as Co. H with **Bob** as captain.

Bob was made captain of the Crockett Guards (Co. H) from Arkansas County. The regiment was immediately ordered to Richmond, Va. According to **Pvt. William Bevans**, who served in the same regiment, the unit attracted much attention on the road when word got out that **Davy Crockett's** grandson was in the regiment.⁸ The Arkansans participated in the battle of First Manassas and then returned to the Western Theatre in February 1862 to reinforce the Confederate Army of Mississippi. They fought at Shiloh, and took part in the battles of Iuka (Sept. 19) and Corinth (Oct. 3-4). Following the battle of Corinth, **Crockett** was promoted to colonel of the 18th Arkansas Regiment by order of seniority and led the regiment until its surrender 9 Jul 1863 following a 48-day siege in Louisiana. The officers of the regiment were imprisoned at Johnson's Island for the duration of the war.

When **Bob** returned home after the war, he opened a law office in Stuttgart and resumed his practice.. In 1873 he published *The Gleaner* in Arkansas County. He was elected to the Arkansas State Senate where he served from 1884 to 1888. He died in Arkansas County in February 1902.

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Shelby County Archives Move To New Memphis Location

Shelby County Archives have moved from the old Cossitt Library to spacious new quarters in the former county jail and criminal court building at 150 Washington Street in downtown Memphis. About 8,000 cubic feet of county records have been transferred to the remodeled facility which has a shelf capacity of about 20,000 cubic feet on its third and fourth floors.

Steve Satterfield, county public records administrator, oversees the operation. **John Dougan**, formerly with the Memphis/Shelby County Library's History and Genealogy Department, has been appointed county archivist and is in the process of compiling and organizing the records. **Vincent Clark**, former historian and curator of the Tipton County Museum, Veterans Memorial, and Nature Center in Covington, is manager of the archives and handles requests for copies of records and information.

Among records housed at the archives: Shelby County marriage records 1820-1998; Memphis death records 1848-1914; county death records 1914-1949; probate court records dating back to the early 1800s; about 60 years of circuit court files, miscellaneous chancery court files, and some criminal court records; naturalization records up through 1911; and docket books and loose papers of the old county quarterly court. Other treasures include scrapbooks of clippings back to 1936 regarding the old three-member county commission, which was the county's former chief administrative arm, and papers of **Roy C. Nixon**, first county mayor who served from 1976-1978. The public service desk for the Archives is located on the second floor, and the phone number at the new facility is (901) 545-4356. ■

⁸ Also attracting much attention was **Capt. Donelson McGregor**, who was the grand-nephew of Pres. **Andrew Jackson's** wife **Rachel** and had lived at The Hermitage.

POLK

Mrs. Thomas Polk of Jackson, Tenn., died 20 Mar 1907 after several months' illness. Before her marriage on 15 Jul 1874, she was **Miss Willie Rogers**, born in Thibodaux, La., on 1st Mar 1855. The Polks lived at New-castle, Tenn., until moving to Jackson in Sep 1889. They had five children: a son, **Jack**, who died in Aug 1894; and four daughters, **Mrs. J. C. Botts**, **Mrs. Bond Anderson**, **Miss Iola Polk**, and **Wilma Polk**, the baby girl. The funeral, 21 Mar at the First Methodist Church in Jackson, was conducted by **Rev. A. M. Hughlett** and **Dr. J. H. Evans**.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 22 Mar 1907

JOHNSON

Mr. William Johnson, a Tennesseean, died in Atlanta last Saturday [14 Aug 1889] at age 94. He was born before the death of **George Washington** and had consequently lived under every president the country has had.

-*Knoxville Sentinel*, 17 Aug 1889

BOWLING

Mrs. Hassie Bowling and her infant child were buried in the same coffin at Clinton [Anderson County] last Saturday. She was the daughter of **Rev. James Young** of Knox County, the wife of **Jasper Bowling** of Coal Creek, and a member of the Southern Methodist Church. The Youngs are the parents of 14 children and have about 20 grandchildren. Prior to the death of **Mrs. Bowling** and her child, there had never been a death among their children or grandchildren except for an infant who died about 30 years ago. Their youngest child is 15.

-*Knoxville Sentinel*, 21 Aug 1889

NULL

W. J. Null died at his home in Selmer at noon 21 Mar [1907] at age 45. He was widely known in this section for a number of years, having served three times as circuit court clerk of McNairy County and having been connected with business and commercial interests of the town. He was a prominent Mason.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 22 Mar 1907

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

YEARWOOD

Hugh Yearwood, youngest son of **Col. H. B. Yearwood** of Sweetwater, was found dead in bed Wednesday, 18 Aug 1889. He had been in bad health for some time and retired Tuesday night apparently as well as usual. The cause of his death was heart disease. His parents were at Rhea Springs, and the only family members at home were his brothers **Will** and **Carter**. **Hugh** was the brother of **Horace** and **R. J. Yearwood** of Knoxville who went down to attend the funeral.

-*Knoxville Sentinel*, 22 Aug 1889

SMITH

Mrs. Emily Smith, 72, died at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, 20 Mar, at the home of her son, **Alex Small**, on Crossland Ave. in Clarksville. She was taken sick 10 days ago with grippe which developed into pneumonia. Born in the Dotsonville neighborhood, she spent all of her life in Montgomery County. She leaves five children: **Mrs. Thomas Ennis**, New Providence; **Mrs. Mildred Dowdy**, Memphis; **Mrs. Fannie Jackson**, New Providence; **Alex Small**, and **Miss Ada Small**, Montgomery County. She was a member of Providence Baptist Church 50 years.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 22 Mar 1907

GILL

Thomas M. Gill died 19 Oct 1884 at the residence of **K. G. Hicks** three miles north of Jackson after an illness of 23 days. Born 3 Jul 1859, he remained in the community in which he was born until his death. He joined Pleasant Plains Baptist Church in 1872. He leaves one sister and two aunts.

-*Forked Deer Blade*, Jackson, 25 Oct 1884

BAUGUSS

Died on Sunday, 21st Aug [1831] in Perry County, **Richard Bauguss**, formerly of Maury County, in the 23d year of his age.

-*Southern Statesman*, Jackson, 3 Sep 1831

COBB

John B. Cobb died 20 Oct [1884] of a malignant disease of the bladder in the 75th year of his age. Born in Franklin Co., N. C., in 1810, he removed to Tennessee in 1839 and first settled in Obion County. In 1841 he removed to Fayette County and successfully engaged in cotton planting. In a few years he enlarged that pursuit by investments in Arkansas. When the war broke out, he had large interests in both states. He was married first to a **Miss Peters** who left a child, **Mrs. Lucy Armstrong** of Birmingham, Ala. In 1862 he married **Mary Ann Guthrie** of this city who survives him. He was known as a retiring unassuming citizen of stern and inflexible principles.

-*Forked Deer Blade*, Jackson, 25 Oct 1884

SANDERS

Died 26 Sep [1831] at his residence in Haywood County in the 35th year of his age, **James Sanders**. He was a native of Virginia.

-*Southern Statesman*, Jackson, 29 Oct 1831

CONN

Mrs. C. E. Conn, relict of **C. F. Conn**, an old-time Memphian and mother of **Mrs. A. A. James** and **Miss Mamie Conn**, all well known in Memphis, died in Englewood, Ill, a Chicago suburb, a few days since. Her remains will be interred in this city in the coming fall.

-*Memphis Appeal*, 30 Aug 1889

ALLEN

Mr. Tempsey Allen died at his residence near Collierville 22 Jul [1893] at the advanced age of 94. He was probably the oldest citizen of Shelby County, having resided at his farm six miles north of Collierville since 1825. Originally from Virginia, he resided continuously in Shelby County for nearly 70 years and, up to a few days ago, was able to ride horseback and walk over his farm, looking after his tenants. He was an honest, upright citizen, and a life long Democrat, having cast his last vote for Grover Cleveland in 1892. His wife died two years ago at the age of 83.

-*Memphis Appeal Avalanche*, 23 Jul 1893

FELTS

Archibald Felts died at the home of his son-in-law, **A. A. Cardwell**, in Knoxville on 1st Aug [1893] at the age of 101 years. Born in North Carolina, he came to Tennessee at age 18. He saw Knoxville when only one log house stood there, and worked upon the capitol which is still standing. Felts went through the Mexican War, and was a Union man in the late unpleasantness but too old to take part. He has been a "Hardshell" Baptist for seven years, prior to that time having been in the liquor business. He was once a deputy sheriff. Felts will be buried in Roane County at his request, amid scenes where he spent the greater part of his life.

-The Memphis Commercial, 2 Aug 1893

McNEAL

Mrs. Kate Fentress McNeal, wife of the **Hon. Albert T. McNeal**, died of brain congestion 2 Aug 1893 in Bolivar [Hardeman County]. She was prominently related in Memphis, notably with **Judge Francis Fentress**, **Austin Miller**, **Gen. George B. Peters**, **Mrs. Napoleon Hill**, **Mrs. J. H. Martin**, and others. She also was related to the **Wendells** of Middle Tennessee and the **Yandells** of Kentucky, and has always been considered one of the most brilliant ladies in Tennessee. Funeral services are to be conducted by **Bishop W. C. Gray** of Florida, with burial at Polk Cemetery.

-Memphis Commercial, 3 Aug 1893

SHAVER

Died at the residence of **R. H. Jackson** in Fayette County on Wednesday, 2nd Jan [1856] in the 30th year of her age, **Mrs. Mary Shaver**, consort of **Mr. Samuel Shaver**, formerly of East Tennessee but more lately of Batesville, Arkansas. She was the daughter of the late **Hon. Samuel Powell** of Hawkins County.

-Memphis Appeal, 12 Jan 1856

NICHOLS

Died on Tuesday [7 Aug 1838] in this vicinity, **Mrs. Nichols**, wife of **John Nichols**, Esq., of Davidson County.

-Nashville Republican Banner, 9 Aug 1838

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

CLAIBORNE

Died at his residence in Nashville at 2½ o'clock on the morning of 9 Jan 1856, **Thomas Claiborne**, aged 75 years 7 months 22 days. He was born in Brunswick Co., Va., on 17 May 1780.

He filled various offices of public trust and responsibility, being at one time a representative in Congress and often being elected to the state legislature. ... If on any man's tombstone might be safely and truly inscribed "Here lies an honest man -- the noblest work of God," it might be on that of the deceased.

-Reprinted from the Nashville Banner in the Memphis Appeal, 15 Jan 1856

DRUMMOND

Died of consumption on the 28th Jan [1856] at the residence of **Mr. John H. Jones**, Esq., **Mrs. Jane C. Drummond** in the 32d year of her age. She suffered much during her long and painful illness yet submitted to it with a grace worthy of the kind and noble disposition of which she was possessed. The only child left by this lady will be adopted into the family of her sister whose kind and motherly regard will ever make for it a more than good home.

-Memphis Appeal, 29 Jan 1856

KENNEDY

Died of consumption yesterday morning **Mr. Martin Kennedy**, aged 29. He was an exemplary citizen, husband and friend, and was universally respected by his acquaintances. He leaves a young widow and infant child. The funeral will be from his residence this morning at Main & Huling sts. Services will be conducted at the Catholic Church by **Rev. T. L. Grace**.

-Memphis Appeal, 9 Feb 1856

CARUTHERS

Friends and acquaintances of **Judge Caruthers** are invited to attend the funeral of his brother, **James H. Caruthers**, from the Gayoso House at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

-Memphis Appeal, 11 Jan 1856

ELROD

Died in Jackson, Tenn., on Wednesday evening, 15 Jan [1856] at the residence of her father, **William H. Long**, **Mrs. Caroline V. Elrod**, consort of **Mr. James Elrod**.

-Memphis Appeal, 22 Jan 1856

KINNEY

Died in Tipton County on the morning of 17th Feb [1856], **Mrs. Lucy Kinney**, wife of **Jesse Kinney**, in the 42nd year of her age. She has left a disconsolate husband and 10 children to mourn her loss. She was respected by all who knew her.

-Memphis Appeal, 18 Apr 1856

MARR

Died on the 5th Apr 1858, **Major George W. L. Marr**, aged about 75. He served and was wounded in the Creek War under Gen. Jackson and in 1815 was elected to Congress from the Clarksville District. In 1821 he removed to Obion County where he has ever since lived and several times has represented that county in the Tennessee legislature.

-Memphis Appeal, 18 Apr 1856

LAW

Friends and acquaintances of the late **Henry Law**, and especially members of the Young Men's Christian Association, are respectfully requested to attend his funeral from the First Presbyterian Church in Memphis at 3 this afternoon. The divine service will be conducted by **Rev. J. O. Steadman**. Carriages will be in attendance at the church.

-Memphis Appeal, 22 Jan 1856

WHITESIDE

Died in Davidson County on Sunday last [15 Jul 1838], **Mrs. Margaret Whitesides**, consort of **David Whitesides**, aged 33 years.

-Nashville Republican Banner, 19 Jul 1838

SMITH

Died at his residence near Hartsville, Sumner County, on 9th Jul last in the 77th year of his age, **Capt. Skelton Smith**. A Revolutionary War veteran, he was born in 1762 and emigrated to Tennessee in 1810.

-Nashville Republican Banner, 30 Jul 1838

COOPER

Died on Sunday, 25 Apr 1875, in Henry County, **Mrs. Margaret Cooper**, widow of **E. B. Cooper**.

-Paris Intelligencer, 29 Apr 1875

CORNWELL

Died in Memphis yesterday evening [10 Jan 1856] at the residence of her father-in-law, **Mr. J. J. Robinson**, **Miss Bettie Cornwell**, aged 18 years 2 months. Her funeral takes place this evening. *-Memphis Appeal, 11 Jan 1856*

RANSDELL

Died in Paris on Thursday, 14th Jan [1875], **Mr. D. W. Ransdell** after a protracted illness lasting through several months. He came here a stranger about a year ago and conducted himself as a good citizen. While sick, he professed religion and died in peace. His family have gone to their friends in Montgomery County.

-Paris Intelligencer, 21 Jan 1875

JONES

Died in Lincoln County near Kelsoe on 16th Aug [1872], **Mr. Allen Jones**, aged about 32 years.

-Fayetteville Observer, 22 Aug 1872

MARTIN

Died on 19th Jul [1838] at the residence of **Mr. W. N. Hawkins**, seven miles from Nashville, **Mr. R. H. Martin**, formerly of Lynchburg, Va.

-Nashville Republican Banner, 21 Jul 1838

MITCHELL

Departed this life at the residence of his father on the 18th of the present month in Smith County near Dixon's Springs, **Mr. Constantine P. Mitchell**, late merchant of Nashville, aged 32 years. His death came after a long and lingering illness of four years which he has borne with great fortitude.

-Nashville Republican Banner, 28 Jul 1838

OAKELEY

Died in Evansville, Ind., on 16th Jan [1875], **Mr. James Oakeley, Sr.**, for many years a citizen of Paris. A good, true, and noble man has gone and although the event came to him in advanced life, his place will be hard to fill.

-Paris Intelligencer, 21 Jan 1875

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

BURT

Col. Nash H. Burt died at the home of his son, **Nash H. Burt, Jr.**, in Birmingham last Friday [20 Jan 1893], aged about 72. Born in Franklin Co., Tenn., he graduated from college, was admitted to the bar, and began practicing law at Shelbyville. He was appointed secretary to the Honorable **Mr. Burton**, U.S. consul and a brother of **Chancellor Burton** of Murfreesboro. Assigned to the island of St. Thomas in the West Indies, **Consul Burton** died of yellow fever leaving **Col. Burt** as acting consul. The colonel returned to Tennessee and was appointed by **Gov. Isham G. Harris** as his private secretary. When **Harris** became a general and took the field during the Civil War, **Col. Burt** was lieutenant-colonel on his staff. After the war, he went to Columbia, Tenn., until 1866 when he removed to Chattanooga and formed a law partnership with **Col. G. A. Wood**, who had been a judge in Indiana. **Burt** practiced law until Dec 1901. In addition to his son in Birmingham, he leaves another son, **Hardy Burt** of Denver, Colorado. Burial was at Willow Mount Cemetery in Shelbyville.

-Bedford Co. Times, Shelbyville, 26 Jan 1893

JOHNSON

Died on Friday, 23d Apr 1875, near Manlyville, **T. B. Johnson**, aged about 60 years. An old citizen of this county, he leaves a large family.

-Paris Intelligencer, 29 Apr 1875

McGAVOCK

Died yesterday [8 Aug 1838] at his residence near Nashville, **Mr. David McGavock, Sr.**, old and respected citizen of Davidson County.

-Nashville Republican Banner, 9 Aug 1838

GIBSON

Died in Nashville on Monday, 2nd Jul [1838], **Mary Gibson**, daughter of **Joseph F. Gibson**, aged 2 years 10 months 10 days.

-Nashville Republican Banner, 5 Jul 1838

CHILDS

Died 17th Aug [1872] near Sulphur Springs in Lincoln County, **Rev. Thomas Childs**, aged 76.

-Fayetteville Observer, 22 Aug 1872

HOBBS

We are informed that **Col. David S. Hobbs**, formerly of Fayetteville, died in Missouri last February. He was the builder of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the college in this place. *-Fayetteville Observer, 15 May 1873*

MCDONALD

Died at his residence near Fort Smith, Ark., in Sebastian County, **Mr. Reuben A. McDonald**, formerly of Lincoln Co., Tenn., on 17th Aug 1872. He was born at Fayetteville, Tenn., on 22 June 1815 and continued his residence here until the spring of 1871 when he and his family removed to Arkansas. He leaves a widow and one child, a six-year old boy bearing his name.¹ *-Fayetteville Observer, 19 Sep 1872*

MITCHELL

Died at his residence in Mulberry on 31 Jan 1873 of old age, **Mr. Charles Mitchell**, aged 76 years 11 months, and 15 days. He was born in 1796 in Dinwiddie Co., Va., where he lived for a number of years. He then moved to Oxford in Granville Co., N.C., in which place he lived up to 1834. He came to Tennessee in 1835, and in 1837 settled in the village of Mulberry where he lived until his death. He was a member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He leaves a wife and children and many friends to mourn him. *-Fayetteville Observer, 6 Feb 1873*

SIMPSON

Died at Flynt in Lincoln County on 17th Apr 1873, **Miss Maggie Simpson**, daughter of **Mr. John Simpson**, aged about 28 years.

-Fayetteville Observer, 1 May 1873

¹ A legal notice in *The Observer* of 1 May 1873 stated that **Mrs. Martha C. McDonald** had been appointed guardian of **Reuben A. McDonald**, minor heir of **R. A. McDonald**, deceased.]

UHRIG

Adam Joseph Uhrig, one of the best known German citizens of Memphis, died last night [7 Jan 1898] at the Clarendon Hotel after about a week's illness of pneumonia. A native of St. Louis, he was about 43 years old. He came to Memphis in 1885 and took the position as secretary of the Tennessee Brewing Company. Before coming here, he served as a postal carrier in St. Louis for 14 years. His brother-in-law, **John W. Schorr**, is president of the brewing company. **Uhrig** was president of the St. Francis River Fishing and Hunting Club. He leaves his wife and one son, **A. J., Jr.**, who is in his 20th year; three brothers, **Fred**, **George**, and **Charles Uhrig**, and a sister, **Mrs. Charles Noll**, all of St. Louis. Burial was in St. Louis.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 8 Jan 1898

McCONNICO

Intelligence was received from Decatur, Ala., yesterday [18 June 1887] that **L. B. McConnico** had been found dead in his bed at a hotel there. The cause was not stated, but it is believed to have been heart disease. A telegram announcing the sad event came to A. Vaccaro & Co. for whom he was an honored and traveling salesman. The body is to arrive this morning and be immediately shipped for interment to Brownsville where **Mr. Cage**, his father-in-law, lives. **McConnico's** wife, the former **Miss Charlie Cage**, died in Memphis about 18 months ago. They had no children. **McConnico**, a native of Franklin, Tenn., lived in Brownsville for 15-20 years. He has been traveling for Vaccaro & Co. for four years and was regarded as one of the best in his profession. He was about 40 years old.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 19 June 1887

GUFFIN

Died near Murfreesboro on 12 Nov [1868], **Mrs. M. D. Guffin**. The former **Martha Demaris Huey**, she was born in Abbeville District, S.C., in 1831 and was married in 1846 to **Capt. Francis M. Brooks**. After his death, she married **James T. Guffin** in 1865. They moved to Rutherford Co., Tenn., in the spring of 1868.

-Murfreesboro Monitor, 28 Nov 1868

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

AVENT

Benjamin Avent, son of **Dr. B. W. Avent**, formerly of Murfreesboro, was murdered near Holly Springs, Miss., on Sunday night last by a desperado whom he attempted to arrest. *-Murfreesboro Monitor, 28 Nov 1868*

McADOO

Died of consumption on 25 Nov 1868 at his residence in Murfreesboro, **Solon Hodge McAdoo**, in the 24th year of his age. He served in Co. C, 18th Tenn. Regiment during the war, and was a member of the Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge. He leaves a wife and one child. He was buried with Masonic honors at his father's home in this city.

-Murfreesboro Monitor, 19 Dec 1868

JETTON

Died on 17 Nov 1868 at the residence of his father, **William M. Jetton**, son of **Lewis Jetton** of Cannon County. He served as a soldier in the 18th Tennessee Regiment and died from the effects of a wound sustained in action around Atlanta near the close of the war. He was born 8th Sep 1842.

-Murfreesboro Monitor, 19 Dec 1868

KNOWLTON

Mrs. Amelia Knowlton died at 8:45 yesterday morning [20 June 1887] at her residence at 194 Vance Avenue after an illness of four or five days. Her funeral will be this afternoon from Second Presbyterian Church of which she was a consistent and highly valued member. She is survived by her son, **R. C. Knowlton**. She was the relict of the late **Col. L. S. Knowlton** who died during the 1878 yellow fever epidemic.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 21 June 1887

YELL

The funeral of **P. Yell**, deceased, will take place at the Methodist Church in this place on the third Sunday of this month with Masonic honors. **Rev. William M. Mahan** is expected to officiate. *-Sommerville Reporter, 16 May 1840*

JONES

Dr. W. F. Jones, for many years a well known physician of Madison County, died at his home at Black Rock, Ark., 30 Sep [1899]. A native of Giles Co., Tenn., he was thrice married: (1) **Miss Rickets**, (2) **Mrs. Ballew**, nee **Hopper**, of Madison County by whom two children survive, **Cora Jones** of Black Rock and **Mrs. H. A. Balcom**; and (3) **Julia Woolfolk**, daughter of the late **Capt. Woolfolk** and belle of Jackson in the early 1870s. He had one child from this union.

-Jackson Whig, 14 Oct 1899

MURCHISON

Capt. William Murchison of Medon, Madison Co., died 14 June 1887, it being the 90th day since he swallowed food or drink. His is the most remarkable case of fasting known to the medical world. During the three months he has been fasting, he never took nourishment by injection or any other way.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 16 June 1887

FORTUNE

J. V. Fortune, one of Jackson's oldest and most highly respected citizens and a resident for 46 years, died 15 June 1887. He was in the 76th year of his age, a leading Mason and a true and correct man.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 16 June 1887

DILLIARD

Died at the residence of **Henry Dilliard** in Fayette County on 7th May [1840], **Miss Martha H. Dilliard**, aged 23, late of North Carolina and daughter of **William Dilliard**, deceased, of Orange Co., N.C.

-Sommerville Reporter, 16 May 1840

COTTON

Died in Shelby County at his plantation four miles east of Raleigh on 26th ult. [26 Jan 1842], **Major Joseph Cotton**, aged 50.

-Sommerville Reporter, 12 Feb 1842

JOHNSON

Died in this place on 6th Feb [1842], **Henry M. Johnson**, youngest son of **Dr. Henry M.** and **Sarah L. Johnson**, aged 14 years 4 months 6 days. *-Sommerville Reporter, 12 Feb 1842*

Tennessee

Comings & Goings

Miss Floy Cole, one of W. J. Cole's charming daughters, returned yesterday from St. Louis where she has been attending the Convent of Sacred Heart. She carried off first honors in all her classes, thus again demonstrating the superiority and excellence of our Memphis girls.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 18 June 1887

Mrs. Robertson Topp was honored on her 69th birthday with a reception given by her daughter, Mrs. Irving McDowell Massey, at her residence on Looney Place. Relatives and friends invited to participate: Mr. and Mrs. William L. Vance, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Topp; Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Topp, her son and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. William M. Farrington, her son-in-law and daughter; and grandchildren William Farrington, Jr., Miss Valerie Farrington; Master Irvin Massey and Miss Elsie Massey. Other guests were Col. and Mrs. R. F. Looney, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Selden, Dr. and Mrs. Dudley Saunders, Dr. and Mrs. Overall, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Woods, Mrs. Jacob Thompson, Mrs. J. M. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Keating, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tate. When Memphis was in its infancy, Mrs. Topp was among the few women of education and culture who gave tone and character to society.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 19 June 1887

Joseph R. Cannon, formerly of Milan now of St. Louis, was in Jackson this week.

