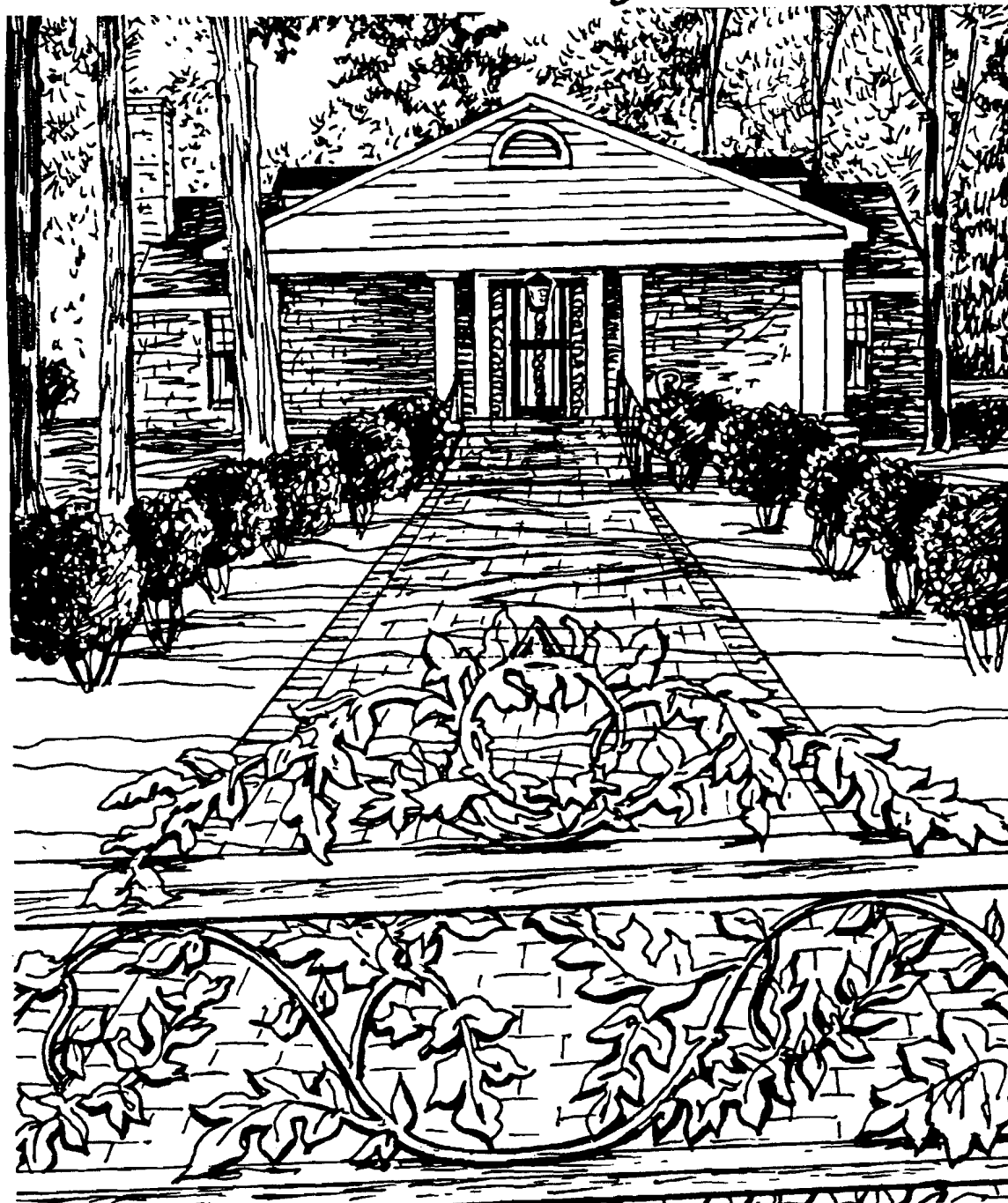


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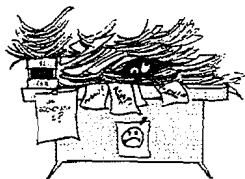
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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

by  
Dorothy Marr Roberson



WHERE IN TENNESSEE is Stanton? If you don't know, read the feature story by the late Adam Colhoun that begins on Page 3 .... and you'll discover it was a delightful place for a boy (or a girl) to be growing up in back in the late 1800s and early 1900s. For that matter, it probably still is. Colhoun tells what life was like in the small Haywood County settlement when he was a boy ... and does it in such a delightful way that it almost makes you wish you had grown up there. The community was known as Stanton Depot in 1860 and then simply as Stanton when a postoffice was established there in 1903. Its present population, according to Rand McNally, is 487. Jean Crawford, who obtained the story for us, had some Adams kinfolks who lived at Stanton. Our thanks to her!

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OUR NEW FEATURE, "Tennesseeans Turned Texans," has apparently hit a responsive chord among our members. Betty Nelson McDougald has sent us a story about her ancestor, Col. Isaac Holman, which appears on Page 29. Betty has been doing genealogical research for about 30 years and will be glad to hear from any of you who may have ancestors in common. Considering how many Tennesseeans did turn Texans, it should be a I-o-n-g time before the column runs out of material if other members follow Betty's lead.

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NORTH CAROLINIAN Mary Ann Hollifield has contributed an interesting story about her grandmother, Dovie Ann Martin, who remained a true daughter of Tennessee even though she lived in other states for much of her life. It begins on Page 45.\*\*\*

SPECIAL THANKS also go to those kind souls who have been pouring over some newly acquired microfilm to help us bring you records from counties not previously covered. This issue contains transcriptions of some Chester County records by Jane Paessler, and of some Unicoi records by Jean Alexander West. Also included are transcriptions I do in my spare time of Crockett County deeds from the 1870s when the county was created. It may help sort out some ancestors who originally were listed as living in Haywood, Madison, Gibson, or Dyer and became Crockett Countians without moving a peg.

Coming up in the next issue will be transcriptions of Hamblen County wills by Jama Richardson and of some Clay County marriages by Mark Williamson.

IF YOU MISSED O W on hearing Lloyd Bockstruck when he conducted a seminar here a couple of years ago, you can catch him on 12 Oct when he returns to share more of his fantastic genealogical knowledge. Details on Page 43. ■

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## Bartlett Circuit Court Adjourns For Last Time And 'Gorgeous' Barbecue Celebration Follows

After an existence of 15 years, the **Bartlett Circuit Court** in Shelby County was shut down by the Tennessee General Assembly in July 1885.

For most county residents, its demise was a cause for celebration. The act creating the Bartlett court gave it jurisdiction over **all** of Shelby County north of the Wolf River. Only residents of that locality could bring **suit** at Bartlett. Farmers living near Cuba, **Millington**, and **Withe** objected to the court at Bartlett because they **often** had business in Memphis and **preferred** to attend court there. The Bartlett court's only supporters appeared to be residents of the little **hamlet** of **Brunswick**.

The Bartlett court had been established in 1870 about the same time as the Shelby County Probate Court, and the **same** judge served both courts. The **first** presiding officer was **Judge J. E. R. Ray** who served until 1878 when he was succeeded by **Judge T. D. Eldridge** whose **term** was to expire in 1886.

The legislature passed an act **declaring** that the court adjourn *sine die* as soon as the business of the July 1885 term was disposed of. The few civil **suits remaining** on the docket were to be referred to the Shelby Circuit Court and **criminal** cases **transferred** to Criminal Court.

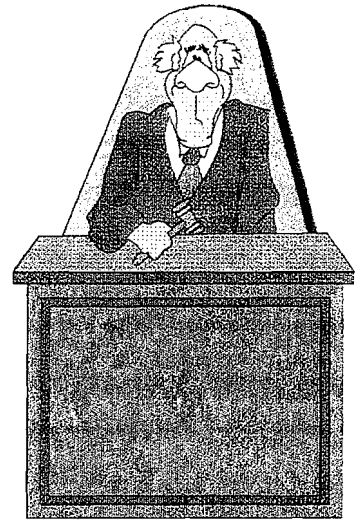
By **virtue** of his connection with the circuit court, **Judge Eldridge** was to retain his title until the next August. **Clerk T. C. Crenshaw** and **Attorney-General B. J. Kimbrough** would go out of office.

When the court was **inaugurated**, a **courthouse** was built at Bartlett on land donated by **George N. Bartlett**. It was a **substantial** brick building with a large hall and anteroom on the second story and four rooms beneath. Under the **legislative** act abolishing the court, the Shelby County Court was authorized to donate the **building** to the town for use as a public schoolhouse.

The court's closing was celebrated with what was described by *The Memphis Appeal* as "a gorgeous barbecue." From sunrise until noon on the 21st of July 1885 -- the day of the mouth-watering event -- the dusty roads **leading** into Bartlett were lined with rows of wagons filled with **farmers** and their wives, daughters, and sweethearts. A great many Memphis residents went out to **take** part in the feast, with **about** half of the **courthouse** employees, nearly all members of the county court, and a **number** of attorneys taking the early train out.

**J. M. Brooks** was orator of the day, and a series of brief speeches was made by **numerous** others. The Memphis newspaper reported the Bartlett **courthouse** was "**jammed** with people who lolled about the porches, extended themselves on the green sward, lined the fences in shady places, and amused themselves **until** the welcome news came that dinner was ready."

Pigs, **lambs**, and whole beeves were in abundance as the **Bartlett Circuit Court** bit the dust. ■



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## To the Ladies of **Somerville** & Vicinity:

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Those who did not have their beds cleaned & renovated last Spring can now have an opportunity. The actual benefit received by feathers from the application of steam are as follows:

- 1st - **Puffing** the feathers to their original size
- 2nd - **Extracting** all animal matter **from the** quill
- 3rd - Killing all moths
- 4th - Removing the grease **from** the **external** part of the feather
- 5th - Making them perfectly clean which is **caused** by their **own** fiction
- Lastly - **Drying** them perfectly dry in that situation

Those sending beds from the country can generally get them the same day by sending them early in the **morning**.

**-John K. Orr**

(From the *Somerville Reporter*, 15 Feb 1840 )

# Remembrances of Stanton, Tennessee

by Adams Colhoun (1875-1960)

Before day on Saturday morning, January 16, 1875, began the journey of earthly life that has in the main been rather interesting to this traveler.

Port of embarkation was the family home in Stanton, Haywood County, Tennessee. The house was a two-story frame, weatherboarded and painted white. Outside at each end stood a red brick chimney with top rising some three feet above the cone of the gabled roof of cypress shingles. The building had been erected some two years or longer before by **Lemuel Thomas**. It had come into the hands of **Nathan Adamss**, who gave it along with some 400 acres of land to his niece, **Martha Jane Gibson**, wife of **Nathaniel Dick Colhoun**, the parents of the little journeyman, ninth and last of the hostages Fate assigned to this couple.

**Martha Jane (Gibson) Colhoun** was the daughter of **Robert** and **Jane (Adamss) Gibson**. She was the only daughter. She had four brothers older and three younger than she. Two of the younger were half (or three-fourths) brothers to her. She was still a little girl when her mother died. The father then married **Rosina Adamss**, sister of his first wife, who gave him two sons and helped him rear the family. Their home was in Nashville some of the time. There was a country home, "Nubbin Ridge," several miles west of Nashville.

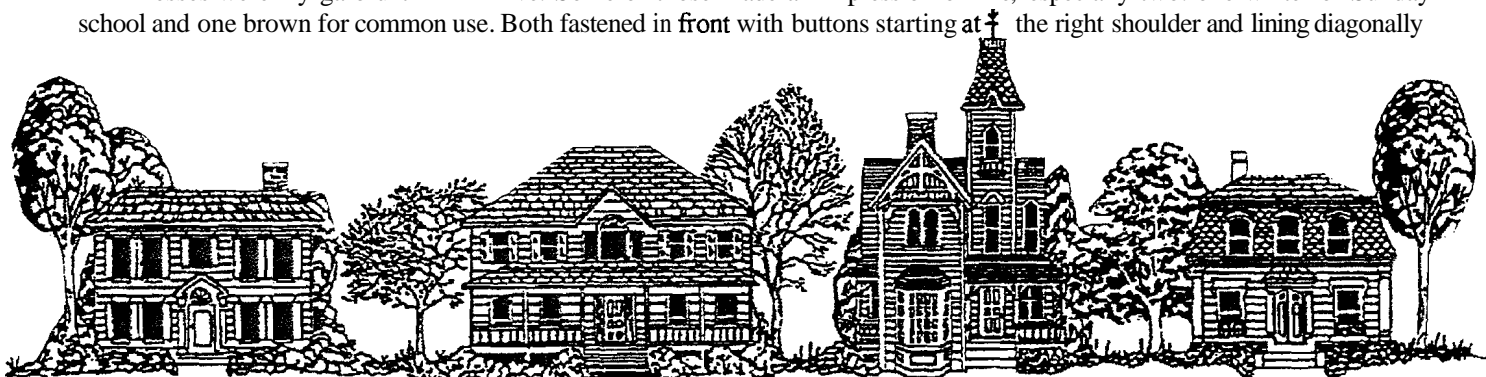
**Nathaniel** and **Martha Jane** had met aboard a steamboat in the Cumberland River. It was a picnic party. They took to each other promptly. Her father **Robert** was slow to consent to a marriage as **Nathaniel** was only **21**, just out of school, had no job, and uncertain prospects. But Uncles **Nathaniel** and **James Dick** (family name), who were rather successful handlers of plantation products and supplies, gave Nephew **Nathaniel** a plantation called "Lake Surprise" near Natchitoches, La. Father must have named it because he had come into the unexpected asset. So **Nathaniel** and **Martha** married Nov. **22**, 1853 when he was 23 and she was 22.

Admitted to this union were **Jane Gibson**, **James Dick**, **Margaret Todd**, who became **Mrs. William Eugene McNeilly**; **Eliza Brown** who named **Robert Lewis Maclin**; **Robert Gibson** who married **Mary D. (Robertson) McGee** and after her death **Malvina Blythe**; **Charles** who named **Eliza Taylor**; and two sons named **Nathaniel** for the father, both dying in childhood. All this had happened before the advent of **Adamss**, the only one of the children born in the home in Tennessee.

**Adams** was named for the rather considerable family of **Nathan** and **Martha (Patton) Adamss**, both born in Strabane, Ireland. As newlyweds, they came to America in 1784. After three years, they went back to Ireland with one child. Then back to America in 1811 with 11 children. Two more were born to this couple. He died not long afterwards. She died January 15, 1854, in Nashville. A daughter, **Jane**, married **Robert Gibson**. Their children were **William**, **Nathan**, **Joseph**, **Robert**, **Martha Jane**, and **Thomas**. At **Thomas'** birth, the mother died and the father then married his sister-in-law **Rosina Adamss**. Born to them were **Andrew Jackson** and **James Knox Gibson**.

Two things stand out among my earliest recollections. One was when I had newly learned to walk, and toddled along across the front grove at our home holding the hand of my big brother, **Jimmie Dick**, who was leaving for his work in a store in the town. Possibly I did this repeatedly. At the middle gate, he picked me up and, with his hands under my arms, tossed me high into the air. I can still feel the thrill of it. The other was early in November 1876 when I was a year and nine months old. The South was enduring the irksomeness of Reconstruction days. Election returns indicated that **Samuel J. Tilden**, a Democrat of New York, had been elected president of the United States. In our town, there was enthusiastic celebration. A feature of this was the use of a blacksmith's anvil brought from **Tom Hicks'** shop and a railroad iron from the section house of the L & N railroad. Into a square hole in the anvil, black powder was poured, a fuse laid: and the heavy rail laid over the hole. When this was fired, the sound was louder than that of a cannon --- of the sort known in those days. This part of the celebration was in a vacant square about a quarter mile from our front porch. I can still see clearly the brilliant flash and hear the subsequent sound though I had no idea then of how it was done nor why.

Dresses were my garb until I was five. Some of those made an impression on me, especially two: one white for Sunday school and one brown for common use. Both fastened in front with buttons starting at the right shoulder and lining diagonally



across chest and stomach to the bottom on the left. I'm sure I was over two years old when they were new.

When yellow fever struck in 1878, brother Jimmie Dick died. The rest of us went to Nashville. Four things impressed me, then a little over three years old. One was the smell of hot pitch used on streets and roofs. Another was the tall spire of Moore Memorial Presbyterian Church with a cross at the top. A third was the tall cupola on the Custom House or Federal Building with a figure or statue at the apex. The place was called Custom House because Southerners disliked the term 'federal.' The fourth was old man **Donohue** who would come home inebriated and quarrel loudly until his wife would entice him outside and shut the door. Soon he would be sitting on the curb, then flat in the gutter. The police Black Maria would come and cart him away. It was on this trip we visited our mother's brother, Uncle Tom, who had a wonderful country place at Spring Hill near Columbia. His wife, Aunt Lucy, was very sweet, pretty, and gracious. Their only living child, a daughter Daisy. She was a wonderful playmate for those a little older than me. Uncle Tom owned horses, once owning Maud 8, a famous pacer. The two-story country house was very attractive. Among other wonders was a great tank under the roof near the center of the building into which rainwater was turned. The smell of it was very pleasing, and the water was piped all over the dwelling with its cedar-shingle tang and odor.

At six years old, I remember that Uncle Nathan died in March 1881. He had lived in Memphis and Nashville in his later years. As a young man, he met and married Grace Amngton **Stanton** for whose father, Joseph **Stanton**, a man of many acres, the town was named. As he had grown wealthier as he grew older, Uncle Nate had caused to be erected in the Presbyterian churchyard at **Stanton** a mausoleum of white Italian marble with four crypts and a tall, central tower. He had married an **only** child and had no children. The crypts were for his wife, **himself**, and her father and mother who had died long before. The bodies of Uncle Nate and Aunt Grace were encrypted. The others remained in the earth where they had been laid. Having no children, Uncle Nate and Aunt Grace had reared his nephew (my mother's half-brother) James Knox Gibson, and her nephew, Joseph H. Ware. When the boys were grown, Joseph married **Millie** Boyd of a North Carolina family and had **three** daughters and four sons. These are among my childhood associates. James married Rose **Somervell** and had four sons and two daughters, also among the youth I played with.

The Colhoon home in **Stanton** stood in a 15-acre tract. The house faced north and was on the northern edge of five acres devoted to yards, gardens, an orchard, and barnyards. Near the back of this tract was a pond where the **first** lessons in fishing were learned. The five acres in front of the house formed a grove with white, black, red, and pink oak, elm, hickory, maple, popular [sic], holly, dogwood, and **redbud** trees. In a cluster of trees near the center were two benches formed by fitting a heavy cypress plank so that its ends touched two trees. A support was placed at the center to prevent sagging. Always stretched nearby was a hammock made by weaving heavy wires near the ends of barrel staves. A swing of **seagrass** rope hung from the limb of a tree. The grove tract sloped gently downward to the north and a little to the east. At the north line from near center was a steep slope dropping some 20 feet at about a 40-degree angle. Using a span of strong mules and a dumping scoop, we made a large, deep pond near the center of this front line and at the foot of the slope. Nearly all the grove drained into it. It held cold, clear, pure water and was fine for fishing.

North of the groveland was a five-acre flat and loamy area. Like the other two tracts, it was almost a square. It was cultivated for wheat or **corn** or oats and occasionally with red clover. A drain across the center was bordered by elder bushes which bore heavily odored white cluster flowers that bees loved, and purple bemes that made good wine. Here, too, grew willows that children found a treasury of bows and arrows and easily carved whistles. The north line of the tract bordered the **L&N** right of way. Along this line was a great drainage ditch, dry most of the time but a raging river when rain was abundant. This was crossed by a footbridge for travelers to and from town. Neighbors liked to walk through the field where there was a slightly elevated footpath that was ridged so as never to be muddy.

Along the west side of the three tracts of the home place was a highway running north and south, **passing** through town and connecting with the **Covington** road on the north side of town and with the Memphis road about two miles south. Across the highway lived a line of neighbors whose homes faced the roadway and looked into our premises. Directly west was the house that I remember as the home of the Miller family whose "Old Man" used to chew tobacco as he lay in bed, which he did much of the time. He did not trouble to locate a cuspidor but would let fly on floor or walls without restraint. Then taciturn Old Man Bryant resided in the place. He managed the stave mill set up on the vacant lot across the railroad from our home place. He used to walk through the grove. He tried to be friendly but he was a "Yankee" and, though we sold him a lot of hickory and oak logs, we never quite warmed up to him. He was tall, lean, and wore rubber boots as he spent much time in the woods and slough lands **looking** for timber for the mills. He was succeeded by the Huffmans. The new manager of the mill was more approachable -- a ruddy little man with a **very** nice wife, four pretty daughters, and a son my age. They joined the Presbyterian church and we found them pretty neighborly.

Next in this house were the Meux newlyweds. James Meux had married Josephine **Somervell**. There was a son, George, about my age and a daughter, Tempe, a little younger. We found them very congenial. When the Meuxes, after the death of his mother, moved into the old family home, **Flem Williams** -- a saloon-keeper but a good man -- bought the place and brought his new wife to live there. There were several daughters and a son, eventually. It is still the family home. Mrs. Meux -- **Mis' Jo** -- had been a school teacher. She was a sister of Mrs. James Knox Gibson (Aunt Rose) and Mrs. Jodge Henry J. Livingston (**Mis' Tempe**) and Mrs. William B. Nash, Jr. (**Nannie**).

## Adams Colhoun

Born 16 Jan 1875 at Stanton, Tenn., **Adams Colhoun** died 6 Oct 1960 in Dallas, Tex., at the age of 85. He was an 1899 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where he held records for several years as a distance runner. In preparation for the ministry, he studied Greek and German but, as he put it, "I fell instead for freedom of the press and speech." **Colhoun** once described himself as a newspaperman assigned to radio.

He joined the staff of Dallas radio station WFAA when it was founded in 1922, working both as an announcer and business manager. During his employment there, WFAA grew from a 50-watt to a 50,000-watt clear channel station.

On 12 June 1911 in Dallas, **Adams married Ada Stuart Richardson** of Shelbyville, Ky. They had one daughter, **Martha**, who married **Clyde M. Harrison** in 1941. **Mrs. Colhoun** died in 1959.

Beginning with this issue, the *Tennessee Genealogical Magazine* will publish a series of letters which **Adams Colhoun** wrote to the late **Mrs. C. B. Stuart** in which he recalls his boyhood days in Stanton. We are grateful to TGS member **Jean Crawford**, Memphis, for obtaining permission from **Mrs. Stuart's** children, **Sarah Neal Venters** and **Louis Stuart**, for the *Tennessee Genealogical Magazine* to reproduce this outstanding historical collection.

**Adams'** reminiscing not only will be of special value to those with **Haywood** County connections, but also will provide interesting and amusing reading for those unfortunate souls who have never before had the pleasure of visiting his hometown.

The next house southward was the home of **Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Middlebrook**. He was a village wheelwright and the spittin' image of 'Uncle Sam,' although he didn't wear stripes for pants nor a blue coat, nor a tall white hat. His short, fat little wife knew all the village gossip and could dish it out. She had previously been **Mrs. Hicks**, sister-in-law of **Tom Hicks**, the town blacksmith. Her son **Luther Hicks** was either very witty or "nuts," we never were sure. He was full of conversation, one-way, and did not like to work. Her daughter was **Mrs. Alonzo Gilliam**.

**Mrs. Amanda Burroughs** lived in the third house. She was a widow with small means and seven children, the oldest about 12 when the husband died. The sons were **Buck**, **Edward**, and **Bolen**; the daughters **Jennie (Mrs. Black)**, **Josephine (Mrs. \_\_\_\_)**, **Ann (Mrs. Bond)**, and **Emma (Mrs. Wellons)**. The old lady always had a good garden, including tobacco (which she smoked), chickens, cows, and an orchard. The boys were industrious. **Bolen** had severe arthritis and in later years could hardly move. This house afterwards became the Presbyterian manse and burned.

Fourth and last of the line to the south was occupied -- the first I can remember -- by **Mrs. William Ingram**, widow of the pastor of the Presbyterian church. He had been greatly beloved and his grave behind the church was the only one on the lot except for the **Adamss** mausoleum. **Mrs. Ingram** had three children: **Paul**, **Kate**, and **William**. She was a fine mother with well-reared children. She always had good buttermilk, but when too many of the neighbor kids lunched with hers, she had to water it down.

One mile out this **Somerville** road stood the **Meux** place. Another mile -- and in the middle of woodland -- the highway turned a right angle to the west and headed for Memphis. One mile along that road the **James Knox Gibson** place was on the south side and the **Collier** place (afterwards called the **Truss** place) was across from it. Past the **Gibson** place, another right angle to the south shunted travelers to the **Somerville** Road. The clay highways were deep in dust in dry weather, and soggy with mud when it rained. Every grown man was subject to road work three days a year. The work was chiefly the rounding up of the roadbed with hoes, spades, and mule-drawn scoops. In mid-summer, dust hung suspended over the roadway like a roof or cloud, gradually drifting and settling over the fields and almost suffocating the farm workers.

Halfway between our home tract and the **Meux** place, our farm land began to border this highway along the west side. It continued to the **Meux** place. Then our line turned at a right angle and ran westward for two miles until it intersected the L&N right of way. Eastward, it ran with the railroad to an intersection with a north-south line behind the residences described as the four homes across the highway from our home place. Past these four homes, our farm line ran east to an intersection with the starting line. This triangular farm contained some 300 acres. But for the residential tracts and the highway, our home place would have been one with the farm, in addition to the triangle. Two miles eastward near Little Muddy Creek bottoms, we had 100 acres in woodland. Immediately east of our home tract, a large acreage belonged to **Joseph H. Ware**. It had been a part of the **Stanton** estate. The **Ware** home -- that was the old **Stanton** home until the great structure burned and then was a cottage on the same site -- was fully a mile to the south and east. All this detail has been given to show that except for the four houses across the highway 100 yards from our front gate, neighbors were distant. The town was about a quarter mile to the north. We had plenty of room to rear the large family. I wish all children might have the privilege of growing up in such a country home. It did not make us any money but it gave us something in self-reliance, adventure, and all-around country atmosphere that money could not supply, a "riches" that could not be lost nor stolen and was strongly resistant to "corrupting."

When the family moved to **Stanton** from Louisiana in 1873, there were the father and mother and the children: **Jane** (Jennie), **James Dick**, **Margaret**, **Robert**, **Eliza** (Lizzie), **Charles**, and **Nathaniel**. (An older **Nathaniel** had died as

a child in Louisiana, and the second **Nathaniel** died soon after the family settled in Stanton.). Soon there were added **Ada**, motherless daughter of father's brother **Christopher**; and **Jane (Jin)**, motherless daughter of my mother's half-brother **Andrew Jackson Gibson**. All the children grew up and were educated in the school that was three months public and three months private each year and scheduled to give no interference with farm operations.

**Jennie** married **Daniel Gray Shelby** in 1876 and lived in **Bartlett** and **Memphis**, then in **Dallas** and **Houston, Tex.** Late in life, she lived with her daughters, **Martha** and **Loula**, in **Casper, Wyo.**, where she died and was buried. **James Dick** died of yellow-fever in 1878 soon after reaching manhood. **Margaret, Jennie**, and **Ada** attended **Miss Higbee's School** in **Memphis**. Afterward, **Margaret** went to **Nashville** and kept house for **Uncle Nate Adamss** until his death in 1881. Then she came back home and married **William Eugene McNeilly**<sup>1</sup> in the **Stanton** church in May 1881. She died October 25, 1942. **Ada** never married. She taught school, most of the time in **Yazoo City, Miss.**, after a year or two at the start in **Blanco, Tex.** She cared for her two half-brothers, **Charles** and **Horace**, paying for such education as they would take. Her later years were at **Lake Junaluska, N.C.**, where she kept summer boarders and did some teaching. She reared from infancy, **Catherine Truss**, daughter of **Horace** whose wife had died. **Ada** was buried at **Lake Junaluska**.

**Robert** left the farm in 1886, lived near **Italy, Tex.**, and then in **Dallas** until he went to **Oklahoma**. He married **Mary Dot Robertson McGee** in **Eufaula, Okla.**, in 1907. She died Sept. 11, 1912 when daughter **Mary Dot** was born. **Robert** married **Malvina Blythe** of **Mount Pleasant, Tex.**, Oct. 15, 1914. She died young. **Eliza Brown (Lizzie)** graduated from **Ward Seminary** (afterwards **Ward-Belmont College**) in **Nashville**. She married **Robert Lewis Maclin** April 10, 1890. They lived on a farm four miles fi-om **Stanton**. To her and **Robert** was born **Nathaniel Colhoun Maclin** on Feb. 28, 1892. Father was immensely proud of him and he was a bright, quick child.<sup>2</sup> **Lucy Minor**, named for **Miss Lucy Taylor Maclin** (Mister **Bob's** sister) and **Mrs. Mary Minor Maclin** (his sister-in-law) was born March 21, 1898. She taught school, and married **George N. Albright, Jr.**, Nov. 12, 1917. When **Lizzie** and **Robert's** home burned, they lived with Mother in the old home in **Stanton**. Here Mother died Nov. 11, 1913. **Mr. Maclin** died in 1919. Shortly afterward, **Robert Colhoun's** wife died and **Lizzie** went to **Eufaula** to care for his home and his daughter **Mary Dot**. She died Oct. 17, 1943. **Charles** lived on the farm until 1890 when he went to **Houston, Tex.**, and later to **New Orleans** where he married **Eliza Taylor** Nov. 11, 1914. **Jane Gibson (Jin)** graduated from **Price School** in **Nashville**. She married **Frank R. Ogilvie** Dec. 24, 1895, and they lived in **Brownsville** where he owned and published *The Stales-Graphic*.