-Forked Deer Blade, Jackson, 19 Jan 1894

Dr. Jacob Mosby of Culpeper Co., Va., is visiting his relatives, Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Woodson. He is on his way to California looking for a new home.

-Somerville Reporter & Falcon, 16 May 1888

Dr. E. H. McBride left for Wichita, Kans., this week where he will locate and practice his profession. The doctor is a physician of 12 years' successful practice in his native state of South Carolina and won the respect of all during his two-year residence in Jackson.

-Forked Deer Blade, Jackson, 1 Nov 1884

Mr. T. Wynne, one of the most substantial farmers of Tipton County, was in the city the first of the week visiting his daughter, Mrs. E. M. Jones.

-Forked Deer Blade, Jackson, 1 Nov 1884

Doctor Bonfils, having settled in Trenton [Gibson County], tenders his professional services to those who may think proper to employ him. His office is at the Trenton Hotel.

-Trenton Journal, 13 May 1841

The Tipton Record says the Colorado excitement has extended in its direction. On Monday last, Col. Sam. P. Bernard, Rev. G. A. W. Cage, Dr. E. McDaniel, and Mrs. Hotchkiss left to join Col. P. B. Wills' expedition to visit that land of promise. They are not going to seek homes for themselves but with a view of making investments if the country is as represented.

-Somerville Falcon, 16 Mar 1871

Dr. William A. Booth having located himself in Somerville, offers his services to citizens of this vicinity. He may be found at all times at his office at William D. Wilkerson's Drug Store or at his mother's dwelling.

-Somerville Reporter, 16 May 1840

Miss Freddie Terrell of Selma, Ala., is in Jackson to organize a music class. She is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Music.

-Forked Deer Blade, Jackson, 19 Jan 1894

C. E. Price has purchased his second thoroughbred imported Spanish Jack and now owns the two finest animals in Coffee County. They were imported direct from Spain by W. H. Goodpasture & Company of Nashville, and will stand the present season at this place.

-Manchester Times, 20 Jan 1888

Thomas B. Clark, for several years a local citizen and now a prosperous merchant of Talladega, Ala., was here this week shaking hands with his many Manchester friends.

-Manchester Times, 27 Jan 1888

Mr. and Mrs. Stokely Jacobs of Beech Grove celebrated their 22nd anniversary on February 1st.

-Manchester Times, 3 Feb 1888

W. R. Kee and John H. Kee are going to Chester County to get evidence in the much talked of Kee estate in New York.¹

-Benton County Enterprise, 31 Jan 1890

Robert H. Goodloe, proprietor of the Dyersburg Hotel, informs the public and travelers generally that it is still open for their accommodation and every attention will be rendered to both man and beast.

-Star-Spangled Banner, Trenton, 17 Sep 1847

James W. Frazier and family who have been living at Bell Point and Delaware, Ohio, for the past three years, returned recently to their old home at Yellow Store in Hawkins County where they will reside in the future.

-Rogersville Herald, 26 Dec 1894

A. D. Huffmaster, one of Rogersville's most talented and successful lawyers who has been spending the past few months in Knoxville, has returned here and opened up one of the handsomest law offices in town.

-Rogersville Herald, 16 Jul 1890

¹ In later issues of *The Enterprise*, it was reported that in 1770 Robert Edwards leased some property he owned in New York state to the Crown of England for 99 years. He later married a Miss Bibb. They had no children, and the property descended to the wife's sister who married a Mr. Kee. The property, located in Brooklyn, was estimated to be worth \$300 million, and interest on the lease about \$90 million.

Lauderdale County Court Minute Book A

May 1836 – July 1836

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Lauderdale County Court met Monday, 2 May 1836, at the home of **Samuel Lusk**, the county having been established by the Legislature on 3 Dec 1835. Present: **Robert C. Campbell** and **Benjamin F. Jordan**, acting justices of the peace from the part of Tipton County that is now Lauderdale. The following produced commissions from the governor authorizing them to be justices of the peace for six-year terms from the first Saturday in March 1836: **Jeremiah Penick**, **Milton G. Turner**, **John H. Maxwell**, **Able H. Pope**, **William Strain**, **Elijah B. Foster**, **Henry Cribfield**, **Christopher B. Titsworth**, **Henry R. Crawford**, and **Henry R. Chambers**. **Campbell** and **Jordan** were also qualified as justices of the peace. The court elected **Campbell** chairman. **William Carrigan**, elected by the people of the county on 5 Mar 1836 as county clerk, and **Guy Smith**, elected high sheriff for a two-year term on the same day, took oaths of office and made bonds.

Harry S. Williams and **William Matthews** each proved the killing of two wolves over four months old.

Isaac Braden was elected coroner for a two-year term, and **Samuel Lusk** was elected ranger.

Appointed revenue commissioners to take lists of taxable property and polls for 1836 in the specified districts and return them to the court: **Milton G. Turner**, District 1; **John H. Maxwell**, District 2; **Able H. Pope**, [no district noted]; **John Vassor**, District 4; **Robert C. Campbell**, District 5; **Isaac M. Steele**, District 6; **Christopher G. Titsworth**, District 7; **Henry R. Crawford**, District 8.

Appointed commissioners to sell lots in the town of Ripley, let out contracts and superintend construction of public buildings: **Griffith L. Rutherford**, **Rezin S. Byrn**, **Hiram C. Keller**, **Henry R. Crawford**, and **Robert C. Campbell**.

William T. Moorehead, elected trustee by the people on 5 Mar 1836 took the oath of office and made bond.

Tuesday, 3 May 1836

Present: Chairman Robert C. Campbell; Associate Justices Pope, Strain, Penick, Turner, Maxwell, Foster, Cribfield, Titsworth, Chambers, and Crawford; Clerk William Carrigan, and High Sheriff Guy Smith.

Samuel V. Gilliland produced his commission from Gov. **Newton Cannon** authorizing and empowering him to discharge the duties of a Justice of the Peace for a six-year term from 5 Mar 1836, and took the oath of office.

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The court appointed the following venire for the next Circuit Court:

- Dist. 1 – **Thomas Fitzpatrick**, **Archy Phillips**, **William Turner**
- Dist. 2 – **John H. Maxwell**, **James Whitson**, **Isaac Maxwell**, **William Calhoon**
- Dist. 3 – **Hiram C. Keller**, **W. P. Gaines**, **Levi Gardner**
- Dist. 4 – **John Vassor**, **Samuel Givens**, **James Tompkins**
- Dist. 5 – **Hugh Smith**, **Benjamin F. Jordan**, **John Holliman**
- Dist. 6 – **Bird T. Jones**, **Isaac M. Steele**, **Armistead Wood**
- Dist. 7 – **Christopher G. Titsworth**, **Henry Cribfield**, **G. L. Rutherford**
- Dist. 8 – **James P. Purcell**, **James N. Buck**, **James J. Crawford**

Road orders:

William Braden to oversee the Ashport road from **William P. Gaines'** to Cane Creek bridge; all hands north of the Fulton road belonging to the 3rd District to work under him. **James Crook** to oversee the Fulton road from **Gaines'** to Cane Creek bridge; all hands south of the road in the 3rd District to work under him.

Cary Alsobrooks to oversee the Dyersburg road from the old county line to the Cane Creek bridge with **Henry Sumroe**, **John Smith**, **Thomas Pewit**, **Capt. Lee's** hands, **George Fisher's** hands, **Curtis Ellis**, **Solomon D. Spain**, **Isaac D. Maxwell**, **M. G. Maxwell**, **Anderson Jordan**, **J. H. Maxwell's** hands, **A. Vickory**, and **William L. Byler's** hands.

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Dickison Jennings to oversee the Bucks Ferry-Stokes landing road commencing at the Haywood County line, and work to **Blackwell's** with these hands: all north(?) of Cane Creek and west of Byler fork and east of **H. Meadows'** spring branch and with the path from **Meadows** to **Blackwell**, **Meadows** excluded, from **Blackwell's** along the road to **Kerbie's** on the bluff on Forked Deer river to Cole Creek, up the creek to the path from **Lusk's** to **H. Sumroe's**, then a direct line to the bridge on **Byler's** fork of Cane Creek to include the hands of **Jacob Byler's** plantation and of **Carooth's** and **Wilson's** places.

John Holliman to oversee road from Ashport to Cole Creek Bridge with all hands in the bounds of Cole Creek.

Jeremiah Cheek to oversee Ashport road commencing at Cole Creek bridge to Hurricane branch with all hands between Fulton road including the **Hogsettes** except **Sam G. Hogsette**, the **Jones** and **Maj. Smith's** hands.

James Braden to oversee road from **Blackwell's** to **Stokes'** landing with all hands west of **Kerby's** road, all west of **Jennings'** boundary, and east of road from **Hogsett** to **Byler** trace so as to exclude the **Hogsetts** and **Bird S. Jones**.

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Jacob Jones to oversee Covington Road from the center of **Rutherford's** Mill Creek bridge to the old county line with all hands west of the road and as far east of it as **Henry Cribfield**, **Stephen M. Sullivan**, and **James Rutherford**.

Claibourn Rounsaville to oversee road leading from Key Corner to **Buck(s)** ferry with all hands east of the road and all west of it within a half mile of Covington road except **Stephen M. Sullivan** and **Jacob Jones'** hands, beginning at the Mill Creek bridge to the dividing ridge between **Rutherford's** Creek and **Rounsaville's** Creek.

Samuel Stricklin to oversee road from Key Corner to **Rutherford's** old mill with **H. F. Rutherford's** hands, **Benjamin Porter's** hands, **Paschal W. Saunders** and hands, **James J. Crawford** and hands, **Malcom Gwinn**, and **John Lee Witter**.

William Jordan to oversee Dyersburg Road from the center of Mill Creek bridge to the Dyer County line with **William Ball** and hands, **John Cannon**, **James N. Buck** and hands, **James P.** and **John N. Purcells** and hands, **E. Kennelly**, **William Miskelly**, **Laban Jones**, **John Soward** and hands, **Mrs. E. Jordan's** hands, **John Jordan**, **C. Conel/Correl**, **H. R. Chambers'** hands, **Jos. Ring/King**, **Jessee Goodman's** hands, and **Henry Rutherford's** hands.

Martin K. Hatcher to oversee road from Durhamville to Williams Ferry on Hatchy with all hands east of the road and west of the Haywood County line except **Lancy Graves** and **David Walker**, and all hands at **J. Bradford's**, **Barfield**, **G. S. Johnston's**, **H. S. Williams'**, and all that **T. D. Fisher** has at his residence.

Jefferson Brown to oversee road from Canton to **Buck's** ferry commencing at end of **John Mitchell's** road to the county line with all hands on the southeast side of **Rutherford's** Creek to the county line, running up the creek to take in the **Walpoles**.

Samuel Rudder to oversee road from Brownsville to Hurricane Hill from the county line to the west line of District 1 including **Lancy Graves** and **David Walker** on the south side of the road and all hands on the north belonging to the District.

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John Byrn to oversee Dyersburg road from Hurricane Hill to Cane Creek bridge with six or half the hands belonging to **Mrs. Anthony**, **John Stone** and hands, **Robert West**, **Joseph Taylor**, **John Rudder**, **Rudder B. Griffy**, **Lawson Henry**, **W. H. Stone**, **W. H. McCarrol**, **William Laird**, **John Lard**, **David Reynolds**, **David Loflan**, **S. Malone**, **J. Peterson**, **J. Rams**, **W. Reams**, **Rezin S. Byrn** hands, and **Jas. Morrison(?)** and hands.

James C. Loveless to oversee road from Durhamville to the Dyersburg road with these hands: **Curry Hays**, **Jas. Price**, **Claibourn Hutton**, **Thomas Fitzpatrick** and hands, **Joseph Wardlow** and hands, **R. Golden**, **J. Roberson**, **Elisha Robison**, **Right Koonce**, **Glidwell** and son, **William Flinn**, **Edward Harris**, **D. P. Phillips** and boarders, and all other hands that may move in said bounds.

Pendleton Gains to oversee road from Dyersburg to Fullen's ferry from intersection of Durhamville road to the ferry with **P. Gains'** hands, **W. Fullen's** sons, **J. Holmes**, **Mrs. Foster's** hands, **Coleman Hall** and hands, **J. Cleaves**, **H. Davis**, **J. Alberson**, **J. Chandler**, **B. Mosely**, **J. Fullen**, **J. Linville**, **P. G. Devenport** and all other hands that may move in said bounds.

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David Russell to oversee Dyersburg road from intersection with Durhamville road to Hurricane Hill with **J. R. Stone** and hands, **H. T. Chisum**, **R. Moore**, **David P. Posey** and hands, **Z. Norman**, **S. V. Gilliland** and hands, and all hands that may move into said bounds.

William Calhoon to oversee Fulton road from **R. P. Russell's** to **Wm. P. Gaines'** with hands: **Robert P. Russell**, **Ezekial Smith**, **W. J. Connerly**, **C. Watson**, **S. J. Blackwell's** hands, **W. Watkins**, **C. Whitson**, **John Blackwell**, **James Watson** and hands, **E. Stringer**, **W. McClellan**, **I. Keller**, (blank) **Griggs**, **J. McCall**, **J. P. Fullen** and all who may move in.

The court proceeded to select a place for the next meeting. Nominated were Hurricane Hill, the former residence of **Col. Jacob Byler**, and **Samuel Lusk's**. After seven votes, it was decided court should be held at **Byler's**.

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Appointed as a jury of view to straighten road from Buck ferry to Stokes landing: **Isaac D. Maxwell**, **Samuel Lusk**, **El-nathan H. Condry**, **William R. Ledbetter**, **Alfred T/S. Byler** and **Dickison Jennings**.

Wednesday, 4 May 1836

Present: Chairman Robert C. Campbell; Esqrs. Maxwell, Titsworth, Crawford, and S. V. Gilliland; Clerk William Carrigan; and High Sheriff Guy Smith.

Rezin S. Byrn, **Robt. C. Campbell**, **Henry R. Crawford**, and **Hiram C. Keller** entered bond as commissioners for the town of **Ripley**, and took the oath.

Court adjourned. /s/ **R. C. Campbell**, Chairman

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Pleasant C. Dyal made bond dated 2 Jul 1838 to County Court Chairman **Samuel V. Gilliland** as guardian of **Ma(til)da Dyal**, a minor of about three years. [There is no explanation as to why this entry is out of order.]

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Court met 6 June 6 1836 at the house of Col. Jacob Byler. Present: Justices Samuel V. Gilliland, Able H. Pope, William Strain, Maxwell, Crawford, Chambers, Crikfield, Titsworth, and High Sheriff Guy Smith.

Samuel V. Gilliland was elected chairman pro tem, and **Griffith L. Rutherford** clerk pro tem.

Lewis Huchison, **John Vassor**, and **John Lockard** produced commissions from the governor dated 8 Apr 1836 authorizing them to fulfill the duties of Justices of the Peace for six-year terms from 5 May 1836, took the oaths, and took their seats.

The court elected **Griffith L. Rutherford** county court clerk to fill vacancy occasioned by **William Carrigan's** death and to serve until next elections in March 1838. **Henry R. Crawford** and **Samuel V. Gilliland** were securities on his bond.

Able H. Pope was elected county surveyor. He made bond with **John C. Barnes**, **Rezin S. Byrn**, **Samuel V. Gilliland**, **Thomas D. Fisher**, and **Hiram C. Keller** as his securities, and took the oath of office.

Henry Rutherford was elected entry taker for the county for the ensuing four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. He entered bond with **Henry R. Crawford** and **Christopher G. Titsworth** his securities, and took the oath of office.

Thomas D. Fisher, elected register by the people on 5 Mar 1836, for a four-year term, came with **John C. Barnes**, **Martin R. Hatcher**, and **Hiram C. Keller** as his securities, made bond, and took his oath.

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George W. Childress has died leaving a last will and testament which was made without the United States. The court appointed **Hermis Champ** with the will annexed.

William L. Byler died leaving no will. **Delphy Byler** was appointed administratrix and **David Gilliland** administrator.

Court ordered that **Leonard Dunavant's** hands be taken from Bucks Ferry road as previously assigned and work under Overseer **Jacob Jones** on the Covington Road leading from Dyersburg.

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Jehugh Inman having died leaving no will, court appointed **David Gilliland** administrator. He made bond with **Samuel V. Gilliland** and **Hiram C. Keller** securities.

Stephen J. Blackwell died without leaving a will, and court appointed **John Blackwell** administrator.

The court laid the following tax for 1836:

- On every \$100 worth of property - 5¢ jury tax; 4¢ county contingent expenses; 1¢ poor tax.
- On each free poll - 12 ½¢ jury tax, 10¢ contingent expenses; 2 ½¢ poor tax.

Voting "aye" were **Gilliland**, **Pope**, **Strain**, **Maxwell**, **Crawford**, **Chambers**, **Crikfield**, **Titsworth**, **Huchison**, **Vassor**, and **Lockard**, a m(aj)ority of the justices, so the rates were laid: State Tax 5 ½¢ on the \$100, 12 ½¢ on each Free Poll.

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The court voted \$200 for building a temporary courthouse in Ripley of the following dimensions: good hewed logs 22 feet by 26, 17 feet high, two doors and windows, covered in with rafters and sheeting with 3-foot boards. It is to be built on a reserved lot designated by the town commissioners.

A deed from **Henry Rutherford** to **John Lee Witter** was produced, acknowledged, and certified for registration. A deed from **Henry F. Rutherford** and **Sarah Rutherford** was produced and proved by oaths of **Henry Rutherford** and **Henry R. Crawford**, subscribing witnesses, and certified for registration.

Court adjourned.

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Tuesday, 7 June 1836

Present: Chairman Gilliland; Associate Justices Maxwell, Huchison, Vassor, H. R. Crawford; Clerk Griffith L. Rutherford; and High Sheriff Guy Smith.

Court appointed **Milton Turner**, **Rezin S. Byrn**, **Hiram C. Keller**, **Jacob Jones**, and **Henry R. Crawford** commissioners to let out and superintend the building of a temporary courthouse in Ripley.

The following juries of view were appointed to lay off and mark the nearest and best way for specified roads, and report at the next court term:

-Road from Ripley to intersect road from Hurricane Hill to Fulton: **Hiram C. Keller, John Chapman, Isaac Braden, James B. Crook, Ellison P. Fuller, William Braden, and Landy Shumake.** A majority can act.

-Road from Ripley toward Dyersburg to intersect Covington road near old Dyer county line: **Thomas McG. Rutherford, Stephen M. Sullivan, John Smith, Henry Sumroe, John Flippin, A. Vickory, and Alfred T. Byler.**

-Road from Ripley to Haywood County line in a direction toward Brownsville: **Rezin S. Byrn, Isaac D. Maxwell, Richard Reams, James A. Mor[r]is, Robert Walker, Claton Harris, and John F. Burks.** A majority can act.

-Road from Ripley to Fullens Ferry on Hatchy in a direction toward Covington: **Robert P. Russell, Joseph Curry, Pendleton G. Gaines, James Whitson, William Wardlaw, Sr., Thomas Fitzpatrick, and David P. Posey.** A majority can act.

Court adjourned. /s/ **Samuel V. Gilliland**, Chairman; **John H. Maxwell, H. R. Crawford**

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Court met 4 Jul 1836 at the house of Col. Jacob Byler - Present: Justices Samuel V. Gilliland, Able H. Pope, Milton Turner, Huchison, Lockard, Foster, Maxwell, Crichfield, Crawford; Clerk Griffith L. Rutherford, and High Sheriff Guy Smith. Jeremiah Penick was appointed chairman pro tem.

Jury of view appointed at last court term to lay out road from Ripley toward Dyersburg reported they marked the road commencing at the northeast corner of Ripley, running down the ridge north to the fork of the Creek, then to **John Maxwell's, J. Byler's, A. T. Byler's**, then intersecting the Dyersburg road where the old Byler trace intersects it. Reporting were **Alfred T. Byler, John Flippin, Thomas McG. Rutherford, Henry J. Sumroe, Absalum Vickory, and John J. Smith.**

James Salsbury proved the killing of two wolves in the county over the age of four months.

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William Wardlaw, Sr. proved the killing of seven wolves in the county over the age of four months.

Following reports were heard from juries of view appointed at last term to lay out roads:

-Jury could not agree on road from Ripley to Fullens Ferry in Hatchy [River] toward Covington. Court decided not to appoint another jury. **Gilliland, Lockard, Foster, Maxwell, Crichfield, Crawford, and Penick** voted against another jury, and **Pope, Huchison, and Turner** voted for another one.

-Jury named to lay off best way from Ripley to the county line toward Brownsville marked a road beginning at Ripley, passing **Widow Inman's**, the corner of **Mrs. Pain's** field, through **John Stone's** lot, past **Dial's** and intersecting Brownsville road at Graves. **Rezin S. Byrn, Claton C. Harris, John F. Burks, J. A. Morris, and Isaac D. Maxwell** reporting.

-Jury to lay off best way from Ripley to intersect old Fulton road reported they met 1st July and marked road from Ripley to intersect Fulton road west of **William Strain's** toward Fulton, leave the location at the southwest boundary line near the southwest corner of the same and go west to **Baties'** fork, then take a ridge and go through **J. Chapman's** grass lot, then on to Ashport road between **Chapman's** and **William Braden's**, then follow Ashport road about 30 poles west of **Braden's** field, leaving Ashport road and going west to intersect Fulton Road about half a mile west of **Strains & C.** (Signed) **William Braden, James B. Crook, Lundy Shumake, John H. Chapman, Isaac Braden and E. P. Fullen.**

Jemima Chisum, a connection, asked the court to bind **Amandy Jane** and **Elijah W. Robison**, orphan children of **Thomas Robison**, dec'd, to her.

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Court ordered **Amandy Jane Robison** to be bound to **Jemima Chisum** until the age of 18 years and **Elijah W. Robison** to be bound to her until he is 21. **Jemima Chisum** is to school them. **William Chisum** appeared as security on her bond.

Court rejected a petition for a jury to be appointed to review the road from Ripley to the county line toward Brownsville.

William Turner was appointed overseer of the road from Durhamville to **Williams'** ferry on Hatchy River in place of **Martin R. Hatcher** who was appointed in May.

William Terrell has died leaving no will. His widow relinquished her right to administer the estate, and **Moses Parr** was appointed administrator. **Thomas B. Stokes** and **Jordan E. Stokes** were his securities. Appointed to lay off **Widow Terrell's** dower and report at next court term were **Elijah B. Foster, Samuel Lusk, and Isaac D. Maxwell.**

David Gilliland, appointed administrator of the estate of **Reuben A. Braden**, dec'd, entered bond with **Able H. Pope**, security.

Rezin S. Byrn, Nedy Reams, and Samuel Lard were appointed commissioners to lay off to **Jehugh Inman's** widow her dower and report at next court term. **Soloman D. Spain, Alfred S. Byler, and Isaac D. Maxwell** were appointed to lay off the dower of **William L. Byler's** widow.

William Turner recorded his stock mark.

The court laid a county tax on all privileges of one-half the amount of the state tax. Voting in favor: **Penick, Huchison, Foster, Pope, Gilliland, Lockard, Crawford, and Maxwell.** Voting against: **Turner and Crichfield.**

Solomon D. Spain was appointed overseer to cut out road from Ripley toward Dyersburg to Covington road. All hands in **Capt. Ne[ar]n's** Company are to work under him and put it in repair as a second-class road.

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Named a jury of view to mark best route for road from Ripley to Stokes ferry on Forked Deer River and report at next court term: **William Deason, Joshua Wright, Samuel Hogsett, Armstead Wood, Jordan G. Stokes, Bird S. Jones, and Robison Meadows.**

Benjamine Jordan's will was duly proven by oaths of **Pascal W. Saunders** and **James Soward**, witnesses. **William Jordan**, one of the executors named therein, made a \$14,000 bond with **Pascal W. Sanders** and **James Soward** securities.

Griffith L. Rutherford, appointed at the May term as a commissioner for the town of Ripley, entered his bond and took the oath of office.

Court appointed **James Braden** overseer of the road from Blackwell's to Stokes landing and ordered that he have all the hands west of **Kerbie's** road, west of **Jennings'** boundary, and east of road from **Hogsett's** to **Byler's** so as to include **Hogsett** and **Bird S. Jones**. **Braden** was instructed to keep the road in repair as a third-class road.

The following good and lawful men were appointed jurors for the next Circuit Court:

District 1: **H. S. Williams, Sampson Smith, Joseph Wardlaw, Milton Turner**

District 2: **John H. Maxwell, John Stone, Joseph Taylor, Robert Walker**

District 3: **Isaac Braden, E. P. Fuller, A. H. Pope, John Chapman**

District 4: **Lewis Huchison**

District 6: **E. B. Foster, John Lockard, Samuel Lusk, Isaac Moor, James Braden**

District 7: **Henry Crichfield, Sr., C. G. Tittsworth, James Salsberry, John H. Mitchell**

District 8: **William Jordan, William Miskelly, William Ball**

Constables **Ivy Chandler** and **Amos H. Rounsaville** are to wait on the court and jury.

Bonds of the sheriff and the court clerk should have been spread upon the records, and the court ordered that it be done.

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In sheriff's bond dated 2 May 1836, (Sheriff) **Guy Smith, Robert C. Campbell, James Whitson, Elijah Wright, James Braden, James Blair, and John C. Barns** are bound to **Gov. Newton Cannon** in the penal sum of \$10,000. **Smith** had been duly and constitutionally elected sheriff by the people of the county.

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In county court clerk's bond dated 7 June 1836, (Clerk) **Griffith L. Rutherford, Henry R. Crawford, and Samuel V. Gilliland** are bound to **Gov. Newton Cannon** in the penal sum of \$10,000. **Rutherford** was constitutionally elected clerk until the next general election in March 1838.

Court fined **Nickolas Runnels [Reynolds], Sr., and Cary Osbrooks [Alsobrook]** \$5 each for contempt of court.

The court proceeded to regulate ferry keepers in the county, setting the following rates: All ferry keepers on Hatchy [River] be allowed 50 cts for long ferriage, 12 ½ cts in low water, and at the Forked Deer 12 ½ cts in all stages.

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James Tompkins was appointed to oversee road from Fulton to Cane Creek bridge with all hands in the fourth(?) district to work under him and keep it in repair as a third-class road.

Money was appropriated for support of **John Williams**, county pauper, for the next 12 months. **Sarah Coleman** is to be allowed \$6.25 per month under instruction of **Henry Crichfield, Esq.**

Tuesday, July 5, 1836

Present: Justices Penick, Maxwell, Huchison, Lockard; Clerk Griffith L. Rutherford, and Sheriff Guy Smith

Court ordered that the fines it assessed yesterday against **Runnels** and **Als[o]brooks** be remitted.

Dickason Jennings was appointed overseer of road from Stokes toward Bucks Ferry, from the Haywood County line to **Blackwell's**. He was assigned all hands east of Rush Creek, east of Kirby road to Cole Creek, and in direct line to the Haywood line so as to include **Widow Wilson's** hands and the **Carooth's**, then so as to include all hands on **Col. Byler's** plantation, then from **Byler's** Mill down Cane Creek to mouth of Rush Creek. **Jennings** is to keep road in repair as third-class road.

Griffith L. Rutherford recorded his stock mark.

Adjourned until court in course. /s/ **Jeremiah Penick**, Chaiman pro tem; **John Lockard, Lewis Hutchason, and J. H. Maxwell**, Justices of the Peace.

(To Be Continued)

SOME Tennesseans turn up in family charts published in the Ellis Co., Tex., quarterly, *Searchers & Researchers*, Vol. 23, Issue 1.

The earliest is **William Jasper Dunn**, born 3 Jan 1828 in Tennessee. He married **Nancy C. Knox** in Cannon Co., Tenn., on 17 Feb 1848, and their daughter, **Mary Ann**, was born ca. 1851 in Rutherford Co., Tenn. The family eventually moved to Texas where **Mary Ann** married **Samuel W. Woolsey** on 18 Sep 1867 in Dallas County. She died in Ellis County in Feb 1878.

Other Tennesseans mentioned in the same issue are **J. M. (Buddy) Vincent** and his wife, **Dorothy White**, whose families moved from Tennessee to the Long Branch community in Ellis County in the late 1800s.

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THREE CHILDREN of **Francis Loden** (b. Va. 1774) and his wife **Nancy Patsy Gibson** (b. 1783) were born in Grassy Cove, Tenn., according to a family pedigree in *Itawamba (Miss.) Settlers*, Vol. 20, No. 1. The family apparently came to Tennessee from South Carolina, and later migrated to Alabama and Mississippi. Their three Tennessee-born children:

- **William Loden** - b. 25 June 1811, m. in Marion Co., Ala., in 1839 to **Talitha Johnson** (b. Tennessee in 1820), had 10 children; d. in Texas;

- **Sahbre Loden** - b. 15 Sep 1815, m. **Ephriam Thompson**, d. in Marion Co., Ala.

- **Nathan Loden** - b. 30 Mar 1817, m. **Sarah Burleson** (b. 15 Nov 1821 in Missouri), d. after 1880 in Marion Co., Ala.; had seven children.

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TENNESSEE NAMES can be found in 1898 voter registration lists for Webster Parish, La., reproduced in *The Genie*, Shreveport, Vol. 34, No. 2. Among those listed:

- **J. T. Ellis**, age 66, b. Tenn. 1832, a farmer, La. resident 29 years.
- **C. J. Gray**, age 60, b. Tenn. 1837; La. resident 45 yrs
- **H. J. Johnston**, 60, b. Tenn 1838; La. resident 41 yrs. (His son, **C. W. Johnston**, 27, b. La. 1870, life-long resident.)

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DEATHS of several Tennesseans were reported in *The Limestone Advertiser* of 1891, according to an article in the genealogical quarterly, *Limestone Legacy*, Vol. 22, No. 3, published in Athens, Ala.

Bessie Russell, the only child of **George R. and Metter Russell**, died at her parents' residence in Nashville on 17 Mar 1891 and was buried in Athens City Cemetery. She was the niece of **Capt. John M. Russell** of Athens.

Another Nashville death reported was that of **Mrs. George Washington**, daughter of **Dr. N. D. Richardson**. She died 2 Jul 1891 in Nashville.

Also reported were deaths of two Limestone women who were former Tennesseans. **Mrs. L. L. (Sallie) Hyde**, who died 15 June 1891 at her home in Elkmont, Ala., was born near Poplar Hill in Giles Co., Tenn., on 27 Sept 1838. She was survived by her husband and daughter. **Mrs. E. L. Estes**, who died 25 Aug 1891 at Pettusville Springs at age 43, also was born in Giles County. She left a husband, children, father, brothers, and sisters.

Other 1891 Giles County deaths reported: **James Arnet** who died shortly before 28 March; **A. J. Lewis** on 18 March; **Mrs. John Bateman Smith**, owner of the *Pulaski Citizen*, shortly before 2 June.

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REV. JOSIAH PATTERSON's obituary notice from the 1830 *Christian Advocate* is reprinted in the *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. 28, No. 2. **Patterson**, born 26 May 1793 in South Carolina "of respectable parents," emigrated to Tennessee with his relatives. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, was soon licensed to preach, and was appointed to Cash River circuit in Illinois territory. He married **Patsy Gore** in 1814, and died 15 Oct 1829.

SARAH ANN DUNLAP, who married **David Williams** in Stanislaus Co., Calif., on 19 Mar 1874 was the daughter of a Tennessean. She is mentioned in a story about the **Williams** family in the Tuolumne County Genealogical Society publication, *Golden Roots of the Mother Lode*, Vol. 18, No. 3 & 4.

Sarah Ann's father, **John Dunlap**, was born ca. 1810 in Tennessee, and her mother, **Sarah Ann Bartlett**, ca. 1832 in Missouri. They moved by oxcart to California in 1857. **Sarah** was quite young at the time, having been born 28 May 1856 in Missouri.

By 1860 her father had become a hotel keeper and she had two siblings, **John W. 2**, and **Ellen**, 7 months. A neighbor, **Anderson Wellingham**, was from Tennessee.

Sarah Ann and **David** had four children: **John D. C. Williams** (1881-1926), **George David L. Williams** (1884-1956), **Bertha Elizabeth Ann Williams** (1887-1958), and **Frank Edward Onway Williams** (1894-1967).

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FAMILIES with Tennessee roots are among non-Soundexed families in the 1880 Benton Co., Mo., census which concluded in Vol. 31, No. 2 of *The Prairie Gleaner* published by the West Central Missouri Genealogical Society.

Listed as Tennessee-born: **Pleasant Bird**, 60, and wife **Elizabeth**, 58; **John R. Lockhart**, 30; **Alpha Thomas**, 64, and wife **Sarrah**, 60; **Cynthia E. Tapp**, 48; **James M. Young**, 49, wife, **Mary A.**, 46, daughter **Julia A.**, 20, son **Calvin W.**, 18, and nephews **Thomas Derrick**, 20, and **Parmer Derrick**, 16. All resided in Union Township.

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MRS. ELIZABETH OTEY, mother of **Bishop Otey** of Tennessee, died 4th Mar 1855 in Bedford Co., Va., at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. Mary Gwatin**. **Mrs. Otey** was the widow of the late **Major Isaac Otey**.

Her obituary from *The Southern Churchman* was abstracted in *The Virginia Genealogist*, Vol. 44, No. 1, Fredericksburg, Va.

JAMES NAPOLEAN REID, formerly of Benton, Tenn., is among Florida pioneers cited in the *Huxford Genealogical Society Magazine*, Homerville, Ga., Vol. 27, No. 1.

Napolean, as he was called, was born 25 May 1830 in or around Benton and was the son of **Samuel M.** and **Teresa Reid**. On 21 June 1849, he married **Mary Ann O'Neal**, daughter of **John Silas O'Neal** and **Elizabeth Kendrick**. She was born 16 Jul 1833, probably in Benton.

Napolean was a 2nd lieutenant in Co. B, 29th Tennessee Regimental Infantry, during the Civil War and was twice wounded before being discharged at the end of the war in Bellville, Fla.

Napolean, his brother **Martin Van Buren Reid**, and **Robert Furgeson** (husband of his wife's sister **Minerva**) led a wagon train to Jasper, Hamilton Co., Fla., to escape the advancing Union Army. **Napolean** became a Missionary Baptist minister and also served as superintendent of the Hamilton County school system. He and his wife had 11 children: **Samuel J.**, **Thuracey E.**, **Sarah Abigail**, **William Breckenridge**, **Mary Eliza**, **Americus Jane**, **Martha Ann**, **James Houston, Sr.**, **John Moore**, **Ida Eugenia**, and **Ada Idellia Reid**. **Napolean** died 1 Sep 1893 and **Mary Ann** on 4 June 1911, both in Jasper.

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THE OBITUARY of Tennessean **Elisha M. Gray** is among those abstracted from the *Greensboro, N.C., Patriot* and published in the *Forsythe Co., N.C., Genealogical Society Journal*, Vol. XVIII, No. 3.

Elisha died in Sumner Co., Tenn., on 25 Aug 1829 after a painful illness of about eight weeks. A native of Randolph Co., N.C., he had removed to Tennessee some years earlier and was a teacher. He was said to have been "a young man whose correct moral deportment had secured him the esteem of all who knew him."

Reported in the 12 Sep 1829 issue of *The Patriot* was the death in Madison Co., Tenn., of **Mrs. Ann M. Henderson**, wife of **Col Thomas Henderson**. She died 7 Aug 1829.

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SUSANNAH WYRICK, native East Tennessean, is the subject of an article in *Seeking 'N Searching Ancestors*, Vol. 16, No. 1, published by **Peggy Smith Hake** in St. Elizabeth, Mo. Born 28 Jan 1823, probably in Grainger Co., she moved to Miller Co., Mo., when young with her parents, possibly **Joseph** and **Nancy Wyrick**.

Susannah married **John F. Sandfort** in Cole Co., Mo., on 5 Sep 1844. Their children were **John H.**, **Susan Mary**, **William Thomas**, and a fourth who is believed to have died young. According to family legend **Susannah's** husband, **John**, went to the California gold fields in the early 1850s and never returned. In 1856 **Susannah** married **Joshua Vaughan**, a widower with 10 children. She had three children by her second marriage: **Phoebe**, **Jefferson Davis**, and a son who died young. **Susannah** died 3 Dec 1913, almost reaching her 91st birthday. Her obituary states that she was the mother of seven, stepmother of 10, grandmother of 40, and great-grandmother of 30.

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A FAMILY CHART in the *Central Alabama Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 1, contains information on several Tennesseans. Among them:

-**Wiley Edney Blount**, born 3 Sep 1825 in Tennessee; died of heart disease in McLennan Co., Tex., on 13 Aug 1905. He married **Mary Ann Gooch**, born in Tennessee 26 Aug 1825 and died 9 Oct 1862 in Mississippi.

-**Archibald Clark**, b. 7 Nov. 1829 in Tennessee; died in Gibson Co., Tenn., in 1892; m. on 17 Sep 1856 to **Susan Ann Elizabeth Cannon**, born 9 June 1833 in Tennessee, and died 3 Apr 1927 in Deming, N.M.

The chart was submitted by **Sunny Daily** of Pittsburg, Texas.

GEORGE ANDREW WINKLER and family moved from Pulaski Co., Tenn., to Parker Co., Tex., in 1859, according to *Trails West*, Vol. 30, Issue 30, published by the Parker County Genealogical Society. The weather was said to have been so cold when they left Tennessee by covered wagon that **Mrs. Winkler** (nee **Sarenia Auretha Smith**) had to put the baby's feet in her blouse to keep them from freezing. **Sarenia**, born 17 Sep 1844, was the daughter of **Joseph W. Smith** and **Winnie Adkins** of Tennessee. The couple had two children born in Tennessee: **James Robert Winkler** (b. 10 Aug 1865) and **Joseph William Winkler** (b. 9 Nov 1867). Their seven other children, all born in Texas, were **David Andrew**, **Lizzie Winnie**, **Victor Milton**, **Addie**, **Stella Columbus**, **Sarena Ida**, and **Ella**. The family moved to Oklahoma where **Sarenia** died 4 Oct 1929 and was buried in Oklahoma City.

Elsewhere in the same issue of *Trails West* is a **Wilkinson** family chart containing the name of **Martin Kelly Ingle** who was born in Tennessee in 1822, and married an Alabama girl, **Cynthia Hall**, about 1850 in Louisiana. Their son, **Martin Lafayette Ingle**, born 8 Aug 1855 in Louisiana's Western District of Bienville, was married to **Rebecca M. Brewer** in Hood Co., Tex., in 1876.

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THE ACCIDENTAL DEATH of former Tennessean **J. J. Gilley**, reported in the 10 Sep 1869 issue of the *Newman, Ga., Herald*, is reproduced in the *Genealogical Gazette* of Albany, Ga., Vol. 18, No. 2.

Gilley was killed instantly when he fell against a saw at a mill where he had been employed only the day before. A memorandum book found in his possession indicated he came originally from Sevier Co., Tenn., but had recently been engaged in selling a patent medicine for **Dr. Beasley** of Troup County. "If any of **Mr. Gilley's** kindred should see this notice of his death," the *Newman Herald* stated, "although he had no money or valuables whatever, he was given a decent burial."

TWO HAMPTON FAMILY charts, published in *The Melting Pot* of Hot Springs, Ark., Vol. III, No. 1, reveal roots that stretch from Ulysses, Kans., all the way back to White Co., Tenn. **Rev. Charles Woodfin Hampton**, who died 11 Jul 1953 in Ulysses, was born 8 May 1877 in White Co., Tenn. His parents, **George Dibrell Hampton** (1852-1935) and **Sara Almira Southard** (1854-1932), also were born in White County and died in Ulysses.

Charles' maternal grandparents, **Jesse Hiter Viars** (1856-1883) and **Mary Jane Higgins** (1863-1929) also were native Tennesseans who migrated to Texas. His paternal grandparents were **George Price Hampton**, born 1816 in Jackson Co., Tenn., and **Elizabeth "Betsy" Price**, born 1815 in Tennessee. Both died in White Co., Tenn.

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AN ABSTRACT of a 1901 obituary from the *Arlington (Tex.) Journal* tells of the death of **Mrs. Richard Vandiner** [Vandiver?], formerly of Tennessee. The abstract appears in the Fort Worth Genealogical Society's *Footprints*, Vol. 43, No. 2. **Mrs. Vandiner** died from smallpox.

Elsewhere in the same issue is a story dealing with claims filed against the Republic of Texas by Tennessee relatives of **John Dancer** and his brother-in-law **Thomas J. Butler**, who died in the Dawson Massacre on 18 Sep 1842. An \$80.75 settlement was made to the two men's heirs.

Court papers indicate that **Dancer's** deceased parents were **Ashal** and **Mary Dancer** who moved from Shelby Co., Tenn., to Bastrop Co., Tex., with their family in about 1836. **Mary** is said to have been of Cherokee ancestry. The family lived in Franklin Co., Ala., near his brothers, **Elijah** and **Samuel** in 1820, and was in Shelby Co., Tenn., in 1830. An 1802 Smith Co., Tenn., deed gives **Ashall's** name as **Asael** and indicates he was the son of **Henry Dancer**.

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THE OBITUARY of **Charley Worley**, who was born in Sparta, White Co., Tenn., is reproduced in the Ellis Co., Tex., Genealogical Society publication, *Searchers & Researchers*, Vol. 23, No. 2.

Worley moved with his parents to Texas in 1879. He married **Upshur Brice Davis**, a native of Cleveland Co., Ark., in Lancaster (Dallas Co.) Tex., in 1891. **Worley** was killed in 1930 when a train struck his car just south of town.

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ARTHUR DAUGHTREY, farmer of Hamilton Co., Tenn., for many years, is among Florida pioneers featured in *Huxford Genealogical Society, Inc., Magazine*, Vol. 27, No. 2.

Daughtrey, born 15 Jul 1812 in North Carolina moved to Tennessee with his parents, **Thomas** and **Elizabeth (Gann/Gahn) Daughtrey**. He married **Tillithie Ann Pafford**, born 10 Mar 1828 in Cannon Co., (later DeKalb), Tenn., to **James** and **Wealthy (Corbett) Pafford**. In 1856 they moved to the Lake City, Fla., area where **Tillithie** died in 1863 giving birth to their seventh child who also died. Their other six children were **Mary Adeline**, **Joseph A.**, **Elizabeth Jane**, **Arthur Wright**, **Tillithie Ann** and **Henry Clay Daughtrey**.

In 1865 **Arthur** married **Lanetta Carstarphen Bridges**, a widow with two small children. **Arthur** and **Lanetta** had seven children: **Thomas R. L.**, **Martha Virginia**, **Magdalena**, **Minnie A.**, **William Logan**, **Oregon C.**, and **Nettie**. **Arthur** died 31 Oct 1883 and is buried in Lake City's Oak Lawn Cemetery beside his first wife, **Tillithie**. When **Lanetta** died in 1912, she also was buried there.

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WILLIE BUTRAM, Revolutionary War soldier, died in White Co., Tenn., in the fall of 1853, according to pension records published in *Journal of the Genealogical Society of Rowan Co., N.C.*, Vol. 14, No. 2.

Born 15 Jul 1759 in Rowan County, **Butram** was drafted as a private to serve against the Cherokee Indians in about 1777. In about 1780 he volunteered as a "light horseman" to serve against the British and Tories. After the war, he returned to Rowan County, married, and had four children. Rowan County records show a **William Butram** married **Sarah Patterson** on 29 Jan 1780. **Butram** lived in Iredell Co., N.C., Lee Co., Va., and Wayne Co., Ky., before he located in White Co., Tenn., by 1847.

In the same issue of *The Journal*, two Tennesseans are among Confederate soldiers who died in Salisbury, N.C., Confederate hospitals. They were **E. F. Russell**, Co. A, 17th Tennessee, who died 24 Mar 1865, and **W. D. Stanford**, Co. M, 7th Tennessee, who died 19 Mar 1865.

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INFORMATION from a Revolutionary War pension filed by former Tennessean **John Doss** is abstracted in *The Southern Genealogists' Exchange Quarterly*, Vol. 41, No. 174. **Doss**, born in Virginia in 1740, was living in Marion Co., Tenn., when he applied for a pension in 1826. He enlisted in Pittsylvania Co., Va., in 1777 and served two years. Before moving to Marion County, he resided for a time in Bledsoe and Jefferson counties in Tennessee. His wife's name is not given. Children listed were **Moses**, **Aaron**, **Biddie**, **Dide**, and **Hannah Ann** who married a **Hall**. **Doss** died 4 Dec 1833.

The same issue of the magazine contains an abstract of **Stewart Doss'** long and complicated will. Dated 11 May 1853, it was probated in DeKalb Co., Tenn., in April 1855. In the first item of the will, he names six children: **Elizabeth Wallace**, **Jonathan C. Doss**, **Mary Wright**, **Martha Dowell**, **Caroline Dowell**, and **Dorthuta Gray**.■

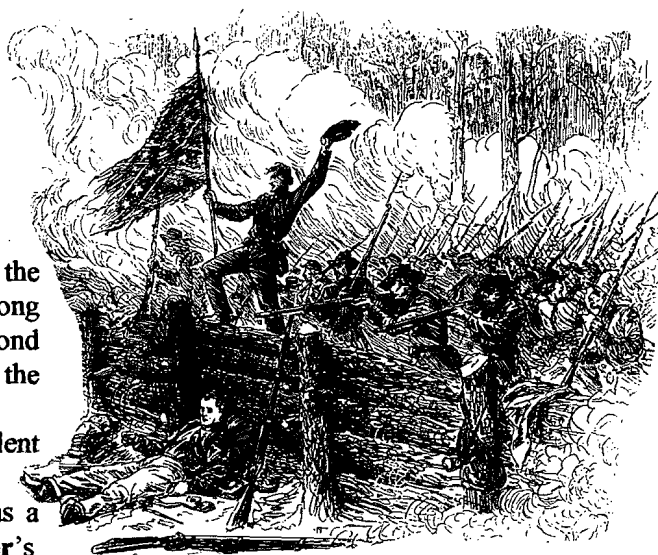
In 1889 --

W. B. Tate Sets Up Fund For Disabled Confederates In East Tennessee Districts

In 1889, **William Brown Tate** of Grainger County took the unusual step of setting up a \$20,000 fund to be divided among Confederate soldiers of Tennessee's First and Second Congressional Districts who lost either a leg or an arm during the Civil War.

That was quite a substantial sum in those days -- the equivalent of \$359, 924.22 in our time.¹

Tate, a 69-year old bachelor and prosperous farmer,² was a veteran himself, having enlisted as a private in **B. M. Branner's** Co. E of the 4th Tennessee Cavalry at Mossy Creek in 1861. Soon afterwards he was transferred to **Heiskill's** Co. K of the 19th Tennessee Infantry and took part in battles at Wild Cat, Fishing Creek, Shiloh, Corinth, Murfreesboro, and Vicksburg. He was discharged at Vicksburg and returned home, where he was appointed by **R. T. Wilson** to gather up and forward supplies to the Confederate Army. He was said to have carried out these duties "faithfully and efficiently until the Federals took possession of East Tennessee."³



When he established the fund for the disabled veterans, **Tate** named **Col. Oliver C. King** of Morristown⁴ and **Col. George P. Yoe** of Mossy Creek⁵ as trustees. The two advertised the offer, took applications from veterans in the two districts, and carefully investigated each of the 67 claims they received. They then notified 41 of the applicants -- 40 men and a woman who was the widow of a disabled soldier -- to appear at Morristown on 18 July to receive their share of the fund. After expenses for advertising and other costs were deducted, each beneficiary received \$463.41.⁶ The distribution took place at the Opera House where **Col. King** and others made speeches. **Tate** himself was honored by the applicants at a banquet at the Cain House on the evening of 26 July.

Two soldiers who were badly afflicted by their wounds but did not qualify under the provisions of **Mr. Tate's** benefaction were given \$143 each by the 41 successful applicants who chipped in to make the donation. [The names of the two are not given in the Rogersville paper.]

Following is the list of beneficiaries, as reported in *The Rogersville Herald* of 27 July 1889 and supplemented with information from pension applications of Confederate soldiers' and widows:

JOHNSON COUNTY

- **William T. (H?) Shull**, Baker's Gap, arm amputated. Served in Co. L, 13th Tenn. Cavalry for two years. Worked as blacksmith. When 1890 census of Civil War veterans was taken, he was living in Carter Co. His wife's name was **Lucinda E.**

SULLIVAN COUNTY

- **James Polk Rader**, Bristol, leg amputated at Cedar Creek, Va. Born 26 Aug 1844 at Blountville, he served in 37th Va. Infantry. Married 14 Oct 1897 in Bristol, Sullivan Co., to **Mary Elizabeth Cawood** (b. 30 Mar 1878 at Johnson City, Tenn.). **J. P.** died 27 Nov 1927 at Bristol, and **Mary Elizabeth** was granted a widow's pension in 1929. She died 4 Dec 1953. They had one daughter, **Kathryn Rader Osborne**, Los Angeles.

¹ Calculated by **S. Morgan Friedman** and based on 1999 U.S. Consumer Price Index. [www.nvcn.org/info/gswc/tools.htm]

² **Tate**, who was born in Grainger County in December 1820 and died in 1903, never married. He was said to have owned one-half of the capital stock in the Mossy Creek Bank.

³ "W. B. Tate, Donor to Comrades," by **J. W. Godwin**, Mossy Creek, Tenn., in *Confederate Veteran*, Vol. III, p. 300.