**Adams** lived just as a regular boy is supposed to live. He learned to swim in **Little Muddy** and in **Big Muddy** ... fished in **Hatchie River** and in **Shepherd** and **Pumpkinseed lakes** ... learned to ride horses, once falling off a pony called "**Rogers**" and breaking a collarbone ... attended school with moderate success, liking theatricals and after a show one night on the schoolhouse stage, falling and breaking the other collarbone and dislocating the elbow of the other arm ... loving all the good-looking girls but never telling them so ... losing the liking for one whom sister **Lizzie** did not approve and asked "Has she had the itch?" In our circle, that was an unpardonable social error like having lice in the hair.

Grandfather **Robert Gibson** had been reared with a view to his entering the ministry. But when he came to **America** and got interested in business, he wrote in his diary, "When I came to the years of discretion, I decided I was not proper material for the cloth." My mother wanted me to be a minister. She was a bit discouraged when at about nine years of age I learned to smoke cigarettes of the roll-your-own variety but carefully concealed the fact except fi-om my boy associates, who, doing the same, couldn't tell on me. A little later, I essayed a cheroot and the result was disastrous. After the first few fine draws, the earth seemed to be spinning. I never could remember whether to the right or to the left. The school bell rang and I staggered into the schoolroom. Soon the clock on the wall seemed to jump up and down and point its hands at me. I polluted the schoolroom floor. Teacher washed my face and when I was sufficiently recovered, let me go home. There I complained of a chill and was given the usual course for "chills and fever." I was out several days. That part I enjoyed. But mother and teacher got together and my secret was discovered. I had asked to join the **Presbyterian church** and Mother had been delighted. This escapade changed her mind. She thought I should consider my evil nature for a while and show acts of repentance. It was two years before I joined the church. I never smoked again except once at the **University** when **Stokely** and I had won cigars on field day for a **Relief Race**. I puffed bravely a time or two when several of the fellows were burning up the stogies, but discretion asserted itself and I quit in time.

In 1889 came my first long pants, made of jeans material by my mother. I've never prized another article of clothing so highly. I was 14 years old and felt myself quite a man. Before that, my pants were cut down fi-om pants my father had worn the seat from. My coats likewise were framed after he had worn the cuffs and elbows from his.

Among the boys I played with were **Morton Nash; Eugene Crafton; William, John, and Robert Ware** (sons of **Dr. G. G. Ware**); **William Tucker, James** and **Joseph Ware** (sons of **Joseph H. Ware**). Less frequently, because of the distances at which they Eved: **Lancelot** and **Henry Maclin** (sons of **William Henry Maclin**), **Nathaniel Newman**, and **George Meux**.

<sup>1</sup> The **McNeilly** home was in **Nashville**.

<sup>2</sup> **Nat** Maclin served in the Army through U. S. participation in the first World War from 1916 to 1921, and was with the Army of Occupation in Germany. His father and sister had died while he was away and his mother had gone to **Eufaula, Okla.**, to live with **Robert Colhoun** and **Mary Dot**. Returning from Army service, he visited in **Eufaula**, then came to **Dallas**. He lived at our home for a year or two working for **T. W. Griffith's Lumber Company**. After several years, he went to **Eufaula** and worked at the cottonseed oil mill until his death in 1937.



When white boys were not available, I played **with** yellow "**Sugarpie**" **Suthers**, **Henry Williams**, and **George and Henry Somervell**, whose parents were either house servants or field workers for our family.

Father used to go to Memphis on occasion and buy molasses, flour, lard, sugar, and coal oil by the barrel; rice, coffee, salt mackerel, cheese, and macaroni in comparable amounts; along with bleached and unbleached domestics for sheetings, shirts, and the like, and jeans for trousers. These would come by rail to the **Stanton** station and from there by our wagon, and we'd have a great time storing all this away -- the groceries in the pantry under the stairway to the second floor, the oil in a tank from which it would be pumped as needed into a can for pouring into the lamps. We raised and killed hogs and so supplied ourselves with meat, but never rendered enough lard to last through the year. Hog-killing time was staggered over the neighborhood so that neighbors might share with each other the backbones, feet, sausage, head cheese, and jowls while they were still fresh meat.

Father died on his birthday, Jan. 17 [1894] when he was 64.<sup>3</sup> I farmed that year and the next, then - at Mother's urging - decided to get a higher education pointed towards the ministry. (DV, as Mother always added to her plans). **Huston Rochester Taylor**, who afterwards married my cousin **Fan Gibson**, was pastor of our church. He once kept me up all night in an effort to pledge me to the ministry. I agreed that I would prepare and would go through with it, hedging with the good old Presbyterian loophole -- "if the way be clear." It never was.

One of the lowest moments I ever felt was after Father's death when Mother decided to auction off whatever was not actually necessary for carrying on farming operations. It nearly broke me down to part with some of the mules I'd grown up with, some of the colts, one of the two horses, and some of the farm implements. All seemed so personal. Even then all debts were not paid. Brother **Robert** -- and I suspect that **Charles**, too, had a hand in it -- used savings from years of work to settle with friends and neighbors, not because they had a legal claim but because they were friends and neighbors.

After **Robert** and **Charles** went to Texas, they sent home a portion of their earnings each month to my mother. I disliked having to carry on the unprofitable farming supported by my brothers' contributions. I worked for two years, but worried as we saved nothing and there seemed to be no rosy future to it. Mother was agreeable to my preparing for the ministry or other calling if that did not prove to be the work for me.

In 1890 I had attended a military carnival in Memphis where **Major General Schofield** of the U.S. Army was the chief judge of the competition. Memphis Chickasaw Guards, Zouaves from Mobile, Citadel Cadets from Charles, and National Guardsmen from many other states put on exhaustive exhibitions in colorful uniforms. I decided that whatever else I might do, I wanted a school with military training. That brought up the University of Tennessee where **Joseph Gibson**, a **Stanton** cousin, had spent a year. I got a catalog and found out that entrance examinations would be held in **Brownsville**, our **Haywood** County seat, in the home of **Cary Folk**, an educator in **Brownsville** Female Seminary. Without saying anything to anyone, I took a mid-night train to **Brownsville**, stood the examination the next day, and then walked home the dozen miles or more. This was in midsummer 1895, and Sister **Margaret** and her family were visiting. They were surprised and relieved when I showed up late at night. Later I was advised I had made passing grades. I entered the University at Knoxville in September 1895. My studies included Greek and German. From Jewish friends, I got a smattering of Hebrew. This was with an eye to the Presbyterian ministry's requirements.

From the beginning I was active in the Young Men's Christian Association on the University campus and at the downtown center on Sunday afternoons. This was for the double attractiveness of the gymnasium for physical training and the religious program for student activities. I had always exercised rather consistently while I lived on the farm. After a hard day's work, I sometimes took exercises for muscles not greatly used in farm work. For chest expansion, for example, I used to lie on the back porch floor with two big iron bars that had been over the fireplace in a brick chimney balanced on my chest and take breathing tests. One night I went to sleep with the bars so perched. Sister **Margaret** came out on the porch after the rest of the family had retired and, seeing me, thought I had passed out -- maybe permanently. She let out a loud alarm that roused me before the rest of the household rushed out.

YMCA activities at the University led to my being sent to **Cleveland, Tenn.**, early in 1896 to the state convention of the associations and a few weeks later to **Cleveland, O.**, for the national meeting of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. Each summer a Bible School was conducted at the University with teachers such as **Dr. C. L. Schofield**, **John R. Mott**, **Robert E. Speer**, and **R. E. Magill**. The first year at the University, I went with the Cadet Corps under **Capt. George LeRoy Brown** to Atlanta to an exposition at the fairgrounds out on Peachtree Street, a thoroughfare that seemed to worm its way through pretty well all parts of the city. My company was housed in a "loft" where we slept on cots and bathed at a spigot, but we had a grand time.

*(To be continued in the Winter issue)*



<sup>3</sup> Nathaniel Dick Colhoun and wife, Martha Jane, are buried in the center of Stanton Cemetery south of the Charles Tucker grave. [Source: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~tnhaywood/cemetery/stantoncem.htm>; Haywood County Miscellaneous Records, transcribed by WPA.]

## BROWN

Departed this life on Sabbath night, 8th Jul 1838, in the 71st year of her age, **Mrs. Catharine Brown**, consort of **Col. Hugh Brown** of Maury County. During the 1802 revival in North Carolina, she united herself to the Presbyterian Church of which she continued a consistent member till her death, manifesting in her various relations of wife, mother, friend, and neighbor that mild, affectionate, unostentatious manner which could not but endear her to those in whose society she lived.

*-Columbia Observer, 19 Jul 1838*

## THOMAS

**Dr. Isaac J. Thomas** departed this life at **Lawrenceburgh, Tenn.**, on the 14 day of Aug [1844]. Born in **Iredell Co., North Carolina**, on 25 Oct 1781, he was the son of poor but honest and respectable parents.<sup>1</sup> While he devoted his attention to the learned profession of medicine, his humanity and skill were appreciated by his neighbors and rewarded by their patronage. As an agriculturist, he was liberal, enlightened, and successful, carrying aids of experience and science into details of the selection of crops and their mode of cultivation. As a member of the state legislature, he was an untiring advocate of limited legislation and simple but stable and well fixed laws. He fulfilled with exemplary fidelity the duties of husband and father and was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

[Abstracted from Masonic tribute taken from minutes of Lafayette Chapter No. 4.]

*-Columbia Observer, 12 Sep 1844*

## McNAIRY

**Dr. John S. McNairy**, for several years superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum of this state, died at Nashville last Saturday [18 Aug 1849].

*-Columbia Recorder, 21 Aug 1849*

<sup>1</sup>His parents are identified as **Isaac and Elizabeth (Massengill) Thomas** of North Carolina in *the Biographical Directory of the Tennessee General Assembly 1796-1969*. He came to Maury County in 1814 where he practiced medicine for some 30 years. He married **Asenath Houston**. Their children: **Isaac Jetton, Jr., James Houston, John Adison, Charles Hams,** and **Martha Patience Thomas**.

# TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

## BARR

**Mrs. Addie Barr**, wife of **J. N. Barr** and daughter of **E. C. and Arabella Hubbs**, died at her home near **Coxburg, Benton County**, 16 Jul 1889. Born 4 Nov 1861, she joined the Methodist Church in October 1881. She was a devoted wife and loving mother.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 18 Oct 1889*

## RUSHING

**Mrs. Ida Rushing**, wife of **R. W. Rushing**, died 11 Oct [1889] in the 24th year of her age. She had been in feeble health for several months previous to her death. A devoted wife and mother, she left a husband and little boy. An infant had died a few weeks before. She was a member of the Methodist Church at Rushing Chapel, and was buried at Rushing Creek Church.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 18 Oct 1889*

## MITCHELL

**Allen H. Mitchell**, Benton County register for nearly eight years, died at 6 o'clock the morning of 12 Dec 1889. A resolution adopted by county officers and the local bar described **Mr. Mitchell** as "always polite and attentive to the public, and one of the most accommodating men who ever occupied an official position in the county." Born 3 May 1844, he spent the greater part of his life in poverty and rose by his own efforts to be a man of fair attainments, frequently filling trusts of importance. Just before his death, he came into a large fortune. He was a kind husband, affectionate father, a true friend, and an honest man. **Mr. Mitchell** was a Confederate soldier, volunteering 17 Dec 1861 and serving till the war ended.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 20 Dec 1889*

## POLK

**Mr. Gideon C. Polk** died at **Columbia, Tenn.**, 9th Feb [1890], aged 74 years, being a citizen there 55 years.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 14 Feb 1890*

## YARBROUGH

Again death has entered our portals and we are called upon to mourn over the death of **Issac C. Yarbrough** who died at his residence on 12 Nov 1889 of consumption. Aged 66 years, 6 months, and 12 days, he had been a resident of **Camden** for about 30 years. He was born on White Creek in **Davidson County** 30 Apr 1823. An excellent business man, he was "one of the purest and best men who ever lived in **Camden** or the county." **Mr. Yarbrough** was a member of the **Benton County** court for a number of years, a merchant, and station agent for the **Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway** for many years. He belonged to the **Cumberland Presbyterian Church** for 50 years. A Master Mason, he was a member of **Camden Lodge No. 179**. He left a wife and several children, including a son, **J. S. Yarbrough** of **Camden**. Also surviving was a brother, **Jefferson Yarbrough** of **Nashville**. All of his children were present at his funeral, which was followed with interment at **Camden Cemetery**.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 15 Nov 1889*

## COOK

**Mrs. R. F. Cook** of **Athens, Tenn.**, died suddenly last week from an overdose of morphine administered by her husband, **Dr. Cook**, to relieve a headache from la grippe of which she was suffering.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 14 Feb 1890*

## SAPP

**Mrs. William Sapp**, while engaged in burning some brush on her husband's farm near **Athens, Tenn.**, on 15th Feb [1890], was so badly burned when her clothes caught fire that she died during the night from her injuries. She leaves her husband and several children.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 21 Feb 1890*

## HAMILTON

Died 16 Jan 1873 near **Elora** in **Lincoln County**, **Mrs. Narcissa Jane Hamilton**, wife of **Newton A. Hamilton**. Born 27 Nov 1832, she married in 1851 and professed religion in 1846 at **Mt. Carmel** in **Franklin County**. She leaves her husband and six children.

*-Fayetteville Observer, 23 Jan 1873*

## SPENCER

Miss Ida Spencer died of hydrophobia at Dayton, Rhea County, from the bite of a cat. Several weeks ago, a madstone was applied and adhered at the time.<sup>2</sup>

*-Benton County Enterprise, 24 Jan 1890*

## EUBBS

Aunty Dafny Hubbs, motherly old colored woman, died at Coxburg in Benton County Saturday night, 8 Feb [1890]. She was probably the oldest darky in the state, having attained the age of 128 years.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 14 Feb 1890*

## MITCHELL

Rev. S. Woodbury Mitchell, late of Zion Church, Maury County, died at Smyrna in Rutherford County, 2 Feb [1890] of heart disease, aged 70. His remains will be taken to Columbia for interment in Rossell Cemetery. The deceased went to Columbia from Maine some years prior to the late war and was a gallant Confederate soldier, being a private in Capt. Bill Gordon's Company from Maury County.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 14 Feb 1890*

## SMITH

Died at his home near Nebo Church in the 8th District on the night of 4 May [1885], Mr. B. B. Smith, aged about 40. He moved to Gibson County with his father's family in 1866 or '67, coming, we believe, from Rutherford County. Burt Smith was a true man, married some years ago. His wife and only child have been waiting for years to welcome him to the eternal home.

*-Trenton Recorder, 9 May 1885*

## TALLEY

Died in the vicinity of Lynchburg on 18 Dec 1872, Miss Mattie Talley, daughter of William Talley, Esq., aged about 18 years.

*-Fayetteville Observer, 26 Dec 1872*

# TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

## BYERS

Died at Blanche in Bedford County, Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Byers, wife of Mr. James F. Byers and daughter of Richard and Mary Grantland. She was born 2 Mar 1848, married 16 Aug 1867, professed religion in August last, and left this world in holy triumph on 28 Jan 1873. She was a fine daughter, wife, and mother.

*-Fayetteville Observer, 6 Feb 1873*

## COLBERT

Died in Bedford County near Camargo on 28th Feb [1873], Mrs. Charlotte Colbert, relict of Stephen Coibert, aged about 80 years.

*-Fayetteville Observer, 6 Mar 1873*

## PHILPOT

Died in Bedford County near Blanche on 28 Feb 1873, Mrs. Rebecca Philpot, wife of Mr. Joseph Philpot and a daughter of David J. and Sarah H. George. She leaves behind a husband, three children, and many relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

*-Fayetteville Observer, 13 Mar 1873*

## McKINNEY

Robert E. McKinney, Jr., died in Fayetteville on 7th Apr [1873], at the residence of his father, Dr. R. E. McKinney. He was aged 24 years, 7 months, and 22 days.

*-Fayetteville Observer, 10 Apr 1873*

## CHILDS

Died in Bedford County near Sulphur Springs of old age on 17th Aug [1872], Rev. Thomas Childs, aged 76 years.

*-Fayetteville Observer, 22 Aug 1872*

## SHERRILL

Died in Bedford County in the vicinity of Blanche on 14th Dec [1872], Mr. William Sidney Sherrill, aged 50 years 6 months, and 8 days. He was buried with Masonic honors.

*-Fayetteville Observer, 19 Dec 1872*

## HARRISON

Died in Huntingdon Friday, 29th Jan [1869], Capt. William Harrison in the 48th year of his age. His funeral was attended on the following day by the Masonic Fraternity and a large circle of friends.

*-West Tennessean, Huntingdon, 4 Feb 1869*

## MONTGOMERY

Died in Carroll County at his father's residence near McLemoresville on Friday morning, 28 Feb 1873, J. Waiter Montgomery. He was county tax collector at his death. We had but a short acquaintance with him, but found him to be an upright, clever young gentleman.

*-Republican, Huntingdon, 7 Mar 1873*

## BREVARD

Died of pneumonia at his residence in Huntingdon on 25 Apr [1869], B. J. Brevard in the 52nd year of his age. Thus has passed away in the triumph of Christian faith, one of the best men it has ever been our privilege to know. He was a man respected, esteemed, and loved by all who knew him. His remains were followed to the grave on Tuesday [27 Apr] by a numerous procession of the Masonic fraternity and a large concourse of citizens. He left a wife and several children.

*-West Tennessean, Huntingdon, 29 Apr 1869*

## MASON

A man named John Mason, residing at Bell Buckle on the Nashville & Chattanooga railroad, fatally shot himself through the abdomen while out hunting Saturday afternoon [24 Apr 1869]. He was attempting to catch a squirrel that was wounded when he fell down and accidentally discharged his weapon. He died within two hours after the wound had been inflicted. He was the son of a widowed mother.

*-West Tennessean, Huntingdon, 29 Apr 1869*

## ELDER

Henry L. Elder, one of the oldest merchants and wealthiest citizens of Trenton, died of typhoid fever Monday night [18 Nov 1878]. He was a true, good man.

*-The Indicator, Huntingdon, 22 Nov 1878*

<sup>2</sup> Superstitious persons believed in applying this poltice or stone which had been soaked in warm milk or water to a wound made by a mad animal. When it dried and dropped free from the wound, they believed the poison would be gone. [Source: Evans, Barbara Jean: *A to Zax, Alexandria, Va., 1995*]

## COCHRANE

Died at the residence of **Judge J. R. Harrison** in Huntingdon on the 31st of Aug [1874] of pulmonary consumption. **Maj. Peter Cochrane** of Dresden. He was 36 years of age.

*-The People's Paper, Huntingdon, 1 Sep 1874*

## BROWNING

**Mrs. Phoebe Browning** mother of **J. S. Browning**, died at his residence last Wednesday evening [24 Jan 1894] of paralysis. She was 79 years of age and an estimable lady. She leaves several children and a host of friends.

*-Tenn. Republican, Huntingdon, 26 Jan 1894*

## WHITEHORN

Died in Carroll County on 7th Oct [1868]. **Mr. George Whitehorn** in his 89th year. Born in Sussex Co., Va., on 17 Oct 1779, he removed to Tennessee in Apr 1818. During the War of 1812, he gallantly bore arms in defence of his country and during the recent civil convulsion remained true to the cause of the Union. He leaves five children, 17 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

*-West Tennessean, Huntingdon, 15 Oct 1868*

## HANKS

**George Nicholas Hanks**, son of **Capt. C. J.** and **Mrs. Mollie Hanks**, died Friday [19 Aug 1887] at the home of his parents in Germantown [Shelby County], aged 18.

*-Memphis Daily Avalanche, 21 Aug 1887*

## STREET

Died at Fort Pickering on 25 Jul [1845]. **Mr. Edwin Street**, aged 31 years. In his death, society has lost a worthy and estimable citizen.

*-Weekly Appeal, Memphis, 2 Aug 1845*

## SALE

Died very suddenly in Fayette County on 20th Nov [1845]. **Rev. Henry W. Sale**. He was in the 61st year of his age.

*-American Eagle, Memphis, 5 Dec 1845*

## RUFFIN

Died in Hardeman County on the morning of 24 Nov [1845]. **Col. James F. Ruffin**, aged about 35.

*-American Eagle, Memphis, 5 Dec 1845*

# TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

## LAWRENCE

Died at his residence in Memphis on the morning of Saturday last [20 Dec 1845] of pulmonary disease, **James H. Lawrence**, late tax collector, aged about 43 or 44 years. An emphatically honest man, he was a highly useful citizen, amiable and exemplary in all the various relations of life. The mayor and aldermen of Memphis passed a tribute of respect in his honor. Funeral services were at the Presbyterian Church. **Mr. Lawrence** was buried with Masonic honors by Memphis Lodge 91, of which he was and old and active member, and St. John's Lodge No. 112 (Raleigh). The procession of the fraternity was the largest we have ever seen.

*-Memphis Weekly Appeal, 26 Dec 1845*

## CRIDDLE

Died in Paris, Henry County, on 20th Nov [1845]. **Mr. Smith Criddle**.

*-American Eagle, Memphis, 5 Dec 1845*

## PHELON

Died in this city on Sunday morning, 18th Jan 1851, at the residence of her husband, **Mrs. Julia Phelon**, consort of **Isaac Phelon**, in the 37th year of her age. She leaves her husband and a family of four children.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 21 Jan 1851*

## CLEAN

**Rev. Caperton Clean**, an old and very popular local minister of Wallace's X Roads Methodist Episcopal Church and father of **Henry Clean, Jr.**, died at his residence on 28th Dec [1875] and was buried in Knoxville the following day. The funeral was attended by a large procession of friends who mourn his loss.

*-Knoxville Weekly Chronicle, 19 Jan 1876*

## WILSON

Died in this place yesterday evening [22 Nov 1839] between 3 and 4 o'clock. **Mr. Abel Wilson**, formerly a merchant in Somerville.

*-Somerville Reporter, 23 Nov 1839*

## LAMB

The death of **Spence H. Lamb** removes one of the oldest and best known loyal citizens of Memphis. He saw the city of his adoption grow from small beginnings to large financial and commercial influence. Born 8 Nov 1823 in Elizabeth City, N. C., he was therefore in his 75th year. **Lamb** came to Memphis about 50 years ago and married **Miss Estelle Avery**, daughter of the Hon. **W. T. Avery**.

For a number of years, he carried on a successful building business under the firm name of **Lamb & Upshaw** on Main St. Just before the Civil War, he moved to Clarksville and was postmaster there when hostilities began, resigning his position to go into the Confederate Army. At the close of the war, he was elected treasurer of the old Mississippi & Tennessee railroad and held that office for more than 20 years. When the M&T was sold to the Illinois Central, **Lamb** was retained as their local treasurer.

For the past two or three years, his strength was failing, but in July he went with his family apparently in good health to Lawrence Harbor, N. J., where he was taken sick 10 days ago. A telegram yesterday [20 Aug 1898] announced his death. For more than 39 years, he was senior warden of St. Mary's Cathedral. He leaves a wife and five children, **Avery Lamb** of Kansas City, **Lawrence**, **Walter**, **Spencer**, and **Miss Estelle Lamb**, all of Memphis.

*-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 21 Aug 1898*

## SAWRIE

**Rev. W. D. F. Sawrie** died at his residence on S. High Street in Nashville at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, 27th Nov [1884]. He was taken sick Tuesday night with a spell of indigestion. His last words were, "My wife and children - meet me in Heaven."

**Rev. Sawrie's** funeral was preached Friday evening at McKendree Church, **Drs. J. B. West**, **J. B. McFerrin**, and **J. D. Barbee** officiating. His remains were laid to rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. He was 72 years of age last April.

*-Shelbyville Commercial, 5 Dec 1884*

## BISHOP

**Rev. Jonathan Bishop**, aged 76 years 2 months, 12 days, died of congestive fever 8 Sep 1870 at his home in Knox County after nine days' illness. He spent 42 years in the ministry. His devoted companion and ten children mourn his loss.

- *Knoxville Whig*, 13 Sep 1870

## BUTLER

**Mr. John Butler** of Bear Creek [Bedford County] died last Tuesday week. He would have been 93 years old on the 19th of next December and has been a member of the Methodist Church for nearly 60 years. In 1808 he built the house he lived in when he died. He was a good man and died happy. His mind was clear to the last.

- *Shelbyville Commercial*, Friday, 21 Nov 1871

## MCDONALD

**Col. H. B. McDonald** of Carthage, Smith County, one of its oldest citizens and a prominent lawyer, died in that place on 22 May [1873]. He was in the War of 1812 and also in the Florida war with **General Jackson**.

- *Memphis Daily Appeal*, 3 June 1873

## GORDON

*The Nashville Union & American* notes the death of a good man, **Dr. Francis Haynes Gordon**, who was born at Gordonsville, Smith Co., Tenn., 4 Aug 1804 and died 10 May 1873 at his late residence in Smith County. His life was an active one.

- *Memphis Daily Appeal*, 3 June 1873

## McKINNEY

**James McKinney, Sr.**, born in Tennessee, a soldier under Jackson in the War of 1812 and a citizen of Missouri since 1817, died in Texas Co., Mo., on 27 May [1873] at age 85. He leaves a widow, aged 84, ten children, 92 grandchildren, and 95 great-grandchildren.

- *Memphis Daily Appeal*, 2 Jul 1873

## FRICK

Died in this city on the 13th [Oct 1873] of yellow fever, **John Prick**, aged 54 years. The funeral will be from his residence at 51 Mosby st. this morning.

- *Memphis Daily Appeal*, 14 Oct 1873

# TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

## McCLURE

Died at the residence of **Dr. Beaumont** in Montgomery County on 1 Nov 1866, **R. W. McClure, Jr.**, in the 30th year of his age. Born and raised in this community, he was highly esteemed for his many noble traits of character. He was a worthy member of the gallant 14th Tennessee Regiment and remained a true soldier throughout the war.

- *Clarksville Chronicle*, 9 Nov 1866

## GILLIAM

Died in Clarksville on 2nd Mar 1866 after a long and painful illness, **Mrs. Sarah H. Gilliam**, aged 57 years. A native of Bedford Co., Va., she emigrated to Missouri where she remained until the spring of 1858 when she removed to this place. She was beloved and respected by all who knew her for her many lovely traits of character.

- *Clarksville Chronicle*, 16 Mar 1866

## NORFLEET

Died near Clarksville the 9th of Mar 1866, **Mr. Starkey S. Norfleet** after a long and severe illness. He was in the 70th year of his age, and was one of our oldest and most respected citizens. Born in Bartee Co., N.C., on 17 Apr 1797, he was a Master Mason in Clarksville Lodge No. 89 and had been one of its members for 22 years.

- *Clarksville Chronicle*, 16 Mar 1866

## GILLIAM

**William Gilliam**, an old resident of Rutherford County, was drowned 2d Mar [1842] whilst crossing Stone's River.

- *American Eagle*, Ft. Pickering, 15 Mar 1812

## ACREE

Died in the 19th year of her age of chronic affection of the stomach in Fort Pickering 21 May 1842, **Mrs. Sarah Ann Acree**, consort of **Andrew Jackson Acree**, who died in this place 13 Sep 1841. She lived beloved and respected and died lamented, leaving an only son aged 4 months and many friends. [Holly Springs, Miss., papers will please copy.] - *American Eagle*, 27 May 1842

## SCRUGGS

Died in this town on the morning of the 16th [Sep 1842], **Mrs. Margaret D.(?) Scruggs** in the 23rd year of her age after a long and painful illness. The immediate cause of her death was a disease of the lungs. To her husband, **Mr. Robert L. Scruggs**, and two small children, her kind, warm heart and gentle spirit is a loss irreparable. She was a native of Shelbyville, Ky., and a Methodist by persuasion.

(Louisville Journal, Richmond Whig, and Jackson, Miss., papers will please notice her decease.)

[Abstracted]

- *American Eagle*, Fort Pickering, 22 Sep 1842

## BOLTON

Died on Saturday evening, 27th Oct 1838, at 3 o'clock in Randolph, Tenn., **John Bolton** of Big Creek, Shelby County, after a short and painful illness of 48 hours, occasioned by swallowing a fish bone. Aged 56 years 4 months and 19 days, he was one of the first settlers of the county. He emigrated on Big Creek to seek his fortune in agricultural pursuits, and in that humble station and pursuit nature seemed to have endowed him with peculiar faculties that crowned him with extraordinary success which few could boast of being his equal. He was open, free, and hospitable as a neighbor, kind and affectionate as a husband, tender and benevolent as a father. He is gone the way all the world will have to go and left a widow and six children to bemoan his unfortunate death.

- *Memphis Enquirer*, 2 Nov 1838

## PARHAM

Died in Knoxville on the morning of 26 Sep [1838] at a few minutes past 3 o'clock, **Mrs. Martha L. Parham** in her 23rd year. She was the wife of **Lewis A. Parham**, and was an exemplary member of the Second Presbyterian Church in this place for many years.

- *Knoxville Register*; 3 Oct 1838

## TAYLOR

Died in Tipton County near Wesley on 7 Sep 1838, **Mr. Drury Taylor**. - *Reported from the Randolph Whig in the Memphis Enquirer*, 12 Oct 1838

## MITCHELL

Died at the residence of **Mrs. L. A. McNally** on Shelby st. at 3 p.m. Sunday, 18 Aug 1872, **Mrs. Annie E. Mitchell**, wife of **William B. Mitchell** and only daughter of **Col. George Pattison**. Funeral services will be conducted at Second Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon: 19 Aug, at 4 o'clock by **Rev. W. E. Boggs**. Carriages will be at the church.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 19 Aug 1872

## SCOTT

Died 18 Aug [1872] at the residence of her brother-in-law (**Gen. Patton Anderson**), **Mollie Adair Scott**, aged 33 years 6 months, and 15 days. [Monticello, Fla., papers please copy.]