⁴ Born 4 Aug 1841 at Washington Co., Va., he originally was in Co. G, 19th Tenn. Infantry and later transferred to the cavalry. On 12 Aug 1863 he married **Katherine Rutledge** at Blountville, Sullivan Co., Tenn. (b. 6 Mar 1843 at Blountville). He was badly wounded 4 June 1864 at Piedmont, Va., near Staunton. He and **Katherine** had five children. The colonel died 23 May 1893 at Morristown in Hamblen County. **Katherine** applied for a widow's pension 28 Apr 1915. Three of their five children were still living at the time.

⁵ **Yoe** also was a Confederate veteran, having enlisted in Co. E, 4th Tennessee Cavalry at Mossy Creek on 4 Oct 1861.

⁶ The equivalent of \$8,339.62 in 1999 dollars, according to **Friedman's** calculation.

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- **J. N. Ingolsby**, Clover Bottom, leg amputated at Bentonville, N.C.
- **A. [Abe] McClellan**, Bluff City, arm amputated at Bentonville, N.C., on 22 Mar 1865. A life-long resident of Tennessee, he was born in Sullivan County in 1843. Enlisted in Apr 1861 in Co. B, 3rd Tennessee Calvary, then transferred to the 4th Calvary, serving from the battle of Fishing Creek to the battle of Bentonville. After the war, he was warden at Inman Prison for four years, and later was a justice of the peace. He was living at Island Mills in Sullivan County when he applied for a veteran's pension (S-131) on 3 June 1891. He died two days later. A doctor's statement submitted with his application showed he also had an organic heart problem. He had a 28-year old wife; no children.
- **James Keelund**, Bristol, arm amputated
- **David W. Emmert**, Blountville, arm amputated at Strawberry Plains. He was accidentally wounded when guns on a rack at the camp fell, discharged, and hit him in the arm as he was laying his weapon down. Born in Sullivan Co. in 1836. Enlisted in 26th Tenn. Regiment. Escaped capture at Fort Donelson, and then enlisted in Co. F, 63rd Regiment in May 1862. Took part in battles at Chickamauga and Salt Works. After being wounded, served as enrolling officer for 8th and 18th Districts until 1865. His first wife died after the war, leaving him with six daughters. He married a second time, and had no issue. When he applied for a pension (S-169) in June 1891, a 20-year old daughter was still living with him and his wife, **Fannie (Phillips) Emmert**, 52.⁷ He was once a schoolteacher.
- **Samuel S. Stone**, leg amputated at King's Mills, Va. Enlisted in Co. H, 2nd Infantry (Robinson's). Applied for pension in 1909 while living in Sumner County (S-11248).
- **George W. Cotter**, Lella, arm amputated in federal hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., where he had contracted gangrene or blood poisoning while waiting on prisoners at Camp Morton. Was in hospital until 28 May 1865. Born 22 Jan 1840 at Kingsport in Sullivan Co., he enlisted at Zollicoff (later Bluff City) in Co. F, 59th Tenn. Regiment, Reynold's Brigade. Served in army for about one year. Was captured at Edwards Depot on 17 May 1863 in Vicksburg campaign and taken to prison. Married 2 Dec 1870 near Blountville to **Barbara A. Slaughter** (b. 18 Jan 1842 near Blountville). When he applied for a Confederate pension (S-286) in Jul 1891, he and his wife had four children ranging in age from nine to 18. **Cotter** stated in his application that he had a little home purchased with part of the **Tate** fund he received, and had about 18 acres of steep and rocky land, much of it not tillable. **Cotter** died 19 Jan 1907 near Blountville. In March 1909, **Barbara** was granted a widow's pension (W-2486).
- **Charles A. Adams**, Beidleman, arm amputated. Was a private in Co. A, 9th Tennessee Cavalry.

HAWKINS COUNTY

- **A. B. Bailey**, Mole, leg amputated at Missionary Ridge after a shot shattered his ankle. Born in Hawkins County on 31 Mar 1840, enlisted 15 Jul 1861 in Co. K, 29th Tenn. Infantry. Wounded 25 Nov 1863, sent to Marietta, Ga. Accepted for Confederate veterans' pension (S-297) in 1891. Had four children ranging in age from 7 to 17 in 1891, but oldest was married and not living at home. Accepted for pension but apparently died before or shortly after receiving it. Worked as a steward at Big Mountain prison in Morgan Co., Tenn.
- **James H. Everhart**, Yellow Springs, arm amputated in June 1863 after being wounded during siege of Vicksburg. Born 19 Mar 1834 in Hawkins Co., he enlisted in Jan/Feb 1862 in Co. D, 31st Tenn. Infantry Regiment [later designated as the 39th Reg.]. A corporal, he was captured following his wound, later paroled, and returned home. Life-long resident of Tennessee, he was granted a Confederate pension (S-238) in Aug 1891. He had a 25-year old wife and three children, and resided at Burem's Store community.
- **Landon H. Charles**, Rogersville, arm amputated. Born in Hawkins County in 1844. Enlisted in Co. K, 29th Tennessee Infantry Regiment in Jul 1861. In prison at Alton, Ill., from May 1862-Sept. 1862 when he was exchanged and returned to regiment. In battles at Rock Castle, Ky., and Murfreesboro, Tenn. Shot in left arm at Chickamauga 19 Sept 1863, and arm amputated five inches below shoulder next day. Stayed inside Confederate lines until war's end. Discharged in May 1865. Applied and was accepted for veteran's pension (S-11,556) in Sept 1909. At that time he was living at Whitesburg in Hamblen Co., Tenn. Died 2 Apr 1918.
- **Isham B. Dykes**, New Hope, leg amputated at Piedmont, Va., in spring of 1864. He was a lieutenant in Co. B, 31st Tenn. Reg. [later 39th Reg.].

WASHINGTON COUNTY

- **William R. Rhea**, Johnson City, leg amputated. Born in Carter Co., Tenn., in 1840. Enlisted at Loudon in Co. G, 19th Tennessee Infantry, in July 1861. Wounded 13 May 1864 at Resacca, Ga. Hit by a mini-ball in left leg which was then amputated above knee. After being wounded, he went to his mother's home where he remained until the war ended. Applied for and was granted veterans' pension (S-565) in 1891. Had a wife, 37, and a daughter, 14. Had a small hardware store.

⁷ **Fannie** was born in Sullivan County in 1851. She and **David** married in 1886.

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- **Joseph H. Crouch**, Keebler's Cross Roads, leg amputated 23 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga. Was shot through both legs. Born 27 Mar 1843 in Washington Co., enlisted in Co. G, 29th Tenn. Infantry Regiment in Apr 1861. Had 39-year old wife and nine children ranging in age from 2 to 20. Worked as a shoemaker when able. Was granted veterans' pension (S-167) in July 1891. Letter in his file, written in 1913 from Jonesboro Rt. 5, states he was 70 years old and had been on crutches for 40 years.
- **Oliver Perry Henderson**, Limestone, arm amputated at Malvern Hill. In Hampton's Legion, South Carolina Infantry. Born 27 Oct 1839 at Simpsonville, Greenville Co., S.C. Married 11 Dec 1884 to **Cordelia "Cordie" Caroline Stout** (b. 20 Feb 1838 in Limestone, Washington Co., Tenn.). **O. P.** was granted Confederate pension (S-302) in 1891. He died 21 Apr 1911 in Limestone. They had no children. **Cordie's** first application for a widow's pension (W-4076), filed on 12 Jul 1911, was rejected because after applying she had spent a year in Lynchburg, Va. (25 Apr 1912 - 16 Aug 1913). After she and witnesses attested that she had no intention of permanently leaving Tennessee, her second application (W-5100) was granted. She stated that a niece had promised to come and live in with her in her home in Limestone. **Cordie** died 29 Dec 1932.

GREENE COUNTY

- **Logan Thomason**, Pilot Knob, leg amputated at Gettysburg, Pa. Was a private in Co. C, 16th Tennessee Infantry Regiment. (Reorganized as 1st Consolidated Infantry Reg.)
- **Dr. John Harvey King**, Marvin, leg amputated at Woodson Gap, Tenn. Born in Owen Co., Ky., in 1836. Enlisted as company physician in 5th Tennessee Cavalry 8 Mar 1862. Was acting as 3rd lieutenant when wounded in skirmish 2 May 1862 at Fincastle near Big Creek Gap. Gunshot shattered bone from hip joint to knee. Discharged after wound and remained at home until fall of 1863 when went as refugee to South Carolina. Was married when wounded. Twin sons were born day he entered army. One other son deceased. Applied for and granted veteran's pension (S-502) in June 1891. Unable to be fitted for artificial limb because stub was too short and had to use crutches or cane. This, coupled with eye disability and chronic nephritis, made it impossible for him to practice his profession, according to medical statement in his pension file. Three orphaned children (boys 11 and 15, and girl 10) were living with **King** and his wife in 1891. Older boy helped with farm but ran away in 1894. By 1896 the **Kings** had adopted the girl who was then 15. After **King's** death, his wife **Margaret Ann** drew widow's pension (W-4694)
- **Abraham Lane**, Locust Springs, arm amputated at Vicksburg, Miss. Born 6 Feb 1830 (?) in Greene County. Enlisted in Co. A, 61st Tennessee Infantry Regiment. His left elbow was shattered from explosion of bomb. Was captured by Union soldiers. In Aug 1891 applied for and was granted \$25 quarterly pension (S-438). He and his wife, 38, had no children. Date of his death not entered in pension file; note indicates his wife died a number of years before 1915.
- **William E. Collins/Colling**, Jockey, leg amputated at Marion, Va.⁸ Born in Sullivan Co., Tenn., in 1850. Enlisted as private in Co. E, 5th Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, in Morgan's command. Wounded in battle at Marion Co., Va., in Mar 1865 and company was ordered from New River to Marion. In getting off train on arrival there, **Collins** fell and the train ran over his left leg. He was discharged when war ended. Returned to Tennessee; worked as shoemaker. Applied for pension (S-511) in Washington Co., Tenn., in Aug 1891. At that time, he had a wife (age 42) and six daughters, ages 4 to 17.

HANCOCK COUNTY

- **Calvin Jasper Jones**, Mulberry Gap, arm amputated at Knoxville. Born 14 Jul 1838 in Hancock County. Enlisted in 63rd Tennessee Infantry Regiment and served about a year before losing his arm. He married **Jane Gollahow** of Sneedville in Hancock County. **Calvin** applied for a veteran's pension (S-503) in 1891, and was granted a pension of \$8.33 per month. He died at his home in Mulberry Gap. **Jane** filed for and was granted a widow's pension (W-4705?) in 1913.
- **William Mabe**, Blackwater, leg amputated at Drewry's Bluff, Va., 16 May 1864. Born 27 June 1813 in Stokes Co., N.C.; moved to Tennessee in 1822. Enlisted in Co. C, 63rd Tennessee Infantry Regiment. After discharge, worked as shoemaker. Allowed Confederate pension (S-190) on 7 Jul 1891. At the time, his wife was 74 and he had a daughter, **Sinda**, 41, and a son, **Frank**, 44.
- **James A. Brewer**, Xenophon, arm amputated at Resacca, Ga. Born in Hancock County in 1838. Enlisted in Co. D, 29th Tennessee Infantry Regiment in 1861. Following gunshot wound, right arm amputated near shoulder. In hospital until war ended. Discharged at Knoxville in June 1865. Applied for and granted pension (S-454) in Feb 1901. Had wife and two children. Died 23 Mar 1926, according to letter in file from his son, **W. R. Brewer** of Sneedville.
- **W. S. McCoy**, Treadway, leg amputated

COCKE COUNTY

- **Charles Stokely, Jr.**, Del Rio, leg amputated at Murfreesboro. Born in Cocke County in 1839; enlisted 18 Jul 1862 in Co. B, North Carolina Infantry. After being wounded, he was captured and taken to prison. Applied for a Confederate pension

⁸ Surname is spelled **Collins** in Confederate pension application, and **Collings** in *Rogersville Herald*

(S-237) in 1891. Had 44-year old wife, nine children ranging in age from nine months to 27 years. (Five were grown and away from home.) In lumber business.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

- **Samuel H. McCanless**, Mossy Creek, arm amputated at Fort Donelson. Born 1836 (?) in Giles County, he was married to **Lavinia W. Phillips** (b. 26 Apr 1837 near Cornersville in Marshall Co., Tenn.). Enlisted in Co. H, 3rd Tennessee Infantry Regiment and lost his arm in battle in July 1862. Discharged from army 12 Dec 1862. Applied in 1891 for veterans' pension (S-391), and died 4 Jan 1897. He and his wife had one child, a daughter, who died 7 Sept 1901. **Lavinia** was granted a widow's pension (W-312) in 1905. She was living at Jefferson City, Tenn., at the time.
- **James A. M. Ore**, Mossy Creek, arm amputated. Born in Grainger Co., Tenn., in 1830. Enlisted as private in Co. A, 22nd Texas Infantry, while living at Mill Spring, Jefferson Co., Tex., in early 1861. Was wounded in battle of Jenkins Ferry on Saline River, Ark., sometimes called by soldiers "the Saline fight." Right arm was shattered just below the shoulder joint and was amputated in field hospital, and he went home as a disabled soldier in the spring of 1864. Returned to Tennessee in 1872 and was living in Jefferson County when he applied for veteran's pension in 1891. Was widower living with a cousin, his wife and all his children being deceased. Pension granted (S-825). When he applied for increase in 1903, **Dr. W. F. King** said **Ore** was "blind, helpless, and sick" and had cancer of the face and neck.
- **H. C. Stevens**, Strawberry Plains, leg amputated at Gaines' Mill, Va., June 1862.
- **Richard Stypes**, Strawberry Plains, arm amputated at Chickamauga. Was a private in the Battery. When 1890 census of veterans was taken, he was living in Mayo, Knox County.

KNOX COUNTY

- **William T. Edwards, Jr.**, Knoxville, leg amputated after he was hit in knee by shell at Resacca, Ga. Born 25 Aug 1840 in Maury County, married near Spring Hill, Maury Co., in 1861 to **Mary Elizabeth Caperton** (b. 1842 near Thompson's Station, Williamson Co., Tenn.). On 26 May 1861, he enlisted in Co. E, 3d Tennessee Infantry Regiment in Nashville, and was made a corporal. Was captured 16 Feb 1862 at Fort Donelson, Tenn.; escaped 30 June and returned to Confederate service. After losing leg 15 May 1864 in Georgia, he was discharged from army and went to live with relatives in South Carolina for a time. Was allowed Confederate pension (S-41) in June 1891. Had 11 children. **W. T.** died 5 May 1892 in Nashville. **Mary Elizabeth** was living in Nashville where she was granted a widow's pension (W-149) in July 1905.
 - **William D. Winstead**, Knoxville, right leg amputated at Gettysburg after being hit by cannon ball. Left leg was hit by shell in same battle. Born 17 Mar 1841 in Grainger County. Enlisted about 10 June 1861 in Co. H, 16th North Carolina Regiment, captured and held prisoner at Pointe Lookout, Md., until end of war. Employed as sexton of Confederate Cemetery in exchange for house to live in. Also did some shoemaking. Allowed Confederate veterans' pension (S-180) in July 1891. Married, had five children.
- James W. Sparks**, Knoxville, leg amputated in 1862 at Kernstown, Va., where he was wounded and captured in battle. Later recaptured by Confederates at Winchester, Va. Enlisted in Co. F, 37th Va. Infantry in May 1861. After discharge, worked as shoemaker in Hawkins Co., and moved to Knoxville in 1873. In Confederate pension application (S-177) in June 1891, **Sparks** said he was born ca. 1842 in Washington Co., Va., but in applying for pension increase stated he was born 14 Mar 1839. Because of discrepancy, the increase was not approved. However, a supporting letter by **W. W. Carson** of the U.C.A., No. 5, Nashville, said he interviewed **Sparks** who described himself as a "woods colt" [illegitimate] who went by his mother's name of **McVeigh/McVay** until about 1870 when he assumed his father's surname of **Sparks**. **James'** half-brother, **W. J. Sparks**, verified this information. **James** also said he was bound out as an apprentice to **Solon Buchanan** until getting his freedom in 1860. Married in Washington Co., Va., in 1862 to **Sarah L. ____** (b. 14 Mar 1844 in Washington Co., Va.). **James** died in Knoxville. Had one daughter who was deceased when **Sarah** applied for widow's pension (W- 9602) in Aug 1929.

BLOUNT COUNTY

- **W. Y. C. Hannum**, Maryville, leg amputated at Cedar Mountain, Va. Was a private. Organization unknown.

LOUDON COUNTY

- **Oliver Perry Hill**, Lenoir's, arm amputated 22 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga after being hit with grapeshot from a cannon at McFarland's Gap near Rossville, Ga. Born 15 Jul 1840 in Sevier County; enlisted at Sweetwater on 28 June 1861 in Co. G, 2nd Regiment, Tennessee Volunteer Cavalry. In his pension application (S-160), **Hill** describes himself as an "unreconstructed Rebel" and said he was never discharged from the Confederate Army but "retired" at Macon, Ga. Married 7 Nov 1867 to **Mary Carter** (b. 20 Nov 1845 in Roane, now Loudon County). Had seven children: **Sarah**, b. 13 Dec 1868; **Ira**, b. 10 Nov 1870; **John** (deceased), **Parnell**, b. 15 Oct 1874; **Lucinda** (deceased); **Martha**, b. 8 June 1879; and **Marion**, b. 17 Sep 1883. **O. P.** taught school for a time in Pike County. Supplemental application filed 30 Jan 1905 shows he was sent to Confederate Soldiers'

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Home in Mt. Juliet, Wilson County, in 1903. Died 22 Mar 1911 at mental hospital, Lyon's View, in Knoxville. **Mary Hill** applied for a widow's pension 31 May 1911 and was accepted. She was living at Lenoir City, Loudon Co., at the time.

- **George W. Hardin**, Lenoir's, arm amputated at Atlanta. Was a private in Co. B, 2nd Tennessee Infantry Regiment (Robinson's).

ROANE COUNTY

- **J. S. Durkam**, Hord's Landing, leg amputated at Atlanta.⁹

GRAINGER COUNTY

- **David M. /N. Dodson**, Thorn Hill, limb permanently disabled in battle at Franklin, Tenn. Born 18 Nov 1840 in Grainger County. Enlisted in 37th Tennessee Infantry Regiment in 1861. Was shot through right foot while making a charge. More than half of foot amputated. Captured and hospitalized in Nashville until sent to Union prison in Louisville, Ky., where he stayed until war's end. Married, wife's name **Louisa** (b. 18 Aug 1846, d. 26 Jan 1918). **David** died 26 Apr 1924.
- **James Carmichael McCarty**, Rutledge, limb permanently disabled. Born 30 Apr 1844 in Hawkins County. Enlisted in Co. E, 29th Tennessee Infantry Regiment in June 1861; later served as corporal in Co. B, 60th Tennessee Infantry (also called 79th). In battles at Rock Castle, Ky., Shiloh, Edwards Station. Was taken prisoner at Big Black River, Miss., 17 May 1863 and sent to Fort Delaware and from there to Point Lookout, Md., where in winter of 1863-64 his feet froze from lack of heat and clothing. Exchanged 10 Feb 1865, discharged at Christiansburg, Va., 1st Apr 1865. On 27 Dec 1888 in Hawkins County, married **Eliza Hamblin Price** (b. 19 May 1862). In 1891, was residing in Morgan County when granted veterans' pension (S-11548). Worked as guard at Brushy Mountain prison. Died 16 Feb 1936. **Eliza**, living at Oakdale in Morgan County, later drew widow's pension (W-10916). She died 6 Nov 1949.
- **Albert Acuff**, Rutledge, limb permanently disabled. Born 5 Dec 1837. Enlisted in Co. H, 26th Tennessee Infantry Regiment on 2 Oct 1862. Wounded Jan 1863 in hand and arm at Murfreesboro. Discharged and returned home to his farm at Puncheon Camp where he grew various crops and raised horses and cattle. Married (1) **Sarah Harrell** on 17 Jan 1861; had 9 children; (2) **Sarah E. Clark**, had one son. Applied for Confederate pension (S-880). Died 29 Oct 1922.¹⁰
- **Mrs. Laura Cantrell**, Red Hill, widow of soldier who lost a limb.¹¹
- **Ira Coffee/Coffey**,¹² Bald Point, limb permanently disabled at Chickamauga. Born in 1832 in Grainger County. Enlisted in June/July 1861 in 26th Tennessee Infantry Regiment. With his company when it surrendered in North Carolina in 1865. Applied for pension (S-534). Married 26 Feb 1852 in Grainger County to **Sarah Hipshire** (b. 24 Dec 1829 in Grainger). **Ira** died in Grainger County in March 1894. Had eight children, only three of whom were living in 1905 when **Sarah** filed for widow's pension (W-699).

Tate's former comrades in arms never forgot him nor did he forget them. In August 1895, United Confederate Veterans Camp No. 725 was organized at Morristown with 130 members. It was named the **W. B. Tate Camp**.

In 1902, at the former prisoner of war camp at Camp Chase, Ohio, a stone arch with the single word, "Americans," chiseled on it was unveiled at the burial ground where 2,260 Confederate dead are buried. Three packages of flowers to honor the dead arrived at the cemetery. One of them bore the name, **W. B. Tate** -- former private in the Confederate Army. ■



⁹ The surname **Durkham** does not appear in *Tennesseans in the Civil War*. However, a **James S. Durham** is listed who was born in Roane County in 1845, and died in Roane in 1914. His widow was the former **Columbia A. Harmon** (b. 1852 Roane Co.). It is not known if this is the same soldier.

¹⁰ *Grainger County, Tenn., and Its People, 1796-1998*, Grainger County Heritage Book Committee, 1998, p. 53 (137-Acuff)

¹¹ Grainger County vital statistics show a **Laura Cantwell**, age 72, died in the county in 1920.

¹² His surname is spelled **Coffey** in his application for a Confederate veteran's pension.

Book Reviews

EAST TENNESSEE'S FORGOTTEN CHILDREN, Apprentices from 1778 to 1911 by Alan N. Miller, II. 2000. Paperback, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 207 pp., full-name index. \$24 plus \$3.50 p&h. Clearfield Co., Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202 (410) 625-9004.

Tennessee's apprenticeship system, patterned after North Carolina's, applied mainly to any fatherless child who had no guardian, lacked sufficient support, or was not previously bound. While the system originated in 16th century England as a means of training young people in the various crafts, in America it evolved into a method of providing support for indigent children without cost to the state. In Tennessee, the county courts bound the orphans to designated masters, with male orphans being bound until age 21, females until 18, and mulatto females until 21. The master was to provide room and board, clothing, and instruction on how to read and write. In 1825 the law was extended to apply to any child whose father had abandoned him or refused to support him if the mother agreed for her child to be bound. The system -- with a few changes -- remained in effect until the mid-20th century. The author in his introduction points out that not all bound children were orphans or indigent. A parent or guardian might bind a son to have him taught a useful trade or a daughter to have her taught the art of homemaking. The author has scanned county court minutes of 29 East Tennessee counties from 1778 to 1911 to put together this documentation of children apprenticed, the date they were bound, their ages at the time, to whom they were bound, and notes giving any additional information. The records are arranged chronologically by counties which include Anderson, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Polk, Rhea, Roane, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Sullivan, Union, and Washington.

1860 CENSUS, LEXINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA transcribed by Marvin D. Jones. 2000. Hardcover, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x11", full-name index. Privately published. \$26 including p&h. Order from author at 5086 Rockyford Rd., Arlington, TN 38002-9743, e-mail marjones@juno.com.

Marvin Jones, the transcriber of this census and a member of TGS, provides some interesting insights into the taking and making of this 1860 census. For one thing, it was taken by one **B. J. Hayes**, a farmer of Lexington County, who started his nose-counting on 4 June 1860 and wrapped up his work on 10 September. [We assume that in between his census-taking duties he cultivated and harvested his crops!] What makes this particular census unusual is that **Hayes** took the trouble to find out and write down the name of the county in South Carolina where each person was born. In these instances, the census-taker wrote down only the county name, not adding the state's initials -- assuming apparently that everyone should know these counties were in South Carolina. Like other of his contemporaries, **Hayes** varied surname spellings throughout his recording, and readers are advised to consider all possible variations. An example is this surname which appears in three versions: **Rall**, **Rawl**, and **Rawls**. Transcriber **Jones**, in his prefatory remarks, notes that the biggest problem for him was the large number of female names he had never heard of before. A perfunctory glance reveals these out-of-the-ordinary monikers -- **Vastine**, **Demancy**, **Arenia**, **Minesia** -- for starters. The census is preceded by a full-name index. Persons in the census are listed by family number due to the fact that there were some 50 unoccupied houses in Lexington County when the census was taken.

MADISON COUNTY, TENN., WILL BOOK I, 1825-1835 by Barbara Crumpton. Paperback, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x11", 140 pp. including 37-page full-name index. Published by Creative Copies, Duncan, Okla. \$30. Order from author, 1455 N. 29th St., Duncan, OK 73533

This transcription of wills, estate administrations, and guardians' reports from 1825-1835 provides useful information for researchers delving into Madison County genealogy. The only other previously published transcriptions of these particular records are WPA typescripts available at the Tennessee State Library & Archives in Nashville. The author fails to state the source of her information -- whether from the WPA typescripts, microfilm, or the original records themselves. The transcription abounds in names -- with about 1,363 surnames in the 36-page index including some 340 or so slave names [found within the surname index under "slaves."] Surnames are indexed by their most common spelling, and the variant spelling is included as well. Another help to the reader is the author's inclusion of spouses' maiden names where available. Significant information emerges from many of these early wills. From the 1829 will of **James Sanderson**, for example, it can be learned that he was a merchant who formerly lived in Alexandria but was residing in Murfreesborough when he drew up his will. His only heirs were his two sisters and a brother-in-law, and all three lived in Nair Castle in Upton, Tyne, England. Another interesting will is that of **John F. Ward**. The first two pages of the will, including its date, are missing, but from what remains it can be learned that: (1) he left three daughters - **Margaret**, **Louisa**, and **Laura**, (2) his late wife was **Gelina Spivey**, daughter of **William Spivey, Sr.**, (3) his own father is **James Ward**, and (4) he owned land in North Carolina, possibly in Bertie County. **Ward's** will contains an unusual instruction: "The happiness of my negroes is not to be sacrificed to increase the profits of my estate." In addition to wills, Book I contains numerous estate inventories and sales, all of which increase the book's value. The first two estate inventories -- one of **William S. Anderson's** estate and the other of **Thomas Andrews'** -- were made in 1823, two years after Madison County was created from the Western District (Indian lands).

Book Reviews (continued)

MADISON COUNTY DEED BOOK I, 1803-1828 and **MADISON COUNTY DEED BOOK II, 1828-1832** by Barbara Crumpton. 2000. Spiral-bound, 8½"x11" paperbacks. Book I contains 129 pp. including 17-page, full-name index. Book II also has 129 pp. with a 19-page, full-name index. Indices in both books contain slave names. Published by Creative Copies, Duncan, Okla. \$25 each. Order from author, 1455 N. 29th St., Duncan, OK 73533.

No genealogist doing research in Madison County should be without **Barbara Crumpton's** three books reviewed in this issue. They fit together nicely, and provide a more complete picture of the county's early residents than possibly any other source. For instance, Will Book I [in the previous review] contains no will for **Joel Dyer, Sr.**, who apparently died intestate. It does have, however, the 1825 inventory of his estate, the appointment of commissioners to lay off one year's support for his widow, and expenses incurred by **Sarah Jane Dyer** in boarding six children (named). Deed Book I reveals that **Joel** conveyed land on the South Fork of Forked Deer River and slaves to eight children in June 1823 -- including two older daughters, one of whom was married and had a child. By combining information from the two books, a more complete picture of the deceased can be obtained. Deed Book I's first two pages are missing, but Page 3 indicates that the first deed recorded in Madison County was from **Robinson Mumford Sr.**, and **Robinson Mumford, Jr.** to **John Beck**. Proved 13 Feb 1803 before Andrew Jackson, then a judge of the Tennessee Superior Court, it conveyed 5,000 acres of land on the north side of the Big Hatcher (probably the Hatchie) as described in a warranty dated 12 Jan 1785. From there on, the reader can witness the development of Madison County and its county seat Jackson. On page 20, the author lists the 12 commissioners of Jackson and refers to them by code numbers in subsequent deeds. **Robert H. Wynne** was chairman and the 11 other commissioners were **Stokely D. Hays**, **Joseph Linn**, **Bartholomew G. Stewart**, **Daniel Horton**, **James Trousdale**, **John Hardgraves**, **Herndon Haralson**, **Vincent Heralson**, **Wm. E. Butler**, **Adam R. Alexander**, **Robert Hughes**, **William Arnold**, **Adam Huntsman**, **Samuel Taylor**, **William Harris**, **John H. Hyde**, **William Braden**, **Thomas Shannon**, **Charles Severe**, **Wyatt Epps**, and **Charles Brandon**. Deed Book II also provides a wealth of information. Recorded on Pages 496-499, for instance, is a covenant dated 3 Sep 1828 in which **Joseph B. Porter**, **James Brown**, and **John L. Porter** dissolve their partnership as locators and draw lots to divide the property in three equal shares. The property consists of 7,593 acres in Gibson, Haywood, Tipton, Dyer, and Henderson counties, and property owners' names are included with land descriptions. From a deed of 12 Jan 1831, it can be learned that for \$906 one **John Hutchison** of Robertson County bought at public auction two lots on Jackson's public square that included the Jackson Hotel and its adjoining stable lot. Three days later he sold the same property to **James Brown** and **Stephen Syper** of Madison County for \$4,000.

WEST TENNESSEE SURVEYS 1783-1788 abstracted by Dr. A. B. Pruitt. 2000. 8½"x11" paperback. Full-name index, geographical location index, and indices by file, grant, and warrant numbers. Privately published. \$7.50. For North Carolina residents, \$7.90. Order from author at P.O. Box 815, Whitakers, NC 27891.

This book contains complete metes and bounds abstracts of the surveys and grants mentioned in Book 2, Series 3 in Record Group 50 in the Tennessee State Archives. Virtually all of these items are for land in West Tennessee (the area between the Tennessee and Mississippi rivers), and most of the surveys were done by **Henry Rutherford**, **Edward Harris**, **Isaac Roberts**, **James Robertson**, and **James Martin Lewis**. Current files contain 433 items relating to grants, and six which do not. The abstractor has added the file or shuck number in brackets at the end of each item. Among major land owners in West Tennessee at the time were: **Edward Harris** with 17,000 acres; **Abner Nash**, 25,000; **John Gray Blount** and **Thomas Blount**, 101,000; **John Rice**, 80,000; **Landon Carter**, 6,820; **Menucan Hunt**, 100,000; **Benjamin Smith**, 75,000; and **Martin Armstrong**, 35,000. Many of the surveys in the book adjoin each other, and some contain enough information to allow individual surveys to "fit" together into a large tract. The author includes plat maps showing the grouping of surveys for **Hunt**, **Nash**, **Rice**, and **Smith**, noting that it is unclear as to whether all these surveys joined each other. His book also contains three maps showing the location of major rivers in West Tennessee -- a pleasing contrast to today's road maps in which rivers are obscured by highways!

WEB PUBLISHING FOR GENEALOGY by Peter Christian. 2000. 8½"x11" paperback, 73 pp., subject index. \$10.95 plus \$3.50 p&h. (Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents, 6%). Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. For phone orders only, 1-800-296-6687.

What's involved in putting your genealogy on the Web? How do you get started? The author, who is editor of *Computers in Genealogy* and webmaster for the Society of Genealogists, explains these and related matters in easy-to-understand language. He also devotes the center section of his book to teaching you how to design and organize your own web site, including computer screen shots that illustrate how to use a text editor to create simple Web pages. Rounding out the book are a glossary of Web terminology; a bibliography of books, articles, and on-line resources; and -- you guessed it -- a Web site for this book (<http://www.walrus.dircon.co.uk/wpg/>) which contains many of the examples used in the text and also provides links to a variety of resources for areas discussed in the book.

Book Reviews (continued)

"BY A LINE OF MARKED TREES." Abstracts of Currituck Co., N.C. Deed Books [1] 1-3 by John A. Brayton. 2000. Paperback 6"x 8³/₄", 165 pp., including full-name index, slave index. Cain Lithographers, Jackson, Miss., publishers. \$15 postpaid. Order from author at 1503 Union Ave., Suite 220, Memphis, TN 38104.

Noting that Currituck County's land records have long been neglected by abstracters, the author -- whose great-grandmother **Mary Granberry (Williams) Bright** was born in Currituck in 1813 -- sets out to remedy the situation. In doing so, he discovered that the first book of deeds was unnumbered and is now in fragments. Deed Book II also is in fragments but is filled in by a typescript in the county courthouse which appears to be from a manuscript which may now be lost. A welcome surprise and a boon for researchers in Deed Book II is the insertion of several pages of a birth register. To present a clearer picture of Currituck provincial and colonial land records, the author includes the first 122 pages of Deed Book 3 which was recopied by the register and actually contains the oldest group of deeds. [The author plans to follow this book with the remaining 400 or so pages of Deed Book 3 along with Deed Book 4.] Researchers seeking to resolve the Virginia origins of their Currituck roots will find numerous clues in these deeds in which the Virginia counties of Norfolk, Princess Anne, Henrico, and York figure prominently. The book, another important genealogical contribution by a TGS member, is sponsored by The Order of First Families of North Carolina. ■

CD- Rom Reviews



FAMILY TREE MAKER'S VIRGINIA COLONIAL RECORDS, 1600s-1700s [CD #7503] produced by Broderbund and Genealogical Publishing Company. 1999. System requirements: CD-Rom drive; Microsoft Windows 95 or 98, either Family Tree Maker Version 3.02 or higher or the Family Archive Viewer Version 3.02 or higher which is free with the purchase of this CD. (Note: the viewer is not available for Macintosh). \$29.99 plus \$3.40 p&h. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897.

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FAMILY HISTORY: LINEAGES OF HEREDITARY SOCIETY MEMBERS, 1600-1900. CD #7506 produced by Broderbund and Genealogical Publishing Company. 2000. System requirements: CD-Rom drive; Microsoft Windows 95 or 98. To read, you must have, either Family Tree Maker Version 3.02 or higher, or the Family Archive Viewer Version 3.02 or higher which is free with the purchase of this CD. (Note: the viewer is not available for Macintosh). \$39.99 plus \$3.40 p&h. Order from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897.

This disk reproduces 27 volumes originally published by the Genealogical Publishing Company and contains lineage information on about 440,000 individuals. The information is from documentation submitted by members of the following hereditary societies: *National Society of Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims* (3 volumes); *National Society Colonial Dames, 17th Century* (3 vols.); *Ancestral Records and Portraits, Colonial Dames of America* (2 vols.); *General Society of the War of 1812* (2 vols.); *National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution* (lineage index, 4 vols.); *Founders and Patriots of America Index*; *Some Colonial Dames of Royal Descent*; *the Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry*; *Texas Society/National Society Colonial Dames 17th Century*; *Three Hundred Colonial Ancestors and War Service*; *Hereditary Order of Descendants of Colonial Governors*; and the *Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Delaware*. In addition, three other volumes deal with pedigrees of some of Emperor Charlemagne's descendants. Data on individuals generally include dates and places of birth, marriage, and death; names of family members, and similar information on other persons linked to that ancestor. The disk is designed to simplify research through use of a single-name index which turns up any and all references to that name in the 27 volumes. ■



A Tennessee Family Recipe

By Jo Ann (Harding) Hawkins

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My great-grandfather, **Napoleon Bonaparte Hicks**, who was nicknamed "Pole," was born July 23, 1843, and lived all his life in Cleveland, Tennessee. He was a survivor of the Civil War, fighting for the North.

He had a family recipe for a medicine that was supposed to cure every thing: colds, pneumonia, toothache, dandruff, stomach gripe, and most everything else. I don't know where he got the recipe, but he and his brother, **Lafayette (Fate) Hicks**, fought over who had the right to sell the medicine. He finally gave his farm to **Fate** for the recipe to be his. He would go off with the circus every few years for a little while and sell his medicine.

He would get up on the back of a wagon and preach what the medicine would do for you and then sell several bottles. He had a little dog that would pick up a plate in its teeth and walk on its hind legs and people would throw more money into the plate. My great-grandfather also sold medicine in his home town and wrote a column for the local newspaper.

He and his wife, **Eliza Jane (Renfro) Hicks**, had ten children. My great-aunt, **Sarah (Hicks) Higgs**, age 88, told me last summer (1999) that "Pole" gave her and all the other grandkids the medicine several times. She said it burned all the way down, but that no one was ever sick and they all lived a long time.

I have collected three of his medicine bottles. They have his name and the name of the medicine, "Capudine," on them. The bottles are amber colored and in two sizes.

The medicine would be illegal today because of what was in it:

1 qt. alcohol	2 oz. spirits of camphor
2 oz. oil of sassafras	4 oz. tincture opium
4 oz. aqua ammonia	4 oz. chloroform
2 oz. sulp. ether	4 oz. tincture of myrrh
4 oz. tinct. of capsicam	4 oz. oil of peppermint
4 drachins iodide pots.	8 oz. gin (best)

Mix all.

Even if it never cured everything, you were too high to hurt or to care! Everyone felt great after taking it.

No wonder!■

The Antebellum Days --

When Public School Teachers In Memphis Numbered Only 21

Memphis had a total of 21 teachers in public schools during the 1857-1858 school year, Superintendent **Leroy Pope** announced. Overseeing the system was a Board of Visitors composed of: **S. W. Jefferson** of the 1st Ward; **Fred Baxter**, 2d Ward; **Gen. R. Grant** (board president), 3d Ward; **B. F. Dill**, 4th Ward; **W. J. Tuck**, 5th Ward; **H. F. Farnsworth** (board secretary), 6th Ward; and **Thomas D. Eldridge** (member at large).

The list of teachers and their schools, as published in the *Memphis Evening Ledger* of 19 Oct 1857, included:

- **Mr. L. G. Marshall**, Senior Male School on the south side of Jefferson St. between 3d and 4th
- **Mrs. Ann C. Bradford**, Senior Female School, Court St.
- **Mr. H. T. Burke**, Junior Male School, Navy Yard
- **Talbot B. Coleman**, Junior Male School, Navy Yard
- **Mrs. Mary Gallagher**, Junior Female School
- **Mrs. F. P. McGehee**, Junior Female School
- **Miss H. Black**, Junior Female School, Hernando St., one door south of Beal(e) St.
- **Miss R. Rawlings**, Junior Female School
- **Miss M. E. Lester**, Junior Male School, Causey St.
- **Miss R. F. Yancey**, Primary Male School, Brick House, Linden St., 3d door west of Bayou
- **Miss E. S. Yancey**, Primary Male School, Linden St.
- **Miss M. J. A. Creighton**, Primary Male School, Navy Yard
- **Miss Italia Walsh**, Primary Female School, Causey St. between Beal(e) and Linden
- **Miss Mary F. Woods**, Primary Female School, Court St
- **Miss S. C. Harvey**, Primary Female School, Navy Yard
- **Mrs. H. Hampton**, Primary Female School, Navy Yard
- **Miss M. W. Bowers**, Primary Female School, Hernando St. one door south of Beal
- **Miss Susan Jobe**, Primary Female School, Navy Yard
- **Miss Frances J. Wood**, Primary Male School, Navy Yard
- **Mr. D. H. Saunders**, Junior Male School, Brick House, Linden St. 3 doors west of Bayou
- **Miss A. C. Tobey**, Primary School, Orleans St. ■

Candidates Announce Early For 1842 Gibson County Election

Hats were being tossed in the ring for the March 1842 election in Gibson County as early as 13 May 1841, according to *The Trenton Journal*.

Luke P. Seay and **William P. Kelton** had squared off against each other for sheriff, while **William Atchison** and **James Bobbitt** had announced their candidacies for county trustees. **Thomas A. Pasteur** was the first to enter the race for state senator from Carroll, Gibson, and Dyer counties. ■

Talley-Henderson

Married on the night of 16th Jan [1869] **Mr. D. H. Talley** of Murfreesboro and **Miss F. E. Henderson** of Rutherford County. The ceremony was solemnized by **Elder A. Van Hoose** at the house of the bride's father. -*Murfreesboro Monitor*, 16 Jan 1869

Newsom -Rhodes

On the evening of 15th June [1887], **Mr. J. J. Newsom**, one of the most prosperous business men of North Memphis, was married to **Miss M. B. Rhodes** at No. 141 Second St., **Rev. D. T. Waynick** officiating. -*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 18 June 1887

Drumwright-Rather

Married on 15th Nov 1868, **Mr. W. B. Drumwright** to **Miss Mattie Rather**, both of Murfreesboro. The marriage took place at Soule College, **Rev. John P. McFerris** officiating. -*Murfreesboro Monitor*, 28 Nov 1868

Wilkinson-Crawford

Married on 19 Nov 1868, **Mr. James H. P. Wilkinson** of Coffee County and **Miss Anna E. Crawford** of Rutherford County. **Rev. Joe Alexander** performed the ceremony at the residence of **D. F. Elam**. -*Murfreesboro Monitor*, 28 Nov 1868

Morton-King

Married on 3d Dec [1869] at the residence of the bride's mother, **Mr. Ed. Morton** and **Miss Fannie King** of Williamson County. Attendants were **Mr. Jimmie Green**, **Miss Cora Scales**, **Robert Killough**, **Annie Massey**, **Henry Bennett**, **Lucy King**, **John King**, and **Mary Crosswhite**. **Rev. L. C. Bryan** officiated. -*Murfreesboro Monitor*, 16 Jan 1869

Taylor-Rose

Married on Sunday morning, 13 Jan 1856, at the residence of **F. Baxter**, Esq., by **Rev. Mr. Wardwell**, **Dr. Arthur K. Taylor** and **Miss Susan P. Rose**, daughter of the late **James Rose**, Esq., all of Memphis. -*Memphis Appeal*, 15 Jan 1856

Tennessee Marriages

Simmons-Duke

Married Tuesday, 21st Oct [1884] at the residence of **Col. J. H. Duke**, **Mr. J. M. Simmons** and **Miss Anna Duke**, both of Jackson. The groom is local editor of *The Dispatch* and one of the most popular young men of the city. The bride is the niece of **Col. Duke**, and a charming and accomplished young lady. -*The Forked Deer, Jackson*, 25 Oct 1884

Arnold-Stolkes

Married on Wednesday evening last [26 Oct 1831], **Mr. John Arnold** of Madison County to **Miss Mary Stolkes**, daughter of **J. G. Stolkes** of Tipton County. -*Southern Statesman, Jackson*, 5 Nov 1831

Kimbell-Fariss

A fashionable wedding took place at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., the night of 2 Aug [1893] uniting **T. Farrelly Kimbell**, promising young newspaper man of Hot Springs, Ark., and **Miss Inez Fariss**, daughter of **W. H. Fariss**, prominent and prosperous citizen of Jackson. **Dr. R. J. Willingham** of Memphis officiated at the ceremony. The bridal couple left for a trip to the West. -*The Memphis Commercial*, 3 Aug 1893

Brooks-Scott

Married at the residence of **Mrs. Scott** near Raleigh on the 10th inst. [10 Jan 1856] by **Rev. J. H. Gray**, D.D., **Mr. Hugh M. Brooks** to **Miss M. J. Scott**. -*Memphis Appeal*, 19 Jan 1856

Towell-Glass

Married on 25 Jan [1856] by **Rev. N. H. McFadden**, **Dr. Isaac Towell** to **Miss Artimessa Glass**, all of Tipton County. (Yazoo, Miss., Democrat, please copy) -*Memphis Appeal*, 1 Feb 1856

Lane-Porter

Married on 12th Oct 1852 by **Rev. B. Miller**, **Mr. James M. Lane** of Hickory Wythe, Tenn., to **Miss Jane E. Porter** of Haywood County. -*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 15 Oct 1852

Rives-Dillard

Married in Lynchburg, Va., on 19 Mar [1856] by **Bishop Early**, the Hon. **Thomas Rives**, member of Congress from the Tenth District of Tennessee, and **Miss Lucretia Dillard**, daughter of **Col. Thomas Dillard**. -*Memphis Appeal*, 1st Apr 1856

Horton-Folwell

Married in Fayette County on 13th May [1840] by **Rev. William Wamble**, **Mr. Needham Horton**, aged 52, to **Miss Mary Folwell**, aged 51. -*Sommerville Reporter*, 16 May 1840

M'Calla-Irons

Married in Hardeman County on 1st Feb [1842] by **Rev. Samuel M. Williamson**, **Mr. James M. M'Calla** to **Miss Ann Eliza Irons**, daughter of **William Irons**, Esq. -*Sommerville Reporter*, 12 Feb 1842

Bayne-DuBose

Married at the residence of **Dr. A. B. C. DuBose** on 15th Jan 1856 by **Rev. J. E. Douglas**, president of the MF Institute, **George W. Bayne**, Esq. of Memphis to **Miss Lizzie R. DuBose** of Shelby County. -*Memphis Appeal*, 17 Jan 1856

Tipton-Foster

Hale Tipton and **Miss Beulah Foster**, two of Tiptonville's prominent young people, were married Wednesday night, 12 Feb 1902, at the residence of the bride's mother. **Rev. R. Y. Blackwell** of the Methodist Episcopal Church officiated. -*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 15 Feb 1902

Jordan-McLendon

Married by **Rev. Dr. Hornaday** in LaGrange, Ga., on 15th Jan 1869, **Mr. M. F. Jordan** of Murfreesboro and **Miss Sallie McLendon**, daughter of **Judge Jesse McLendon** of LaGrange. -*Murfreesboro Monitor*, 16 Jan 1869

Harris-Barter

Married in this city last evening by **Rev. A. L. P. Green**, **Mr. W. O. Harris** to **Miss Frances A. Barter**. -*Nashville Republican Banner*, 27 Jul 1838

Morrow-Price

Married by **Rev. Charles A. Walker** at the house of **T. B. Norman**, Esq., **Prof. G. W. Morrow** and **Miss Dathula V. Price**, all of Hardeman County.

-West Tennessee Whig, Jackson, 2 Apr 1856

Todd-Ayres

Married on Wednesday, 13 Feb 1856, at the residence of **T. S. Ayres**, Esq., by the **Rt. Rev. J. H. Otey, D.D.**, **Dr. Thomas Todd** to **Mrs. Mary Ayres**, all of this city.

-Memphis Appeal, 16 Feb 1856

Loving-Fletcher

Married in Nashville on 26th Jul 1838 by **Rev. Dr. Edgar, Gen. William H. Loving** of Brownsville to **Miss Ruth Talbot Fletcher**, daughter of **Thomas H. Fletcher**.

-Nashville Republican Banner, 27 Jul 1838

Watkins-Davis

Mr. John Watkins and **Miss Mattie Davis** were married at the residence of the bride's father, **Henry Davis**, near Vogel on Sunday, 7th Aug [1892], by **Esq. William Allen**.

-Rogersville Herald, 10 Aug 1892

Gassaway-Mitchell

Married on Wednesday evening the 26th Oct 1824, **Mr. Samuel Gassaway** of this place to **Miss Louisa Mitchell**, daughter of **Capt. Mark Mitchell** of Rutherford County.

-Sparta Review, 3 Nov 1824

Alstadt-Butler

Married in Sparta on Wednesday evening last [29 Sept 1824], **Mr. John N. Alstadt** to **Mrs. Patsy Butler**.

-Sparta Review, 6 Oct 1824

Mitchell-Dibrell

Married in this place Wednesday evening last [18 May 1825] by the **Rev. John Green**, **Mr. Joel D. Mitchell** to **Miss Elvira Dibrell**, daughter of **Col. Charles Dibrell**.

-Sparta Review, 25 May 1825

Tennessee Marriages

Neill-Smith

Mr. William R. Neill, president of Rogersville National Bank, and **Miss Agnes S. Smith** of Rogersville will be united in marriage at the residence of her brother, **W. P. Smith**, in Knoxville this evening.

Immediately after the marriage, **Mr. and Mrs. Neill**, accompanied by his two sons, **Sam** and **Young**, and **Capt. H. M. Aiken** and wife, will leave for St. Louis, Mo., where they will join the St. Louis Commandery of Knights Templar and travel in special cars to Denver to attend the Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templar. They will visit friends in Kentucky before returning home in mid-September.

-Rogersville Herald, 3 Aug 1892

Bates-Barr

Married at 6 o'clock on the morning of the 17th Sept [1871] at St. Luke's Church in Jackson by the **Rev. J. A. Harrison**, **Charles T. Bates**, Esq., and **Miss Pattie L. Barr**, youngest daughter of **Benjamin Barr**, Esq., all of Jackson. Despite the early hour, a large party of friends assembled to witness the nuptials.

-Jackson Whig & Tribune, 12 Aug 1871

Davis-Wheeler

Married at the residence of **Rev. Dr. Harris** on Wednesday evening, **Mr. J. P. Davis** of Knoxville to **Miss Jennie Wheeler** of Whitesburg.

Attendants were **Mr. O. P. R. Fox** and **Miss Pearl Crowell** of Morristown, **Mr. W. M. Gillenwater** of Rogersville, and **E. J. Baxter** of Jonesboro.

[Editor's Note: The above wedding notice from the *Knoxville Journal* of 24 Oct 1889 was reprinted in the *Rogersville Herald* on 30 Oct with this comment:

"**Mr. Joseph P. Davis** is a Hawkins County boy, born and raised on the Clinch where he taught school quite successfully for several years and afterward was principal of Whitesburg Academy."]

Simpson-Brown

Barton P. Simpson returned Thursday evening with his bride, nee **Katie Brown**, whom he married at London, Ky., on Wednesday (2 Jan 1889). He has long been in charge of **A. D. Simpson & Co.**'s store at New Canton and is one of Hawkins County's most prominent young men.