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 19 Aug 1872

## PRICE

**Edwin H. Price** departed this life on 24th Apr 1845 at the residence of his father-in-law, **Major James Ruffin** in **Panola, Miss.** A native of **Richmond, Va.**, he removed from that place to **Memphis** in 1834 where he has resided since, prosecuting his business as a druggist with fidelity which won for him the confidence of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. **Mr. Price** fell victim thus early in life, at age 31 years, to that insidious disease, consumption, which seems to select its prey from the worthiest and purest of our race. He has left behind him a wife and three children, and a large circle of attached friends.

-*Memphis Weekly Appeal*, 9 May 1845

## ECKLES

Died on 12th inst. [12 June 1854] in **Shelby County** at the residence of his father, **Dr. Edward W. Eckles** of **Hinds Co., Miss.**, in the 42nd year of his age. He was born in **Sussex Co., Va.**, and has left a wife and six children to mourn his loss. [Vicksburg papers please copy.]

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 16 June 1854

## BURGESS

Died in **Louisville, Ky.**, on 10 Dec [1853], **Mr. William H. Burgess** of **Madison Co., Tenn.**

-*Memphis Daily Appeal* 9 Jan 1854

# TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

## Some Knoxville Area Deaths of 1838

*The Knoxville Register* of 3 Oct 1838 carried this list of deaths in **Knoxville** and vicinity:

- Two sons of **Lewis Hudiburg**
- A. J. Roberts**, son of **Sam'l Roberts**
- Gotlif Johnson**
- C. W. Michel** at **Capt. Jackson's**
- Josedeck Roberts**
- Hugh Murphy** (vicinity)
- George Wright** (vicinity)
- Mrs. C. Cardwell**, wife of **Henry H. Cardwell**
- Hugh Brown, Esq.**, at **F. S. Heiskell's**
- Daughter of **John Rutherford**

## JOHNSON

Died at **Randolph, Tenn.**, on 20th Sep 1845, **Mrs. Malvina Johnson**, wife of **Dr. M. F. Johnson**, in the 43rd year of her age. She spent the earlier portion of her life in **Kentucky**, where she married, and then removed with her husband to **Brownsville, Tenn.**, where she lived a number of years before moving to **Randolph**.

-*Memphis Weekly Appeal*, 10 Oct 1845

## MURRAY

Died on 23 Oct 1845 at his residence in **Hardeman County** after a lingering illness of many months, **Col. John Murray**, aged about 80 years. He was one of the first who entered this county and will be recollected by all who were concerned in the land business as a surveyor and locator.

Perhaps none of those early adventurers shared so largely the hardships incident to their vocations as the deceased. He literally lived in the wild forest for several years and, although social in disposition, seemed to prefer at all times a "border life." He was blessed with the most remarkable constitution and vigorous mind, and lived to old age without seeming to have attained it until a few months before his death when he sank rapidly.

-*Memphis Weekly Appeal*, 28 Oct 1845

## DMON

Died yesterday [14 Jul 1866] in **Nashville** after a short illness, **John Dixon**, native of **Scotland** and an old resident. -*Nashville Gazette*, 15 Jul 1866

## WEST

**Patterson B. West**, an old citizen of **Nashville**, died suddenly yesterday [14 Jul 1866] at the residence of **John T. S. Fall**. -*Nashville Gazette*, 15 Jul 1866

## HOSSE

Died in this city yesterday evening [25 Jul 1866] after a long and painful illness, **Mrs. Josephine Hosse**, wife of **Charles Hosse**. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence at No. 16 Line Street.

-*Nashville Gazette*, 26 Jul 1866

## McINTOSH

**Green McIntosh** died at the residence of **George Rear** in **Nashville** on 19th Jul [1866]. He was a member of **Smiley Lodge No. 90**, **International Order of Odd Fellows**, which passed a resolution stating that **Nashville** had lost one of its honest and upright citizens.

"He was kind and gentle in his disposition, sociable in his manner, courteous in his deportment, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him," the resolution continued. It was signed by **J. H. C. Collins**, **A. M. Tennison**, **J. A. Chilton**, **M. C. Colton**, and **H. C. Alley**.

-*Nashville Gazette*, 27 Jul 1866

## FOX

Died yesterday evening [26 Jul 1866] in this city from a sudden paralysis, **Mr. Charles "Charlie" Fox**, aged about 58 years. He was an auctioneer with the house of **Bolling & Herald**, and an old citizen of **Nashville**.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon by **Rev. J. W. Ellis** at **Christ Church**. Members of **Tennessee Lodge No. 1**, **International Order of Odd Fellows**, will assemble for the services.

-*Nashville Gazette*, 27 Jul 1866

# *Chester County Court Minutes, 1891*

## *First Installment*

*Abstracted by Jane Park Paessler from Microfilm Roll 5 produced by the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville*

### 6 APRIL 1891

[Page 1] Present: Chairman C. R. Scarborough and Clerk H. D. Franklin.

- John P. Thomas, Justice of the Peace in District 6, posted \$500 bond with H. D. Criner and John N. **Wheatley** securities.

[P. 2] - W. D. **McCarkill**, Justice of the Peace, District 7, posted bond with I. C. B. **Naylor** and W. L. Allen securities.  
- W. G. **Massengill**, appointed guardian of Emmett **Inman**, posted \$1,600 bond with W. E. **McLeod** and W. C. **McCallum** securities.

### 3 APRIL 1891

[P. 3] - Report received from N. T. **Buckley**, trustee, for quarter ending 31 Mar 1891.

[P.4-6] - Collections received from Justices of the Peace A. A. Middleton, W. B. **Skinner**, R. M. D. **McNatt**, Wm. Rush, and Tip **Bagwell**; Circuit Court Clerk W. T. Cason; and County Court Clerk H. D. Franklin.  
- Circuit Court cost warrants issued to: A. A. Anderson, J. D. Johnson, J. T. Hardy, W. T. Logan, W. D. Stansell, and J. R. Bland.

- Ordinary credit warrants issued to: Robt. Purdy, J. M. **Hodges**, T. H. **Bagwell**, Holcomb Robertson, J. R. Bland, M. M. **Maness**, J. H. Phillips, J. E. **Blalock**, J. T. Parchman, J. H. Fry, Mack Clark, Tom Finger, J. D. Johnson, T. H. Rickhead, J. T. Hardy, W. A. **Kerr**, S. H. Moore, J. L. **Holyfield**, I. J. **Massengill**, Benjamin Bright and sons, A. A. Anderson, M. D. Davis, W. H. **Marr**, W. T. Stewart, W. B. **Skinner**, A. J. **Naylor**, W. R. Campbell, J. A. **McCarkill**, Sam Fry, Will Cole, J. P. Randolph, Bill Edwards, A. D. Ivy, Moses **Holt**, John Hunter, J. D. Johnson, John R. **Deaton**, E. N. Tablen, W. D. **Stansell**, Mack Jones, W. A. Cupples, S. J. Patterson, M. L. Cherry, P. B. Fanaro, M. J. Robbins, trustee, W. P. **Haltom**, C. G. Hardeman, and C. R. Scarborough.

[P. 7] - School warrants, taken up and subscribed, were issued to: J. H. Hanna, J. W. O. Garrett, W. M. Gant, **Sallie** Hollis, W. R. Campbell, R. C. Cooper, S. E. Mays, E. E. Jones, **Janie** Cason, J. T. Gibson, Amanda Thomas, W. M. Muse, W. E. Brown, and N. N. Woodard.

- Bridge and levee warrants issued to: N. J. Hodges, Ozier **Hardeman & Co.**, E. C. Jordan, and D. M. **Tull**.

[P. 8-9] - Road warrants issued to: J. H. Howell, J. H. Smith, W. P. **Skinner**, M. O. Green, W. T. Crow, E. A. Russell, J. F. **O'Neal & Co.**, **McKenzie Milam & Co.**, J. P. **Isbell**.

- Petition to legitimize, dated 1 Apr 1891: M. J. McGee and Margaret L. Roland married, but before the marriage they had two children, Cora Lee, born 12 Aug 1873, and Joshua Greeley, born 27 Mar 1896. After marriage, they had one other child. Margaret died 19 Aug 1890. M. J. McGee has every reason to believe two named children are his. He wants to make them lawful heirs and change their names from their mother's to **McGee**. Petition signed by L. F. Huddleston, solicitor. Court heard petition 6 Apr 1891 and granted **McGee's** request.

[P. 10] - Court Clerk reported on finds in his hands belonging to cases in court and minors:

Case #10 - James **Latham** et al vs. Nancy **Latham**, funds for one **Rhodes** heir;

Case #12- Rebecca Hamilton et al vs. Ned **Towery** et al, funds for distribution;

Case #36 -J. C. Bithune et al vs. Solomon Fields et al, funds for distribution; Newton Fields estate, finds for widow and three minor children; S. C. **Burrus** estate, finds for minor children;

Case #43 - R. M. D. **McNatt**, administrator, vs. J. W. Muse et al, last purchase money paid in by **Perkins** Muse and **Rowrey** for land sold is to go to distributors of Hudson Muse, dec'd. Dr. L. W. **Perkins** was paid on order of J. W. Muse;

Case #50 - R. H. Davis, executor, et al vs. I. J. Galbraith, guardian et al.

[P. 11] - Notes for funds loaned under court order: (1) E. L. **McCallum** for funds belonging to Ida **McKinny**; (2) John M. Ozier for funds belonging to minor children of J. C. **Burrus**, dec'd; (3) J. R. Tenry et al for funds belonging to R. W. and J. T. Fields, minors.

- Notes being held against J. R. **Tenry** and J. W. Ozier were destroyed in courthouse fire 17 Mar 1891.

### 13 APRIL 1891

[P. 12] - Court ordered filing of copies of petitions destroyed in courthouse fire from W. C. Brown vs. Carroll Beaver and J. A. Crook vs. **Harrit C. Walch**

- [P. 13] - Petition by Samantha Jordan: Asked court to put into effect former decree of Nov 1890 term setting apart homestead and dower in lands of her deceased husband, Wm. D. Jordan. Court appointed A. E. Bray, W. S. Casson, and J. N. Wheatley, surveyor, to set apart homestead and dower, and they have failed to make their report. Court renewed order, and commissioners are to report at next term.
- [P. 14] - Warrants on ordinary county funds issued to: C. R. Scarborough, Sheriff I. D. Johnson, Clerk H. D. Franklin, G. W. Patterson, and J. E. **Blalock** for four days on grand jury; J. F. Bray and J. H. **Mitchell** for bridge lumber.

**25 APRIL 1891**

- J. F. and I. T. **O'Neal**, administrators of C. H. O'Neal estate and sons of deceased, posted \$25,000 administrative bond with M. J. O'Neal and R. A. Tatum securities.
- [P. 15] - Road warrants issued to: J. P. **Cluny** for timber; T. C. Phillips for timber; Henry Mitchell for extra service as overseer; L. L. Trice for timber and hauling in District 4; W. C. Trice for timber furnished P. E. Stone; J. C. Beaver for lumber and nails for bridge in District 5; **Hardeman & Co.** for shovels furnished N. M. Alexander in District 6; T. W. **Lawvill** for use of plow by J. R. Wade in District 8; N. T. Collins for extra service as overseer in District 8; N. D. Barrett for lumber furnished H. W. Brook in District 10.

**4 MAY 1891**

- [P. 16] - Will of **Rebecca** Jones, dec'd, dated 20 May 1886, was submitted for probate by W. A. Jones. Witnesses: D. E. Rhodes and W. S. Rhodes.
- [P. 17] - Caleb Parker submitted for probate a copy of will of Caleb **McKnight**, dec'd. Original burned in courthouse fire. - W. R. Jones, administrator of Rebecca Jones' estate, posted \$600 bond with W. S. Rhodes and D. E. Rhodes securities. B. D. Jones, named executor in will, declined to qualify.
- [P. 18] - J. N. Swanner, administrator of J. W. Swanner's estate and brother of deceased, posted \$300 bond with W. M. Maness and D. E. Rhodes sureties. - Jesse L. Walsh, brother and guardian of Willie D. Walsh, who is over 15 years old, posted \$250 bond with **Harriet** C. Walsh and **B. M. Tillman** sureties.
- [P. 19] - J. W. Baird, guardian of Homer Christopher, renewed \$1,500 bond with Wm. L. Stegall and C. B. Baird sureties. - Court renewed its order of one year's support for Samantha Jordan, widow of W. D. Jordan, and her family out of funds in hands of A. A. Anderson, administrator.
- [P. 20] - W. R. and E. H. Jones, executors of **Elkanah** F. Jones' estate, made their fifth annual report and settlement on 1 May 1891 and court ordered it recorded.
- [P. 21] - Year's support for **Sarilda** Hatch: Report by J. P. Grantham, M. H. Ammons, and J. H. Duning, commissioners appointed at Jan 1891 term to set apart one year's support for J. S. H. Hatch, widow of **B. M.** Hatch, and her family, was received by court. Wm. Rush, administrator, is to turn over amount stated. Court ordered recording of Rush's report of estate inventory and sale filed 25 Apr 1891.
- [P. 22-24] - Court ordered report from W. G. Massengill, guardian of **Emett Inman**, entered into record. - R. H. Davis, executor, vs. L. J. Galbraith, guardian: Outstanding note against estate of C. W. Davis, dec'd, by N. L. Davis to be set off by payment to J. A. **McCulley**. Balance due on claims by N. L. Davis, J. J. Johnson, executor of Solomon Cooper for use of N. L. Davis; John R. Muse; J. W. Baird; Cyrus **McKnight**; G. L. Puddy; I. W. **Perkins**; J. C. Fly for use of J. T. Walker; Sam Walker; Alex Thompson; I. J. Galbraith & Co.; Carroll & Mooreman; **Mooreman & Co.** Deceased owned lots on Franklin St. in Henderson, bounded by W. A. Horn, J. M. Troutt, and M & O Railroad. Court ordered property sold to pay debts.
- [P. 25-26] - Petition by Samantha Jordan, widow of Wm. D. Jordan, dec'd, who died in Aug 1890: Commissioners appointed at Nov 1890 term reported they set apart for Samantha Jordan and minor children of Wm. Jordan one house and lot on east side of Crook Ave. adjoining J. A. **McCalley's**, and one lot on which there is a blacksmith shop that was used by deceased on Union Alley adjoining Washington St., I. J. Galbraith's, and J. F. **O'Neal's**. Report signed by W. S. Canon, A. E. Bray, and J. N. Wheatley.
- [P. 27] - Hearing on petition of J. A. Crook vs. Harriet C. Walsh et al was continued.
- [P. 28] - Hearing on petition of W. C. Brown vs. C. Beaver, administrator, et al was continued. - Ordinary county warrants on certificates of lost warrants were issued to: Wm. Rush, A. A. Anderson, G. W. Stewart, T. H. **Skinner**, W. C. Robbins, J. M. **Malone**, F. H. Weir, J. D. Johnson, and M. J. Robbins. - Road warrant was issued to Cyrus McKnight for furnishing team to T. F. **Amis**, District 6 overseer.



**16 MAY 1891**

- [P. 29] - Petition of R. H. Davis, executor, et al vs. **I. J. Galbraith**, guardian, et al: Clerk H. D. Franklin reports that in settling with **R. H. Davis**, executor of C. W. Davis' estate, he has paid attorney's fee to **I. F. Huddleston** for services, 1890 taxes on land, and Madison County Court for certified copy of will.
- [P. 30-31] - G. L. Priddy, administrator, reports claims have been made against James Thomas' estate by T. S. Dalton, H. C. Ashcraft, L. C. **Rhodes**, C. R. Scarborough, and Brown & Sons.
- [P. 32] - Third report from G. L. Priddy, administrator of James Thomas' estate: Court orders filing of Priddy's report as trustee for deceased's minor children in book of guardian reports.
- [P. 33] - Reports of sale and inventory were submitted by A. A. Anderson, administrator of W. D. Jordan's estate, and J. V. Swanner, administrator of J. W. Swanner's estate.
- [P. 34] - Court ordered recording of report from L. E. Weeks, guardian of Flora G., Benjamin O., Hattie S. A., and **H. L. Weeks**, her own and minor children of B. J. Weeks, dec'd.  
- J. A. Davis, administrator of Minnie Davis' estate, filed his second report and an inventory.
- [P. 35] - Account of J. A. Davis as administrator of Minnie Davis' estate, was filed by court clerk and ordered recorded  
- Caleb and **Pinkston** Parker, executors of Caleb **McKnight**'s estate, filed report of receipts and disbursements. Clerk is to certify claims against estate
- [P. 36] - Report on state and condition of Hudson Muse's estate was filed by R. M. D. **McNatt**, administrator
- [P. 37-38]- J. W. Baird, guardian of Homer Christopher, gave his second report on his ward's funds and estate.  
- I. J. Galbraith, guardian of Albert H. and Robert B. Davis, reported on his wards' funds and estate, making his 8th annual report.  
- H. D. Franklin, guardian of Estella Kemodle, made his second annual report of his ward's funds and estate.
- [P. 39] - Court appointed G. L. Priddy as guardian of **Mattie, Sallie**, Bert, and Edna Thomas, minor children of James Thomas, dec'd, and Priddy posted \$1,000 bond with W. T. Cason and F. W. Purdy securities.  
- Court continued hearing on petition of W. C. Brown vs. C. Beaver, administrator, et al.  
- Clerk ordered to supply copies of records in cases of J. A. Crook vs. **Harriet C. Walsh et al**, and M. F. **Ozier**, guardian of **Clifton** Walsh as originals were lost in 17 Mar 1891 courthouse fire.

**9 JUNE 1891**

- [P. 41] - Report was submitted by commissioners **I. W. Perkins**, J. F. **O'Neal**, and Morgan Wrinkles, who were appointed to set apart homestead and dower of Samantha Jordan, widow of W. D. Jordan. They reported liens on property owed to Morgan Wrinkles as purchase money for residence, and J. F. **O'Neal** as purchase money for blacksmith shop. John Jordan, who has occupied both since his brother's death, was ordered by court to pay rent so widow can then pay lien on homestead.
- [P. 42] - Parilee Gardner vs. Dan Arnold: Petitioner did not appear in court to testify so Dan Arnold was acquitted of charge of bastardy. Parilee Gardner is to pay court costs.
- [P. 43] - John **R. Edwards**, guardian of Nannie E. **Latham**, reported on state of his ward's funds and estate, and renewed his \$3,400 guardian bond with N. T. **Buckley** and W. C. Tucker securities.

**10 JUNE 1891**

- [P. 44] - I. J. Galbraith, guardian of Albert H. and Robert B. Davis, posted a \$2,000 guardian bond with W. F. Cason and W. G. Massengill securities.

**16 JUNE 1891**

- [P. 45] - Petition of W. C. Brown vs. C. Beaver et al was **refiled** as original was lost in courthouse fire.  
- Court appointed J. R. Bland administrator of estate of John M. Hurt who died intestate. Bland posted \$100 bond with John A. Miller and D. M. **Tull** securities. William R. Jones, S. E. Reid, and J. R. Reid were appointed to set apart one year's support for deceased's widow, Jane Hurt, and family.

(To be continued in next issue)

**THE JOHANSEN/JOHNSON** family, including some who lived in Tennessee, is spotlighted in *Texarkana USA Quarterly*, Vol. XXVIX, Nos. 1-2. **Robert Peter Johnson**, born 19 June 1849 in Denmark, died 3 Feb 1923 in Memphis, Tenn., and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery. A retired worker for the Frisco railroad, he married (1) **Mary Jane Harper** of Crawford Co., Mo., who died in 1886; (2) ?, and (3) **Nannie Newton** (?) who died in Memphis in 1924 and is buried at Elmwood. **Robert's** son by his first marriage, **John Henry Johnson**, died in Memphis in 1950. Another son, **George Robert Johnson**, lived with his father in Memphis 1905 - 1923.

**THE FAMILY** Bible of former Tennessean **William John** appears in the Ellis Co., Tex., quarterly, *Searchers & Researchers*, Vol. 25, No. 1. **William**, the son of native Tennesseans **Robert** and **Sallie John**, was born in McMinn Co., Tenn., 7 Apr 1836. At age six he moved with his parents to Crawford Co., Mo., and in 1860 migrated to Ellis Co., Tex. He named **Nancy Lewis Martin**, born 15 Dec 1842 in Missouri and the daughter of **J. I.** and **Clementine Martin**, North Carolina natives. **William** and **Nancy's** seven children were: **William L.**, **Clementine**, **Robert J.**, **Harvey**, **Sallie**, **Robertie**, and **E. John**. \*\*\*

**FORMER** Gallatin, Tenn., resident, **Mrs. Pamela B. H. White**, died in Courtland, Ala., 6th Aug 1831, according to her obituary abstracted in Vol. 36, No. 3 of *Valley Leaves*, the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society quarterly published in Huntsville, Ala. **Mrs. White**, the daughter of **Rev. Charles L. Jefferies**, at an early age had migrated with her father from Mecklenburg Co., Va., to Gallatin where she married **Thomas E. White** 20 Apr 1830 before completing her 16th year. When her father moved to Courtland to teach in the Female Academy there, she persuaded her husband to join him on the faculty. **Pamela** died at age 17. Her early death was attributed to her strenuous endeavors on behalf of the Academy.

## Gleanings

### FROM HERE 'N THERE

Mentions of Tennesseans  
-In Our Exchanges-

**DEATH RECORDS** of Pulaski Co., Ill., from 1886 through 1896 contain names of several former Tennesseans. Among deaths listed in *The Saga of Southern Illinois*, Vol. 28, No. 4:

-**Anna Clark**, black, 33, b. in Tenn., lived in Ill. 22 years, d. 10 Jan 1887 of consumption.

-**Fanny Hunt**, black, 27, b. in Tenn., lived in Ill. 30 years, d. 13 Apr 1887 of pneumonia.

-**R. C. Lipe**, white, 53 years, 10 days: b. in Tenn., d. 13 Aug 1887 of malarial fever.

-**Fredonia Wells**, black, 54, b. in Humphreys Co., Tenn., d. 12 Jan 1888 of colic.

-**John Abbot**, white, 64, b. Tenn., lived in Ill. 61½ years: d. of malarial fever (no date).

-**Rena Lackey**, white, 65, b. Tenn., lived in Ill. 50 years, d. 30 Oct 1888 of malarial fever.

-**Mary M. Little Meyer**, white, aged 39 yrs., 5 mo., 15 days, b. Tenn., lived in Ill. 26 years, d. 16 Oct 1888 of stomach congestion.

-**Indeas Caroline Britt**, white, aged 53 yrs., 11 mo., 19 days, b. Tenn., d. 5 Jan 1890 of hemaplegia.

-**Rose Jane Tally**, white, aged 47 years, 6 mo., 22 days, b. Tenn., lived in Ill. 18 years, d. 11 Nov 1889 of uterine inflammation.

-**Stephen H. Decature**, black, age 75 years, b. Tenn., lived in Ill. 30 years, d. 25 Apr 1894 of congestive malarial fever.

In the same issue of the quarterly, an account of the **Jordan** and **Estes** families states they settled in Smith Co., Tenn., in 1799 and lived there until migrating in 1804 to **Hardin** and **Saline** counties in Southern Illinois. **Joseph Jordan** owned 188 acres on the Cumberland River at Caney Fork in 1802; **Joseph, Francis M.**, and **Thomas Jordan, Sr.**, were members of the Brush Creek Primitive Baptist Church organized by Elder **John Hightower** near Caney Fork in 1802; marriages of **John** and **Absalom Estes** took place in Smith County in 1803; and **William Estes** died there in 1815. **John** and **Absalom** paid taxes in Wilson Co., Tenn., in 1804 and 1806. In 1812, **Elias, John, Levi**, and **Reuben Jordan** paid taxes in Franklin Co., Tenn., and in 1815 the land settlement of **Thomas Jordan, Sr.**, in Warren Co., Tenn., was recorded in Gallatin Co., Ill.

**THE HISTORY** of the **Wester-Pate** families who had Tennessee connections is featured in *Hopkins Co., Tex., Heritage*, Vol. 19, No. 1. **Sarah Ann Wester**, whose father **William Wester** was born 3 Feb 1801 in Washington Co., Tenn., married **John Wilson Pate** about 1854 in Tennessee. **John**, born 4 May 1833 in Bedford Co., Tenn., was the son of **Calvin Pate** and **Jemina Johnson**. **John** and **Sarah's** first child, **Oscar Mortimer Pate**, was born in Tennessee in 1856. The **Wester** and **Pate** families moved to Hopkins Co., Tex., in 1859.

AN EXCERPT from a letter written by **Mary Lee (Gunter) Robinson** and published in *Limestone Legacy*, Athens, Ala., Vol. 24, No. 3, contains numerous references to Tennesseans. **Mary Lee's** parents, **Ella Pettey** and **J. E. Gunter** were married in May 1872 in Tipton Co., Tenn. **Ella** was the daughter of **Dr. Francis Marion Pettey** and **Sarah Elliott** who married at or near Rossville, Tenn., about 1848. **Dr. Pettey's** father, **George**, named **Nancy Bates** near Huntsville, Ala., ca. 1826/1827. Two of **Nancy's** siblings - **James K. Bates** and **Matilda Bates** who married **Bill Paulding** - settled in Memphis.

Also in the same issue are the following deaths that occurred in Tennessee in 1884 and were reported in the *Athens Courier*:

- **Raymond Wilson**, aged 9, son of **J. W.** and **M. E. Wilson**, died 5 Feb at Elkton, Tenn.

- **Robert Gill**, aged 27, d. near Gallatin, Tenn., 7 Feb.

- **W. H. Robinson**, Murfreesboro, shot and killed 21 Jan by **Fred Plattenburg**.

- **Mrs. Carrie Hunter**, wife of **James Hunter**, shot and killed near Rogersville, Tenn., 15 Feb.

- **Col. E. S. Wheat**, Nashville, killed by his father-in-law, **Col. William Spence**, on 11 Mar.

- **Rev. James H. Meadows**, born 18 Apr 1813 in Lincoln Co., Tenn., d. 13 Mar, aged 71

- **Col. Wm. H. Wood** aged 67, d. in Columbia, Tenn., in Mar 1884

- **Miss Kate Greer**, sister of **Mrs. M. P. Steele** and **Mrs. C. A. Diimer** of Fayetteville, Tenn., d. in Mar 1884

- **Mrs. Mary Tanner Harris**, resident of Gallatin, Tenn., d. 19 Aug in Iuka, Miss. She moved with her family from North Carolina to Alabama in 1825 where she m. (1) **Samuel Irvin** who soon died, (2) **Banks Vaughan** of Gallatin, and after his death (3) **Col. Ike Harris** of Gallatin.

TENNESSEE ancestors of members of the Hot Springs, Ark., chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy are among those listed in a continuing series in *The Melting Pot*, Vol. XXV, No. 1, published by the Hot Springs Genealogical Society. Among those listed:

- **William Henry Martin**, son of Dr. John Alfred and Caroline (Hunt) Martin of Washington Co., Tenn. Born in Sullivan Co., Tenn., in 1837, he died in Washington County in 1880. He was married to **Elizabeth Hallsinger** in Boonsboro, Tenn. He enlisted at Camp Powell, Tenn., 21 Aug 1861. After the war, he became a doctor.

- **Benjamin Hardy Mitchell** of Finley, Dyer Co., Tenn. Born 7 Apr 1844 in Lauderdale Co., Tenn., he married **Fynette Xera Prichard** 19 Oct 1876 in Finley. She was born 16 Dec 1858 in Finley. B.H. was a private in Co. G, 15th Consolidated Tenn. Cavalry, having enlisted 1 Aug 1862 in Lauderdale County. Union prisoner records show he was paroled in May 1865 at Brownsville, Tenn. He died 23 Dec 1927 in Hot Springs, and his wife died there 4 Jan 1929.

- **Frederick Manuel Ray**, born 22 Mar 1843 in Hardin Co., Tenn., married **Martha "Mattie" Jane Walker**, native Mississippian, 3 July 1889 in Clark Co., Ark. He enlisted as a private in Co. B, 52nd Tenn. Infantry, was wounded at Shiloh, imprisoned at Camp Chase, and sent to Ohio and Vicksburg for exchange. He died 15 Aug 1936 at Arkadelphia, Ark., and his wife died 15 May 1920 at Arkadelphia.

- **James William Rhodes**, born at Dyersburg, Tenn., in 1840, married **Mary Ann Fuller**, native of Georgia, 31 Jan 1881 at Rock Creek, Ark. Served in Co. I, 3rd Ark. Infantry. He died 10 Apr 1912 in Sweet Home, Ark., and his wife died 10 Apr 1910 in Hot Springs.

- **Robert Glenn Shaver**, b. 18 Apr 1831 at Bristol, Tenn., the third child of **David** and **Martha (May) Shaver**. He married **Adelaide Louise Ringgold** 10 June 1865 at Batesville, Ark. R. G. was colonel of the 7th Regiment, and later colonel of the 38th Regiment, Ark. Infantry. He surrendered and was paroled in 1865. He was the first lawyer in Center Point, Ark., in 1890. His wife died there 19 Oct 1889, and he died 13 Jan 1915 in Foreman; Ark. +\*\*

**THE MARRIAGE** of Mr. P. B. Mosby of Tennessee to Miss Anna Davenport Blackwell, as reported in the *Ashland (Hanover Co.), Va., Enterprise* of 28 Aug 1889, is reprinted in the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, Vol. 40, No. 1.

The marriage was solemnized at 8:30 Wednesday evening, 2 Aug 1898. The bride was the daughter of the late **Rev. John D. Blackwell**.