-Rogersville Herald, 5 Jan 1889

Jarvis-Coleman

Married on 20 Dec [1889] at the residence of the bride's father in Sneedville, Hancock Co., **Mr. L. Cass Jarvis** and **Dora L. Coleman**, daughter of the **Hon. H. F. Coleman**.

-Rogersville Herald, 19 Jan 1889

Shaw-Reinhart

Married at Indlewild, residence of **Mr. W. S. Wells**, by **Rev. Henry Walsh**, **Capt. Alexander Shaw** of DeSoto Co., Miss., to **Mrs. Mary E. Reinhart** of Shelby Co., Tenn.

-Memphis Appeal, 8 Feb 1856

Anderson-Allen

Married at the residence of **Leonidas Trousdale** in this city by **Rev. J. H. Gray** on Wednesday morning, 13 Feb [1856], **Gen. Samuel R. Anderson**, postmaster of Nashville, to **Mrs. Susan Allen**, daughter of **B. B. Trousdale**, Esq., of this city.

-Memphis Appeal, 14 Feb 1856

Cook-Ayres

Married at the residence of **S. W. Ayres**, Esq., on the 12th Feb [1856] by the **Rev. Mr. Robb**, **W. L. B. Cook**, Esq., and **Miss Jennie**, daughter of **Isaac Ayres**, all of this city.

-Memphis Appeal, 14 Feb 1856

Clark-Royster

Married at the Central Hotel on the 31st Jan [1856] by **Rev. J. H. Gray**, D.D., **Mr. James Clark** to **Mrs. Anna D. Royster**. *-Memphis Appeal, 2 Feb 1856*

Phipps-Charles

Married by **Rev. E. H. Cassidy** at the residence of the bride near Rogersville on 13 Jul [1892], **Mr. W. F. Phipps** and **Miss Sallie A. Charles**.

-Rogersville Herald, 20 Jul 1892

Tennessee Marriages

Bandy-Davenport

Married near Amis on the evening of 12 Jan 1889 by **Rev. James Laster, Mr. J. P. Bandy to Mrs. Rebecca Davenport.** -*Rogersville Herald, 19 Jan 1889*

Quarles-Lampton

Married in Gainsboro on Thursday evening, the 16th June 1825, **Mr. John A. Quarles** of White Plains (Overton County) to **Miss Martha Ann Lampton**, youngest daughter of **Col. Benjamin Lampton** of Adair Co., Kentucky.

-*Sparta Review* 22 June 1825

Mitchell-Robinson

Married on Thursday evening last [13 Oct 1825], **Col. David L. Mitchell** to **Miss Sarah Robinson**, daughter of **Capt. Thomas Robinson**, all of Sparta.

-*Sparta Review, 19 Oct 1825*

Leftwich-Ward

Married in Wythe Co., Va., on the 17th Nov [1825], **Isaac J. Leftwich, Esq.**, attorney at law of Sparta, to **Miss Nancy Ward.** -*Sparta Review, 30 Nov 1825*

Catron-Childress

Married on Thursday evening last, [18 Jan 1821] last by **Rev. Mr. Campbell, John Catron, Esq.**, attorney at law, to **Miss Matilda Childress**, daughter of **John Childress**, deceased, of this vicinity.

-*Nashville Gazette, 27 Jan 1821*

Patteson-Starke

The marriage of two such well known and popular members of society as **Miss Allie Bruce Starke** and **Mr. James Patteson** served to attract a large number of friends to witness the happy event at the First Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed by **Rev. E. A. Taylor**, pastor of the church. The bride is the daughter of the late **Capt. E. T. Starke**, and a worthy descendant of a fine old Virginia family. The groom is the son of **Mr. W. G. Patteson** of Memphis. The couple left for a summer in Canada.

-*Memphis Evening Scimitar, 26 June 1896* ■

Academy in McMinnville Successfully Completes Its First Year in 1825

The first session of Quincy Adams Academy at McMinnville ended 15th Apr 1825 with an examination before the trustees, parents and guardians of the pupils, and a number of "respectable" spectators.

Trustees of the newly founded academy were **William C. Smart, William P. Laurence, John Cain, William Edmonson, William Marshall, Edward Hogue, and A. Wilson.**

The examination covered classes in English grammar, arithmetic, and Latin courses in Virgil and Horace. Specimens of writing and original composition were displayed, and the examination was closed with declamatory pieces by several students.

At the conclusion of the exercise, the trustees declared the examination was "highly satisfactory" and predicted the institution would become highly useful under the management of **Mr. John Woodfin**, with his talents and qualifications as a teacher and his strictly religious and moral habits.

It was announced that boarding was available at respectable houses near the Academy at \$37.50 for each 5½ - month session, including washing and lodging.

Health! Health!

The Proprietor of Cab Creek Sulphur Springs, 8 miles North West of Perryville in Perry Co., Ten., respectfully informs the public that having made still further improvements, he is prepared to give general satisfaction to all who may visit the Springs the approaching season, either for health or recreation.

A number of scientific gentlemen have given it as their opinion that these springs possess superior medicinal qualities. Charges will be moderate.

-**Joseph S. Dougless**

May 26, 1837

Anglo-American Heritage To Be Memorialized In English Village

A memorial to England's 400-year links with America is being constructed in Hingham, Norfolk, the village from which many families emigrated to the New World in the middle of the 17th Century and the site of Deopham Green air base where units of the U.S. Eighth Air Force were stationed in World War II.

The village still has records of the emigrant families, names of the ships on which they traveled, and how long it took them to reach Boston.

Known surnames of the emigrant families included **Barnes, Baxter, Beale, Buck, Chamberlain, Chubbuck, Cooper, Cushing, Cutler, Farrow, Foulsham, Gates, Gibbs, Gilman, Hallock, Hawke, Haynes, Hobard (Hubbard), Hunting, Jacob, James, Lincoln, Ludkinge, Marsh, Mitchell, Morfield, Page, Peck, Pitts, Ricroft (Rycraft), Ripley, Smith, Suclin, Tower, Tufts, and White.**

The most famous of the emigrants was **Samuel Lincoln**, who migrated in 1633 and was the great-great-great grandfather of **President Abraham Lincoln.**

The memorial will take the form of a 57-acre woodland park within view of St. Andrew's Church. Its development will be funded by sales of 36-square foot plots to individuals, historical associations, and other groups. For more information, contact **Caroline Lister**, cjlist1@aol.com or check www.ang-amheritage.com

Ninety-Three Years Young

From the 31 Jan 1890 issue of the *Benton Enterprise* in Camden:

"One of the oldest men in this vicinity is **James Duke** who will be 94 years old next March and can read and write without the use of glasses." ■

Confessions of a Genealogist Turned Census-Taker

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When I first considered taking the test for a census enumerator's position, I thought, "How hard can it be to knock on the door and ask a few questions?"

The pay sounded pretty good at \$12 an hour plus 32.5 cents per mile. I knew that the law requires a response to the census, and that the information collected is used to determine the Congressional districts and how to divide the federal pie of approximately \$185 billion in taxpayer money. But I also looked at it as a great genealogy tool for the future, and wished I had received the long form. I can just imagine when the information is made public 72 years from now that someone will feel like they struck gold when they discover their ancestors completed the long form.

When I told my husband I was going to be a census-taker and go around to different neighborhoods knocking on doors, he looked at me and shook his head. We both know I have no sense of direction. He tells people I am the only person he knows who could probably get lost in her own neighborhood. I assured him that we were told we would be assigned an area near our home.

I had never given much thought to enumerators of years past, except to mutter on occasion a complaint about their handwriting and spelling. I never thought about the hardships the early enumerators had faced -- belligerent Indians, wild animals, transportation via horse or foot, and language problems. How far did those census-takers travel in a day? Where did they stay at night? How did they secure enough food for themselves and their horses? In the 1920's and '30's, did the census-takers own an automobile, and did they plan their day based on the amount of gas their car would hold and how many miles per gallon their automobile would get?

A check of the encyclopedia revealed that in 1790, it was up to just 17 marshals to get answers from the nation's populace to six questions: (1) who was head of the household, (2) how many free white males 16 years and older were living in the house, (3) how many free white males under 16, (4) how many free white females, (5) how many other free persons, and (6) how many slaves. For the next 50 years, the number of marshals increased as the country grew, and by 1850 the census included not just the numbers but the name of each free person in a household.

For Census 2000, forms were mailed to each household, and only 1 in 6 of them received the long form. For various reasons, many forms were not returned and the government was forced to hire thousands of enumerators to follow up on the questionnaires.

After two days of enumerator classroom training, I was given my first area of assignment -- two mobile home parks. (So much for being assigned an area near your home!) I found myself riding around in strange neighborhoods in 90-degree heat with the windows rolled up and the doors locked, my newly acquired census badge clipped to my shirt, and the official-looking "Census 2000" black bag with all the forms, instruction books, pens, and pencils on the seat beside me.

Since 1940, two different forms have been used to collect detailed information about the American people. The Census 2000 short form has these six questions: (1) each person's name, (2) relationship of household members, (3) each person's sex, (4) each person's age on April 1st and date of birth, (5) whether any person listed was Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or of another Hispanic or Latino group, and (6) each person's race. The form also has a section on coverage to make sure all the people in the household as of April 1, 2000 were counted, and a section on housing to learn if the dwelling (house/apartment/mobile home) was owned or rented.

The Census 2000 long form had 58 questions, including the six that were on the short form plus others regarding place of work, education, disability if any, military service, and income. There also were detailed questions on housing conditions such as how many rooms were in the home, whether it had complete kitchen and plumbing facilities, and how many vehicles were available to the occupants. For the first time, this year's census had questions regarding grandparents as caregivers.

Some questions were multi-part, such as:

If you worked last week, what time did you leave your house and how long did it take you to get to work? How much did you make last year? How many hours did you work each week, and how many weeks did you work? Did you have additional income? How much do you pay for rent? Or, if you have a mortgage, how much is it?

It didn't take long to learn that not everyone thought completing the census form was their patriotic duty. A lot of people complained because they had received the long form and thought the questions too intrusive.

Some members of Congress were even questioning the long form, after having approved it two years previously. The sight of Congressmen on the news questioning the need for all the information did nothing to encourage compliance with the law. A lot of people just don't believe the government should be collecting all this information on how people live. Several individuals tried to give me lectures on nosy government bureaucrats.

I soon found out that one of the hazards of census-taking was dealing with the unexpected. You never knew who was going to answer the door or what you would find in the yard.

One man on crutches answered the door and his bathrobe was open. I trust he had something on, but you couldn't prove it by me. My eyes never left his face.

A Doberman pinscher would have had me for lunch if I had not managed to get behind a fence before he did.

But the dogs were not the only ones irritated by my appearance. One woman came screaming out of her door that she did not have time for those stupid forms. I think I liked the dog better. Since genealogy is not the purpose of the census, I had to bite my tongue to keep from telling people that one day their descendants will be looking for information on them and their family.

Many people apparently were not aware that every individual's privacy is protected by law (Title 13 of the U. S. Code), and no one other than the Census Bureau staff can see the completed forms or find out what information the household member provided until the year 2072.

Each topic in Census 2000 was included because federal law specifically mandated its inclusion. The information collected is needed for federal programs affecting community development, commuting, economic growth, employment, education, public health care, assistance programs for low-income families, and services for the elderly and disabled. State and local governments will use the information for allocating funds for everything from new schools to new locations for hospitals, fire and police stations, and libraries, not to mention highway safety, public transportation, and emergency preparedness. Non-profit organizations will make plans for their charitable and social services based on the data.

Even though the information collected is not for genealogical purposes, I feel sure that, thanks to all the enumerators, genealogists 72 years from now will find it much easier to learn about their quaint ancestors who populated the United States in the year 2000. ■

Alfords to Celebrate 376 Years in America

Augusta, Ga., will be the setting for an October celebration of the **Alford** family's being in America for 376 years -- and in Georgia for more than 212. The family's national reunion is set for Oct. 13-15 at the Partridge Inn in Augusta, opening on Friday morning with a general genealogy workshop. A reception, a banquet, and an **Alford** family history workshop are among events planned for the weekend.

The first permanent **Alford** resident in Georgia is believed to have been **Capt. James Alford** from North Carolina who received some 6,000 acres in the area of Wilkes-Greene-Washington counties (as configured before 1790). He was soon joined by his brother **Julius**, supposed brother **William**, and several cousins. Most **Alford** descendants in the southern tier of states can trace their ancestry to Georgia. For further information, contact Alford American Family Association, P.O. Box 1586, Florissant, MO 63031, phone (314) 831-8648 or visit the family webpage at <http://www.alford.com/alford/aafa/homepage.html>. **Ramona Alford Darden**, Houston, Tex., heads the meetings committee. Those needing help with Alford ancestry but unable to attend the reunion can contact **Gil Alford**, past president and co-founder, at (314) 831-8648 or GAlford1@compuserve.com

Chastains To Gather in State of Virginia in October

Descendants of **Pierre Chastain** are invited to the 25th reunion of the family's association in Richmond, Va., October 13-15. The event will mark the 300th anniversary of **Chastain**'s arrival in Virginia.

Record books of known **Chastain** family lines will be available for research at the reunion. The family data base now holds 32,000 names. Reunion headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn Select, 1021 Koger Center Blvd., and reservations should be made directly with the hotel at (804) 379-3800.

For further information, contact Publicity Chairman **Virginia Jean Pence**, 1005 New Winsor Loop, Sun City Center, FL 33573 or go to the **Chastain** family webpage at <http://www.kopower.com/~jimchstn/> ■



Some Sites To Behold

If you don't know where to find something, a handy starting point is <http://www.refdesk.com/>

One of the fastest "finders" around is www.google.com.

Want to know what day in history a certain date fell on? Check out <http://www.dmarie.com/timecap/>

For an index of Shelby County death certificates from 1902 to 1945, try <http://www.memphislibrary.lib.tn.us>

And if you had any relatives who died in Texas any time from 1964 to 1998, you can find their name, date and place of death, and marital status by going to <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/tx/death/search.cgi>

The Tennessee State Library & Archives now has a name-by-name listing of applicants for Confederate veterans' and widows' pensions. The alphabetical list gives the number of each application, enabling you to order a copy of that person's application file or look it up on microfilm (if available in your local library). Another good "looking place" can be found under the TSLA home page heading of "Indexes to Records." Go into that and then click on "Acts of Tennessee 1796-1850" and try its surname index. You may find an ancestor there. These are special acts having to do with individuals. Some are appointments as school trustees, as pike or railroad commissioners, or some other special post. Check out state.tn.us/sas/statelib/tslahome.htm

For a taste of Tennessee History, visit <http://www.vic.com/tncron/> and click on "Artifacts." Bet you'll learn something you didn't know before about our state and its people.

Colonial history buffs should be sure to check out the Rockefeller Library's new Williamsburg website and especially its "Patriot" section. <http://www.history.org>

Another history site -- far less well endowed financially than Rockefeller's but crammed full of historical documents -- is <http://universitylake.org/primarysources.html>. It contains a massive collection of literature and documents that were most relevant to colonists' lives. The documents range from 500 B.C. to 1800. Browsing this is time well spent.

One other history site that deserves mentioning is <http://www.alhn.org> -- the American Local History Network. It's arranged by state and county.

For family clues, try Genealogical Forum at <http://www.genforum.com> - enter the surname you're searching and you'll find queries on that name along with answers to the queries. Caution: Virtually none of the info is documented, but sometimes you can pick up some clues as to where to direct your research.

...Better to the Editor

VIRGINIAN WITH TENNESSEE CONNECTIONS

May I say that this publication has been invaluable to me through my years of research on my many Tennessee connections, and I look forward to each issue.

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Editor's Note: Indeed you may .. and we hope you continue to find Ansearchin' News helpful.



TGS RESEARCH SCALED HER CONCRETE WALL

The information your society researched about **Samuel Finley McNutt** and **Rev. A. G. McNutt** arrived yesterday. The information was wonderful. I never dreamed you would locate A. G. McNutt's parish. He died three years after he left Tennessee and few of his papers survived. We are still looking for two of his orphans. They went with their mother's people when A. G. McNutt died. His other children remained in Illinois. Will continue to research **Samuel Finley McNutt**. I plan to order the censuses suggested by the wonderful researcher (EPH) who checked for my McNutts. Thank you for your generosity in offering such a wonderful research service.

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Editor's Note: Our researcher 'EPH' also is known as Elizabeth "Betty" Hughes who doubles as corresponding secretary. She does a great work for the Society in many areas and helps genealogists from Florida to Australia (see below) with their research. TGS' \$10 research fee is one of genealogy's best bargains.



WORDS OF THANKS FROM 'DOWN UNDER'

I can happily report that my package of research from the TGS on the family of **John York** and his wife **Elizabeth** arrived in yesterday's mail, and I'm absolutely delighted with the results. I'd discovered some of the details myself through other means over the past month or two, but the many Memphis city directory entries and copy of the Elmwood Cemetery listings were real gems for me.

Yesterday I e-mailed Elmwood Cemetery to ask them who owns the York Lot these days (i.e., Section F, Lot 642). It seems to me that **Sophia York** was the last known owner, but was buried there in 1912. There were two other daughters in the family: **Alice** (b. 1834) and **Frances** (b. 1847). I don't know whether **Alice** married, but **Frances** seems to have married someone named **McClure** or **McClune** and was widowed at a quite young age (before 1881). I don't know if either had children. The **Thomas York** found in several direc-

tory entries seems to be connected with the family in some way. I'm wondering if he was perhaps another son of **John** and **Elizabeth**. Also I wonder if he's the one in the Death Index who would have been born in about 1843. Otherwise, perhaps he was a brother of **John**.

It would seem possible that this particular **York** family died out in Memphis. My g-g-grandfather left the family before they reached Tennessee and emigrated to Australia in 1862.

In **Elizabeth Hughes'** letter that accompanied the package, she said she'd been unable to trace the parents of **John York**. This is not a problem as I've since done this. Basically, his **York** ancestors arrived in New Hampshire in the early 1600s and settled in Dover and Maine. In the mid-1790s, his father **George** (b. 1777) moved to Halifax, Nova Scotia; married there (1796); and raised about 10 children. **John** was the second youngest that I've found, and he moved away before 1834, passing through Pennsylvania, New York, Florida, Arkansas, and Mississippi before finally settling in Memphis.

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Editor's Note: Any descendants of **John York** (1812-1884) and his wife **Elizabeth** (1814-1890) who might still be around will no doubt be delighted to hear they have an Aussie relative. TGS research revealed that **John** was a carpenter who lived at 81 Linden in Memphis and worked at the Moore, Eader lumberyard in 1869. His wife **Elizabeth** (maiden name unknown) was born in Mississippi.



MORE ABOUT HENRY RUTHERFORD

We in Northwest Tennessee were delightfully interested in your item in the Spring 2000 issue about the erroneous death notice of **Henry Rutherford** for he was important to the development of our section of the state. He was a surveyor and in 1785 came to West Tennessee (then Chickasaw country) to survey and lay out tracts "on the waters of" the Forked Deer, Obion, and Reelfoot rivers as a deputy of **William Tyrrell Lewis**, who had been elected surveyor of the Western District by the North Carolina legislature. **Rutherford** was born in North Carolina and moved to Williamson Co., Tenn., about 1783.

Among the great number of surveys he made in the autumn of 1785 were some for his father, Revolutionary War **Gen. Griffith Rutherford**, his brother **John Rutherford**, and for himself. One survey began at a leaning sycamore near a bluff on the Forked Deer River which he called his "Key Corner." It was the location from which he would proceed to lay out tracts for many North Carolinians into what are now Lauderdale, Dyer, Crockett, and Haywood counties -- and perhaps even into Madison before going on to do his surveys

on the Obion and Reelfoot.

In 1819 **Rutherford** came back to one of the Key Corner tracts, and with some of his children, a brother and sister and their families, and others established a little settlement which they called--what else?--Key Corner. That early date made him among the first settlers of West Tennessee. (He is, however, enumerated in the 1820 Williamson County census.)

For its first six years, Key Corner's legal business had to be conducted through the courts of first Stewart County, then Carroll, and later Madison. In 1824 Dyer County was established, and Key Corner lay within its bounds. Some of the **Rutherford** family were members of its first county court and were among those commissioned to sell town lots in Dyersburg. Then in 1836 when Lauderdale County was formed, Key Corner became part of this new county, and again **Rutherford** family members served on the county court and as commissioners sold town lots in Ripley, the county seat. Lauderdale County appointed **Henry Rutherford** entrytaker.

Samuel Cole Williams' *The Beginnings of West Tennessee* (1930) said of him:

"He had a good constitution, indomitable energy, but his generous impulses and unbounded hospitality did not make for financial success. He saved very little out of a large landed estate and died comparatively poor at the age of 85 on May 20, 1845. He was buried at the Rutherford graveyard, about midway on the road between Key Corner and Double Bridges, Lauderdale County. Without political aspirations, the only public office he ever held was that of county surveyor.¹ An admirable man, truly." (pp. 160-161)

Rutherford evidently had been subpoenaed to testify in a matter before the Williamson County Court at the Jan 1822 term. He failed to appear, however, and was sanctioned. His reply to the court, found among old papers in Williamson County, was:

"To the worshipful court of Williamson County,
April term 1822:

*Henry Rutherford's reason for not
attending at the Jany term under a
supeania in behalf of Netherland Tate.*

First I had reason to believe that the suit had been previously disposed of.

2nd If I had left home at that time I must have left my wife and daughters without either Father Husband Son or Brother within 100 miles of them. I must have crossed the South fork of Forked Deer River a stream never fordable without the aid of a boat when partly frozen over, then the first 50 miles through a wilderness, three cabbins excepted - in all near 200 miles to Franklin, then in the latter half of Jany a hard winter and in the 60th year of my age retrace my steps home. Those are services that I

¹As previously noted by Mrs. Davis, the public office held by **Rutherford** actually was that of entry taker rather than surveyor.

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don't believe my duty to God or men requires. If so no just tribunal can punish me for disobedience. I have employed no counsel as firmly believing and humbly hoping that this worshipful court can understand my awkward language and do me as much justice as tho the story was told to them by the tongue of a learned lawyer oiled with a \$20 bill. To be released from the forfeiture at court is the prayer of your humble petitioner."

This letter and the *Franklin Gazette* item of 1 Dec 1821 which appeared in your Spring 2000 issue quoting him as declaring that the *Nashville Clarion's* recent report of his death "was all a fudge," are the only glimpses we have of his wit and personality. His letter also gives us an idea of how sparsely settled West Tennessee was in 1822, as well as leaving us with the mystery of where all the menfolk in the family were.

General Griffith Rutherford and Allied Families (1942) by **Minnie R. H. Long** and *Genealogical History of the Rutherford Family* (1979) by **Kenneth Rutherford** give a good deal of information on **Henry's** line. Numerous descendants of his siblings still live in the county, but in a few years following his death, **Henry's** surviving children moved to Texas. As we live one-half mile from Rutherford Cemetery, several of his descendants have found us when they came to visit his grave, and we have shared your item about his mistaken demise with them. It has given them pleasure, too.

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Editor's Note: What a delightful character old **Henry** must have been! Our hearty thanks to you for providing this fascinating information about the **Rutherfords** and this particular area of West Tennessee. ■

Tennessean Is 1893 Lottery Winner

W. A. Barnhill of Jackson, Tenn., held one-tenth of Ticket No. 29,146 that won \$50,000 in the August drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery and promptly received his money - \$5,000 - through the First National Bank of Jackson. [His winnings would have been equivalent to \$89,981.05 in 1999.]

Reporting **Barnhill's** win in its issue of 26 Aug 1893, the *Jackson Tribune-Sun* commented, "He is an old man, 55 years of age, and proposes to manage his fortune so as to live easy and experience as few worries of life as possible. He served through the late war on **Gen. Nathan B. Forrest's** staff and made a good soldier. Persistent and patient investing of one dollar each month in the Louisiana lottery is a practice that he has kept up so long he proposes to continue."

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Abstract of 1849-1861 Obion County Court Minutes Published by TGS

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During the period covered by these court minutes, Lake County was still a part of Obion, not having been created until 1870.

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Obituaries of Some Methodist Ministers, 1858-1865

Transcribed and abstracted from Minutes of the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South 1858-1865
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(Continued from Summer 2000 issue)

SAMUEL S. MOODY: Born 1 May 1810 in Powhatan Co., Va., he professed religion at Chapel Hill in Henry Co., Tenn., in 1828. Two years later he was received on trial in the traveling connection by the Tennessee Conference and appointed to the Wesley Circuit. Over the next 17 years, he served successively in Lebanon and Sandy circuits; Nashville, Memphis, and Florence stations; the Montgomery Circuit; Lebanon, Murfreesboro, and Jackson districts, and the Memphis, Jackson, and Murfreesboro stations. From 1845-47 he was assigned to the Huntsville District, and in 1848 to the Nashville District where his health failed. He then served in the Athens and Florence stations until in 1850, after 21 years of travel, he asked to be stricken from the effective list. Among the most pious, popular, and beloved ministers of the Conference, he died 5 May 1863.

WILLIAM P. NICHOLS: Born in Jefferson Co., Ky., he was principally brought up in Hopkinsville. His connection with the ministry has been traced as far back as 1824 when he was employed by the **Rev. Joshua Boucher** on the Cypress Circuit. In 1825 he was received into the Tennessee Conference on trial and appointed to the Paris Circuit. In 1826 he was sent to do missionary work among the Cherokees and, at the close of the year, married and did local ministry for the next three years. In 1830 he was readmitted to the conference, and over the next four years sent in succession to Wayne, Lawrence, and Winchester. He moved to Illinois briefly, but returned to Tennessee in 1836, was readmitted to the conference, and sent to the Winchester Circuit, serving successively at Stone's River, Marshall, and Livingston. About 1840 he transferred to the Missouri Conference, serving over the next seven years on Salem, Jackson, Cape Girardeau, and Howard circuits. In 1847 he was transferred back to the Tennessee Conference, serving in Shoal, Flint River, Limestone, Asbury, Marshall, Salem, Winchester, Hickory Creek, Livingston, and Union circuits. In 1858, unable to do regular work, he took a supernumerary relation and died 13 May 1859.

ABRAHAM OVERALL: Member of a large and respectable family, he was converted in about 1820 when a young man and soon entered the Tennessee Conference where he traveled until his health gave way. He continued as a supernumerary until he was past 60 years of age. He was noted for his plainness of manners and originality of style. He died suddenly in 1862 after having an evening prayer.

JOHN PAGE: Born 22 Nov 1766 in Fauquier Co., Va., he married **Celia Douglass** in 1791. The following year he was admitted on trial in the itinerancy and appointed to Livingston. He served successively in Danville, Salt River, Limestone, Green (East Tenn.), Huckstone, Salt River and Shelby, Cumberland, Holston, Russell, and New River, and Cumberland. In 1804 he undertook a local ministry for seven years and was readmitted to the conference in 1811, being appointed to Goose Creek Circuit and then Caney Fork. In 1813 he again located and 12 years later was readmitted and appointed successively to Stone's River, Nashville Circuit, Lebanon, Smith's Fork as a supernumerary, Goose Creek, Fountain Head, and Smith's Fork. In 1833 he was superannuated. He died 17 June 1859.

MARTIN E. PAUL: Born 25 Jul 1807 in South Carolina, he migrated to Rhea Co., Tenn., in 1814, where he lived for several years and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was licensed to exhort at Bonner's Campground 20 Aug 1831, and licensed to preach 28 Sep 1832. After serving as a local preacher for several years, he removed to Johnson Co., Mo., in Sept 1842. He was ordained a deacon 22 Oct 1837 in Madisonville, Tenn., and an elder at Lexington, Mo., in Oct 1843. His first labor in the traveling connection was as a supply for Fremont Mission. In 1852, he was admitted on trial in the St. Louis Conference, and appointed to Fremont Circuit. Subsequently, he traveled Cave Spring, Buffalo, California, and Jefferson City circuits, and served his last two years on the Marshfield Circuit. After a long illness, he died about 1859.

WILLIAM B. RAMSEY: Born 12 Mar 1831 in Rutherford Co., Tenn., he moved with his father, **Jefferson Ramsey**, and relatives to Gibson County in 1833. At age 15, he joined the church and at 21 was licensed to preach. He was admitted on trial in the Memphis Conference in 1853 and appointed to Cagleville Circuit. The following fall, he was appointed to Coffeeville Circuit, where in a few months his health became so feeble that he returned home and entered Andrew College. He graduated in 1858, taking first honors in a class of nine young men. Readmitted to the Memphis Conference in 1858, he was appointed in succession to Panola, Beulah, and Camden circuits, and in 1861 to Paris Station. At the 1862 conference, he was granted a supernumerary relation in which he served the church till his death. In the spring of 1863, **Rev. Ramsey** left a flourishing school at Conyersville, Tenn., and volunteered in the service of the Confederacy, serving as chaplain for four months before his health failed. He returned home where he died of consumption in July 1865. He left a wife and three children.

RICHMOND RANDLE was a man of deep and fervent piety, a kind father, and a noble and useful preacher. After traveling for five years, he transferred in 1836 from the Tennessee to the Arkansas Conference which then included Louisiana west of the Mississippi River. In 1836, he was stationed at Alexandria, La., and from 1838-1841 was district presiding elder. In 1842, he was stationed at Natchez, Miss., and in 1843 was on the Vernon Circuit, Miss., where his health failed and he sustained a superannuated relation. By the close of 1844, his health had improved and he was assigned to the Minden (La.) Circuit in 1845-46. For the next three years, he was presiding elder on the Monroe District and served Minden, Darbone, Homer, and Jackson circuits before becoming presiding elder in the Shreveport District 1855-57. He was agent for Homer College in 1858, and presiding elder in that district for the next three years. His sons having volunteered in military service, he left his home and with them went to the tented field. There his career was short, and he died in 1861.

THOMAS WARE RANDLE, the son of **Thomas** and **Nancy Randle**, was born 13 Apr 1815 in Stewart Co., Tenn. His parents died when he was young. In 1832 he was admitted on trial in the Tennessee Conference, and thus became an itinerant preacher before he was 18 years old. For more than 26 years, he was active in the regular ministry, serving Gibson, Wolf River, Jackson, Lagrange, and Stone's River circuits; Clarksville, Jackson, Gallatin, Columbia, Nashville, Murfreesboro, Athens, and Lebanon stations; the Murfreesboro District, Clarksville, and finally the Huntsville District. The territory he covered extended from the Mississippi River to the Cumberland Mountains, and from the Kentucky line to North Alabama, including some hard frontier work and many of the most important appointments in the conference. He died from consumption.

SAMUEL E. RANDOLPH was born in Tennessee, and died at Camp Alleghany, Va., on 29 Aug 1861, aged about 28 years. He was an itinerant preacher in the Tennessee Conference for a short time before being transferred to the Florida Conference in 1860 where he was appointed to the Valdosta Circuit. He enlisted as a private with the Lowndes Volunteers, and went to Virginia, where in three months he fell victim to disease.

SION RECORD, born in Feb 1812, was licensed to preach in 1839 and joined the Tennessee Conference at Nashville. His successive appointments were the Buffalo Circuit, Shoal, Russell's Valley, Wayne (during this year he married), Lawrence, Richland, Duck River, Rock Creek, and Lincoln, where his health failed. He then was supernumerary, filling in regular succession the Fayetteville Station and the Dover District as presiding elder for three years and supernumerary for the next five. Confined to his room during most of his last two years, he died 1 May 1859. He was survived by his wife **Emily** and children.

JOHN H. RICE, born 26 Dec 1828 in Middle Tennessee, was licensed to preach 10 June 1848 on the Hickory Creek Circuit, Tennessee Conference. Admitted on trial to the Arkansas Conference in Nov 1849, he was ordained a deacon by **Bishop Capers** at Camden, Ark., in 1851 and an elder by **Bishop Andrew** at Tulip, Ark., in 1853. He traveled the Benton-Wachita, Smithville, Louisburg, and Benton circuits over the next five years, and then was appointed to Helena Station, Lawrenceville Circuit, and Batesville Station. At the close of 1857, he located and was married 13 Oct 1858 to **Miss Fannie J. Denton** of Batesville. In 1863 he joined the Confederate Army and was appointed chaplain of **Colonel Shaver's** regiment of mounted infantry. **Rice** was brought to an untimely grave on 25 Mar 1864 while serving as chaplain with **Major Rutherford's** battalion. He went with a detachment of 26 soldiers assigned to reconnoiter the federal camp at Batesville, hoping to hear from his two motherless babes, then in Batesville. On returning to their camp, they were surprised by a detachment of 75 men from Co. B and C of the Second Arkansas U.S. Volunteers under **Colonel Phelps**. **Rice** attempted to escape, but immediately surrendered when his horse was shot from under him. The commanding captain refused to recognize his surrender, and told him he had to die. When **Rice** asked for time to pray, the captain shot him twice through the head.

WILLIAM C. ROBB, born in Gallatin, Tenn., was the son of **James** and **Elizabeth S. Robb**. After studying law and being admitted to the bar, he removed to Grenada, Miss., where his only sister lived. Under her influence, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1842 and began studying theology. In 1843 he was licensed to preach and admitted on trial in the Memphis Conference. He served as junior preacher on the Jackson Circuit in 1843, and over the next decade was appointed to Trenton and Chulahoma circuits, and Paris, Paducah, Asbury (at Memphis), Jackson, Aberdeen, Holly Springs, and Wesley (at Memphis). In 1854 he was put in charge of the Memphis District, serving a little over three years until his death from typhoid pneumonia. His funeral was held at Wesley Chapel in Memphis, with interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

M. C. ROBERTSON was born 3 Oct 1822, in Monroe Co., Tenn. His father died when he was a child, but his mother taught him the Holy Scriptures. He was converted in his 19th year. In 1844, he was licensed to preach, and entered the Holston Conference where he served faithfully for six years before moving to Texas and being admitted to the East Texas Conference in 1853. When his health failed, he was granted a superannuated relation. He died 4 Aug 1860, leaving a wife and two little daughters.

PLEASANT B. ROBINSON, M.D., died 2 Oct 1861 at his home in Huntsville, Ala. He had entered the traveling connection, in the Tennessee Conference in 1827, was ordained a deacon by **Bishop Robert** in 1829, and an elder two years later. He located in 1837 after having filled the Tuscumbia, Athens, Nashville, and Huntsville stations. Readmitted in 1856, he served the Huntsville African Mission for several years and then was stationed in West Huntsville, at which post he fell. He had been called upon as a physician to visit a patient some miles from the city late at night, and suffered a chill from which he never recovered.

GREEN M. ROGERS, born in Chatham Co., N.C., in Sept 1802, moved with his parents to Tennessee, where he professed religion in 1826 and was baptized at Dye's Campground in Carroll County. In 1828, he was received on trial in the Tennessee Conference and appointed junior preacher to the Franklin Circuit in the Huntsville District and then to Limestone Circuit. Ordained a deacon in 1830, he was appointed to the Conesauga Mission under **Supt. Francis A. Owen** and in 1831 to the Cherokee Agency under **Supt. Dixon C. McLeod**. The following year he was ordained an elder, and appointed to Hatchie Circuit in Forked Deer District. In 1833, he located and married **Miss Maria Fisher**. Reentering the conference in 1836, he was transferred to the Mississippi Conference and appointed to Raymond. In successive years, he served as presiding elder of the Monticello, Brandon (1839-1842), and Sharon districts. In 1843 he was agent for Centenary College, and in 1844 served in the Holmes Circuit. He was a delegate that year to the General Conference in New York, and in 1845 to the convention that organized the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He served in the Holmes, Vicksburg, and Yazoo districts, in Cole's Creek Circuit, Middleton, and finally in the Paulding District where in 1854 he suffered a paralytic stroke from which he never entirely recovered. He frequently traveled about; but could not articulate well enough to preach or even hold family prayer. At the 1855 conference, he was superannuated and so continued until his death 11 Dec 1858. He left his wife and a large family.

WILLIAM P. SANSOM was born in March 1812 in Tennessee, and married in 1835. He migrated to Texas in 1837, was licensed to preach in 1842, and in 1846 joined the East Texas Conference, of which he remained a useful and a zealous member up to the day of his death.

BENJAMIN F. SMITH was born 28 Oct 1830 in Hardin Co., Tenn., and admitted to the Tennessee Conference in a traveling connection in 1857. He was appointed successively to the Swan, Wayne, Centreville, and Linden circuits, and to Sparta Station. In 1862, he enlisted in the Confederate Army and was killed at Jackson, Tenn., on 13 Jul 1863. He was a promising young preacher—a man of sound judgment, generous heart, and deep piety.

W. W. SMITH, born 11 Feb 1814 in Washington Co., Tenn., was licensed to preach in 1844, but continued in the local ranks -- serving two years in Webster, N. C. In 1851, he was admitted on trial to the Holston Conference and appointed to Pattonsville Circuit in the Rogersville District. In 1852, he labored on the Taylorsville Circuit and then served two years in the Watauga Mission. In 1855 he was admitted to full connection and appointed to the Saltville Circuit and then to Sneedville. Ordained an elder by **Bishop Early** in 1857, he was sent to the Tazewell, Jefferson, and Sulphur Spring circuits successively. He preached his last sermon at Sulphur Springs Church on 6 June 1863, and died 21 Sept 1863.

JESSE S. SMOTHERMAN was admitted on trial to the Memphis Conference in the fall of 1854, and continued a member until his death in 1863. He entered the army at the beginning of the war in 1861 and served as a private for one year, participating in the battle of Shiloh. Afterward, he returned to the regular work of the ministry. His last appointment was to the Rienzi Circuit. For some time before his death, his health had become quite feeble and he died at his father's home after a season of deep affliction.

THOMAS STRINGFIELD was the son of **John** and **Sarah Stringfield**, North Carolinians who migrated to Tennessee and then Kentucky where **Thomas** was born in 1796. When he was 12, the family removed to Alabama, where his father died in 1822 and his mother in 1828. In the War of 1812, **Thomas** was a soldier under **General Jackson** and, while on guard duty, was shot by an Indian, making a scar on his forehead for life. Licensed to preach, he joined the Tennessee Conference in 1816 and was assigned to Elk River Circuit and then the Tennessee Valley Circuit. From 1818-1822, he labored on the Cahawba, Limestone, and Flint circuits, and the Nashville and Huntsville stations. He then joined the newly created Holston Conference and was appointed to the Knoxville District, which encompassed most of East Tennessee. Over the next several years, he was Conference agent and then Holston Conference Seminary agent, and from 1833-35 served on the Knox Circuit, the Washington District, and Abingdon Station. From 1836-41, he was editor of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*. In 1841 he returned to regular work in the Lafayette District. His wife and the mother of his children died 5 Apr 1842. Appointed to the Knoxville District, he married **Mrs. H. Cockville** of Alabama in Dec 1843. From 1844-49 he was agent for the American Bible Society and later for Strawberry Plains College, served in the Greenville District, the Knox and Dandridge circuits, and Loudon Station. Superannuated in 1856, he died 12 June 1858.

DAVID W. THOMPSON, admitted on trial to the Tennessee Conference in Oct 1848, was ordained a deacon at Athens, Ala., in 1850 and an elder at Pulaski, Tenn., in 1852. He traveled and did effective work for six years before his health failed. He was granted a supernumerary relation, and subsequently superannuated. He died in 1861 on his return home from the army in West Tennessee. During his ministry, he had charge of the Wayne, Russell Valley, Dickson, and Swan circuits. He was about 35.

JOHN THOMSON was admitted on trial to the Memphis Conference in Nov 1861. He traveled during part of his first year on the Trenton Circuit, but left his work on account of physical disability. Having been restored to health, he volunteered in the service of his country. He was killed instantly in the battle of Chickamauga in Sept 1863 when shot through the heart. He was a young man of much promise, deeply pious, of liberal education, and studious habits.

JOHN W. TIMBERLAKE was transferred from the Tennessee Conference in 1857, and appointed to the Jacksonville Station. During 1858-60, he served the Tampa and then the Fernandina stations. In 1861, he was appointed Sunday School agent. When the war broke out, he was assigned as chaplain to the Second Florida Regiment. He died 3 Mar 1862 at West Point, Va., following an illness.

JESSE M. VALENTINE was transferred from the Tennessee Conference in 1850 to Jacksonville Station. His health failed in 1851, and he was superannuated. When compelled to retire from active itineracy, he studied medicine and became quite successful in his profession. As a preacher, he was surpassed by few. His pulpit efforts were characterized by strong, logical reasoning, presented in pure and chaste language. A graduate of West Point, he entered the Confederate Army in 1861 and was soon taken ill. He died at Gainesville, Fla., in 1862.

PETER J. WALKER was born in Williamson Co., Tenn., in 1808, professed religion in Talladega in 1841, and was licensed to preach in 1851. He was admitted on trial to the Alabama Conference in 1858 and appointed in charge of the Brush Creek Circuit in 1859. He died in 1860 at the home of his daughter.

SIMEON R. WALKER, son of Archelaus and Eleanor Walker, was born 3 Jan 1834 in McNairy Co., Tenn. He joined the Methodist Church at age 15. Received into the Memphis Conference in 1854, he was appointed to the Purdy Circuit. During 1856-58, he traveled the Rienzi, Madrid Bend, and Okolona circuits. On 4 Oct 1858, he married **Miss Josephine M. Armstrong**, of Monroe Co., Miss., and was transferred by **Bishop Paine** to the Wachita Conference where he served the Hampton Circuit in the Pine Bluff District. He left his circuit in May 1859 to visit his brother in Hempstead Co., Ark., and on arriving at Camden, was seized with a violent hemorrhage of the lungs. He died three days later on 23 June 1859.

JAMES WALTON, born 17 Aug 1799 in Chester District, S. C., moved in early childhood with his parents to Knox Co., Tenn. As a young man, he settled in North Alabama where he was married in Jan 1824 to **Miss Louisa Lamkin**. In Feb 1832, they removed to Mississippi, and settled in the Choctaw Purchase, later Octibbeha County. He was twice elected to represent the county in the State Senate and in 1838, while still in the Senate, was licensed to preach. In 1842, he was admitted on trial to the Mississippi Conference. Ordained a deacon, he was appointed to the Yazoo Circuit, which he traveled until 1844 when he was ordained an elder. Over the next few years, he traveled the Carrollton and Holmes circuits. He was presiding elder of the Jackson District from 1849 to 1851, and of the Yazoo District from 1852-54 before serving the Wheeling Mission, Canton, and Jackson. He then located, preaching every Sunday to the colored people and often to the whites. Readmitted to the conference in the fall, he was appointed presiding elder of the Sharon District, where he died 18 Jan.

JONES H. WATERS was born in 1823 and lived in West Tennessee. He was engaged in regular pastoral work in the Memphis Conference for four or five years before being transferred to the Louisiana Conference in 1855 by **Bishop Kavanaugh**. He was appointed preacher in charge of New Iberia Circuit for two years. On 23 Feb 1857, he married **Miss Mary Chevis**. Appointed to Richmond and Madison Circuit and Colored Mission, he was in the midst of preparing to take up his work when he suddenly became ill and died in less than two days at the residence of his brother-in-law in Vermillion Parish, La., on 22 Feb 1858.

MARTIN V. WELLS, born 25 Jul 1833 in Haywood Co., Tenn., was licensed to preach in 1854 and admitted on trial to the Florida Conference in 1855. He was appointed to the Hernando and Fernandina circuits, and then was stationed in Palatka in 1857. At the close of the year he located, returning to Tennessee and being employed on the La Grange Circuit. In 1858, he was readmitted in a traveling connection to the Memphis Conference, and sent to the Brownsville Circuit. He then served in the Dyersburg and Corinth stations before joining the Confederate Army as chaplain of the 9th Mississippi Regiment of Volunteers. He became ill and died in the general hospital near Warrington, Fla., on 25 Sept 1861 at age 28.

(To Be Continued)

A Singular Apparition

(From The Nashville Press & Times, 5th Jan 1869)

On the evening of December 30th, **Mrs. Caroline Proud**, who lives in South Nashville at the home of her brother, was the subject of a strange hallucination or spectral appearance which is worthy of mention.

On the afternoon of the day in question, **Mrs. Proud** had been arranging a large box of family effects among which were a number of things which belonged to her father, now dead something like six years. She read several letters which she received from him shortly before his death, and had arranged some family papers which had been bequeathed her. She says she was conscious of having the scenes of her father's illness and death, and the subsequent breaking up of their household vividly brought to her remembrance by her unusual employment. These impressions were deepened by the sudden remembrance that it was on the afternoon of December 30, six years before, that her father had breathed his last.

After having arranged the papers, books and documents (there was a large box of them, and considerable time was consumed), she joined her brother's family in the sitting room and engaged in pleasant conversation for more than half an hour, during which time all the gloomy and sombre reflections which had possessed her while looking over the family relics were dissipated, and she was in an exceedingly pleasant frame of mind when she arose to go into a distant apartment to get a long unused article of apparel which she designed fixing over for a New Year's masquerade party.

She left the family room humming a familiar air, traversed the hall, climbed the stairway, and reached the apartment.

A subdued light shown into the room through thick curtains and the air was close and unwholesome from long confinement as the place was used as a sort of storeroom for articles seldom needed. Around the walls hung various articles of clothing of male and female attire, and sundry boxes were piled up in the corners while a roll of carpeting and an old hearth rug occupied the centre of the floor.

Hardly had she advanced a step into the room when, pausing to let her eye become accustomed to the light which was rather dim even at noonday but was becoming somberer as daylight faded away, she saw a vivid and startling apparition.

Right before her, and between the carpet and the farther wall, she beheld the image of her father.

He was dressed in black with white necktie, as had been his custom on the Sabbath, and in his hand he held a prayer book. The face was vividly natural, but wore a milder and more benignant look than during life, and the eyes with an expression of love and sympathy, gazed full upon the daughter.

Mrs. Proud is not a timid woman and, accordingly, steadfastly regarded the apparition, expecting to see it dissolved into some strange arrangement of the articles of clothing hanging against the wall, but she looked in vain -- the image, meanwhile, becoming more distinct and at last starting as if to approach. The astonished and terrified woman saw no more. A sudden and agonized shriek startled the house and when the family came rushing to the spot, they found her lying senseless in the doorway with the key of the room still clutched fast in her hand. Restoratives were applied, and the woman was soon able to relate the cause of her terror. Meanwhile, the room had been carefully examined, but nothing was out of place nor could any unusual appearance be discovered. The window was fastened and the undisturbed dust on the floor showed that the place had not been entered for months.

Mrs. Proud was ill with fever for several days after witnessing this strange apparition but yesterday, as we were informed, had about gained her usual strength.

As the lady in question has never been troubled with any affection of the visual organs nor ever before saw or imagined she saw a phantom, this must be considered a very queer case. ■

A Woman With 154 Direct Descendants

(Abstracted from microfilm of the *Memphis News-Scimitar*, 2 April 1905, available at Memphis/Shelby County Public Library)

In 1905 the *Memphis News-Scimitar* held a contest to find the person in its circulation area with the largest number of direct descendants. The winner was **Mrs. Mary A. Black**, 93, of Cotton Plant, Miss., with 154 descendants. Placing second was **Mrs. A. J. Mainord**¹ of Jackson, Tenn., with 104, and coming in third was **Mrs. Mary Reeder**, 80, of Center Point, Ark., with 102.

Interviewed by a reporter, **Mrs. Black** said about 100 of her descendants lived within a few miles of the old homestead on Cedar Ridge between Cotton Plant and New Albany. Born **Mary A. Young** on 8 May 1812 in Abbeville District, S. C., she was one of ten children. The only other living member of the **Young** family in 1905 was **Mary's** sister, **Mrs. Kate Bonham**, who lived in Birmingham, Ala., and was 13 years younger than **Mary**. Their only brothers had been triplets -- **John Clark Young**, **William Lewis Young**, and **James Mathews Young**. In 1829 their parents moved to Wilcox, Ala., where **Mary** spent her childhood. There she met **David A. Black**, a schoolteacher who had been left an orphan. They were married in 1833, and continued to live for the next 16 years or so in Wilcox County where all but two of their ten children were born. Their eldest daughter **Elizabeth** (named for her maternal grandmother) was born the night stars fell on Alabama. **Mary's** description of that night:

"I'll never forget the sight of the heavens through my window with millions of fiery balls shooting through space and seeming to sprinkle the earth everywhere. I was not frightened but did not know whether to take it as a good or bad omen. I believe now it was a good omen when I look about me and see so many of my children -- even to the fifth generation.

"In the spring of 1849 when most other folks moved to California, my husband sold all his belongings except a good team of horses, a wagon, and a few articles for domestic use and, putting a huge covering over the wagon, stored me and our children in it, and started North. Our aim was to reach good cotton country in North Mississippi -- but we resolved never to stop until we found a location within easy riding distance of a church of our denomination [Associated Reformed Presbyterian]. We were on the road two weeks -- and it was a wild country in those days. With us were two other families, those of '**Judge**' **Norris**, as he was called, and **Andy Stewart**. Finally we reached this ridge on which our house now stands and, on being told a neat little church had been established at Ebenezer, three miles away, we unharnessed our horses and set to work on temporary cabins that would last us until he had some land cleared, put in our first crop, and selected a permanent residence site. We used to shear 25 sheep a day -- and wove all the cloth from which the family's clothes were made."

Mary recalled that the decade in which the Civil War closed was the saddest of her life. Her husband **David** was past the age for entering the military, but their only two sons volunteered. Both were killed in battle. Son **Jimmy** died at Sharpsburg, and son **Sammy** at the battle of Franklin. Some 40 years later, **Mary** said, "I have never been able to recover from the shock of their death and that of my husband who was thrown from his buggy and instantly killed."