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**JANE PLEASANT** of Dickson Co., Tenn., is mentioned in *Yalobusha Pioneer*, Vol. XXVIII, Issue 1, quarterly publication of the Yalobusha County (Miss.) Historical Society.

Born 22 Nov 1805, **Jane** married **Elder Egbert A. Meaders** in Dickson County and they moved to Lafayette Co., Miss., in the 1830s. He was a South Carolinian by birth and a Primitive Baptist preacher. The 1850 census shows that the two oldest Meaders children, **Joseph** (then 19) and **William P.** (15), were born in Tennessee. The other Meaders children, all born in Mississippi, were **Mary J.**, 13, **Sarah A.**, 10, **E. A.** (male), 9, and **Nancy V.**, 5. **Jane** died 22 Aug 1867 and is buried in Shiloh Cemetery in Yalobusha County. Elder Meaders died in 1889.

**A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH** of **Sarah Graham (Irby) Greer** in *Yellowed Pages*, Vol. XXXI, Nos. 3 & 4, reveals some Tennessee connections.

**Mrs. Greer**, who died 8 Feb 1946 in Beaumont, Tex., was born 18 May 1856 in Panola Co., Miss. The daughter of **Benjamin** and **Henrietta Fitzhugh (Anderson) Irby**, she attended The Athenaeum in Columbia, Tenn., for two years and was confirmed at the Episcopal Church in Columbia. On 18 Jan 1882 she married **Hal Wyche Greer**, then a struggling young lawyer, in St. Lazarus Episcopal Church in Memphis. They went to Corsicana, Tex., immediately and two years later moved to the village of Beaumont. In her obituary, *The Beaumont Enterprise* said the city had lost not only a 'Lady of the Old South,' as she was often called, but a woman who wove "her work and her love into the very fiber of Beaumont over a period of more than six decades."

**ABSTRACTS** of vital records from 1845 Raleigh, N.C., newspapers, published in the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 2, contain references to several Tennesseans. Among deaths reported:

- **Durant Hatch**: Esq., at Memphis, Tenn. About 60 years of age. he was a native of Craven Co., N.C., and a resident of Newbern and Jones County until 1832. (*Raleigh Register*, 19 Dec 1845)

- **Mr. George Harrington** died 15th Aug last [1844] in Johnson Co., Tenn. A resident of Richmond Co., N.C., he was in the 26th year of his age. (*Raleigh Register*, 28 Mar 1845)

- **Mrs. Elizabeth Kirkland** died near Somerville, Tenn. She was the wife of **David Kirkland** and the daughter of **Lemuel Carroll** of Orange Co., N.C. (*Raleigh Register*, 24 Oct 1845)

- **Miss Margaret N. Lucas**, only daughter of the late **Alexander Lucas**, Esq., died on Tuesday, 20th May 1845, in Jonesboro: Tenn (Reprinted from the *Jonesboro, Tenn., Sentinel* in the *North Carolina Standard*, Raleigh: 28 May 1845)

- **Mrs. Charlotte Poindexter**, wife of **Raleigh Poindexter** and daughter of **Rev. Lewis Amis**, formerly of Person Co., N.C., died near Somerville, Tenn. (*Raleigh Register*, 24 Oct 1845)

- **Mr. Willie C. Shaw**, son of **Willie Shaw**, Esq., formerly of Orange Co., N.C., died in Hardeman Co., Tenn., 15th Sep 1845. He was about 26 years of age. (*North Carolina Standard*, 22 Oct 1845)

- **Mrs. Margaret A. Sumner** died in Carter Co., Tenn., on 4th May 1845 on her way to Middle Tennessee. In the 40th year of her age, she was the relict of the late **David E. Sumner**, Esq., of Hertford Co., N.C., and daughter of the late **Chief Justice Taylor** of North Carolina. (*Raleigh Register*, 23 May 1845)

- **Serree/Seraze Beckwith**, son of **Dr. S. M.** and **Sarah C. Wheaton**, died at Memphis, Tenn., on 27th May 1845 in the 17th year of his age. (*Raleigh Register*, 20 June 1845)

- **Medora Williams**, infant daughter of Hon. **Joseph L.** and **Melinda Williams** of Knoxville, Tenn., died in New York on 18th May 1845. (*Raleigh Register*, 30 May 1845)

- **Mr. Alsy Woods**, formerly of Hillsboro, N.C., died in Somerville, Tenn.: on 19th Sep 1845, aged about 47 years. (*North Carolina Standard*, 22 Oct 1845)

A Tennessee-related marriage reported in the *Raleigh Register*; 12 Dec 1845:

- **William R Leigh**, Esq., son of **John R Leigh**, dec'd., formerly of Newbern, N.C., was married in Brownsville, West Tenn., to **Miss Jane P. Wood**, daughter of **Jonathan Wood**, Esq., late of Louisville, N.C.

AN ACCOUNT of the death of 1st Lt. **Charles Mitchell** of Co. H, 14th Tennessee Volunteers, is reprinted in *The Virginia Genealogist*, Vol. 46, No. 2, from *The Southern Churchman*. **Mitchell** was killed when a shell tore off both of his legs in the fight near Hatcher's run 5 Feb 1865. He was buried in Emanuel Church cemetery on Brooke Road four miles from Richmond. **Mitchell** entered the army as a sergeant in the spring of 1861 at Clarksville (Montgomery Co.), Tenn., and was sent to Virginia where he was promoted to lieutenant.

**SOME 25 MIGRANTS** to Tennessee from Onslow Co., N.C. -- found in deeds, wills, and other sources -- are listed in the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 2. Grouped together by destinations are the names of the migrants, and the date of the records from which the information was taken.

Murray [Maurv] Co., Tenn. - **James Philyaw**, 1817; **Stephen Hawkins**, **Anna (Ketcham?) Hawkins**, 1819; **Amos Johnston**, 1811, 1818

Davidson Co., Tenn. - **Stephen Roach**, 1805; **Frederick Thompson** (dec'd), 1815; **Benejah Gray**, 1811; **Christopher Brooks**, **Elizabeth Brooks**, 1834

Blount Co., Tenn. - **William Morton** (dec'd), **Liza Anna Morton**, 1820

Montgomery Co., Tenn. - **David Cooper**, 1821

Hawwood Co., Tenn. - **Isaac Koonce**, 1829  
Tipton Co., Tenn. - **Mary M. Becton**, **Bryan Becton** (dec'd), 1832

Fayette Co., Tenn. - **Durant Hatch**, 1833  
Obion Co., Tenn. - **Rebecca M. Hargett**, 1842

Marshall Co., Tenn. - **John D. Colvett**, 1850

Giles Co., Tenn. - **Lurancy Andrews Colvett**, 1860

Williamson Co., Tenn. - **Jesse Blackshear**, 1788; **James Blackshear**, 1789

Lincoln Co., Tenn. - **Phillip Koonce**, 1795

Migrants from Jones Co., N.C., to Tennessee:

Montgomery Co., Tenn. - **Eli West** and **George Ward**, 1796; **Nancy Ann (Clark) Molton**, 1819

Sumner Co., Tenn. - **Jeremiah Watson**, 1798

Tennessee - **Jeremiah Murphy**, 1800; **James Hardy Bryan**, **Lucy Bryan**, **John Slade Becton**, 1802; **Thomas Delahunt**, 1807; **John West**, 1818; **Man Simmons Hatch**, 1839 (Colorado Co., Tex., 1852)

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West Tennessee - Geo. C. Hatch, 1829  
Robertson Co., Tenn. - **Asa Bryan**, **Eve Dias Bryan**, **Edmund Hatch**, **Margaret Di as Hatch**, and **Thomas Dyas**, 1800

Wilson Co., Tenn. - **Shaderick Jarman**, **Robert Jarman**, **John Jarman**, 1809

Mauvy Co., Tenn. - **W i m Adams**, **Mary Gooding Adams**, 1815

Roane Co., Tenn. - **David Adams**, 1818

Smith Co., Tenn. - **Jonathan Key**, 1820 (to Tennessee 1815)

Stuart [Stewart] Co., Tenn. - **Asa Lanear**, **Mary Hatch Lanear Davis**, 1816

Humphries [Humphreys] Co., Tenn. - **Nancy Slade Becton Thompson**, 1825

Dyer Co., Tenn. - **Frederick Foy**, 1825; **John R. Foy**, 1832

Sumner Co., Tenn. - **James Watson**, **Sarah Wanland Watson**, 1798; **James McCullough**, **Burrell Bender**, **Burnice Bender**, 1834;

Wilson Co., Tenn. - **Samuel Gibson**, **John Gibson**, 1807 **John Barber, Jr.**, 1803 (to

Rutherford Co., Tenn., 1819); **Brice Fields**, **Mary Fields**, **Aamn Fields**, **Olive Fields**, 1823;

Williamson Co., Tenn. - **James Gray**, 1811  
Jefferson Co., Tenn. - **Berryman Jarman**, 1821

Shelby Co., Tenn. - **John C. Doty**, 1826  
Rutherford Co., Tenn. - **John Holt**, 1829

Hardeman Co., Tenn. - **Eli Cox**, 1831; **Jacob Doty**, 1834

Tipton Co., Tenn. - **Miriam Humphrey Doty**, 1834

Giles Co., Tenn. - **Enoch Hancock**, 1837  
Fayette Co., Tenn. - **Nancy Dickson Hill Sledge**, 1833

Rom (Roane?) Co., Tenn. - **Cason Capps**, 1834

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**THE NAME OF George McGuire**, former Tennessean, appears in a pedigree chart published in *Yellowed Pages*, publication of the Southeast Texas Genealogical & Historical Society, Beaumont, Vol. XXXII, No. 1. **George** was born 28 Apr 1827 in Williamson Co., Tenn., and was the son of **James McGuire** of Virginia and **Rachel C. McCutchen**. **George** married **Araminia Angelina Ballard** 28 Feb 1859 in Atascosa, Tex. Her parents were **Barkley Moorman Ballard**, who was born in Henrico Co., Va., and **Mary Gillentine** who was born 21 Feb 1805 in White Co., Tenn.

**JOHN WHEELER**, a Tennessee soldier in the War of 1812 and later a Baptist clergyman, is the subject of an article in *The Southern Genealogists Exchange Quarterly*, Vol. 43, No. 182, published in Jacksonville, Fla.

**John** enlisted 17 Sep 1814 in Knoxville as a private in the 3rd Regiment, East Tennessee Militia, serving until 3 May 1815. He married **Rhodica Ray**, only daughter of **Thomas** and **Ivey (Hensley) Ray** 8 Mar 1821 in Yancey Co. [later Buncombe]. N.C. Their children were: **Jesse**, **Lucinda**, **Thomas Ray**, **Elizabeth Elvira**, **Joicey Caroline**, **Susannah**, **Clarrissa**, **John Henry**, **Sarah Pauline**, **Minerva Jane**, **David/Daniel Cornelius**, and **Hiram N. Wheeler**.

The same issue of the *Exchange* contains information from the **Oury** family Bible which includes the surnames **Gatlin**, **Swan**, **Pearson**, **Wear**, **Acree**, **Hale**, **Wadlington**, **Willis**, **Jones**, **Baird**, and **Jameson**. The only geographical location mentioned is **Paris, Tenn.**, where **Warren Stanley Swan, Sr.** died 16 Jan 1837.

**SAMUEL D. McMAHON**, a Methodist preacher who moved from Tennessee to Texas about 1821, is listed in a family chart published in *The Genealogical Record* of Houston, Tex., Vol. XLIV, No. 1. On 26 Apr 1811, he married **Phebe Young**, and they had 10 children: **Elizabeth**, **James B.**, **Merlin**, **Susan** (born in Maury Co., Tenn.), **Alabama Tennessee**, **Nancy Hardin**, **Diana Lucine**, **Margaret Tabitha**, and **Louisa Holman McMahon**.

**Samuel** and **Phebe** both died in Sabine Co., Tex., he in 1854 and she on 27 Jul 1859.

**Phebe's** parents, both native Virginians, were **Merlin Young** who died 15 Sep 1841 in Smith Co., Tenn., and **Tabitha Witcher**, who died in Madison Co., Tenn., 1st Aug 1840. Both are buried in the **Young** family cemetery near **Medon** in Madison County. Their children were: **Matilda**, **Phebe**, **Tandy Key**, **Milton**, **Elizabeth**, **Nancy**, **Benjamin F.**, **Susannah**, **Archibald**, and **Ezekiel Young**.

**SERENA JACKSON CARTER**, who at age 106 was called "the oldest living Civil War widow in Union and Williamson Co., Ill.," was a native Tennessean. Her story is told in *The Saga of Southern Illinois*, Vol. XXIX, No. 1. Born 19 May 1826 at Chimney Top Mountain in Greene Co., Tenn., she was the 9th of 17 children born to **William Jackson** and **Nancy Ford**. **Serena** married **John Campbell Carter** 8 Feb 1852 in Monroe Co., Ky. When he died of brain congestion in Oxford, Miss., during the Civil War, she was left with four small children, the oldest of whom was about 10. In a newspaper interview when she was 102, **Serena** joked that maybe it was because of her meanness that she lived to be so old. "I just lived along not thinking much of how the years was countin' up," she said. "I worked hard, ate all I wanted, drank good whiskey, and worked all my life." She died 17 Nov 1932 in Williamson Co., Ill., at the home of her granddaughter, **Ethel Bradshaw McNeil**.\*.\*

**DIVORCE RECORDS** for Washington Co., Ark., show that former Tennessean **Martha J. Edwards** was granted a divorce from **Polk Edwards** 25 Jan 1884. The records, abstracted in *The Backtracker*, Vol. 31, No. 2, show the couple married in Giles Co., Tenn., 9 Jan 1868, and the defendant later abandoned the plaintiff in the state of Kansas. The plaintiff was awarded custody of their two children, **James H.**, 9, and **Joseph C. Edwards**, 7.

**ELIZABETH "BETSY" McNEW**, native Tennessean, appears in a family chart in *Lines-and-By-Lines*, Vol. XVII, No. 2, published by the Louisville, Ky., Genealogical Society. **Betsy**, born 9 Dec 1810 in Marion Co., Tenn., married **Stephen B. Lay** who was born ca. 1807 in Virginia. Two of their children, **John Wesley Lay** and **Delila A. Lay**, were born in Marion County. A third, **James C. Lay**, was born in Jackson Co., Tenn.; and three others -- **Alexander**, **Emiline**, and **Stephen Marion Lay** -- were born in Kentucky. **Betsy** died about 1845.

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**FORMER TENNESSEAN Dr. John O. Durham** was a prominent resident of Ash Flat in Sharp Co., Ark., in 1889-1890s, according to a story in *The Arkansas Family Historian*, Vol. 40, No. 2.

Born in Shelby Co., Tenn., in 1851, he was the son of **Rev. Dennis Durham**, Missionary Baptist minister, and **Sarah Harper**, whose father **James Harper** was one of Memphis' first settlers. **Rev. Durham** and **Sarah** married in Shelby County. Another leading Ash Flat citizen was **S. Price Turner** whose parents were **George W. Turner** and wife **Leone E. Dougherty**, Tennessee natives who settled in Ash Flat in 1867.

**TWO NATIVE** Tennesseans were among Champaign Co., Ill., residents in 1878, according to a list published in the *Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 34, No. 2.

**John Maxwell**, farmer and minister, who was born in Greene Co., Tenn., settled in Champaign County in 1830. He and his wife, **Mary J.**, a native Virginian, lived in Mahomet.

The other former Tennessean in Champaign County was **W. B. Sims**, physician and surgeon, who established a practice in Champaign County in 1870, and resided in St. Joseph.

In the same issue, a family chart shows **George William Creecy**, native of Bedford Co., Va., mamed Tennessee-born **Margaret Bandy** in Macon Co., Tenn., in 1836. They had a son, **John Franklin Creecy**, born 15 Nov 1842 in Smith Co., Tenn.

**George Creecy** died from typhoid fever in Van Buren Co., Miss., in 1845, and his wife **Margaret** died on a wagon train to Missouri in 1868.

Their son **John** died in Lamar [Barton Co.], Mo., in 1911.

**TWENTY-THREE** native Tennesseans are listed in the 1850 mortality index for Phillips Co., Ark., published in *Tri-County Genealogy*, Vol. 17, No. 2. Their names, ages, cause of death, and month of death are as follows:

- Atchley, John**: 12, fever, March
- Bayliss, Adelia**: 45, consumption, Apr
- Bayliss, Ann**: 20, fever, July
- Bayliss, Mary**: 27, fever, July
- Bayliss, Mary**: 70, congestive fever, Apr
- Brown, John M.**: 1 yr., unknown, Mar
- Capfluner, John**: 47, consumption, Dec
- Dickson, Joseph**: 5, erysipelas, Oct
- Dickson, Mahala**: 60, fever, Oct
- Filbric, Dudley C.**: 34, cholera, Jan
- Filbric, Mary**: 22, cholera, Jan
- Foster, John**: 16, scarlet (?), Apr
- Grimes, Wilson**: 21, pneumonia, Mar
- Hicky, W. S. (m.)**: 48, unknown, Sep
- Koonce, John H.**: 44, cholera, Nov
- Lowacy, John G.**: 32, fever, Sep
- May, Monroe**: 8, congestive fever, June
- McGrew, Sarah**: 33, childbed fever, Aug
- Moonland, Elizabeth**: 32, dropsy, Feb
- Sanderlin, Mary M.**: 3, bilious, Sep
- Simpson, Richard**: 37, cholera, June
- Sullivan, F. P. (m.)**: 27, terpid live(?), Aug
- Thomas, Bethany (m.)**: 14, fever, Oct

The same issue of *Tri-County Genealogy* lists these Tennessee-born residents in the 1870 Monroe Co., Ark., mortality index:

- Baldwin, Harriet**: 60, consumption Jan
- Cotton, William**: 70, consumption, Feb
- Edwards, Gid (m.)**: 40, pneumonia, Jan
- Henderson, Margaret**: 36, unknown, Dec
- Hopkins, A. M.**: 38, consumption, Sep
- Hopkins, Woody (m.)**: 40, consumption, Sep
- Jackson, Ellen**: 28, unknown, May
- Jackson, Frank**: 30, bronchitis, Feb
- Jackson, Levy (f.)**: 30, childbirth, Aug
- Kimbal, Lou (f.)**: 30, typhoid fever, Nov
- McMillan, Martha**: 43, erysipelas, Apr
- Owens, Abbot (m.)**: 20, pneumonia, Mar
- Ridant, W. T. (m.)**: 24, pneumonia, Dec
- Royston, Lizy (f.)**: 35, consumption, Apr
- Smith, Elizabeth**: 40, consumption, Jan
- Williams, John**: 28, fever, Apr
- Wyatt, Narcissus E.**: 49, dropsy, Dec

**LOUIS BADDOUR** was reported a member in good standing at Cage Masonic Lodge No. 474, Riddleton, Tenn., on 7 Dec 1903. The information was reported in minutes of the Ascension Lodge of Donaldsonville, La., which are reprinted in *Terrebonne Life Lines*, Vol. 21, No. 1. ■

## Bedford County Vital Statistics

(Installment 5 - Continued from last issue)

#1373 - **Maggie Gassaway** - Died of consumption 8 Apr 1911 at Shelbyville. Aged 40, white female, married. Housewife. Born at Shelbyville.

#1374 - **Millie Parsons** - Died of consumption 28 Apr 1911 at Shelbyville. Aged 26, white female, married. Housewife. Born at Shelbyville.

#1375 - **Stella B. Hilton(?)** - Died of diphtheria 11 Sep 1911 at Sylvan Mills, Bedford County. Aged 5 years, white female. Born at Shelbyville.

#1376 - **Lula V. Anderson** - Died of general weakness 28 Mar 1911 at Sylvan Mills. Aged 73, white female, married. Born at Winchester,

#1377 - **Thomas Lee Saunders** - Died of croup 6 Dec 1910 at Sylvan Mills, Aged 3 years, white male. Born at Rover, Bedford County.

#1378 - **Susan Troope** - Died of consumption 15 Jan 1911 at Sylvan Mills. Aged 65, white female, mamed. Born at Shelbyville.

#1379 - **W. J. Stallings** - Died of cancer 30 May 1911 in Bedford County. Aged 60, white male, married. Merchant. Born in Bedford County.

#1380 - **Joseph Calvin Pickle** - Died of unknown cause 1 July 1911 in Bedford County, 19th District. Aged 14 days, white male.

#1381 - **W. C. Curtis** - Died of consumption 29 May 1911 in Bedford County. Aged 44 years, white male, married. Merchant. Born in Bedford County.

#1382 - **Sadie Davis** - Died of diphtheria 8 Oct 1910 in Bedford County, 19th District. Aged 4 years, white female.

[#1383 - Infant, name unknown, 2 days old, died 15 May 1909.]

#1384 - **Jennie Bradshaw** - Died of pneumonia 8 Jan 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 54 years, white female, married. Born in Marshall County.

#1385 - **Beullah Barrett** - Died of consumption 8 July 1908 in Bedford County. Aged 37 years, white female, married. Occupation: artist. Born at Bell Buckle, Tenn.

#1386 - **Louella Adams** - Died of consumption 18 June 1909 in Bedford County, School District 20. Aged 14 years, black female, single. Occupation: farming. Born District 20.

#1387 - **Harry Munford** - Died from unknown cause 27 Dec 1908 in Bedford County, School District 20. Aged 3 months, white male. Born in Bedford County.

#1388 - **Sarah Rinegar(?)** - Died from old age 21 July 1909 in Bedford County, School District 20. Aged 82, white female, married. Born in Bedford County.

#1389 - **John Wilhoit** - Died from self-murder 28 May 1909 in Bedford County, School District 20. Aged 32, black male, married. Farmer. Born in District 20.

#1390 - **Wesley Baltimore** - Died from injury due to a fall 6 June 1911 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 62, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Coffee County.

#1391 - **William Carmack Crosslin** - Died 7 Mar 1911 of measles in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  years; white male. Born in 1st District.

#1392 - **Matthew Halleburton** - Died 28 June 1911 of heart trouble in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 60, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Rutherford County.

#1393 - **John Holt** - Died of heart and lung trouble 1st Oct 1909 in Shelbyville. Aged 53, white male, married. Born in Shelbyville.

#1394 - **Alfred Lee Young** - Died of stomach trouble 20 Apr 1911 in Bedford County, School District 3. Aged 6 years, black male. Born in School District 3.

#1395 - **Harriett Mosley** - Died of old age 3 May 1911 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 70 years, black female, widow. Born in Bedford County.

#1396 - **Thomas Lee** - Died of consumption 29 Aug 1910 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 69 years, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Rutherford County.

#1397 - **Emma Moon** - Died of typhoid fever 5 Oct 1910 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 56 years, black female, married. Born in Georgia.

#1398 - **Gertrude Hamilton** - Died of poison 21 Jul 1910 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 4 years, black female. Born in 1st District.

#1399 - **Lizzie Clark** - Died of heart trouble 27 Nov 1910 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 27 years, white female, single. Housekeeper. Born in Coffee County.

#1400 - **Calvin Baltimore** - Died from swelling 26 Jul 1910 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 18 years, white male, single. Farmer. Born in Coffee County.

#1401 - **Eugene Clifton Brown** - Died of measles 11 Mar 1911 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 2 months, white male. Born in 1st District.

#1402 - **Mrs. W. J. Freeman** - Died of tuberculosis 20 Oct 1911 at Richmond, Bedford County. Aged 68, white female, married. Born in Bedford County.

#1403 - **Mr. J. P. Carlisle** - Died of heart trouble 31 May 1912 at Richmond. Aged 62 years, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Bedford County.

#1404 - **Mrs. Mamie Wallace** - Died of consumption 10 Jan 1912 at Richmond. Aged 33 years, white female, married. Born at Richmond.

#1405 - **Lee Ewing** - Died of tuberculosis of the bone 31 Jan 1912 in Bedford County, 20th District. Aged 50, black male, married. Born in Alabama.

#1406 - **John Hamptin** - Died of sunstroke 20 Sep 1909 in Shelbyville. Aged 56, black male, married. Laborer. Born in Lincoln County.

#1407 - **H. N. Head** - Died of heart failure 5 Mar 1912 at Shelbyville. Aged 65, white male, widower. Farmer. Born in Bedford County, 21st District.

#1408 - **Lena May Falcon** - Died of unknown cause 13 Nov 1911 in Bedford Co., 19th School District. Aged 3 months, 21 days. White female. Born in 19th District.

#1409 - Unnamed **Barnett** infant - Died of unknown cause 5 Jul 1911 in Bedford County. Age one day, white male. Born in Bedford County.

## Bedford County Vital Statistics (continued)

#1410 - **Joseph Calvin Pickle** - Died of unknown cause 1 Jul 1911 in Bedford County. Age 15 days, white male. Born in Bedford County.

#1411 - **Dr. M. W. (?) Allison** - Died of Bright's disease 2 Sep 1911 in Bedford County. Age 79 years, white male, married. Physician. Born in Bedford County.

#1412 - **Unnamed Majors** - Died of unknown cause 25 Sep 1911 in Bedford County. Age 7 days, white male. Born in Bedford County.

#1413 - **Will Cooper** - Died of a tumor 5 Oct 1909 in Bedford County, 1st District. Age 62 years, black male. Farmer. Born in 1st District.

#1414 - **W. C. Young** - Died of cancer 17 June 1910 in Bedford County, 1st District. Age 76 years, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Cannon County.

#1415 [marked out] - **Mattie Cathrine Duke** - Died of indigestion of the bowels 13 Jul 1910 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 4 months, 15 days. White female. Born in 1st District.

#1416 - **Unnamed female infant**. Born and died 19 Nov 1909 in Bedford County, 1st District. Lived only few hours.

#1417 - **Luther Boneycutt** - Died of fever Jan 9 1910 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 24 years, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Rutherford County.

#1418 - **William Hoover** - Died of accidental shooting 23 Sep 1909 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 42, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Rutherford County. Inquest held by **W. Robinson**.

#1419 - **Abraham McMahan** - Died of heart trouble 6 June 1910 in Bedford County, Aged 70, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Bedford County, 1st District.

#1420 - **Joe Green** - Died of accidental shooting 25 Nov 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 45, black male, married. Carpenter. Born in Bedford County.

#1421 - **Earnest Bartlett** - Died of tuberculosis 7 May 1910 in Bedford County, 21st District. Aged 19, white male, single. Farmer. Born in Bedford County, 22nd District.

#1422 - **Charlie Hummel** - Died of stomach trouble 4 Aug 1911 in Bedford County. Aged 70, white male, single. Born in Germany.

#1423 - **George Strauber** - Died of consumption 7 Feb 1901 in Bedford County, District 11. Aged 35, black male, widower. Farmer. Born in Bedford County.

#1424 - **Bob Ervin** - Died of pneumonia(?) 25 June 1912 at Bell Buckle. Aged 45, white male, married. Farmer. Birthplace not given.

#1425 - **Nora Norvel** - Died of brain trouble 26 Jan 1912 in Bedford County. Aged 3, black female. Born in Bedford.

#1426 - **Zounia(?) Grissom** - Died of consumption at Wartrace in 1909 [exact date, race, marital status not given]. Aged 23, female. Born at Wartrace.

#1427 - **Sallie Murphfey** - Died of consumption 16 Oct 1909 at Haley, Tenn. Aged 63 years, 3 months, 1 day, black female, married. Fanner's wife. Born near Manchester.

#1428 - **Jane V. Murphfey** - Died of pneumonia 13 May 1910 at Haley. Aged 2 years, 8 months, black female. Born at Haley, Bedford County, District 2.

#1429 - **Minie R Murphfey** - Died of measles 15 June 1910 at Haley. Aged 1 year, 4 months, black female. Born at Haley.

#1430 - **Horace Wortham** - Died of unknown cause 25 May 1912 at Poplin's X Roads, Bedford County, 11th District. Aged 5½ months, white male. Born at Unionville.

#1431 - **Willie Wade McQuidie** - Died of appendicitis 5 Jan 1909 at Normandy. Aged 13, white male. Born at Normandy.

#1432 - **Samuel P. McCaully** - Died of measles 30 Mar 1911 in Bedford County. Aged 41, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Bedford.

#1433 - **Infant of Frank Hoover** - Died of unknown cause 4 Jul 1909 in Bedford County. White female, born in Bedford.

#1434 - **Unnamed infant son of Walter Brinon** - Died 8 Aug 1909. Lived only a few hours. Born and died at Shelbyville.

#1435 - **Jim Himes** - Died of heart trouble 10 Dec 1909 in Shelbyville. Aged 74, black male, married. Brick mason. Born in Marshall County.

#1436 - **Tomas Bertking** - Died of pneumonia 7 Jan 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 17, black male. Farming. Born in Bedford.

#1437 - **J. B. Orr** - Died of heart trouble 30 Sep 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 70, white male, mamed. Farmer. Born in Bedford.

#1438 - **Syntha Tillman** - Died of consumption 3 May 1909 in Bedford County, District 18. Aged 69, black female, manied. Housekeeper. Born in Wartrace.

#1439 - **Eliza Davidson** - Died of stomach trouble 1st Jul 1908 in Bedford County, District 18. Aged 33, black female, married. Housekeeper. Born in Pisgah.

#1440 - **Jesse Cox** - Died of pneumonia 15 May 1909 at Wheel, Bedford County, District 18. Aged 9 months, white male. Born at Wheel.

#1441 - **Sarah Perryman** - Died of spinal disease 18 Apr 1901 at Oneal, Tenn. Aged 53, white female, married. Born in Bedford.

#1442 - **Martha Jane Blackwell** - Died of pneumonia 26 Apr 1909 at Wheel, Aged 76, white female, married. Born in Shelbyville.

#1443 - **Lee Bay** - Died of consumption \_\_ May 1901 in Bedford County. Aged 21, black male, single. Day hand. Born in Bedford.

#1444 - **W. O. C. Smith** - Died of catarrh - Jan 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 69, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Bedford.

#1445 - **James A. Smith** - Died of la grippe 6 June 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 76, white male, single. Farmer. Born in Lincoln County.

## Bedford County Vital Statistics (continued)

#1446 - **Ma Homie Jones** - Died of paralysis 15 Jan 1909 in Bedford County. Age and birthplace unknown, black male, married. Day laborer.

#1447 - **William Jones** - Died 17 Oct 1908 of whooping cough in Bedford County. Aged 3 months, black male. Born in Bedford.

#1448 - **Joe McKinley Wilhoite** - Died of pneumonia 17 Oct 1908 in Bedford County. Aged 2 weeks, white male. Born in Bedford.

#1449 - **Ruthie Fork** - Died of diphtheria 19 June 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 4 years 9 months, white female. Born in Bedford.

#1450 - **Elizabeth Fork** - Died of heart trouble 21 June 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 62 years 5 months 26 days, white female, married. Born in Bedford.

#1451 - **Dennis(?) Neal** - Died of rheumatism of the heart 31 May 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 57, black male, married. Farmer. Born in Bedford.

#1452 - **Carl Faxton Cartwright** - Died of pneumonia 21 May 1908 in Bedford County. Aged 13 months, white male. Born in Bedford.

#1453 - **Frank Tucker** - Died of bowel trouble 21 Jul 1908 in Bedford County. Aged 2 years 3 months 12 days, white male. Born in Bedford.

#1454 - **Thomas S. Hall** - Died of heart trouble 22 June 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 76 years 8 months 8 days, white male, widower. Farmer. Born in Rush County, Indiana.

#1455 - **Lue McAdams** - Died of dropsy 28 Jul 1910 in Bedford County. Aged 2 years, 5 months, white female. Born in Bedford.

#1456 - **Claud Eaton** - Died of measles 10 Jul 1910 in Bedford County. Aged 8 months 10 days, white male. Born in Bedford.

#1457 - **Delma Thomas** - Died of croup 5 Sep 1910 in Bedford County. Aged 1 month, white female. Born in Bedford.

#1458 - **Elma Thomas** - Died of croup 13 Sep 1910 in Bedford County. Aged 1 month 7 days, white female. Born in Bedford.

#1459 - **Claud Eaton** - [Same data as #1456 except cause of death listed as blood poisoning.]

#1460 - **Perry Thompson** - Born and died of suffocation 4 Mar 1911 in Bedford County. Black male.

#1461 - **Earl Branch** - Died 25 Feb 1911 of bold hives in Bedford County. Aged 1½, white male. Born in Bedford.

#1462 - **Mrs. Addie Kirby** - Died of cancer 2 Apr 1911 in Bedford County. Aged 67, white female, married. Born in Maury County.

#1463 - **Jonnie Lee Wadkins** - Died of croup 28 Feb 1911 in Bedford County. Aged 1 year, white male. Born in Bedford.

#1464 - **Captiolia Murphry** - Died of consumption 23 Mar 1910 in Bedford County. Aged 51, white female, mamed. Born in Bedford.

#1465 - **Lucy Addams** - Died of paralysis 9 Aug 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 69, black female, married. Born in Bedford.

#1466 - **Sarah Garret** - Died of female trouble 16 Feb 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 46, black female, married. Born in Bedford.

#1467 - **J. B. Adams** - Died of consumption 6 May 1909 in Texas(?). Aged 44, white male, single. Clergyman. Born in Bedford County.

#1468 - **Lisabeth Cooper** - Died of heart trouble 20 Apr 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 22, white female, married. Born in Bedford.

#1469 - **S. J. Callahan** - Died of catarrh of the throat 23 Sep 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 65 years, white female, mamed. Born in Marshall County.

#1470 - **Allic Woodson** - Died of unknown cause 14 Feb 1907 in Bedford County. Aged 1 day, white male. Born in Bedford.

#1471 - **Nicci Niece** - Died of cholera infantum 28 June 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 5 months, white female. Born in Bedford.

#1472 - **J. A. Crowell** - Died of heart failure 5 Mar 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 52, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Bedford.

#1473 - **Glattis Osteen** - Died of croup 26 Dec 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 4 years, white female. Born in Bedford.

#1474 - **A. L. Palmer** - Died of heart failure 27 Dec 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 3 years, white male. Born in Bedford.

#1475 - **John Wilson** - Died 28 Feb 1909 in Bedford County. Invalid since birth. Aged 13 years, black male. Born in Bedford.

#1476 - **Durana Jones** - Died of la grippe 9 Sep 1908 at Unionville, Aged 88, white female, widow. Born in Sumner County.

#1477 - **M. E. Hall** - Died of pneumonia 15 Mar 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 30, black male, married. Born in Bedford.

#1478 - **Robert More** - Died of cholera infantum 16 May 1909 at Unionville. Aged 2 years, white male. Born in Bedford.

#1479 - **H. Nell Thompson** died of cholera 6 June 1909 at Unionville. Aged 2 years, white female. Born in Bedford County.

#1480 - **Lusindy Blackburn** - Died of stomach and kidney problems 27 June 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 56, white female, married. Born in Bedford County.

#1481 - **Polly Ann Thompson** - Died of dropsy 13 Nov 1908 in Bedford County. Aged 74, white female, widow. Born in Bedford.

#1482 - **Leonora Clark** - Died of heart and kidney disease 5 Mar 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 56 years, white female, married. Born in Marshall County.



## Bedford County Vital Statistics (continued)

#1483 - **Marie E. Potts** - Died of heart trouble 7 Mar 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 60, white female, married. Born in Bedford.

#1484 - **J. C. Claxton** - Died of unknown cause 4 June 1909 in Bedford County. Aged 48(?), white male, married. Born in Bedford.

#1485 - **Albert Mosely** - Died of spine trouble 15 Feb 1912 in Bedford County. Aged 75, black male, married. Farmer. Born in Bedford.

#1486 - **Carl Lee Jordan** - Died of bold hives 26 Feb 1911 in Bedford County, 1st District. Aged 5 months, white male. Born in Bedford.

#1487 - **Daisy Mallard** - Died of consumption 8 Sep 1909 at Bellbuckle, Rt. 3. Aged 22, black female, single. Washerwoman. Born in Bedford.

#1488 - **Vera Bowan** - Burned to death 27 Nov 1910 on Shelbyville Rt. 3. Aged 6 years 5 months, black female. Born in Bedford County.

#1489 - **Mediline Butz** - Died of pneumonia 16 Mar 1909 on Bell Buckle, Rt. 3. Aged 54, black female, married. Washerwoman. Born in Bedford.

#1490 - **Miss Tobe Parker** - Died of heart trouble 20 Nov 1909 on Bell Buckle, Rt. 3. Aged 65, white female, single. Born in Bedford.

#1491 - **Charly Coffy** - Died of pneumonia 15 Jan 1909 at Vannatta, Tenn. (Bedford Co., District 5). Aged 56 years 11 months 25 days, black male, married. Farmer. Born in Bedford.

#1492 - **John T. Cooper** - Died of heart trouble in Nov 1908 [exact date not given] on Bell Buckle, Rt. 3. Aged 47, white male, single. Farmer. Born in Bedford.

#1493 - **Leanne Ransom** - Died of pneumonia 17 Dec 1909 on Shelbyville Rt. 3. Aged 22, black female, married. Born in Bedford.

#1494 - **Fannie Pearl Tucker** - Died of heart failure 9 June 1909 on Shelbyville, Rt. 3. Aged 23 years 4 months 2 days, white female, single. Born in Bedford.

#1495 - **Frank Tribble** - Died of inflammation of the navel 25 Nov 1909 on Bell Buckle, Rt. 3. Aged 16 days, white male. Born on Bell Buckle, Rt. 3.

#1496 - **Susan Simpson Coop** - Died of congestion 31 Jul 1908 on Bell Buckle, Rt. 3. Aged 64 years, 4 months, white female, married. Born in Bedford County, 9th District.

#1497 - **James H. Hardison** - Died of typhoid malarial fever 16 Aug 1909 at Vannatta, Bedford 5th District. Aged 49, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Maury County.

#1498 - **W. F. Harrison** - Died of bladder trouble 4 Apr 1912 at Singleton, Tenn. Aged 85, white male, married. Farmer. Born at Shelbyville.

#1499 - **Mrs. Mat Templeton** - Died of kidney trouble 16 May 1912 at Raus, Bedford County. Aged 65, white female. Fanner's wife. Born at Raus.

#1500 - **Maggie Snell** - Died from hemorrhage 19 May 1912 at Flat Creek. Aged 65, white female, widow. Born at Flat Creek.

#1501 - **Jesse Friddle** - Died of lung trouble 12 May 1916 at Flat Creek. Aged. 78, white male, married. Farmer. Born at Flat Creek.

#1502 - **Lote Williams** - Died of tuberculosis 30 Mar 1914 at Flat Creek. Aged 60, white male, married. Farmer. Born at Flat Creek.

#1503 - **Berry Haggard** - Died of tuberculosis 26 June 1912 at Normandy. Aged 41, white male, married. Farmer. Born at Manchester.

#1504 - **Tom Sons** - Died of fever 3 Aug 1911 at Estill Springs. Aged 45, white male, married. Farmer. Born at Shelbyville.

#1505 - **Thelma May Wilhoite** - Died of croup 8 Oct 1911 in Bedford County. Aged 1 year, white female. Born in Bedford County.

#1506 - **Mary Elizabeth Kimmons** - Died of croup 18 Dec 1911 at Richmond. Aged 2 years, white female. Born at Richmond□

### Clerk Calls For Filing of Claims In Three Fayette County Estates

**Isaac B. McClellan**, clerk and master of Chancery Court at Somerville, in April 1839 ordered that all persons having claims against three estates in Fayette County come forward and file them. All three estates greatly exceeded \$500 in real and personal property, according to legal notices published in the *Somerville Reporter* 13 Apr 1839.

The estates were those of

(1) **Robert T. Mahaffy**, who died about 10 Aug 1838, with **William W. Tucker** having been appointed administrator at the October term of Fayette County Court;

(2) **John T. Foster**, who died about 19 Jan 1838 in Fayette County, with **Sackfield Macklin** having been appointed administrator at the March 1838 court term;

(3) **Edward Worsham**, whose court-appointed administrator **Edwin Lewis** had reported the estate insolvent. The notice Stated that **Worsham's** estate consisted of three slaves, sundry credits, and a 107-acre tract subject to the widow's dower. The notice was dated 12 Jan 1839. [Date of **Worsham's** death not stated.] ■

### Eight Fayette Countians File For Bankruptcy

Eight Fayette County residents filed petitions for bankruptcy in the U. S. District Court for West Tennessee, according to a legal notice in *The Somerville Reporter*. The notice was dated 19 Mar 1842 and signed by **James L. Talbot**, district court clerk.

Those filing petitions were listed as **Stephen W. Cox**, **William Lewis**, **George W. Spears**, **John S. Crenshaw**, **Lewis H. Westbrook**, **Charles Bates**, **Seaborn L. Jones**, and **William A. Jones**. ■

# *Crockett County Deeds*

Volume A, March 1872-Jan 1874 [Installment 3]

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Panes 61-62. Deed dated 7 Sep 1872: For consideration of \$225 in cash and a \$2,000 note due 25 Dec 1873, **J. F. Castellow** and wife **Mary A. Castellow**, formerly **Mary A. Blayds** of Crockett County, convey to **Thomas E. Noel** of same county Lots No. 4 and No. 7 west of Memphis & Ohio railroad near town of **Bellville** in Crockett County, as divided by commissioners appointed to divide **J. B. Blayds'** land between his heirs. Property begins in middle of old **Cherryville-Jackson** road opposite house of **J. A. Carter**, runs west of northeast corner of Lot No. 8 containing 20 acres and now owned by **William Jelks**, adjoins **John Bell's** north boundary, runs to southwest corner of Lot No. 6 owned by **F. B. Woodward**, to southwest corner of Lot No. 4, containing 79 acres and being land **Mary A. Castellow** inherited from her father's estate. Deed acknowledged 27 Sep 1872 before **F. J. Wood**, Crockett County court clerk, and registered 1st Oct 1872 in Alamo.

Pages 63-64. Deed dated 27 Sep 1872: For consideration of \$3,000, **James R. Worrell** conveys tract he bought from **John L. Poston** to **Richard H. Ward** of Crockett County, Civil District 11. Tract is bounded by land of **George Finch** (now **Jinkins'** tract) that was sold by **H. A. Partee** to **E. S. Norvill**, and was originally granted to **William Polk Worrell** acknowledged deed 19 Sep 1872 before **Francis J. Wood**, Crockett County court clerk, and **Mrs. A. J. Worrell**, wife of **James R. Worrell**, appeared separately 3 Jan 1873 and acknowledged she freely and voluntarily relinquished all of her title in said tract.

Page 64. Deed dated 7 Apr 1872: For consideration of \$250, **Archibald D. R. Swindle** and wife, **Nancy J.**, of Dyer County convey 30 acres to **John D. Agee** of Dyer County. Land is in Dyer County's 3rd Civil District, beginning at northwest corner of 100-acre tract purchased by **Privett** from **W. P. Fowlks**, with tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances. Deed, acknowledged separately by **Nancy** before **W. M. Watkins**, Dyer County court clerk, and recorded by **W. B. Tipton**, Dyer County register. On 7 Oct 1872, deed was filed with **Zack Watkins**, Crockett County deputy clerk in Alamo, and recorded in Crockett County by **R. T. D. Fouche**, register.

Page 65. Deed of Gift dated 26 Nov 1870: For love and affection, **W. W. Biggs** conveys to **Samuel H. Strayhorn**, his son-in-law, a 50-acre tract in Dyer County bounded by **Ben Howell**, heirs of **G. W. Taylor**, and **J. D.(?) Craig**. Witnesses: **James H. Perry**, **A. R. Biggs**. Recorded 7 Oct 1872 in Crockett County by **R. T. D. Fouche**, county register.

Page 66. Deed dated 3 Oct 1872: For \$1 and love and esteem for the [Masonic] Order, **John W. Mathews** of Crockett County conveys to **Nelson Hess**, Worshipful Master; **John W. Rosemond, Sr.**, Warden; and **J. W. Williams**, Junior Warden of Gadsden Masonic Lodge #163 a one-acre lot in Gadsden (Lot No. 86 in plan of town) at corner of Main & Vine. Witnesses: **W. B. Richmon**, **W. W. Richardson**. Recorded 7 Oct 1872 in Crockett County.

Page 67. Deed dated 20 May 1872: For consideration of \$400, **W. H. Craig** conveys two-acre lot in town of Friendship to **J. F. Sinclair** and **W. P. Rice**, doing business as firm of **Sinclair & Rice**. Witnesses: **P. W. Moore**, **F. E. Davis**. **Craig** acknowledged execution of deed before **B. H. Harmon**, Crockett County notary public, on 7 Oct 1872, and it was recorded 8 Oct 1872 in Crockett County.

Pages 68-69. Deed dated 8 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$1,545, **R. A. Cooke** of Crockett County conveys to **H. H. Harget** of Crockett County 51½ acres with hereditaments and appurtenances. Land is on road from Alamo to Chestnut Bluff, being part of tract on which **Harget** once resided and owned, and is bounded by property of **Mrs. Vandyke** and **John E. Moore**. Deed witnessed by **W. W. Harris** and **Thomas Green**, and registered 12 Oct 1872.

Pages 69-70. Deed dated 12 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$2,262.50, **H. H. Harget** and wife, **E. A. E. Harget**, Crockett County convey 90 acres of land with hereditaments and appurtenances to **John J. Robins**, also of Crockett County. Tract is two miles west of Alamo on road to Chestnut Bluff and Dyersburg, being same upon which **Harget** now resides. It is bounded by land that **R. T. Webb** sold to **R. S. McFarland**, and by property of **Alex Bowlings**, **A. A. White**, and **Mrs. Lucinda Cooke**. Witnesses: **R. A. Cooke**, **Isaac M. Johnson, Jr.** Deed was separately acknowledged by **Mrs. Harget** before **Francis J. Wood**, Crockett County court clerk, on 30 Nov 1872.

Pages 70-71. Deed dated 12 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$1,756.20, **H. H. Harget** conveys to **John J. Robins** 70¼ acres in Crockett County two miles west of Alamo on road to Dyersburg. Parcel is part of original **G. W. Lumpkin** tract bought by **Robert Webb, Sr.**, and willed to **Robert T. Webb**, and a piece of land purchased by **Robert T. Webb** from **W. F. Jones**. Land

adjoins that bought by **Robert T. Webb** from Jones, and H. H. Harget's original tract now owned by Alex Cooke. Deed witnessed by R. A. Cooke and Isaac M. Johnson, Jr., and recorded 12 Oct 1872.

Page 72. Deed dated 12 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$2,370, John J. Robins conveys to H. H. Harget a tract in Crockett County that he purchased from A. J. Elliott. Included are all hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: **R. A. Cooke**, **Isaac M. Johnson, Jr.** Recorded 12 Oct 1872.

Page 73. Deed dated 9 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$450, H. H. Harget conveys to John E. Moore 15 acres with hereditaments and appurtenances. Land is on Pond Creek in Crockett County's 8th Civil District, and is bounded by **John E. Moore's** south line, **Ellen Vandyke's** northeast corner, and property of **Ragan Shivers**. Deed registered 2 Oct 1872.

Pages 74 -75. Deed dated 7 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$1,687.50, **William Privett** and wife, M. A. Privett, of Crockett County convey to John W. Lyon 75 acres with hereditaments and appurtenances, adjoining **Wingate** tract. Witnesses: H. H. Mahon, J. P. Bums. On 14 Oct 1872, Mrs. Privett separately acknowledged voluntary execution of deed, and it was recorded same date.

Pages 75 - 77. Deed dated 3 Aug 1867: For consideration of \$475.75, John Davidson, **R. D. Cooke** and wife **Elizabeth A. Cooke**, and D. H. **Burnett** and wife Purlina, all of Haywood County; William **R. Nunn** and wife Sarah J., M. V. Vance and wife Mary A., all of Gibson County, herein retain a lien to secure payment of certain notes for  $31\frac{3}{4}$  acres in southwest corner of Gibson County. Land begins at Dyer-Gibson county line and adjoins Marcus **Holman's** tract, and 11 acres in Dyer County with all hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: H. A. Rochelle, E. T. Austin. **F. H. Hall**, justice of the peace in Gibson County, was authorized 2 Mar 1868 by A. S. **Curry**, deputy clerk, to examine wives apart from their husbands relative to free execution of deed. Their acknowledgments were made 19 Aug 1868 before Hall. Witnesses proved deed 13 Oct 1871, and it was registered in Crockett County 14 Oct 1872.

Pages 77-78. Deed dated 24 Sep 1868: For consideration of \$300, James H. Thompson of Haywood County conveys to Marcus L. **Holman**, also of Haywood,  $43\frac{1}{4}$  acres in Gibson and Dyer counties with hereditaments and appurtenances. Land is bounded by northwest corner of dower of Mary Davidson, widow of Josiah Davidson, deceased [this portion in Gibson County]. Witnesses: S. **S. Booth**, J. J. Brown. Thompson acknowledged deed before James A. **Poston**, Haywood County deputy clerk, 27 Oct 1871. Registered in Crockett County 16 Oct 1872.

Page 79. Deed dated 15 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$900, H. H. Mahon and wife, M. C., of Crockett County convey to Daniel E. Smith  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres with appurtenances in town of Alamo. Lot is bounded by tract of Jack Burns, and is same land bought by **R. R. Fergerson** from Sydney **Cates'** 50-acre tract. Witness: C. A. **Goodloe**. M. C. Mahon separately acknowledged 17 Oct 1872 before Francis J. Wood, Crockett County court clerk, that she executed deed freely and it was registered same date.

Pages 80-81. Deed dated 10 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$300, W. D. Taylor and wife, Sarah F., of Crockett County convey to J. W. Spraggins 11 and a fraction acres in Crockett County's 3rd Civil District. Land, bounded by that of R. G. Harris, runs along Dyersburg Road and adjoins J. W. Taylor's property. Deed acknowledged before J. W. **Roseman**, notary public, 10 Oct 1872, with Sarah separately acknowledging she freely executed it. Deed registered 23 Oct 1872 in Crockett.

Pages 81-82. Deed dated 19 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$1,335, John W. Spears conveys to P. **P. Bennett**  $66\frac{1}{2}$  acres, being Lot No. 3 in division of **Javit M. Jelk's** 1,000 acres. Land is bounded by Lots 4, 1, and 2. Witnesses: H. H. Mahon, F. T. Cates. Registered same date in Crockett County.

Pages 82-83. Deed dated 28 Jan 1867: For consideration of \$100, Thomas Green of Haywood County conveys to Ephraim T. Austin of Haywood one acre with hereditaments and appurtenances. Land, located in Haywood County, was taken from north end of tract on which Green now resides and is south of Austin's lot. Deed acknowledged and registered 26 Oct 1872.

Page 83. Deed dated 10 Sep 1872: For consideration of \$4,000, J. A. **Griffin** conveys to D. H. Powell  $153\frac{3}{4}$  acres in Crockett County. Tract was formerly owned by S. W. Fielder, deceased, and is bounded by Solomon Rice. Deed acknowledged 10 Sep 1872 and registered 28 Oct 1872.

Pages 84-86. Deed dated 26 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$175, Jesse M. **Allen** and wife, Nancy, of Gibson County convey to W. L. Cunningham their undivided one-eighth part of 56 acres in Crockett County's 9th Civil District. Land is bounded by Jeremiah Hay's 56-acre tract, by east line of William **Murry's** 3,166-acre grant, and by Dennis Tatum's land. Witnesses:

**Dennis Tatum, Alfred Cunningham.** Acknowledged 26 Oct 1872, with **Nancy Allen** appearing separately and stating that she executed it voluntarily. Recorded same date.

Pages 86-87. Deed dated 10 Feb 1859: For consideration of \$880, **Thomas H. Lanier** of Dyer County conveys to **William L. Cunningham** of Crockett County two tracts of land in Gibson County's 20th Civil District containing 74 acres in all. One is 25-acre tract granted by state of Tennessee to **G. B. H. Coop**, beginning at northwest corner of a 75-acre tract entered in name of **Thomas McMullen** and adjoining east boundary of **William Murry's** 3,166-acre entry. Other tract is 49-acre parcel being seven-eighths of 56-acre tract that **Gilbert Hart** heretofore conveyed to heirs of **H. F. Coop**, seven-eighths of which was conveyed by **Lanier** to **G. B. H. Coop**. The 56 acres are bounded by lands of **Jeremiah Hays, William Murry, and Dennis Tatum**. Witnesses: **Jeremiah Hays, J. W. Manly**. Deed acknowledged 21 Jan 1860 before **A. W. Rains**, deputy clerk acting on behalf of **E. A. Rains**, Gibson County court clerk. Registered in Gibson County on same date by **John M. McLaurine**; registered in Crockett County 26 Oct 1872.

Pages 88-89. Deed dated 28 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$1,742, **James Bowls** of Crockett County conveys to **James W. Johnson** of same county, a parcel on East Cypress Creek where **Bowls** at that time resided. Parcel, adjoining **J. J. Matthew's** east boundary and the northeast corner of the **Tune** tract, contains  $87\frac{3}{4}$  acres. **Bowls** reserves  $\frac{3}{4}$ th acre on which graveyard is situated near said tract's west boundary for purpose of providing a burying place for family relatives. Witnesses **R. W. Flemming** and **I. M. Johnson, Jr.**, acknowledged deed 28 Oct 1872 before **Francis Wood**, Crockett County Court clerk, and it was registered same date.

Pages 89-90.<sup>1</sup> Deed dated 31st Oct 1872: **Mrs. Sirena Hughes**, administratrix of **Sumner Hughes**, deceased, in compliance with deceased's bond registered at **Alamo** in Crockett County Trust Book A, pp. 79-80, and in consideration of \$450 mentioned in the bond, conveys to **Harriett R. Kernell** a three-acre parcel in Crockett County beginning at northeast corner of Lot 8. Deed was registered 1st Nov 1872.

Pages 91-92. Deed dated 15 Nov 1870: In consideration of \$300, **Robert N. McLemore** of Haywood County conveys to **Albert A. White** of same county a 25-acre parcel on Cypress Creek in Haywood County, with hereditaments and appurtenances. Parcel, taken from west end of tract on which **McLemore** resides, adjoins east end of portion sold to **William Evans** and is bounded by **Evans'** northeast corner, and **Charles N. Bland's** north boundary line. Acknowledged and registered 2 Nov 1872.

Pages 92-93. Deed dated 2 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$2,700, **Robert W. Cooley** and wife, **V. A. Cooley**, of Humphreys Co., Tenn., convey 218 acres to **Luke Thomas** of Carroll Co., Tenn. Parcel begins at northwest corner of tract sold by **T. B. Foss** to **Thomas Claybrook**, runs east to **Claybrook's** north boundary line, **Noah Floyd's** southwest corner, **H. Works'** east boundary south to beginning of same tract conveyed to **E. W. Napier** by **George H. Gibbs** on 4 Aug 1828. Witnesses: **D. C. Randolph, L. J. Alfred**. Acknowledged before **George L. Harris**, acting court clerk of Humphreys County, on 2 Oct 1872. Registered in Crockett County 28 Oct 1872.

Pages 94-95. Deed dated 7 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$1,237.50, **Andrew J. Bowling** of Crockett County conveys to **Ephraim T. Austin** of same county,  $49\frac{1}{2}$  acres in Crockett County taken from southwest corner of **Webb** land. Tract begins at **Norman Stamps'** southeast corner, and runs east of field south of graveyard. Acknowledged 8 Nov 1872 before **John L. Poston**, Haywood County clerk, and registered 9 Nov 1872 in Crockett County.

Pages 95-96. Deed dated 8 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$2,000, **H. J. Duffey** of Crockett County conveys to **James M. Todd** of same county 75 acres in portion of Crockett County that formerly was in Madison County's 10th Civil District, Range 2, Section 11. Property adjoins northeast corner of 100-acre tract formerly belonging to heirs of **William Duffey**. Witnesses: **B. F. McDonald, J. R. McDonald**. Acknowledged and registered 12 Nov 1872 in Crockett County.

Pages 97-98. Deed dated 4 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$687, **Solomon W. Brassfield** and wife, **Cordie L. Brassfield**, convey to **John L. Epperson** a tract that is **Solomon's** distributive share of the land of his father, **George S. Brassfield**, in Crockett County. Tract is bounded by **Epperson's** south boundary and northwest corner of dowry interest. **J. C. Coolie, Esq.**, of Crockett County, was authorized by County Court Clerk **Francis Wood** to take **Cordie Brassfield's** acknowledgment apart from her husband's. This was done 6 Nov 1872. **Solomon's** acknowledgment was made 7 Nov 1872, and deed was registered 14 Nov 1872.

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<sup>1</sup> Pages are misnumbered. Two are numbered 90, and two 91.

Page 98. Deed dated 13 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$1,200, **J. D. Sinclair** conveys to **John F. Sinclair** two tracts in Crockett County, District 12 -- namely, (1) a 75-acre tract beginning at northwest corner of 338 $\frac{1}{3}$ -acre tract surveyed in name of **Benjamin F. Leidden** (No. 642) and adjoining west boundary line of **Thomas Jackson's** 500-acre survey; and (2) a 50-acre tract adjoining 75-acre tract on south, bounded by northwest corner of said 336-acre tract, all of which is known as Lot No. 1 in division of **James Dinwiddie's** estate as set apart and allotted to **J. D. Sinclair** by commissioners appointed for that purpose in Gibson County on 8 May 1844. Witnesses: **J. L. Daniel, J. F. Osborne**. Acknowledged by witnesses 16 Nov 1872 before **Francis Wood**, Crockett County court clerk, and recorded same date.

Pages 99-100. Deed dated 13 Nov 1872: For love and affection, **John F. Sinclair** conveys to his son, **J. D. Sinclair**, a 70-acre tract in Crockett County at southwest corner of 136-acre tract belonging originally to **Robert Woodsides** excluding the dower of Mrs. **Jane Woodsides**. **John F.** values the land at \$1,200. Witnesses: **J. F. Osborne, J. L. Daniel**. Deed acknowledged by witnesses 16 Nov 1872 before Crockett County Court Clerk **Francis Wood** and registered same date.

Pages 100-101. Deed dated 13 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$2,407.50, **J. D. Sinclair** conveys to **J. F. Osborne** an 80-acre tract in Crockett County District 12. Property begins at southeast corner of 136-acre tract sold by **E. B. Curtis** and wife to **Robert Woodsides** and adjoins northwest corner of **J. F. Osborne's** 100-acre tract, excluding **Jane Woodsides'** dower. Witnesses: **J. L. Daniel, J. L. Sinclair**. Acknowledged by witnesses 16 Nov 1872 and registered same date.

Page 102. Deed dated 12 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$1,800, **Robert S. Matthews** conveys to **B. C. Mason** a tract in Crockett County, Range 3, Section 11 bounded by **James Bowls'** northwest corner and by north boundary line of 2000-acre entry in name of **Robert Ervor**. Deed acknowledged by **Matthews** 16 Nov 1872 and registered same date.