Mary and David's other children were:

- 1- **Elizabeth Black** - married **W. P. Stewart** (deceased by 1905)
- 2- **Martha Black** - 69, m. **R. A. Jones** of Birdston, Texas
- 3- **Sarah Black** - 69, m. **W. H. Wiseman** of Cotton Plant
- 4- **Mary Black** - 64, m. **J. M. Cole** of New Albany
- 5- **Anna Black** - m. **D. A. Stewart** (deceased by 1905)
- 6- **Emma Black** - m. **J. A. Norris** (deceased by 1905)
- 7- **Florence Black** - 54, m. **R. C. Craig** of Cotton Plant
- 8- **Addie Black** - m. **J. L. Ellis** (deceased by 1905). Addie was their only deceased daughter, having died in 1896.■

¹ Biographical information on **Mrs. Mainord** was published last year in *Family Findings*, quarterly of the Mid-West Tennessee Genealogical Society, Jackson.

McCREADY, SCOGGIN(S): William McCready m. Easter Scoggins 1788 Frederick Co., Va. Removed to Washington/Smith Co., Va., and raised large family, some of whom came into Tennessee. Related families were Oury, Hutton, Hubble, and Jameson. Would like more info on McCready family.

Margaret B. Scoggins, P.O. Box 473, Poplar Bluff, MO 63902-0473

SMITH: Seeking info on James Smith, b. ca. 1795 Ga. or S.C. Wife Rebecca (maiden name unknown) b. 3 May 1813 S.C., d. 26 Apr 1843 Holly Springs, Miss., buried there in Hillcrest Cemetery. Daughters, both b. Somerville, Fayette Co., Tenn., were Catherine Cassandra (b. 1832) and Mary L. (b. 1835). My g-grandfather, John William Charles, b. 22 Feb 1841 in Holly Springs.

Etna Smith Chambers, P.O. Box 132, Moscow, TN 38057

BLAKE: Looking for descendants of Ewing Blake and wife Elizabeth who lived in Greene Co. in 1850. Children: James E., Ewing Ellison, Wm. R., Amanda, Mary E., Catherine E., Julia A., and Thomas A. Blake. Censuses of 1860 and '70 show Elizabeth and children in Mississippi.

Sherry Nohsey, 1807 Hood St., Memphis, TN 38108

PEYTONS ET AL: My special area of interest is Wilson Co. and any Peytons who might have migrated there from North Carolina. Also interested in McFarland, Donoho, Price, Warnick, Edwards, Cowan, Kelley.

Martha P. Dunlop, 604 Huron St., Shreveport, LA 71106

BELL, LORANCE: Who were parents of Zadock Bell, b. 1796 Va., and Nancy Emmaline Bell, b. 1799 Va.? Both m. into Lorange family in Rutherford Co., Tenn. Zadock m. Catherine Lorange in 1821, and Nancy m. Ephraim Moses Lorange in 1818. Have descendants for both families.

Patsy New, 423 Burley Rd., Collierville, TN 38017-2111, e-mail pnul23@aol.com

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LOGAN: Seeking descendants of William Logan (b. 1774 in N.C., d. 1823 Rutherford Co., Tenn.) and his wife, Katherine Henderson (b. 1781 Lincoln Co., Tenn., d. 1824 Rutherford Co.). Had eight children.

Wm. R. Bauer, 823 Calhoun St., Columbia, SC 29201-2305

HELP! Rutherford County Historical Society would like to request family histories from those who lived in Rutherford Co.

Mrs. Nell Blankenship, 5646 Halls Hill Pike, Murfreesboro, TN 37130-7117

SOWARD, WALKER: Seeking burial place of Henry Soward (b. 1779, d. 1839 Roane Co.) and wife Mary (b. 1778, d. 1850s prob. Knox Co.). What was their connection to West Walker of Knox Co. for whom they named a son, West Walker Soward, in 1814?

H. Martin Soward, III, 5215 Dove Nest St., San Antonio, TX 78250-4708, e-mail: hmsoward3@aol.com

THORP: Looking for Thorp line in Lincoln, Giles, Maury, and surrounding counties as early as 1816. Especially interested in Goodhope Thorp. They came from Washington Co., Ky.

Ramona Smith, 5324 Hwy 51 So., Pope, MS 38658-3822, e-mail: ramona@watervalley.net

BRADFORD, DAVIS: Seeking info on parents of Mack/Max/Back Bradford. His half-brother, George Washington Davis, b. Jul 1870 in Darden, Henderson Co., Tenn.; d. 1945 in Greenville, Hunt Co., Tex.

Elizabeth D. Kana, 1323 Sherfield Ridge Dr., Katy, TX 77450-4927, e-mail: elizkana@flash.net

WILLIAMS, ROBERTSON: Would appreciate info on George Washington Williams, b. 1833 Tenn. Possible siblings: Alford L. (b. 1830) and John T. (b. 1835), both b. Tenn. George in Montague Co., Tex., by 1860; m. ca. 1861 to Cynthia Emeline Robertson (b. 1837 Tenn.), daughter of Willis Daniel Robertson and Martha Jane Soward, both b. S. C.

Betty T. Benson, 3210 Lindbergh Dr., Dallas, TX 75228-5439, e-mail: btb@bens.com

CRESON: Looking for info on Creson family who came from N. C. in early 1800s to Franklin and Lincoln counties.

Robert F. Creson, 10305 Alameda Dr., Norman, OK 73026, (405) 329-6246

REECE/REESE, SIMMONS: Need dates and info on Benjamin Frankland "Doch" Reece/Reese, Spring City, who m. Sally Simmons, Pikeville. Children: Wm. Dave, James Frankland, Minnie, and Addie V. Reece. Sally had previous husband, and Doch had later wife.

Doris DeBord, Rt. 6, Box 4400, Pikeville, TN 37367-9529, e-mail: debordd@bledsoe.net

MCDONALD: Seeking ancestors of Van Buren McDonald of Blount Co., b. 7 Sep 1838 (place unknown), d. 5 May 1903, buried at Loudon home. Married (1) Ann Eliza Richards Mizell, b. ca. 1840; (2) Margaret Ann Simpson. Enlisted in East Tenn. Volunteer Infantry, U.S. Army, Co. K, 5th Reg., in 1862.

Randy McDonald, 43200 County Road 78, Hayden, CO 81639, e-mail: mac75@cmn.net

BRYAN: Need to contact descendants of Obediah Bryan. He d. Chatham Co., N.C., and his descendants moved to Lincoln Co., Tenn. Will pay postage and copying costs for data.

Mrs. John Ruckman Barnett, 106
McTighe Dr., Bellaire TX 77401-4203,
e-mail: Genie1915@PDO.com

LeGRAND: William T. LeGrand m. (1) Frances Gayle in Rutherford Co. in 1829, and they reportedly had 4 children. William m. (2) Ann Maria Freeman ca. 1842. They were in Holmes Co., Miss., in 1843 and later in Washington Co., Tex. What happened to Frances and children?

Jean Gayle, 124 Riverpark Blvd.,
Titusville, FL 32780, e-mail: JeanGayle
@aol.com

SMITH-GARNER: Seeking ancestors of Josiah Henderson Smith and Mary/Marie Jane Garner who were m. Nov 1860 in Hickman Co. by John C. Gracy. Their children: Richard Henderson, Wm. Henry, John Lafate, Mary Jane, Thomas Newton, Martha Ann, Rueben Alexander, and Andrew Harris Smith.

Katherine P. Robinson, 240 Nutt
Road, Sylvester, GA 31791, e-mail:
genofreak@aol.com

BOLLING/BOLEN: Robert Bolling, b. ca. 1787 in Va. or N.C., lived in S.C., Ga., and Tenn. before settling in Lawrence Co., Ala., prior to 1824. Eldest son, Brantley, b. S.C. ca. 1807. Others: Mary "Polly," ca. 1807, Ga.; Elijah, ca. 1810, Tenn; Nancy A., ca. 1815, Tenn.; Robert, Frances, and Wm., Lawrence Co., Ala. Robert, Sr., d. after 1850 census, prob. in Winston Co., Ala., and most of children in Itawamba and Pontotoc Co., Miss., in 1840s. Any clues to their locations in Tenn., Ga., or S.C. much appreciated.

Charles R. McDaniel, Sr., 175
Avalon Drive, Rocky Mount, VA
24151-2001, cmcdanie@neocom.net

DACUS: Looking for photos of Alexander Dacus family of Tipton County or related lines.

Terry L. Dacus, 369 Hartsway
Cove, Collierville, TN 38017-2352

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JOHNSON: Grandfather Andrew Nelson Johnson b. Lebanon, Tenn., 1861. His mother listed as Clistine Johnson and his father as Nelson Stanfill. If you are researching this family or have any info, contact me.

Emma Jean Johnson, 4877 Hunt-
ridge Cove, Memphis, TN 38128-1550,
(901) 385-2039, ejiti@aol.com

FARIS, BRYANT, CROWDER: Seeking origins of Austin Faris of Memphis and Mississippi as well as those of Samuel Bryant and wife, Sarah Crowder, who settled in Fayette and/or Lauderdale Co., Tenn., in early to mid-1800s.

Floy (Carney) Culpepper, 6355
Old Dayton Pike, Hixson, TN 37343-
2611

TARLETON: Need parents of Tarleton Haney/Haynie, b. 1795 Sevier Co., d. 6 Sep 1843 in St. Clair Co., Mo. During War of 1812 was private in Capt. Henderson's Mounted Gunmen, East Tennessee Militia 1814-15.

John E. Steinhause, 836 Castle Falls
Dr., N.E., Atlanta, GA 30329-4114

HARRIS: Seeking birth date of William Harris, believed to be ca. 1830. Married Mary/Martha C. Yeager 19 Apr 1847 in Lincoln County. Son John Barton Harris, b. 19 May 1854, m. Amanda Hays 17 Jan 1878 in Lawrence Co., d. there 11 Feb 1926.

Betty H. Gambill, 127 Green Hill
New Hope Rd., Wilmar, AR 71675

HEARN: Eli M. Hearn of Wilson Co. m. (1) Elizabeth Carney in 1865, (2) Clara Jane Climer in 1868. He was charged with bigamy but I can find no resolution of case. At time of his death he was still married to Clara Jane. Does anyone know what happened to Elizabeth?

Mary C. Becraft, 3915 Corona St.,
Tampa, FL 33629-8641

PRICE: Need help identifying wife and children of John Price, b. ca. 1790 or before. Believe they were part of the Thomas, Anjer, Richard, and William James Price families of Warren, Hamilton, and Rhea counties as well as North Alabama.

Janis Lindemann, 1809 Bradley
Lane, Russellville, AR 72801-4747,
e-mail: jlinde@c3l.net

REED, FAGAN: Seek info on Lemuel Read/Reed, b. ca. 1795 Va., m. Sarah Jones Fagan, b. ca. 1798 Va., daughter of John S. Fagan. Reeds and Fagans lived in Rutherford Co., Tenn., ca. 1810-1850s. Lemuel and Sarah's children: Alexander, Mary, Sarah, Richard Green, John Fletcher, Jesse Albert, and Lemuel Cicero Reed. Possibly others. Lemuel lived next to Jesse Reed, who may have been brother or cousin.

Judith E. Richie, P. O. Box 1293,
Valdez, AK 99686

BRANCH: "Clarkie," daughter of Archelus and Esther (?) Branch, was b. 1819, d. before 1864. She m. Stephen O'Daniel (b. 1812), and they lived in or near Rutherford community in Gibson Co. Among their children was Hepsey Ann O'Daniel (1842-1886) who m. Francis Marion James (1828-1992). They were my g-grandparents.

Velma D. Evans, P. O. Box 926,
Joelton, TN 37080-0926

GRUBBS: Seeking definite connection for these Grubbs in Greene Co.: Edwin (b. 1775), William (b. 1785), Samuel (b. 1798), and George (b. 1825).

Norma T. Grabbs, 2662 Patricia
Lane, Garland, TX 75041-2605

LONG, MILLER: Minos Miles Long was b. 9 Aug 1824 in Tenn., according to 1850 Texas census. Who were his parents? Siblings? Where was he before 1850? In Texas ca. 1848. Married Amanda Miller on 8 Jan 1856 in Bastrop Co. Children: Sarah Fannie, Anna Belle, Lilie Adele, Josephine Ewing, Howard Hugh, Milas, John T., and Frank Louis.

Howard Long, 1510 Betty Jo Dr.,
Austin, TX 78704-2648

DOUGLAS/ROUTH: Who were parents/family of Alexander Douglas? He m. Rhoda Routh in Knox Co. in 1820. They resided in Sevier Co.

Judith D. Mayfield, 2402 Longwood, Pearland, TX 77581-5818

SUTTON: Looking for Joshua E. P. Sutton, b. Tenn., possibly son of Uriah Sutton. Any Sutton info from Tenn., Ky., and Mo. will be appreciated and all letters answered. Also researching Gifford, Vaughns, LeMastus/LeMasters in same states.

Darlene Gifford, 1101 Illinois Ave., Fairfield, IL 62837-1849

CRISP: Is Moses P. Crisp the same person as Prescott Crisp of Stewart Co.? Also seeking info on Wm. C. Crisp who m. Cordelia Ivey on 27 Sep 1830, and George Lumpkin who m. Lottie Prewitt on 25 Apr 1824 in Maury Co.

Lois Lumpkin, 202 County Road 273, Hope, AR 71801-8808

PUCKETT, BOND, RAINES: Who were parents of Charles R. Puckett, b. Tenn. 1805, m. Eliza Lane in Wilson Co. in June 1828? Also seeking parents of (1) Richard J. Bond, b. Tenn. 23 Aug 1819, m. Alaminta Cooper in Cannon Co. in Oct 1842, and (2) Joel/Josephus S. Raines, b. White Co. in Sep 1808, m. Elizabeth Yarbrough in Hardeman Co. in Aug 1832.

Lanny Puckett, 1209 Timbercreek Dr., Duncan, OK 73533, (580) 470-9071, puckettlan@cottoninternet.net

LIVINGTON, CARVIN, NORVELL John Livingston and wife Mary Carvin migrated from Botetourt Co., Va., to Tennessee ca. 1797/98. Children Sarah, John, Mary, Esther, Rebecca, and Richard Carvin were b. Tenn. 1798-1816. Some time between 1820-30 family migrated to Morgan Co., Ala. Where did they live in Tenn.? Mary's sister, Nancy Carvin Norvell, lived in Claiborne Co. ca. 1807/10.

Pat Dakin, 2011 North Hills Drive, Opelika, AL 36801-2436, phone (334) 742-0849, patdakin@mindspring.com

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WHITE, OVERTON COUNTIES: Researching the following: White Co. - Whitson, Bowman, Rogers, Daniel ca. 1830-1840; Overton County - James Matthew Gregory and Susan/Suzanna Hoover ca. 1820-1830.

Lila McClung, 7411 Eastover Cove, Olive Branch, MS 38654, e-mail: FarrisMcC@AOL

McCARTY, KIMBROUGH: Seeking info on Timothy (Tom) McCarty, b. 25 Nov 1830 Charleston, Tenn. (Walker Valley). He was m. 25 Aug 1859 in Charleston to Sarah "Sallie" Phidelia Kimbrough (b. 16 Jul 1835 in East Tenn.). Timothy d. 17 Jun 1886 in Dutch Mills, Ark., and Sarah d. there on either 7 Mar 1918 or 7 May 1919.

Bill Holland, 6314 Teakwood Ct., Burke, VA 22015

HARDIN: Seeking info on Edmund Hardin of Tenn. and Illinois.

Anita Oakes, P. O. Box 541, Mukilteo, WA 98275-0541

PRITCHETT: At age 12-14, my g-g-grandfather George Pritchett came to Mo. from Tenn., Va., Ky., or Ga. on a wagon train and was left there. Am looking for some one who may have some info. Born ca. 1856, he m. Vandilla Stogsdill, daughter of Wm. Baker Stogsdill in Phelps Co., Mo., and is buried there.

Evelyn Turek, 328 Cedar Park Ln., Nampa, ID 83686, TurekE@aol.com

O'DANIEL: Need info on and names of parents of William O'Daniel, b. 1831 Polk County, d. 1908 McMinn County.

Kay Craft, 1298 Paseo Hermosa Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056-6448

NAIL: Is there connection between Mason Nail who is listed in 1836 land plat book and Joseph Nail, land surveyor, who m. Ester Rhea ca. 1833 in Shelby Co.?

Elizabeth N. Manning, P. O. Box 311, Hernando, MS 38632-0311

REED, COX: Who were parents of Delilah Reed, b. 10 Mar 1809 in Tenn., d. 12 Dec 1842 in Monroe Co., Ind.? When did she marry Isaac Cox, b. 6 Jan 1807 Tenn.? Isaac was son of Joab (Joseph A.) Cox and Margaret Wilhite. Isaac and Delilah had 7 children (b. 1828-1838): Eliza Jane, James Monroe, John Brazil, Francis Marion, Jasper Newton, and Isaac Milton Cox. Also need date of death for Esther Wampler Kinser, whose husband Jacob d. in Greene Co. in 1816.

M. Tracy Carpenter, 315 E. Sale St., Tuscola, IL 61953, jtatracy@net66.com

DOUGLAS(S): Need date and place of birth for Nathaniel Douglas(s) who lived in Giles Co. in 1810. Before coming to Tennessee, he lived in Fayette Co., Ky. (1788) and in Bourbon Co., Ky. (1790). Who did he marry? Will be glad to exchange info.

Helen L. Douglas, 205 North N. Duncan, OK 73533-6934, e-mail: helen@simplynet.net

HOLLIN(G)SWORTH, ALFORD: Seeking parents, birthplace/date, death date of Sarah (Sally) Hollin(g)sworth who m. William Alford in Davidson Co. on 8 May 1823. Census of 1850 shows she was b. ca. 1780 VA. She d. before 1870 in Gibson Co., Tenn. Children: James W. and Thomas Jefferson Alford.

Kathryn Schultz, 2182 Gorham Place, Germantown, TN 38139, (901) 754-2419, jschultz@netten.net

HINSON/HENSON, WILSON: Who were parents of Ella Nora Hinson/ Henson who was b. ca. 1828 Tenn.? Seeking exact date and place of her birth, death (before June 1851), and first marriage to ___ Wilson. Her second marriage 24 Nov 1842 in Marshall Co. was to Robert Alexander Wilson of College Hill, Williamson Co. Their children were Thomas Jefferson, Florence Ella Nora, and Rev. James William Wilson.

Kathryn Schultz, 2182 Gorham Place, Germantown, TN 38139, (901) 754-2419, jschultz@netten.net

TIPTON & SHELBY COUNTIES:

Seeking info on Dr. Robert H. Rose, John W. Jones, Capt. O.K. Joplin, Dr. C. G. Fisher, Col. B. M. Browder, and Jacob Tipton families of Tipton County. Also the Cary Harrison, Rev. Harper McGowan, Col. Edward Ward, and Alsop families of Shelby County.

David A. Gwinn, 728 Jack Bennett Rd., Brighton, TN 38011

PIERCE, GREENHAW: Seeking info on James Parilla Pierce, b. ca. 1824 in either Tenn. or S.C., m. (1) Sarah Greenhaw, daughter of James Moore and Usley (Brumby) Greenhaw on 20 Nov 1851 in Lawrence Co., Tenn., (2) Mary C. Rickman, daughter of George W. Rickman and Sarah E. Irvine. James and Sarah had one known son, Sirrah James Pierce (b. ca. 1851/54). Have found his family in these censuses: 1850 Lawrence Co., Tenn., 1860 Pontotoc Co., Miss., and 1880 McNairy Co., Tenn. Unable to locate them in 1870.

Lynn Appling McCandless, 900 Campbell, Lockhart, TX 78644

HUNTER, DANCER, LEE: Looking for ancestors of Jacob Hunter, b. 1755 N.C., d. 1805 at White's Creek, Davidson Co., Tenn. Also seeking ancestors of his wife, Mary "Polly" Dancer who m. second time on 20 May 1808 to Braxton Lee.

R. F. Hunter, 3517 Villanova, Dallas, TX 75225, e-mail address: rfhunter@worldnet.att.net

PARR, CONN: Seeking parents of Jeremiah Parr, b. 8 Oct 1813 Tenn., and wife Mahala Conn, b. 18 Apr 1817 Ky. They m. ca. 1836, possibly in Hardeman Co., Tenn., and were in 1850 Pontotoc Co., Miss., census. Both are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Shelby Co., Tenn.

Lanelle G. Gafford, 1042 Meadowbrook Rd., Jackson, MS 39206-6138

NEED HELP on Dillard, Sugg, Denton, Forte, and Wells families in Robertson and Montgomery counties.

Frances Dillard James, 5441 Walnut Grove Rd., Memphis, TN 38120-1930

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HUDSON: Sumner Co. 1820 and '30 censuses list John Hudson family with 10-11 children, including John Keith Hudson (b. 1812 Tenn.) who may be my g-g-grandfather and Matilda Hudson (b. 1820 Tenn.), possibly his sister who m. a Massie and then a Brodie. Where was this family in 1840 and later? Is Benjamin Hutson of Sumner Co. in 1840 a son? Is Mrs. E. Hudson a daughter-in-law? Eager to contact descendants and share data.

Anne Gosnell Styles, 2311 Pimmit Drive, #1919, Falls Church, VA 22043, e-mail: agstyles@aol.com

DANIEL, GOUGE: Researching parents of Woodson Daniel, b. 1736 Va., m. Nancy Gouge, probably daughter of John Gouge, Sr. They lived in Wake Co., N.C., and in S.C. for a few years before returning to Wake Co. Woodson d. 1791.

Boyce Edwards Morris, 195 Edenberg Dr., Collierville, TN 38017, E-mail: cougar@mem.net

LANDRUM, SAWYER: My great-grandmother, Guy Claudia Landrum and her sister, Florence Bertie Sawyer, were born in Bartlett [Shelby Co.]. They attended the Old Plantation School where their father, William Henry Sawyer, was headmaster. They also attended the Clara Conway Institute. I have found mention of the latter, but where was the Old Plantation School? Can't find anything about it.

Beth Fleece McCravy, P. O. Box 34638, Bartlett, TN 38184-0638, E-mail: Cobal77496@aol.com

BORDEN: Seeking info on William Asbury (Berry) Borden, b. 5 May 1840 in Tennessee. Married Luscindy Dawson in Cedar Co., Mo., 9 June 1874. In what county was he born? Who were his parents?

Patty P. Greer, 63121 E. 202 Rd., Wyandotte, OK 74370-2606, e-mail address: pgreer@recnet.net

SAMPLE(S), BELLAMY: Seeking info on children of William B. Sample(s) [1832-1899] and wife Pricella Frances Bellamy [1840-1927] of Monroe County. Children, b. from ca. 1859 to ca. 1879: Thos. M., James H., Rebecca, Wm. A. (b. 8 Nov 1864, d. 13 Oct 1903), Mary F., Charles Franklin, Henry W., and Minnie Sample(s).

Theresa M. Sampoe, 14578 Short Rd., Sesser, IL 62884-2426

BROUGHTON, ATKINS: Would appreciate any info on James M. Broughton who m. Emaline Atkins. Their daughter, Virginia Elizabeth [1860-1945], m. Wm. M. Davis [1854-1913]. They lived in Giles County but spent their married years in Spring Hill, Tenn.

David A. Bunch, 2508 Simonton Rd., Statesville, NC 28625-8248

KLOFF, BAYLESS, CASTEEL: Searching for Parthena Kloff who m. Joseph Deaken Bayless in 1811. Joseph married his second wife, Mary "Polly" Casteel, in Tennessee. Their children: McClintock, Bible, Henderson, Adams, Hibbits, McDowell, Bloom, Sikes, and Barnes Bayless.

Dorothy Bayless, 12021 N. 43d Ave., Apt. 162, Phoenix, AZ 85029-2930

NEWMAN-COX: Seek info on William Newman (b. 1777 N.C.) and wife Naomi Cox (b. 1777 Pa.). They were in Tennessee "one day's journey from Cumberland River" from 1800 to 1804 when they moved to Montgomery Co., Ohio.

Dr. Francis F. Fountain, Jr., 5360 Sycamore Lane, Memphis, TN 38120

LOVE, CONNELLY/CONLEY: Am searching for Isaac Love and Phoebe Connelly/Conley who m. in Tennessee ca. 1809. Where? Her family? Was her sister Olive/Olivia Conley who m. Robert Rhea in Knox Co.? Isaac was son of Samuel Love, Sr., of Knox Co. Who was his mother?

Judith Germann, 409 W. Elm, Junction City, KS 66441-3609

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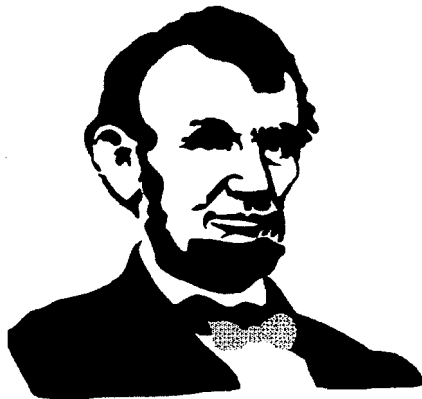
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