Page 103. Deed Dated 12 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$1,450, **B. C. Mason** conveys to **R S. Matthews** 58 acres in Crockett County, Range 2, Section 11. Tract begins on **James S. Blades'** west boundary line, runs north of the southeast wmer of 10 acres sold by **Abram Mason** to **Parthena McKinney**, thence to south boundary line of 50-acre entry in name of **Moses Woodfin**, west to corner of **G. W. Allen's** tract, thence south to **Joseph R Pearson's** north boundary. Deed acknowledged by **Mason** and registered 16 Nov 1872.

Pages 104-105. Deed dated 19 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$4,000, **Travis B. Redman** of Crockett County conveys to **I. H. Turpin** of same county a 200-acre tract in Crockett County, Range 3, Section 10 bounded by **S. Green's** 2,000-acre entry (No. 64) and **M. Barnes'** 640-acre entry (No. 50). Deed acknowledged and registered 19 Nov 1872

Pages 105-106. Deed dated 19 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$1,600, **I. H. Turpin** conveys two acres to **Mrs. E. P. Redman** and to heirs of **T. B. Redman**. Acreage is on Cageville Road near Bells Depot, beginning at **Locke's** northwest corner and **J. P. Simmons**. Acknowledged 19 Nov 1872; registered 20 Nov 1872.

Pages 106-107. Deed dated 26 Dec 1870: For consideration of \$2,642, **R. G. Cates** and wife, **Margaret A. Cates**, of Haywood County convey to **T. F. Conley** of same county a 100-acre tract in Haywood's 13th Civil District. Property is bounded by **Thomas Green's** home tract, **Mrs. M. Lewis**, and **F. Clark**. Deed acknowledged separately by **Mrs. Cates** before **Isaac M. Johnson** who was authorized 31 Oct 1871 by **J. A. Poston**, Haywood County deputy clerk. Acknowledged 18 Nov 1872 in Crockett County, and registered 20 Nov 1872.

Pages 108-109. Deed dated 30 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$750, **R. E. McClelland** and wife, **Sallie McClelland**, of Crockett County convey 25-acre tract to **Rebecca Evans** of same county. Tract, situated in Crockett County, is part of land deeded by **B. S. Jones** to **Mrs. R. E. McClelland** 10 Oct 1870 and is bounded by Mrs. **Grant's** land. Witnesses: **J. H. Bell, W. S. Williams**. Acknowledged 19 Nov 1872; registered 21 Nov 1872.

Pages 109-111. Deed dated 30 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$1,000, **Eli F. Evans** and wife **Rebecca Evans** of Crockett County convey to **Martha Williams** of same county, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres, being part of **Bird S. Jones'** tract and Lot No. 1 as drawn by **Rebecca** as her distributive share. Witnesses: **R. E. McClellan, J. H. Bell**. Deed acknowledged 19 Nov 1872, registered 21 Nov 1872.

Pages 111-112. Deed dated 30 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$522, **R. E. McClellan** and wife **Sarah** of Crockett County convey to **Tennessee Ann Jones** of same county 30 acres, being part of **Bird S. Jones'** homestead and Lot No. 7 as drawn by **Sarah** as her distributive share. Witnesses: **W. S. Williams, J. H. Bell**. Acknowledged 19 Nov 1872, registered 21 Nov 1872.

Pages 113-114. Deed dated 30 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$900, **R. E. McClellan** and wife, **Sarah "Sallie" McLellan**, of Crockett County convey to **Joseph H. Bell** of Crockett a portion of a parcel deeded to **Sallie** by her father **Bird S. Jones** on 10 Oct 1870. Parcel, on west side of 55-acre tract, is bounded by **William Grant** and **Mrs. Rebecca Evans**. Witnesses: **W. S. Williams, Eli F. Evans**. Acknowledged 19 Nov 1872; registered 21 Nov 1872.

Pages 114-115. Deed dated 22 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$800, **John W. Evans** conveys to **J. H. Tatum** a parcel in Crockett County bounded by **J. B. Morton, Henry J. Pearson, J. W. and W. Evans, H. B. Reams**. Witnesses: **G. W. Moss, W. T. Jones**. Acknowledged by witnesses and registered 22 Nov 1872.

Pages 116-117. Deed dated 25 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$3,500, **S. J. Stephens** and wife, **S. A. Stephens**, convey to **J. B. G. Stephens** a 100-acre tract in Crockett County, Civil District No. 7. Parcel is bounded by **Green's** northwest corner (formerly **Stephens'** 126-acre tract), and lands of **Duke Klyce**. Acknowledged and registered 25 Nov 1872.

Pages 117-118. Deed dated 25 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$3,500 -- \$1,750 of which is paid this date, and a note for \$1,750 due 20 Dec 1873 -- **S. J. Stephens** and wife, **S. A. Stephens**, convey to **T. F. Conley** and wife 102 $\frac{3}{4}$  acres in Crockett County bounded by **Magavock's** 640-acre tract of entry. Acknowledged and registered 25 Nov 1872.

Pages 118-120. Deed dated 26 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$805, **J. M. Moore** and wife, **S. E. Moore**, of Gibson County convey to **John T. Burns** of Crockett County a tract north of and near Alamo. Tract is **S. E. Moore's** (formerly **S. E. Cates**) distributive share in lands of **Sidney Cates**, deceased, and is known as Lot No. 4 in said division. It is bounded by land of **A. G. Norvill**. Witnesses: **Isaac M. Johnson, R. T. D. Fouché**. Acknowledged and registered 26 Nov 1872.

Pages 120-121. Deed dated 3 Nov 1872: **Isaac M. Johnson** and **W. A. Johnson** of Crockett County convey to **R. T. D. Fouché**, Lot No. 53. The **Johnsons** some time ago donated one-half of certain lots for location of the Crockett county seat. At recent public sale by commissioners, **Fouché** bought Lot 53 for \$100. Acknowledged 26 Nov 1872; registered 27 Nov 1872.

Pages 121-122. Deed dated 29 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$500, **T. F. Conley** and **John P. Burns** of Crockett County convey to **Albert A. White** 10 acres of land west of Alamo, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles of it being part of tract that **Conley** and **Burns** bought from heirs of **F. A. Edney**, deceased. Land was taken from northwest corner of **Edney** tract. Acknowledged and registered 29 Nov 1872.

Pages 123-124. Deed dated 10 Jan 1868: For consideration of \$500, **James M. C. Goodloe** of Haywood County conveys to **H. M. Klyce** 3 $\frac{5}{8}$  acres in town of Cageville. Parcel is bounded by lands of **Z. Wainwright**, and **T. M. and W. A. Johnson**. Witnesses: **W. A. Johnson, Isaac M. Johnson, Jr.** Deed acknowledged and recorded in Crockett County 29 Nov 1872.

Pages 124-125. Deed dated 29 Nov 1872: **W. J. Roberts** and wife, **Almira**, convey four lots to Crockett County commissioners (**John F. Sinclair**, chairman) for location of Alamo as county seat. Lot No. 66 is 50x100 feet, located west of Bell St., and is taken from northeast corner of **Roberts'** lot on Bell and Gin St. Lots 70 and 71 are west of Bell St., and south of Vine, and contain two acres. Lot 73, west of Wilson St. near the square and south of **Roberts'** new livery stable, has a 50-foot front and runs back 100 feet. Included are all hereditaments and appurtenances. Deed acknowledged and registered 29 Nov 1872.

Pages 126-127. Deed dated 29 Nov 1872: **H. M. Klyce** and wife, **Rebecca Ann**, and **William A. Johnson** convey to **John F. Sinclair**, chairman of the Crockett County board of commissioners, Lots #62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, and 68 in plan of the town of Alamo for location of the new county's county seat. Lot 65, north of Church St. and east of Apple St., adjoins **J. B. Burns** and **Ellington**, and contains 3 acres. Lots 66 and 67, located south of Main, east and west of **Branch St.**, and east of **H. H. Mahon's** lot and **Hardison's** corner, contain 7/8ths of an acre. Lots 62, 63, 64, and 65 are west of Bell's Street, south and near the square adjoining **Klyce's** shop lot. Deed signed in presence of **J. G. Clay**, and acknowledged and registered 29 Nov 1872.

Pages 128-129. Deed dated 29 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$225, **H. M. Klyce** and wife, **Rebecca Ann**, and **William A. Johnson**, his trustee, convey to **Jesse Harris** a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  - acre lot in Alamo west of public square and taken from part of northeast corner of tract on which **Klyce** now lives. Included are all hereditaments and appurtenances. Deed acknowledged by **Klyce** 29 Nov 1872, with **Rebecca Ann** making separate acknowledgment that she executed deed voluntarily. Registered on same date.

Pages 130-131. Deed dated 29 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$900, **H. M. Klyce** and wife, **R. A. [Rebecca AM]**, of Crockett County convey to **J. M. Klyce** of same county 3 $\frac{5}{8}$  acres in town of Alamo, bounded by property of **William Tanner, I. M. and W. A. Johnson**. Deed, signed by **H. M. and R. A. Klyce**, and **W. A. Johnson**, his trustee, recorded 29 Nov 1872. ■

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## *Lt. Col. Isaac Holman*

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**Lt. Col. Isaac Holman** was active in politics in Kentucky and then in Tennessee before moving to Texas in 1834. He died there about a year later, and his sons carried on his interests.

**Isaac** was born 29 Sep 1775 in North Carolina, and married **Polly Ann Wigglesworth**, daughter of **James Wigglesworth** and **Mary Thompson**, on 25 Dec 1800 in Lexington, Woodford Co., Kentucky. He served as an ensign in the militia in the 11th Regiment from Woodford County in 1796. It is said that he was a lawyer and a partner of **Henry Clay**. **Isaac** was elected to the Kentucky legislature in 1810 and again in 1816. Some time after this, he moved his family to Tennessee -- living first in Rutherford County, then Bedford, and finally Lincoln.

In 1828 *The Village Messenger*, a Fayetteville, Tenn., newspaper, published a lengthy article describing a July 4th barbecue held at **Isaac's** home. The article's banner carried a list of all candidates for major offices in the state of Tennessee. The review of the gathering included the following:

"Two long tables were spread and loaded with the choicest products of our soil in ample profusion, of which all partook with the utmost freedom and harmony. After the dishes were removed, the Declaration of Independence was read by **Colonel Isaac Holman**."

**Isaac** served in the Tennessee General Assembly in 1829-31, representing Giles and Lincoln counties. The 1830 census listed him as head of a household in Lincoln County. His two oldest living sons traveled to East Texas in October 1834, followed by **Isaac** and his two younger sons in December of the same year. In March 1835 the rest of the family arrived from Lincoln County, Tennessee. Entrance Certificate No. 31 for **Isaac Holman** was dated 10 Feb 1835.

An 1835 census of the Republic of Texas lists **Isaac** as head of a household in Sabine. It shows his age as 59, and his wife **Anna's** as 51. Their children were: **William**, single, 28; **John**, single, 22; **Sanford**, 19; **Amanda**, 17; **America**, 16; and **Elvira**, 10. They had 14 servants. **Isaac** stated that he was a Catholic, but that was standard because Mexico required that only Catholics be admitted.

Only eight months after arriving in Texas, **Isaac** died. He may have been ill as early as June, because his son **William** bought an excessive amount of medicinal items that month from **Matthew Cartwright's** store. **Isaac** died 10 Aug 1835 in San Augustine District, Texas, at age 59.

Nine days before his death, **Isaac** had been awarded a league of land that bordered on the west bank of the Trinity River in Freestone Co., Texas. This league wound up in a lawsuit in the San Augustine District Court. In 1855 the probate judge ordered the land divided into equal lots to be disbursed to nine heirs. **Isaac** received Headright Certificate #672 in 1838. This was probably recorded by his family.

Children of **Lt. Col. Isaac Holman** and **Polly Ann Wigglesworth** were as follows:

1. **James Saunders Holman** - b. 7 Feb 1804 in Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn.; m. **Martha Wilson Holman**.
2. **Daniel Holman** - b. 31 Mar 1805; d. 8 Oct 1809 at age 4.
3. **William W. Holman** - b. 8 Dec 1806 in Tennessee; m. **Eliza Yeager**.
4. **Isaac Holman** - b. 30 Dec 1809 in Tennessee; m. **Louisa V. Higgins**.
5. **Polly Ann Holman** - b. 16 May 1811; m. **Dr. James G. Barksdale**; d. in 1896.
6. **John Wigglesworth Holman** - b. 3 Nov 1812 in Tennessee; d. 11 Sep 1843 at age 30.
7. **Elizabeth Holman** - b. 17 Feb 1815; m. (1) **J. D. Thomas**, (2) **D y e**, (3) **Isaac Campbell** on 4 June 1839 in Texas. **Elizabeth** d. in 1886.
8. **Jasper Sanford Holman** - b. 12 Sep 1816 in Tennessee; m. **Clementina Cartwright**.
9. **Amanda Holman** - b. 24 July 1818 in Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn.; m. **Matthew Cartwright**.
10. **America Holman** - b. 22 Oct 1822 in Shelbyville, Tenn.; m. **Robert Lane**.
11. **Elvira V. Holman** - b. 14 Oct 1825, m. **John Clinton Cartwright**, son of **John Cartwright** and **Mary Crutchfield**, on 17 Mar 1844. **Elvira** d. 4 June 1854 at age 28.

Three of **Isaac** and **Polly's** sons -- **James**, **William**, and **John** -- were among the 33 members of the Robertson Expedition. They had gone to Texas from Tennessee in 1825 to explore land in The Leftwich Grant in which Mexico had consented to allow a colony to be established. The area ultimately became known as "Robertson's Colony." Various members of the Robertson Expedition, including the three **Holman** brothers, surveyed and claimed land for themselves, and filed those claims with the Mexican government. For some reason, none of the Robertson Expedition claims were ever perfected except that of **Sterling Robertson**, the leader. In 1826, all 33 members of the expedition returned to Tennessee.

**James** and **William** moved to San Augustine, Tex., from Tennessee in the fall of 1834. Their father and two younger brothers arrived by the end of the year, and their mother and three sisters arrived 21 Mar 1835. **James** and **William** fought in the Siege of Bexar in December 1835.

By August 1836 **James** was an agent of **Augustus C.** and **John K. Allen**, the founders of Houston, Texas. Signatures of **James S. Holman**, the **Allen** brothers, and **Thomas J. Gazley**, a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, are on the original 1836 survey of Houston by **Gail Borden, Jr.**, and **Thomas H. Borden**. In August 1837, as agent for the Houston Town Company, **James** advertised lots and a bank to be located in the new town by the Texas Railroad, Navigation and Banking Company. Ads were immediately placed in newspapers of the large cities in America. They included a picture of a beautiful city surrounded by mountains and described it as a center of population serviced by steamboats. (Anyone familiar with Houston, of course, knows there are no mountains near Houston.) The ads also stated, "There is no place in Texas more healthy, having an abundance of excellent spring water, and enjoying the sea breeze in all its freshness."

**Francis Lubbock**, age 21, wrote an account of being persuaded by the **Allens** to ship a stock of goods to Houston. They went with him on the steamship **Laura** to the town they had staked out. After passing Harrisburg, **Lubbock** noted: "No boat had ever been above this place, and we were three days making the distance to Houston, only six miles by the dirt road, but 12 by the bayou." The boat moved slowly because they had to clear the channel of logs and snags. "A capitalist, a dignified judge, military heroes, and young merchants in fine clothes from the dressiest cities in the United States, all lent a hand," he wrote.

Chafing at the slow progress, **Lubbock** and others took a yawl and set out upstream to find the city. They passed it by entirely and realized their mistake only when they ran into White Oak Bayou and struck brush. "We then backed down the Bayou, and by close observation discovered a road or a street laid off from the water's edge. Upon landing, we found stakes and footprints, indications that we were in the town tract. This was the first of January 1837, when I discovered Houston." Walking up the freshly cleared dirt street, **Lubbock** found a few small tents, a large one used as a saloon, several houses being built, and logs being hauled in to build the first hotel. He promptly contracted with **J. S. Holman** "to put up for me a small clapboard house . . . paying \$250." For that he got one room 12 feet square with an adjoining shed.

**James Holman** served as clerk of the Houston-Galveston district court from February 1837 until January 1841. On 1 Aug 1837 **Andrew Briscoe**, chief justice of Harrisburg County, called an election to be held 14 Aug 1837 for the purpose of electing a mayor and eight aldermen for the newly incorporated City of Houston. The results in **Briscoe's** handwriting, still on file, show:

**James S. Holman** - 12 votes

**Francis Lubbock** - 11 votes

**Thomas S. Ward** - 10 votes

**James** served as the first inayor of Houston from 28 Aug 1837 through December 1837. In the early 1840s, he traveled to New York and Washington, advocating annexation of Texas to the United States, promoting railroads, and engaging in land speculation. During this period, he also traveled back to Tennessee, where his wife and children still resided. They moved to Texas about 1855, but **James** would not let them live in Houston because of the "mud, mosquitoes, and slime." He located them in Austin instead.

In 1856 **James** was in Philadelphia and New York representing Texas business interests, and wrote **Ashbel Smith** that he was expecting success in his enterprises. During the Civil War, **James** served on the Texas State Military Board from April 1864 until it ceased to function in 1865. While engaged in supervising construction of the Houston and Texas Central Railway, **James** succumbed to yellow fever. He had contracted the disease earlier in Houston and recovered. While in Bryan Brazos Co., Texas, **James** had a relapse and died 8 Dec 1867. The location of his grave is unknown.



A portrait of James Saunders **Holman** currently hangs in the Houston City Hall. A great-great-grandson owns **James'** ivory-head walking stick, with his **name** engraved on a small silver band around the cane.

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## Chester County Insolvent Estates 1891- 1899

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 C. G. **Hardeman**  
 J. S. Taylor.

# Tennessee *Comings & Goings*

**J. D. Barfield**, who has been visiting his father in Way community, returned to his home in Metropolis, Ill., yesterday.  
-*Benton County Enterprise, Camden, 14 Feb 1890*

**J. T. Latimer** has returned from Cartersville, Ill., whither he was called last week by telegram to attend his brother who had been seriously wounded and since died.  
-*Benton County Enterprise, Camden, 31 Jan 1890*

**Calvin Rushing**, who has been attending school at this place (Camden) was taken with pneumonia and is at **Prof. Mannon's** residence where he will recuperate. He is getting the best of attention.  
-*Benton County Enterprise, Camden, 31 Jan 1890*

**James Moore** of Holladay community has returned from Huntingdon where he went to have his eye treated, and **Riley Stokes** has gone to Union City to **Dr. Edwards** for eye treatment.  
-*Benton County Enterprise, Camden, 31 Jan 1890*

**J. G. Hudson** of Gainsville, Tex., is spending a few weeks with old friends and relatives in Benton County.  
-*Benton County Enterprise, Camden, 10 Jan 1890*

**Noah Summers** of Illinois and **Gardner Mitchell** of Arkansas have returned and will locate permanently. One by one the boys return to good old Benton.  
-*Benton County Enterprise, Camden, 10 Jan 1890*

**Albert Roberts**, who was appointed U. S. consul at Hamilton, Ontario, by **Pres. Cleveland**, has returned to Nashville after an absence of 3½ years. He was accompanied by his family.  
-*Benton County Enterprise, 15 Nov 1889*

**Mr. L. M. Caldwell** has gone to San Antonio, Tex., in search of a more salubrious and congenial clime.  
-*Gibson County Mirror, 20 Jan 1877*

**Col. N. N. Northcross** and wife and grandchildren, **Miss Lula Davis** and **Hugh Day**, arrived in Trenton last Wednesday from Colorado.  
-*Gibson County Mirror, 17 Sep 1881*

**Patents granted** for the week ending 22 Apr 1885 were to **F. R. Henry**, Murfreesboro, combined heater and ventilator; **A. H. Patch**, Clarksville, harrow; and **S. B. Moe**, Chattanooga, brick kiln.  
-*Gibson County Mirror, 17 Sep 1881*

**Dr. W. P. McGill** has gone to Camden to practice his profession. He will make a good citizen.  
-*Huntingdon Indicator, 3 Jan 1879*

**Absolem L. Sparks** was appointed postmaster at Barnardsville in Roane County replacing **William Deathrage**, deceased; and **E. C. Oakley** was named postmaster at Lucy, Shelby County, replacing **C. M. Black**, who resigned.  
-*Benton County Enterprise, 3 Jan 1890*

**Mrs. R. L. Mitchell** and **B. F. Hatley** gave bond last Wednesday in the amount of \$84,000 and qualified as administrators of the estate of **Allen H. Mitchell**, deceased. This is the largest bond ever given in Benton County.  
-*Benton County Enterprise, 10 Jan 1890*

**Elected aldermen** of Fayetteville last Saturday were **John Y. Gill**, **C. B. Bagley**, **C. A. Fulton**, **George W. Morgan**, **C. J. Chafin**, **M. W. Woodard**, and **F. A. Moorehead**. The retiring board leaves a good record. It had a large amount of work done on the streets, and leaves the corporation free of debt with a wagon & team and money in the treasury.  
-*Fayetteville Observer, 9 Jan 1873*

**Freeman Gatewood** and his wife who live with their son-in-law, **Calvin Lee**, of the 4th District are not only among the oldest settlers but probably the oldest married couple in Weakley County. He is 87, she is 84, and both are in good health. **Mrs. Gatewood**, however, is entirely blind.  
-*Dresden Republican*  
(Reprinted in *Tenn. Republican, Huntingdon, 2 Aug 1889*)

**Mr. James Wilson**, residing four miles west of Huntingdon, was 100 years old last Saturday [18 Jan 1879]. Born in North Carolina, he has lived in this country for a number of years. He is still hale and hearty, the only defect being a little deafness.  
-*Huntingdon Vindicator, 24 Jan 1879*

**Col. Eugene Lehman** returned yesterday from Roan Mountain, Tenn., much improved in health.  
-*Memphis Daily Avalanche, 21 Aug 1887*

**Colin Bland**, having located in the town of Covington, respectfully tenders his professional services to the public and will practice in the courts of Shelby, Haywood, and Fayette counties.  
-*Randolph Recorder, 5 Jul 1834*

**John T. Trezevant**, Esq., was on Saturday last elected colonel of the Memphis division of the Tennessee militia.  
-*American Eagle, Fort Pickering, 22 Jul 1842*

**T. S. Henderson** and **Alexander M. Henderson**, late of Chapel Hill, N.C., are engaged in the dry goods business in Memphis and occupy the house next door below **H. S. Morgan & Co.** They have employed the services of **James Lawrence**, Esq., to attend particularly to the storage and forwarding of cotton.  
- *Memphis Enquirer, 2 Nov 1836*

# Tennessee *Comings & Goings*

**Dr. Joseph B. Outlaw**, having removed to Memphis, offers his services to the inhabitants thereof and surrounding county. His residence and office are on Poplar st. directly in front of the Presbyterian Church. **Dr. Outlaw** deems it fit to say that he liberally enjoyed the advantages of our best Eastern colleges and hospitals and has been extensively engaged in practice for more than 20 years, the last three of which having been in Shelby County. -*American Eagle, Ft. Pickering, 6 June 1843*

**Edmund Booker** announced in the *Memphis Enquirer* of 17 Nov 1838 that ill health induced him to offer the **Sommerville Hotel** for sale at a public auction in **Sommerville, Fayette County**, on 15 December. He said the hotel contained the usual variety of furniture for a public house, and had 30 new beds and mattresses.

At an election in **Crockett County**, **R. G. Harris** was elected sheriff, **James Lowrey** trustee, and **J. B. Smith**, tax collector. The commissioners have located the county seat at **Cageville** which village will hereafter be known as **Alamo**. The action of the commissioners gave general satisfaction, and the people of the new county are profoundly happy.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal, 19 Aug 1872*

**Busby, Johnson & Co.** have received the first bale from **Haywood County** -- probably the first from Tennessee. It was sent by **Mr. Clinton Trotman**, a large and successful planter, and shipped by Messrs **Butler, Son, & Freeman** of **Brownsville** who constitute one of the most substantial and enterprising mercantile firms in West Tennessee.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal, 24 Aug 1872*

Notice in the *Shelbyville Commercial* in the spring of 1884: "We wish to announce to the people of **Bedford** and surrounding counties that we have established a first-class wool carding factory in **Shelbyville** and on or before the 15th of June will be ready to card all the wool brought to us at very reasonable rates. Persons from the county will find our factory near the Big Spring. - **J. R. Burkit & Company.**"

**Richard Mullins** of the 22nd District of this [Bedford] county cut down a chestnut tree that measured over 10 feet at the butt cut. The tree made over 2,100 rails. -*Shelbyville Commercial, Fall 1884*

**McGaughey & Neal** of **Dyersburg** announce their services to the people of **Dyer**, **Lauderdale**, and **Obion** counties for sale of their farms, lands, and town lots. **Dr. R. W. McGaughey** has practiced medicine in these counties for 25 years and is familiar with all lands we now have for sale, while the position of **Mr. Tom W. Neal**, editor of the *State Gazette* and former associate editor of several Nashville and Memphis papers, affords us a valuable correspondence by which buyers and sellers can be brought together.

-*Nashville Gazette 18 Jul 1866*

**Mrs. Samuel Brown**, residing at **McWhirtersville** in **Davidson County**, presented her husband on Monday night [16 Jul 1866] with three fine babies at one birth. The little chaps are all living and doing well. -*Nashville Gazette, 20 Jul 1866*

**Messrs. Daniel Hillman, R. C. Collier**, and the **Goodrich Brothers** have been engaged in boring for oil on one of their farms near **Spring Hill**. They didn't exactly strike oil but came across a fine quarry of marble which is on the surface and appears to be found in any quantity. It is of superior quality and will yield a fortune to the owners.

-*Nashville Gazette, 13 Jul 1866*

We saw last evening at the store of **A. A. Spencer & Co.** three cotton plants in beautiful bloom and heady laden with maturing squares. They are among the first ever raised in this section. They come from the farm of **C. W. McKay, Esq.**, near **Franklin College** about four miles from **Nashville** and are fair specimens of the entire plantation. **Mr. McKay** expects to raise 250 pounds to the acre this year.

-*Nashville Gazette, 13 Jul 1866*

**Dr. Sam Fain**, an old **Nashville** boy now of **Arkansas**, dropped in upon us yesterday. -*Nashville Gazette, 15 Jul 1866*

**Seven Memphis and Shelby County** residents were summoned to appear in **DeSoto Co., Miss.**, Chancery Court on the first Monday in Feb 1901 to answer divorce proceedings brought against them. As reported in the *Hernando Times Promoter*, petitions for divorce were filed by **Josie Stephens vs. John Stephens** of **Whitehaven, Shelby Co., Tenn.**; **Aaron Keys vs. Emma Keys** of **Memphis**; **W. M. Joyner vs. Cornelia Joyner** of **Memphis**; **Price Lyons vs. Pearl Lyons**, **Memphis**; **Eddie Cross vs. Annie Cross**, **Memphis**; **Mollie Bonner vs. John Bonner**, **Memphis**; and **George Slack vs. Emma Slack**, **Memphis**.

**Mrs. John H. Perry** and children **Memphis**, left Friday morning for **Philadelphia** and the East to spend the heated term.

-*Memphis Appeal, 19 Jul 1885*

**Mr. H. B. Falk, Jr.**, of the *St. Louis Republican* is in **Brownsville** visiting his old home.

-*Memphis Appeal, 23 Jul 1885*

**Mrs. Dr. McGee** and little daughter **Camille** are spending some time at their old home in **Trenton**. They went to the annual family reunion at **W. G. Patterson's** country residence.

-*Memphis Appeal, 26 Aug 1885*

**Minter Parker** has left with all his family for **Beaver Dam Springs, Hickman County, Tenn.**

-*Memphis Appeal, 19 Jul 1885*

### **Bivens - Frazier**

Miss Tennie Frazier was united in marriage to Mr. A. K. Bivens Tuesday afternoon [4 Feb 1890] at 5 o'clock at the residence of her father, Mr. A. M. Frazier, north of Camden. Justice J. H. Combs performed the ceremony. A limited number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties witnessed the ceremony and partook of an elegant repast that was afterwards served.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 7 Feb 1890*

### **Rushing - Cox**

It was rumored last summer when Miss **Bettie** Cox of Memphis was visiting friends in Benton County that perhaps in the near future she would return to Benton a bride. This rumor was verified in the consummation of the nuptials of Mr. John C. Rushing and Miss Cox Tuesday evening [14 Jan 1890] at the bride's home in Memphis. The groom, accompanied by his sister, Miss Ida, and Dr. E. M. **McAuley** and the bridal party are expected to reach Big Sandy Wednesday afternoon.

*-Benton County Enterprise, 17 Jan 1890*

### **Penn - Rigby**

Married 11 Mar [1858] by Rev. S. Brewer, Mr. A. C. Penn to Miss **Gilly A. Riggsbee**, all of Gibson County.

*-Southern Standard, Trenton, 17 Mar 1858*

### **Wallace - Thurston**

Mamed at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Humboldt on Tuesday morning [5 Dec 1876] by Rev. I. B. Day, Mr. William T. Wallace and Miss Mollie F. Thurston.

*-Reprinted from the Humboldt Journal in the Gibson County Mirror, Trenton, 16 Dec 1876*

### **McClure - Berryville**

Married in Carroll County on 5th Dec [1876] at the residence of the bride's father by Rev. B. M. Fams, Mr. W. P. **McClure** and Miss **Maggie Berryville**.

*Gibson County Mirror, Trenton, 16 Dec 1876*

### **Martin - McDaniel**

Married at the residence of the bride's mother in Carroll County on 5th Dec [1876] by Rev. J. P. Weaver, Mr. George W. Martin of Milan and Miss Lou **McDaniel** of Trezevant.

*Gibson County Mirror, Trenton, 16 Dec 1876*

## Tennessee Marriages

### **Stainback - Blakely**

Married at the residence of Mr. A. **Dickinson**, the bride's stepfather, on Wednesday, 29 Nov 1876, by Rev. W. D. F. Hafford, Mr. Charles A. **Stainback**, Esq., and Miss Laura Blakely, all of Somerville.

*Gibson County Dispatch, 22 Nov 1876*

### **Howard - Johnson**

Married at Grand Junction, Tenn., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. M. D. T. Johnson, on 19 Nov 1876 by Rev. D. R. Bryant, Mr. H. Howard and Miss Willie M. Johnson, all of Grand Junction.

*Gibson County Dispatch, 22 Nov 1876*

### **Williams - Fields**

Married on the evening of Thursday last, 23rd Nov 1876, at the residence of the bride, Mr. Sam A. Williams to Miss Linnie Fields of Dyer County. The ceremony was performed by Parson Bill, and the bride and bridegroom were escorted by Miss Mollie Harris, Miss Lubie Drane, and Messrs. Marshall and **Brackin**.

*Gibson County Dispatch, 22 Nov 1876*

### **Glass - Pybass**

Mamed Wednesday, 13 Jan [1877] at the residence of the bride's father in Tuscumbia, Ala., by Rev. John S. Davis, Miss Emma Pybass to Mr. John H. Glass, Sr., editor of *The Mirror*.

*Gibson Mirror, 20 Jan 1877*

### **Molloy - Harris**

Manied at the residence of the bride's father six miles west of Trenton on 7th Jan [1877] by Rev. W. C. Grace, Mr. **Thomas Molloy** and Miss Columbia Harris. Attendants were Mr. Jessie Moore, Miss Mary Wright, Mr. J. M. Waggoner, and Miss Subaina Moore.

*Gibson Mirror, 20 Jan 1877*

### **McRee - Campbell**

Manied the afternoon of 13 Sep [1881] at the residence of the bride's father in Humboldt by Rev. Dr. Campbell, Mr. W. F. **McRee** to Miss C. A. Campbell.

*Gibson Mirror, 17 Sep 1881*

### **Bennet - Horton**

Mamed on 23rd Jan [1840] by William Tharpe, Esq., Mr. **Elisha Bennet** to Miss Margaretta Horton, daughter of William Horton, Esq., all of Carroll County.

*-Huntingdon Advertiser, 19 Feb 1840*

### **Hawkins - Blackwell**

Married at McMoresville on the evening of Thursday, 8th Oct [1868] by Rev. Michael **Lile**, Mr. William H. **Hawkins** to Miss Mary E. **Blackwell**.

*-West Tennessean, Huntingdon, 15 Oct 1868*

### **Jackson - Lamb**

Married yesterday morning [Thursday, 25 Dec 1845] by Rev. Mr. Alston, Mr. J. A. Jackson and Miss Mary E. Lamb, all of Memphis.

*-Weekly Appeal, Memphis, 26 Dec 1845*

### **Massey - Crook**

Mamed on 23rd Dec [1845] by Rev. John Gailer, Dr. James A. Massey of Shelby County to Miss Mary H. Crook, daughter of W. D. **Crook**, Esq., of Marshall Co., Miss.

*-Weekly Appeal, Memphis, 2 Jan 1846*

### **Rudolph - Harris**

Married on 8th Mar [1845] by Rev. Daniel Crawford, Mr. Edward W. Rudolph, formerly of Memphis, to Miss Sarah F. **Harris**, daughter of Judge **Harris** of Izard Co., Ark.

*-Weekly Appeal, Memphis, 11 Apr 1845*

### **Clarke - Isler**

Married in this vicinity on the evening of Tuesday last [24 June 1845] by Rev. Mr. Coons, Mr. Richard G. Clarke to Miss Mary H. Isler, daughter of Dr. Jesse Isler.

*-Weekly Appeal, Memphis, 11 Apr 1845*

### **Looney - Roland**

Manied on the evening of 24 June 1845 at Fort Pickering, Col. D. Looney to Miss Mary Roland, only daughter of Hugh Roland, Esq.

*-Weekly Appeal, Memphis, 11 Apr 1845*

### **Baxter - Rose**

Married Thursday evening last [31 Jul 1845] by Rev. P. W. Alston, Mr. **Frederic** Baxter of New Orleans to Miss Mary E. Rose, daughter of Mr. James Rose, Sr., of Memphis.

*-Weekly Appeal, Memphis, 2 Aug 1845*

### **Carr - Kennedy**

Married at the residence of R. T. Kennedy in Pittsburg on 29th Nov [1854] by the Rev. Mr. Hovard, Mr. William C. Carr, Esq., of Memphis to Miss Margie E. Kennedy of Pittsburg. Our esteemed young friend came down on the steamer *Sultana* bringing his fair bride to her Southern home.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 14 Dec 1854

### **Rawlings - Lowry**

Married in this city on Thursday evening, 2d Nov [1854] by Rev. Dr. Porter, Mr. J. J. **Rawlings** of the firm of Webb & Rawlings to Mrs. Sophia **Lowry**.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 5 Nov 1854

### **Cogswell - Bond**

Married in this city on 27th Sept [1854] by the Rev. H. S. Porter, D. D., Mr. F. M. **Cogswell** to Miss Celia V. Bond.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 29 Sep 1851

### **Simonton - Hill**

Mr. Earnest H. Simonton and Miss Mary Bennett **Hill** were united in marriage yesterday evening (20 Aug 1898) at the residence of the bride's father, J. C. Hill, in Covington, Rev. J. M. Northrop officiating. Only a few friends and relatives of the couple were present.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 1 Sep 1898

### **Farmer-Thompson**

Mamed in Houston, Tex., on 1st Aug [1866], Capt. Dewitt C. Farmer, formerly of Clarksville, Tenn., to Miss **Mattie** Thompson of Houston.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 5 Oct 1866

### **Epperson - Scott**

Married at the National Hotel in Clarksville on 4th Oct [1866] by Rev. A. D. Sears, Mr. Benjamin Epperson of Pulaski, Tenn., to Miss Fannie Scott, daughter of William H. Scott, Athens, Ala.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 5 Oct 1866

### **Jackson - O'Neal**

Married in Montgomery County on 3rd Oct [1866] by Rev. J. B. West, Rev. Green P. Jackson to Miss Mary P. **O'Neal**, daughter of the late William **O'Neal**.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 5 Oct 1866

## Tennessee Marriages

### **Liebkemann - Frick**

Married at the German Protestant Church on Thursday evening, 5th June [1873] by Rev. Mr. Tschuey, Mr. Joseph Liebkemann and Miss Emma Frick

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 8 June 1873

### **Jefferson - Bradford**

Married Tuesday, 1st Jul 1873, in Panola Co., Miss., by E. C. Slater, D. D., John W. Jefferson, Esq., of Memphis and Miss Rosa Bradford, third daughter of Gen. B. M. Bradford.

-*Memphis Daih Appeal*, 2 Jul 1873

### **Faxon - Finley**

Married at St. Mary's Church, Memphis, on Wednesday afternoon, 13 Dec 1871, at one o'clock by the Rt. Rev. C. T. Quinard, Mr. George B. **Faxon** of Clarksville and Miss Sidney Lamb **Finley** of Memphis.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 16 Dec 1871

### **Trotter - Bumpass**

Married in Montgomery County on 6 Dec 871 by **Griffin** Orguin, Esq., Mr. James E. Trotter and Miss Lucy A. **Bumpass**, all of this county.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 16 Dec 1871

### **Beard - Chapman**

Married at Preacher's Mill in Montgomery County on 7th Dec [1871] by Rev. M. G. Carney, Mr. James Beard and Miss Mary Chapman.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 16 Dec 1871

### **Hill - Anderson**

Married at the residence of Mr. Minor Anderson in Montgomery County on 8th Dec 1871, Mr. T. R. Hill of Rutherford County and Mrs. M. R. Anderson.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 16 Dec 1871

### **Perkins - Manning**

Married on 7th Nov 1871 by the Rev. Mr. **Challener**, Mr. G. G. **Perkins** and Miss Sarah Manning, all of Clarksville.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 11 Nov 1871

### **Lockert - Bowling**

Married 21st Oct [1871] at the bride's residence by Rev. L. J. Crutcher, Col. James W. Lockert to Marion G. Bowling of Montgomery County. We wish the gallant colonel and his accomplished bride many long years of uninterrupted happiness and prosperity.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 11 Nov 1871

### **Mitchell - Hardgrove**

Married in Jackson on 25th June [1839] by Rev. Mr. **Finlay**, Mr. **Leonard** Bradly **Mitchell**, publisher of the District *Telegraph*, to Miss Louisiana Hardgrove, all of Jackson.

-*Somerville Reporter*, 13 Jul 1839

### **Warren - Kimbrough**

Married in Shelby County on 20th Nov 1839 by Rev. **Asbury** Davidson, Mr. Samuel H. Warren of Fayette County to Miss Emily A. Kimbrough.

-*Somerville Reporter*, 23 Nov 1839

### **M'Calla - Irions**

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

-*American Eagle*, Ft. Pickering, 24 Feb 1812

### **Joy - Naylor**

Married at Bolivar (Hardeman Co.) on 22d Dec [1842], Mr. Christopher H. Joy, merchant, to Miss Ellen **Naylor**. We wish them great joy and a good many little joys.

-*American Eagle*, Ft. Pickering, 30 Dec 1842

### **Smüther - Booker, Evans - White**

Married near Randolph on 17th Oct [1827] Mr. Gabriel Smüther to Miss Martha Booker. At the same time and place, Mr. George H. Evans to Miss Edith White, all of Tipton County. -*Memphis Enquirer*, 28 Oct 1837

### **Gridley - Farrington**

Married in Brownsville on 31st Oct [1838] by Rev. Peter S. Gayle, Mr. Martin Gridley, merchant of New Orleans, to Miss Sarah C. Farrington, daughter of Joshua **Farrington**, Esq., of Brownsville.

-*Memphis Enquirer*, 9 Nov 1838

### **Park - Cocke**

Married Thursday, 18 Oct [1838] by Rev. Jephtha Harrison at the residence of Dr. Wyatt Christian, Mr. William Park to Miss Rebecca Cocke, both of Memphis.

-*Memphis Enquirer*, 19 Oct 1838

### **Ferguson - Edmonson**

Married at the residence of N. Roberts, Esq., near Bolivar on Sunday evening, 21 Oct [1838], Mr. W. O. Ferguson to Miss Lavender Edmonson, all of Hardeman County.

-*Memphis Enquirer*, 3 Nov 1838

### **Rudisill - Edwards**

Married on Thursday last [15 Nov 1838] by the Rev. Mr. McNutt, Mr. J. C. Rudisill to Miss Chloe Ann Edwards, all of Shelby County.

-*Memphis Enquirer*, 23 Nov 1838

### **Jackson - Malone**

Mamed Wednesday evening [28 Nov 1838] at the residence of Mr. John W. Tyus by the Rev. Mr. McNutt, Dr. Henry G. Jackson of Fayette County to Miss Araminta B. Malone, late of Sussex Co., Virginia.

-*Memphis Enquirer*, 30 Nov 1838

### **Herron - White**

Capt. R. F. Herron of the firm of Herron, Conner & Company and Miss Mollie E. White, both of Memphis, were married 15th Aug 1872 by the Rev. J. O. Steadman at the residence of the bride's father. Capt. Herron is one of our most successful and enterprising cotton merchants and well deserves the prize won by merit and patient wooing. His bride is the eldest daughter of our esteemed citizen, A. J. White, and one of our sweetest and most accomplished belles. The happy couple now enjoy the cool breezes at Alleghany Springs, attended by the well wishes of a host of friends.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 19 Aug 1872

### **Myers - Gibson**

Married in Germantown (Shelby Co.) on 21st Mar 1854 by Thomas C. Blakely, Esq., Mr. John Myers to Mrs. Annie Francis Gibson, all of Germantown.

- *Memphis Daily Appeal*, 24 Mar 1854

## **Tennessee Marriages**

### **Chattanooga Marriage Licenses**

The following marriage licenses were issued in Chattanooga during the week ending Saturday, 31 Jan 1874:

- Allison Hughes and Lizzie Blackburn
- R. E. Balch and Bettie Rape
- Henry Green and Hannah Metz
- William H. Heard and Missouri Gass
- J. G. Penney and America B. Martin
- William Napier and Dolly Wicker

-*Chattanooga Daily Times*, 1 Feb 1874

### **Taylor Sisters In Double Wedding**

E. F. Sevier and Miss Betty Taylor, and P. H. Green and Miss Mollie Taylor were married last night [5 Feb 1874] at the Episcopal Church, Rev. H. H. Sneed officiating. The grooms are two of Chattanooga's well known young men, and the brides are sisters and daughters of the late Col. Taylor of Virginia. Attendants were J. R. Taylor and Miss Georgia Hight, W. F. Fischer and Miss Celeste Sims, J. N. Trigg and Miss Lucy Burnside of Danville, Ky., Mac Taylor and Miss Helen Taylor.

-*Chattanooga Daily Times*, 6 Feb 1874

### **Miles - Clift**

Mamed by Rev. T. D. Lea at the residence of Col. J. W. Clift on 4 Feb [1874], Mr. D. J. Miles to Miss N. E. Clift, all of Hamilton County.

-*Chattanooga Daily Times*, 12 Feb 1874

### **Sloan - Maynard**

Married in St. Louis by Rev. A. C. Osborne on 24th Jul. [1866], Mr. John E. Sloan of Nashville to Miss Sophia H. Maynard of St. Louis.

-*Nashville Gazette*, 27 Jul 1866

### **Gleaves - Ridly**

Married in Davidson County on 25 Jul 1866 by Rev. George Hager, Mr. John Bell Gleaves to Miss Annie Ridly.

-*Nashville Gazette*, 27 Jul 1866

### **Goodwyn - Buntyn**

Married on 5th Jan [1854] by Rev. C. R. Hendrickson, Mr. R. D. Goodwyn and Miss Sallie A. Buntyn, daughter of Geraldus Buntyn, Esq., near this city.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 7 Jan 1854

### **Heard - Goodwyn**

Quite an interesting event took place at the residence of Mr. R. D. Goodwyn near White's Station yesterday [15 Jan 1880], it being the marriage of his beautiful, accomplished, and gifted daughter, Miss Fannie L. Goodwyn, to Mr. James A. Heard, Jr., son of Rev. J. A. Heard of Collierville.

-*Memphis Public Ledger*, 16 Jan 1880

### **Morgan - Pope**

Married in Calvary Church in Memphis on 4th May [1854] by the Rev. Dr. Page, Mr. St. Clair M. Morgan of Nashville to Miss Maria Percy Pope, youngest daughter of Col. John Pope.

### **Spalding - Posey**

Married on 2nd May [1854] by Rev. J. S. Porter, Mr. Henry Spalding to Miss Pane H. Posey, both of Memphis.

### **Baxter - McGhee**

At 3 o'clock yesterday [7 Jan 1880] at St. John's Church in Knoxville, a marriage ceremony of unusual interest was performed by Rev. Thomas W. Humes. The groom, Lt. George W. Baxter, of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Laramie, Wyoming Territory, and the third son of the Hon. John Baxter of the Federal Court, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret McGhee, oldest daughter of Col. C. M. McGhee of Knoxville. .... Lt. Baxter and bride left on a special train for Chattanooga and will proceed at once via Corinth and St. Louis to Fort Laramie. [Abstracted]

-*Reprinted from Knoxville Tribune of 8 Jan 1880 in Memphis Public Ledger*, 10 Jan 1880

### **Smith - Allen**

Married at Salem Church on 3rd Jan [1854] by Rev. John Wilson, Mr. J. G. Smith, Esq., to Miss Sarah E. Allen, all of Tipton County.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 18 Jan 1854

### **Brown - Loving**

Married in Shelby County on 5 Apr 1855 by W. G. Roberts, Esq., Mr. John Brown to Mrs. Mariah Loving.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 26 June 1855

### **Meriwether - Barker**

On Wednesday last [8 Jan 1879] at half-past 5 o'clock at the residence of the bride's step-father, Gen. William A. **Quarles**, in Clarksville Mr. James W. Meriwether was married to Miss Maggie D. Barker. The ceremony was performed by Rev. P. A. Fitts of the Episcopal Church ... After the ceremony, guests were invited to partake of an elegant and sumptuous repast prepared in honor of the principals by the parents of the lovely bride. After the supper, the happy pair left for a tour to Louisville and other cities.

*-Clarksville, Tenn..Chronicle, 11 Jan 1879*

### **Morgiana - Fuller**

Anthony Morgiana, a merchant of Edgefield and an old citizen of that place, slipped off to Nashville on Wednesday evening last [25 Jul 1866] and proceeding to the Cathedral was united in marriage to Mrs. Laura Fuller, Father Welsh performing the ceremonies.

*-Nashville Gazette, 2 Aug 1866*

### **Hunter - Green**

Married at the residence of Dr. A. L. P. Green 1st Aug [1866], Capt. R. P. Hunter to Miss Anna Green, all of Davidson County.

*-Nashville Gazelle, 2 Aug 1866*

### **Porter - Rice**

Married at Hampden Sidney, Va., on 28 May [1855] by Rev. S. B. Wilson, D. D., Mr. Ed. E. Porter of Memphis to Miss **Mattie** C. Rice, youngest daughter of Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, D.D. of the former place.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 6 June 1855*

### **Williams - Huntsman**

Married on 30th May [1855] at Jackson, Tenn., **Nat. W.** Williams, Esq., of Holly Springs, Miss., to Miss Paradise Huntsman of the former place and daughter of the late Hon. Adam Huntsman.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 6 June 1855*

### **Smith - Henderson**

The Hon. S. A. Smith was married on Wednesday, 16th May [1855] at the residence of F. W. Lea, Esq., Bradley County, to Mrs. Lavenia Henderson, daughter of the late Luke Lea.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 17 May 1855*

## **Tennessee Marriages**

### **Three Weddings In Memphis At Same Church Same Day**

Linden St. Christian Church in Memphis was the scene of three weddings on Wednesday, 22 Jul [1885]. The Rev. Dr. Dinsmore of Kentucky officiated at all three.

Mr. H. A. Hunter and Miss Mary F. Brown were married in the morning at 8 o'clock. Ushers were Howard Willett, Lawrence **Simpson**, D. J. **McComb**, and Ambrose **Marre**. Attendants were Mr. Battle Brown and Miss Lillian Nelson, and Mr. J. B. Donaho and Miss Annie Jones. At 9 o'clock, the couple left on the L&N for Chicago, Oconomowee, and Milwaukee.

The marriage of Prof. White of Kansas City and Miss Grace **Mathews**, accomplished Memphis singer, folliowed about an hour later after which Miss Effie Barber and Mr. John Murphy of Ash Grove were united.

*-Memphis Appeal, 19 Jul 1885*

### **Deadrick - Hays**

Married by Rev. C. **McKinney** in Jackson, Tenn., on Wednesday evening, 19th Apr [1856], Mr. William P. **Deadrick** of Memphis to Miss Rachel J. **Hays**, eldest daughter of Gen. Samuel **Hays**.-*Memphis Appeal, 13 May 1856*

### **Powers - Bingham**

Married in this city on Wednesday evening last [6 Sep 1854] by the Rev. Mr. Saunders, Mr. Edward Powers to Miss Sarah A. E. Bingham, eldest daughter of Mr. John G. Bingham.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 8 Sep 1854*

### **Morgan - Gause**

BROWNSVILLE, Jul. 22 - The marriage today of Mr. Lawrence Morgan of Gibson County to Miss Loula Gause of this city was an event in our social circles. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. E. Scott of Gibson County at the residence of Mrs. Nathan Williams, sister of the bride. The happy couple left on the morning train for Trenton where extensive preparations had been made for their reception. *-Memphis Appeal, 23 Jul 1885*

### **Battle - Chester**

Mamed at Elm Wood near Jackson, Tenn., on Wednesday evening, 11 Oct 1854, by Rev. J. W. Rodgers, Dr. Lucius L. Battle of Arkansas to Miss Martha B. Chester, second daughter of Col. Robert L. Chester, marshal of West Tennessee.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 17 Oct 1854*

### **Taylor - Ward**

Married 21st Sep [1854] in Shelby County by Rev. A. T. Wynne, Mr. B. T. Taylor to Mrs. Martha H. Ward.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 24 Sep 1854*

### **Sowens - Morgan**

Married 21 Sept [1854] by H. S. Porter, D.D., Mr. Joseph **Sowens** to Miss Sarah P. C. Morgan, all of Memphis. *-Memphis Appeal, 24 Sep 1854*

### **Miller - Bradford**

Married at the First Methodist Church in this city Monday evening, 17th Oct (1854) by Rev. J. W. Knott, Mr. J. B. Miller of Memphis to Mrs. M. A. Bradford of Coahoma County, Miss. [Helena, Ark., papers please copy.]

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 17 Oct 1854*

### **Hassler - Locke**

Married in LaGrange, Tenn., on 18 Oct [1854] by Rev. N. Sullivan, Mr. D. M. B. Hassler to Miss Jennie R. Locke, eldest daughter of Robert Locke, Esq., all of LaGrange.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 20 Oct 1854*

### **Stewart - Coleman**

Married at Raleigh, Tenn., by Rev. D. L. Gray on the evening of the 18th Oct 1854, M. D. L. Stewart, Esq., to Miss **Sallie** Coleman, daughter of Dr. Daniel and Amelia Coleman, all of Raleigh.

*-Memphis Daily Appeal, 20 Oct 1854*

### **Richardson - Deupree**

JACKSON, Aug. 25 - Mr. John W. Richardson, prominent young Georgian, and Miss Fannie Dell Deupree, charming daughter of Dr. T. J. Deupree of this city, were married at 9 o'clock this morning by Rev. W. G. **Inman** of Humboldt. The young couple left for a tour before going to their Georgia home. The groom is connected with the **Lumpkin** family of Georgia, one of the leading families of that state. *-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 26 Aug 1898*

## Book Reviews

***Tracing Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes*** by Rachal Mills Lennon. 2002. Hardcover, 6" x 9". 156 pp., indexed. \$24.95 plus \$3.50 postage & handling. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202. (800) 296-6687.

This book's dedication reads: "To my legendary Choctaw princess and to my Grandmother who always believed in her." Many Southerners today boast traditions -- real or not -- of Native American ancestry leading back to the so-called Five Civilized Tribes: the Chickasaw, Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole Indians. Until their forced removal westward, they dominated a large swatch of territory from North Carolina to Mississippi. Identifying a particular Indian ancestor can be difficult because of the confusing customs and unique records. This little gem of a handbook -- written by a certified genealogical records specialist -- outlines a path through the maze for family historians. She provides a research framework by first discussing chronology, customs, and history. Did you know, for instance, that in the Southeastern tribal culture a person's most important male relative was not his biological father but his mother's brother? Or that among the Choctaws it was taboo to speak the name of the dead or for wives to speak the names of their husbands? You also may be surprised to learn about the extensive tribal records created by the Spanish, French, and English colonies and by state governments prior to the western removal. Two chapters are devoted to an overview of federal records, and include a much-needed step-by-step procedure for locating Indian records in the National Archives. Also useful is a catalog of manuscripts, books, and films created over the years by the central administration in Washington and by field agencies. The book concludes with a 37-page master bibliography that gives family historians a wealth of additional research avenues to explore in proving or disproving rumored tribal connections. This guidebook is highly recommended for those seeking ancestors among the Southeastern Indians.

***Smith Co., Tenn., Chancery Court Records, 1824-1871*** compiled by Thomas E. Partlow. 2001. Hardcover, 6" x 8-3/4", 282 pp., including full name index, slave index, and miscellaneous index. \$32.50 plus \$3.50 shipping & handling. Order from Southern Historical Press, P.O. Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267.

As noted by the compiler, chancery court records are of great value because they contain estate settlements of people who have died intestate. Much can be learned from these settlements, including the date of the deceased's death and a complete list of heirs and their relationship to the deceased -- information frequently not found elsewhere. Also to be found in chancery court records are divorce suits which often yield the wife's maiden name, her father's name, date of the marriage, names of offspring, and the grounds alleged for the divorce. The amount of information tucked away in these court records is sometimes surprising. Some 1869 Smith County court minutes, for instance, contain extensive biographical information on James B. Moores -- including the fact that he died 20 minutes before 6 a.m. on 23 May 1869. Moores was co-founder of Porter Hill Academy and founder of Clinton College in Smith County.

***Sonze Tennessee Heroes of the Revolution*** by Zella Armstrong. Originally published in five pamphlets, 1933; reprinted in single volume, 2002. Paperback, 160 pp., full-name index. \$20 plus \$3.50 shipping & handling. Order from Clearfield Co., Inc., 200 E. Eager St., Baltimore, MD 21202 (401) 625-9004.

Genealogical information compiled from the 1806 invalid Revolutionary War lists and the 1818, 1832, and 1840 pension applications is found in this small volume. Included are name, age, service, residence, source of information, application date, birth date and place, service records, names of family members cited in the pension statement, and places of migration to and from Tennessee. The 1840 list is of special interest since it includes widow's applications which were required to submit proof of marriage. Altogether several hundred Revolutionary War veterans and several thousand related family members are documented. All soldiers who lived in Tennessee country during the Revolution are found on the North Carolina rolls. Pensioners who moved to Tennessee later are credited to the states in which they lived and served..

### Letters to the Editor...

#### AN EAST TENNESSEAN HEARD FROM

29 June 2002

I just want to tell you how much I enjoy *Ansearchin' News*. You do a beautiful job in covering the entire state and in featuring interesting and helpful information. I always look forward to scanning each issue and then reading the articles that are of most interest to our locale.

If you ever happen to be in Knoxville, please accept our invitation to come by and visit the East Tennessee History Center.

Cherel Henderson, East Tennessee Historical Society  
P.O. Box 1629  
Knoxville, TN 37901

**Editor's Reply:** *Thanks for your encouraging words, and the brochure you included on the East Tennessee History Center. What a great place that would be to 'get lost in' for a few days!* ■

#### ...AND A FRIEND ON THE WEST COAST

I'm sending this information to you, hoping you may find someone who would be interested in having it. In reviewing Civil War burial, I found the following:

"Pvt. Samuel W. Scott died in 1894/1895, age 65. He was a miner and died of cancer of the stomach. He is buried in the City Cemetery, Sonora (Tuolumne Co.), Calif. He was a member of Co. D., 5th Regiment, Tennessee Volunteers."

I hope this will be helpful to someone.

Ed Nissen, Tuolumne County Genealogy Society  
edjeanne@mlode.com

**Editor's Reply:** *You may well have made somebody's day! It's thoughtful people like you who make genealogy a heart-warming experience* ■





## Unicoi County Marriages, 1876-1877, Volume 7

Transcribed by Jean Alexander West from Microfilm Roll #4, Produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives

Unicoi County was formed 23 Mar 1875 from Carter and Washington counties. On 15 Nov 1777 Washington County had been created out of Washington District which at that time covered most of the present state of Tennessee. Carter County was formed 9 Apr 1796. Since 1875, the county court clerk has kept marriage and probate records, and the register of deeds has maintained land records. Unless noted otherwise, J. B. Irwin was Unicoi County court clerk when the following licenses were issued. If a license is not returned with the officiant's signature, it does not necessarily mean there was no marriage. Justices of the peace were sometimes negligent in returning them.

[ Abbreviations: J.P. = Justice of the peace; M. G. = Minister of the Gospel ]

<u>PAGE</u>	<u>COUPLE</u>	<u>LICENSE</u>	<u>CEREMONY</u>	<u>OFFICIANT</u>
1.	F. M. Rice to Sarah A. Traffensted Bondsman: W. S. <b>Rice</b>	8 Jan 1876	9 Jan 1876	A. E. <b>Briggs</b> , J. P.
	H. B. Foster to Scina L. Riddle Bondsman: Kenady Foster	13 Jan 1876	16 Jan 1876	J. L. Lewis, M. G.
3.	J. R. Love to Martha C. Banner Bondsman: <b>M. M.</b> Love	19 Jan 1876	25 Jan 1876	Wm. MchTurff, J.P.
4.	<b>Samuel E. Higgins</b> to Laura J. Hensley Bondsman: J. L. <b>Murry</b>	3 Feb 1876	6 Feb 1876	Nat. E. Hyder, M. G.
5.	Abner <b>Whaley</b> to Nancy E. Tapp Bondsman: Will C. Love	14 Feb 1876	16 Feb 1876	Wm. <b>McInturff</b> , J.P.
6.	J. L. <b>Murry</b> to <b>Finetta</b> Jane Shelton Bondsman: E. <b>F. Briggs</b>	20 Feb 1876	27 Feb 1876	W. E. Tilson, J. P
7.	John <b>Higgins</b> to Lydia <b>Margarett</b> Hams Bondsman: <b>Samuel</b> Higgins	25 Feb 1876	27 Feb 1876	W. E. Tilson, J.P.
8.	D. M. <b>O'Brien</b> to Judah <b>Tipton</b> Bondsman: J. C. Roberts	11 Mar 1876	12 Mar 1876	Wm. <b>McInturff</b> , J. P
9.	Wm. D. <b>Grindstaff</b> to Sarah <b>Sneed</b> Bondsman: <b>S.D.</b> J. N. Erwin	11 Mar 1876	19 Mar 1876	C. M. C. Burchfield, M. G.
10.	J. L. White to Margaret M. Tompkins Bondsman: C. W. White	27 Mar 1876	30 Mar 1876	J. L. Lewis, M. G.
11.	J. L. Southerland to <b>Arta</b> M. Shelton Bondsman: Jacob <b>Southerland</b>	19 Mar 1876	19 Mar 1876	W. E. <b>Tilson</b> , J.P
12.	Nathaniel Burchfield to Mary J. Stephens Bondsman: C. <b>M.</b> C. Burchfield	4 Apr 1876	27 Apr 1876	Henry <b>McKinney</b> , J. P
13.	R P. Jones to Katharine Edwards Bondsman: R P. Jones, Elbert Jones	8 Apr 1876	9 Apr 1876	W. E. <b>Tilson</b> , J.P.
14.	Thomas Pate to Sarah <b>Lawing</b> Bondsman: S. <b>S. Tilson</b>	16 Apr 1876	16 Apr 1876	W. E. Tilson, J.P.
15.	Hiram A. <b>Carrell</b> to Elizabeth <b>Tolley</b> Bondsman: T. J. Wright	1 Jul 1876	1 Jul 1876	[ Not signed ]
16.	J. L. Murry to M. E. <b>Harris</b> Bondsman: L. <b>S.</b> Tilson	8 June 1876	8 June 1876	W. E. Tilson, J.P.
17.	<b>William</b> Crain to Lydia E. Higgins Bondsman: <b>Andrew</b> Crain	18 June 1876	18 June 1876	W. E. <b>Tilson</b> , J.P.

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18.	Sampson Lloyd to <b>Luisa McIntosh</b> Bondsman: Jesse Rice	25 June 1876	26 June 1876	A. E. Briggs, J. P.
19.	James Wallis to Hannah Wilson Bondsman: <b>Manson M. Love</b>	24 Aug 1876	24 Aug 1876	Wm. McTurff, J.P
20.	Wm. C. Love to Delcena C. <b>Emmert</b> Bondsman: <b>William McTurff</b>	24 Aug 1876	24 Aug 1876	Wm. <b>McTurff</b> , J.P
21.	Benjamin Carver to <b>Eliza</b> Chambers Bondsman: <b>Henry McKinney</b>	4 Sep 1876	21 Sep 1876	Henry 'McKinney, J. P.
22.	Thomas Gouge to Emma <b>Woodby</b> Bondsman: <b>Henry McKinney</b>	4 Sep 1876	7 Sep 1876	Henry McKinney, J. P
23.	Jesse K. Erwin to <b>Mollie J. McLaughlin</b> Bondsman: R L Erwin	28 Sep 1876	28 Sep 1876	Wm. <b>McTurff</b> , J.P.
24.	William Allen to <b>Mollie McCurry</b> Bondsman: <del>Isaac</del> R Love	6 Oct 1876	8 Oct 1876	T. J. Wright, M.G.
25.	Ruben Broyle Pate to Mary <b>Woodby</b> Bondsman: Moses Pate	7 Oct 1876	8 Oct 1876	Henry McKinney, J. P
26.	William <b>McLaughlin</b> to Nancy E. Bean Bondsman: Robert L. <b>Erwin</b>	11 Oct 1876	12 Oct 1876	Wm. Parks, J.P.
27.	David <b>Grindstaff</b> to Judah <b>Honeycut</b> Bondsman: <b>Elijah</b> Wyatt	25 Oct 1876	28 Oct 1876	C. M. <b>E. Burchfield</b> , M.G
28.	Alexander Day to Mary J. Miller Bondsman: Henry C. Banner	28 Oct 1876	29 Oct 1876	J. M. Anderson, J.P.
29.	Calvin Jackson to <b>Alza</b> Odom Bondsman: W. S. <b>Whitlock</b>	3 Nov 1876	3 Nov 1876	P. H. Johnson, J.P.
30.	David B. McKinney to Sarah Gouge Bondsman: S. <b>Henry</b> McKinney	21 Nov 1876	23 Nov 1876	Henry McKinney, J.P.
31.	W. G. Chandler to Mary E. Foster Bondsman: L. S. Tilson	16 Nov 1876	16 Nov 1876	W. E. Tilson, J.P.
32.	G. C. Hensley to <b>Elizabeth Clouse</b> Bondsman: L. S. Hensley	10 Dec 1876	10 Dec 1876	L. A. White, J.P.
33.	Dan Norton to <b>Alcy</b> Hensley Bondsman: <b>Enoch</b> Norton	13 Dec 1876	13 Dec 1876	W. E. Tilson, J.P.
34.	David J. <b>McInturff</b> to Mary A. Toney Bondsman: D. B. Noms	9 Oct 1876	9 Oct 1876	J. M. Norris, J.P.
35.	Charley G. Phillips to Deldie J. <b>McInturff</b> Bondsman: H. P. Phillips	22 Oct 1876	22 Oct 1876	J. M. Norris, J.P.
36.	John E. Knight to Nannie A. Campbell Bondsman: A. G. Rone	8 Jan 1877	8 Jan 1877	J. M. Norris, J.P.
37.	Allison Brooks to Nancy Miller Bondsman: Wm. <b>McTurff</b>	15 Jan 1877	18 Jan 1877	Wm. <b>McTurff</b> , J.P.
38.	<b>Albert</b> G. Rowe to E. A. Hyder Bondsman: A. A. <b>Taylor</b>	10 Jan 1877	10 Jan 1877	J. M. Norris, J.P.
39.	<b>William</b> Brown to Elizabeth <b>Pearce</b> Bondsman: F. M. Ford	22 Feb 1877	22 Feb 1877	Wm. <b>McTurff</b> , J.P

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40.	S. J. Tilson to Mary A. <b>Tipton</b> Bondsman: L. S. Tilson	25 Feb 1877	25 Feb 1877	W. E. Tilson, J.P
41.	Daniel Miller to Calia <b>Henson</b> Bondsman: David <b>Brett</b>	8 Mar 1877	No return	_____
42.	J. M. White to Sarah C. Booth Bondsman: C. <b>M. Bowman</b>	10 Mar 1877	14 Mar 1877	J. M. Anderson, J.P.
43.	T. C. Sams to Sarah B. Foster Bondsman: D. E. <b>Willis</b>	8 Mar 1877	11 Mar 1877	J. L. Lewis, M. G.
44.	<b>Wilburn</b> Cody to Harriet Murry Bondsman: Will W. <b>Baley</b>	15 Mar 1877	15 Mar 1877	B. W. Woodward, J. P
45.	G. T. Bowers to Maggie <b>M.</b> Wright Bondsman: <b>Charles</b> Baker	28 Mar 1877	No return	_____
46.	Henry Shell to Mary Wright Bondsman: J. P. <b>McNabb</b>	12 Apr 1877	12 Apr 1877	William Gouge, J. P.
47.	E. J. <b>Briggs</b> to Elizabeth Cody Bondsman: W. F. <b>Guinn</b>	8 Apr 1877	8 Apr 1877	B. W. Woodward, J. P
48.	John <b>Seals</b> to Mary Clark Bondsman: <b>Wm.</b> J. Peoples	25 Apr 1877	26 Apr 1877	George Chrestus, M. G.
49.	David T. Sneyd to Sarah E. Davis Bondsman: E J. Campbell	18 May 1877	20 May 1877	C. M. E. <b>Burchfield</b> , M. G.
50.	Demsey Watts to Sarah <b>Adaline</b> Foster Bondsman: <b>S. F.</b> Foster	26 May 1877	27 May 1877	J. L. Lewis, M. G.
51.	Jessie F. Clouse to M. T. White Bondsman: L. S Tilson	26 May 1877	30 May 1877	H. W. Gilbert, M. G.
52.	David T. <b>O'Brien</b> to Mary Leonard Bondsman: <b>Geo.</b> Leonard, C. <b>H. Baker</b>	30 June 1877	1 Jul 1877	<b>William</b> Gouge, J. P.
53.	Wm. Gather Shelton to Polly Marinda <b>Lawing</b> Bondsman: William <b>Lawing</b>	29 June 1877	29 June 1877	W. E. Tilson, J. P.
54.	J. <b>Bogart</b> to S. Florence Crouch Bondsman: W. C. <b>Emmert</b>	5 Jul 1887	12 Jul 1877	James H. Moore, M. G.
55.	S. H. Baker to <b>Eliza</b> Jones Bondsman: <b>Wilson</b> Baker	26 Jul 1887	26 Jul 1877	<b>R. L.</b> Rowe, J. P.
56.	A. J. <b>Biggerstaff</b> to Cassa D. Baker Bondsman: David Baker	28 Jul 1887	28 Jul 1877	<b>R. L.</b> Rowe, J. P.
57.	R. S. Ball to M. M. <b>Tipton</b> Bondsman: B. L. Briggs	5 Jul 1887	6 Jul 1887	<b>P. McDevitt</b> , M. G.
58.	Abraham Edwards to Patty Edwards Bondsman: <b>Elbert</b> Jones	8 Jul 1887	8 Jul 1877	W. E. Tilson, J. P.
59.	John Brown to R. M. Chandler Bondsman: J. <b>H.</b> Tittle	29 Jul 1877	29 Jul 1877	W. E. Tilson, J. P.
60.	Sam Y. <b>Tipton</b> to Rebecca <b>Gillis</b> Bondsman: J. <b>B.</b> <b>Erwin</b>	18 Aug 1877	20 Aug 1877	<b>H. W. Gilbert</b> , M. G.
61.	Wm. Tittle to Katharine Wright Bondsman: W. <b>F.</b> Tittle	27 Aug 1877	27 Aug 1877	No return
62.	D. M. Buckner to Malissa Shelton Bondsman: S R. <b>Buckner</b>	19 Aug 1877	20 Aug 1877	<b>P. McDevitt</b> , M. G.

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64.	Peter W. Emmert, Jr., to <b>Cenie Bogart</b> Bondsman: W. C. Emmert	15 Sep 1877	16 Sep 1877	Wm. <b>McInturff</b> , J. P
65.	John Grindstaff to Maggie <b>Honeycut</b> Bondsman: David <b>Grindstaff</b>	17 Sep 1877	28 Oct 1877	<b>C. M. E. Burchfield</b> , M. G.
66.	<b>Lazarus</b> J. Bailey to Mary E. Whaley Bondsman: <b>Charles</b> Cox	30 Sep 1877	30 Sep 1877	P. H. Johnson, J.P
67.	Wm. F. <b>McLaughlin</b> to J. E. Lusk Bondsman: Nelson <b>McLaughlin</b>	19 Oct 1877	21 Oct 1877	James Norris, J.P.
68.	Daniel W. Taylor to Nancy J. Emmert Bondsman: J. E. <b>Persinger</b>	25 Oct 1877	25 Oct 1877	Wm. <b>McInturff</b> , J. P.
69.	Worley Masters to Nancy Jane Tinker Bondsman: W. C. Emmert	2 Nov 1877	11 Nov 1877	<b>Wm. McInturff</b> , J. P
70.	Columbus Riddle to <b>Barbra</b> Ann Edwards Bondsman: <b>Skelton</b> Edwards	4 Oct 1877	5 Oct 1877	R B. Hensley, J. P.
71.	Wm. <b>R</b> Tilson to Jinnie Guinn Bondsman: <b>A. B. Tilson</b>	2 Nov 1877	5 Nov 1877	H. W. Gilbert, M. G.
72.	Wm. J. Rice to Julia Smith Bondsman: S <b>S. Hensley</b>	4 Nov 1877	4 Nov 1877	W. E. Tilson, J. P.
73.	J. M. <b>Fagan</b> to M. A. Ellis Bondsman: John W. Peoples	17 Nov 1877	21 Nov 1877	Geo. M. <b>Simpson</b> , M. G
74.	James Marsh to Mary Edwards Bondsman: <b>John</b> Tittle	23 Nov 1877	23 Nov 1877	P. H. Johnson, J. P.
75.	E. <b>J.</b> Campbell to Sarah A. Campbell Bondsman: J. C. Roberts	30 Nov 1877	1 Dec 1877	David Bell, M. G.
76.	Thomas West to Martha Street Bondsman: <b>Wm. P. Norris</b>	29 Jul 1877	29 Jul 1877	James M. <b>Norris</b> , Esq.
77.	George <b>Gorley</b> to Lydia Bowman Bondsman: <b>Harrison</b> Rowe	26 Oct 1877	26 Oct 1877	Alex McInturff, J. P.
78.	James M. Norris to Martha E. <b>Whitson</b> Bondsman: W. P. Norris	18 Nov 1877	18 Nov 1877	A. B. Whitaker, M. G.
79.	J. J. Rice to R. E. Salsby Bondsman: E. N. <b>Rice</b>	10 Nov 1877	11 Nov 1877	P. <b>McDevitt</b> , M. G.
80.	John Shehan to Sarah Watts Bondsman: W. H. Hensley	11 Nov 1877	28 Nov 1877	J. L. Lewis, M. G.
81.	A. A. McDevitt to Matilda Rice Bondsman: S. <b>Gosell</b>	24 Nov 1877	25 Nov 1877	<b>R McDevett</b> , M. G.
82.	David Nelson to Millie <b>Miller</b> Bondsman: David <b>McInturff</b>	27 Dec 1877	30 Dec 1877	P. H. Johnson, J. P.

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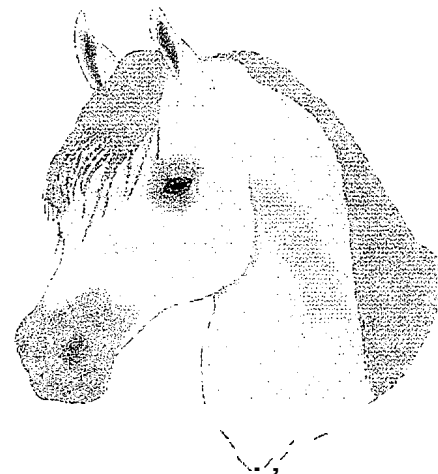
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## Farewell, Sweet Prince....



[This rare obituary appeared in *The Nashville Gazette* on 23 May 1867.]

"Died on last Sabbath morning "Prince" -- old and faithful carriage horse of **Mrs. Col. G. C. Torbett**. It is not often we are called upon to express our sympathy for the demise of one of the lower animals, but in the death of Prince we recognize the loss of a tried companion of our better days. Prince was sagacious and faithful throughout the time that tried men's souls. He remained true to his mistress and never permitted himself to be branded U. S. or I. O., and today he rests in his grave without a scar. Farewell, Prince! The precious burden thou hast so often drawn will feel thy loss **as** much as we. - **M. E. T.**"

Prince's owner was Martha Louise (Barrow) **Torbett**, wife of Granville C. Torbett, Nashville lawyer, editor, publisher, and banker. The daughter of **Matthew** and Patsy (**Childress**) Barrow, she married Granville in Davidson County on 22 Nov 1842. **Granville**, born 4 Mar 1810, is believed to have been the son of John **B. Torbett** and Sarah Hughs of Sullivan County. In early life, Granville operated a hotel at **Madisonville** in Monroe County, and then practiced law there and in McMinn counties. He represented Monroe County in the 24th General Assembly, 1841-1843, and was senator for Monroe, Bradley, McMinn, and Polk counties in the 25th and 26th General Assemblies. In 1852 he moved to Nashville to enter the **Eastman & Torbett** printing firm which published and edited the *Nashville Daily American* [later the **Union & American**]. Partially self-educated, he read law and was admitted to the bar. From 1857-1859 he was state treasurer and then practiced law in Nashville until shortly before his death 14 Feb 1872. He is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. **Martha** Louise died 13 Dec 1907. Their children were:

- (1) Emma L. Torbett - b. 1848, Nashville; m. W. J. Beach on 9 Sep 1868 in Davidson Co., Tenn.
- (2) Nannie Torbett - b. 1851, Tenn., d. before 1860
- (3) Matthew Barrow Torbett - b. Jul 1854 Nashville, m. **Callie Goode** ca. 1881, d. 3 Feb 1937 Atlanta, Fulton Co., Ga.
- (4) Elizabeth D. Torbett - b. 1859 Davidson Co., Tenn., m. Philip J. **O'Brien** 9 Jan 1882 in Nashville;
- (5) Granville C. Torbett - b. 1862 Davidson Co., Tenn., d. 1868 in Davidson County.

[Sources: **McBride & Robison**: *Biographical Directory Tennessee General Assembly*, 1796-1969; Goodspeed's *History of Monroe Co., Tenn.*, published 1887; *Ancestral File*, Family History Library, Church of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah ]■

## Coffee County Citizens Invite Immigration in Post-Civil War Era

Coffee County citizens held a mass meeting 20 May 1867 to lay plans for recruiting immigrants to the county. They adopted the following resolution which was published in the *Nashville Gazette* three days later. It read:

"Whereas our county contains thousands of acres of valuable land unoccupied and is destitute of capital .... in view of stimulating industry and developing the county's resources, we cordially invite immigration and capital from other states and countries.

"We further pledge our honor as gentlemen to give complete protection to every good citizen who may settle among us and become identified with us."

The resolution, ordered published in Nashville, McMinnville, and other papers, was signed by **H. S. Emerson**, chairman, and **D. C. Isbell**, Secretary..

# Dovie Ann Martin .... A Tennessee Daughter

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During her lifetime, **Dovie** Ann Martin lived in four different states --Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, and Ohio -- but throughout her 89 years, she retained a deep pride in being 'a Tennessee daughter' and loved to tell stories of her life and times in the Volunteer State.

Born 23 Oct 1881 in Shelbyville, Tenn., she was the first of seven children born to James Marshall Martin and his wife, Florida **Prisilla Buckaloo**.<sup>1</sup> She and her six siblings spent their childhood on their father's farm in Giles County just over the ridge from Ash Gap near Cornersville.<sup>2</sup> According to stories **Dovie** heard from her parents, the mountain was dubbed "Ash Gap" as the result of a Civil War battle fought there. It was said that the mountain was so thickly covered with ash trees that Union and Confederate soldiers had trouble seeing each other well enough to do battle, so they cut a "gap" in the trees and the mountain thereafter was called "Ash Gap."<sup>3</sup>

**Dovie's** ancestors had been in Middle Tennessee since the early 1800s. Her paternal great-grandparents, Joseph and Elizabeth **Martin**, were both Tennessee-born -- Joseph in about 1805 and **Elizabeth**<sup>4</sup> two years later. They lived in Coffee County's 7th District where Joseph supported his wife and their 11 children<sup>5</sup> by his work as a wheelwright.

Joseph and Elizabeth's second-born child, John **Calhoun Martin**, was **Dovie's** grandfather. He married Sara Jane Scott, the daughter of Sara "Sally" (Salt) **Scott**,<sup>6</sup> in Coffee County on 6 May 1855.<sup>7</sup> Over the next two decades, John and Sara Jane lived in the Hillsboro and Beech Grove communities in Bedford County and for a while in the Blue Cove area near the Marshall, Maury, and Giles county lines.<sup>8</sup> When the war came, John enlisted in Company G of the 24th Tennessee Infantry on 24 Aug 1861,<sup>9</sup> and took part in the battle of Shiloh in April 1862. **John** and Sara Jane had seven children, the third being **Dovie's** father -- James **Marshall "Marsh"** Martin who was born 7 Jan 1858 in Coffee County.<sup>10</sup>

Marsh -- a tall, lanky man who, like many of his contemporaries, sported a handlebar mustache -- was said to have been well-liked in the community where he resided. He also was known as strong-willed and a bit stubborn --



1 Their other offspring, all born in Giles or Marshall Co, Tenn., were: Lillie Martin, b. 27 Jan 1883; Thomas **Luther Martin**, b. 17 Jan 1885; **Eula Lee Martin**, b. 1 Apr 1888; Arthur Martin, b. 22 Sep 1890; Lacy Mae Pauline Martin, b. 12 Jan 1895; and **William Buckaloo Martin**, b. 11 Feb 1897.

2 Originally named Marathon, the town was renamed in 1830 because of its location in the comers of four counties -- Giles, Maury, **Bedford**, and Lincoln.

3 Another version, reported in *The Marshall Co., Tenn., Historical Quarterly*, Vol. VI, No. 11, 1975, p.40 was that the gap was ~~at~~ through to allow passage of artillery pieces.

4 Maiden name unknown.

5 Joseph and Elizabeth's children, as listed in the 1850 Coffee County census: Jane (b. 1828), John **Calhoun** (b. abt. 1830), **William** (b. 1831), Felix (b. 1834), Job (b. 1836), Elizabeth (b. 1838), Isaac (b. 1840), Francis (b. 1841), Cornelius (b. 1844), and James (b. 1846). The 1860 census indicates an 11th child, Joseph Martin (b. 1851).

6 The 1850 Coffee County census shows the older Sara Scott, 59, and her 17-year old daughter, **Sara [Jane]**, living in the 8th Civil District. An entry in a Martin family Bible gives Sara Jane's birth date as 12 May 1832.

7 **Lucas**, Rev. **Silas**: 35,000 Marriage Records and Bonds, 1783-1870, Vol. II, p. 384

8 After Sara Jane's death on 17 Mar 1896, John migrated with his son, John Robert Martin, to Arlington, Tarrant Co., Tex., where he resided until his death some time after 1909.

9 Records in Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington, D.C., which also show John C. was discharged 16 Jul 1862.

10 **John** and Sally's other children were Levi "**Buck**" (b. 31 Mar 1852), Frances Scott (b. ca. 1853/1855), Thomas G. (b. 1861), Sara Ann "**Sallie**" (b. ca. 1863/1865), John Robert **Langston Byron Franklin** (b. 1866), and **Willie Farr Martin** (b. 1871).

traits he good-naturedly acknowledged. A granddaughter<sup>11</sup> recalls that he once bought a pair of unusually stubborn mules and lodged them in his barn for the night. Some time that evening, the mules kicked a hole in the side of the barn and escaped. The next morning Marsh retrieved the two mules but then promptly sold them, saying there was no way three such stubborn characters -- himself and the two mules -- could live on the same **farm**. Even so, Marsh's strong **will** and streak of stubbornness helped **him** survive the rigors of the **times** in which he lived and were traits he passed on to **Dovie**, his first-born.

Marsh and his older brother, Levi "Buck" Martin, married sisters -- Florida **Prisilla** and Rebecca "Becky" Lucretia Buckaloo, respectively -- who were the daughters of **James M.** and **Ellen**<sup>12</sup> Buckaloo. James M., the son of John and Lucretia **Buckaloo**,<sup>13</sup> had been a third lieutenant in Co. B of the 3rd Tennessee Regiment which was raised in Coffee County in 1848 when the first call was issued for volunteers in the war with Mexico.<sup>14</sup> From 1854 through 1857, he was a justice of the peace in Coffee County and by 1860, he and **Ellen** and their eight children -- including 5-year old Lucretia and 1-year old Florida -- were living in adjoining **Bedford County**.<sup>15</sup>

When the Buckaloo sisters married the **Martin** brothers, they located in Giles County where their husbands had adjoining farms near Lynnvile. The two families were very close and, during her formative years, **Dovie** had the security of being surrounded by a loving and extended family. Besides her three brothers and three **sisters**,<sup>16</sup> her playmates included a dozen first cousins. When she was 11, **Dovie** experienced the sad loss of her nine-year old sister Lillie who died after **falling** into a vat of soap the family was making. The following year, her aunt and uncle moved with their children to Texas.

**Dovie** attended school at nearby Blue Creek, and after graduating taught for a while near **her** home before entering college. She often told of riding her horse to and from her teaching duties. In about 1906, **Dovie** sold her mare and enrolled **as a freshman** at Cumberland University at Lebanon in Wilson County. Founded in 1842, it was Middle Tennessee's oldest institution of higher education and one of the most celebrated schools in the state. **Dovie** was the first member of her family to go to college, and all her relatives as well as residents of the community took pride in the fact that 'one of their **own**' was making it in the academic world.

At Cumberland University, she applied herself scholastically -- excelling in Latin, English, and math -- while also taking a leadership role in student activities. She was a star basketball player and, **as** indicated in the college **yearbook**,<sup>17</sup> was president of the Y.W.C.A., vice-president of a religious organization called the Student Volunteer Band, prophet of her sophomore class, and a member of the yearbook staff, the Women's Bible Circle, and the Middle Tennessee Club. While participating in these activities, **Dovie** became acquainted with -- perhaps "smitten by" would be a **more** accurate term -- Clarence **Stewart**,<sup>18</sup> a young **farm** lad from Ohio who had come South to attend the university in preparation for a career in the **ministry**. **Clarence** received his bachelor of arts degree at Cumberland in 1907, and enrolled the following year in Lebanon Theological Seminary at the University. He graduated from the seminary in 1910 and **Dovie** was awarded her A. B. degree the same year.

About two months after graduating, the two were married the **24th** of August at the home of **Dovie's** parents near Lynnvile. After a brief honeymoon, they moved to Bolivar, Mo., in response to Clarence's first call **as a** Presbyterian **minister**. Birthplaces of their four children reflect the ever-changing residences of a young minister. Their first child, Wilbur **Gatewood** Stewart, was born 1st Aug 1911 in Springfield, Mo., while Clarence served a church

<sup>11</sup> As told by a granddaughter, Dorothy **Wilkes DeMarco**, and quoted in *John Calhoun Martin & Sara Jane Scoff Martin & Their Descendants*, compiled by Mary Ann **Hollifield** and Betty Mae **Martin**, 1987, p. 130

<sup>12</sup> Her first name also appears as **Ellender** and Eleanor. She may have been the daughter of James and **Milly** Rebecca (Moseley) Puryear, who lived in **Bedford County** before 1830. In 1851 James **Buckaloo** became guardian for the three minor children of Charles G. Puryear, deceased son of James and **Millie** Puryear. [Source: Coffee County Court Minutes, Oct Term, 1851, p. 179]

<sup>13</sup> John and Lucretia, both born in South Carolina, were in Tennessee by the 1820 census which **lists** him as head of a household in **Bedford County**. John's name also appears on an 1822 **petition in Bedford County**. [Whitley, Edythe: *Tennessee Genealogical Records*]. According to Entry No. 1376, dated 24 Mar 1830, John settled on 640 acres on Spring Creek, the south branch of Duck River, in the portion of **Bedford County** that became Coffee County in 1836. [Potter, Dorothy W.: *Original Surveyor's Rewrd Book of Coffee County, 1836-1887*.] The 1850 Coffee County census shows John, 63, and Lucretia, 62, living in House 480 with **George**, 24; **Mahulda**, 20, **Alexandria** (m.) 17, and Lucretia, 15. Living nearby in House 485 is James M., 29, with wife Eleanor, 24, and four children.

<sup>14</sup> **Goodspeed's History of Bedford County**.

<sup>15</sup> Ellen apparently died soon after the 1860 census, and James remarried in about 1862. He and his second wife, Amanda \_\_, 30, are listed in the 1870 census as living at Palmetto in **Bedford County's 19th District** with teen-agers Lucretia and Florida, then attending school, and three children, Jackson, 7; Amanda, 2; and John **Buckaloo**, 4 months.

<sup>16</sup> **Dovie's** siblings, born in Giles or Marshall County, were: (1) Lillie, b. 27 Jan 1883; (2) Thomas Luther, b. 17 Jan 1885; (3) Eula Lee, b. 1 Apr 1888; (4) Arthur, b. 22 Sep 1890; (5) **Lacy** Mae Pauline, b. 12 Jan 1895; and (6) William **Buckaloo** Martin, b. 11 Feb 1897.

<sup>17</sup> *The Phoenix*, from the **Stockton Archives**, **Mitchell Library**, Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.

<sup>18</sup> Born 17 Oct 1881 in **Sharonville**, Hamilton Co., O., he was the son of Albert Loraine and Anna (Miller) Stewart.



in that area.<sup>19</sup> By 24 Mar 1913, the family was in Weir, Kans., where their second child, **Mildred Earle Stewart**, was born.<sup>20</sup> **Clarence** was again preaching in Missouri when daughter **Margaret Martin Stewart** put in her appearance at College Mound on 23 Jan 1915.<sup>21</sup> And when their fourth child, **Clarence Albert Stewart**, came on the scene 30 Sep 1917, the family was residing in Perryville, Ohio.<sup>22</sup> In the ensuing years, the **Stewarts** lived in numerous towns throughout Ohio, including Columbus Grove, **Williamsburg**, Winchester, and several others.

The two were a compatible and happy couple, enjoying their life together while maintaining their own separate pursuits. Both were excellent cooks, endowed with keen senses of humor, fond of engaging in intellectual discussions, and devoted to their children and grandchildren.

**Clarence** was known as "a walking dictionary"<sup>7</sup> and one of his favorite hobbies was working crossword puzzles. A mild and gentle man, he loved baseball and even in his older, **fragile** years would delight in slipping out of the house to play ball with his grandchildren. He loved watching cloud formations and taught his offspring how they foretold the weather. Having grown up on a farm, he was quite knowledgeable about plants and the soil, and was an excellent gardener -- noted especially for his superb rhubarb which to his grandchildren always seemed 'as high as an elephant's eye.'

**Dovie** continued in the teaching profession as her children were growing up and well after they were gone from home. She developed a reputation as "a tough teacher," but her students always went away well-versed in the subjects they had studied under her tutelage. **Clarence**, along with his ministerial duties, often helped out with the children and the house. **Dovie** was well adapted to the social aspects of a minister's wife, thoroughly enjoying visits by the ladies of the church and delighting in serving them desserts she had concocted from her own special recipes. She also loved to quilt, and took pleasure in instructing her grandchildren in the ways they should go. Some describe her as one who would argue at the drop of a hat just for the sake of creating a ruckus. She was often told that she really should have been a lawyer -- if such would have been possible for refined ladies of the time.

**Dovie** never forgot the teachings of her parents who brought her up to be respectful and appreciative of all people -- no matter their color, race, or origin -- and derived a deep satisfaction in working alongside her husband in his religious endeavors.

While living with their adult children from time to time after their retirement, **Dovie** and **Clarence** continued to enjoy visits from parishioners of the past. Before her guests arrived on such occasions, **Dovie** -- reflecting her Southern upbringing -- never failed to remind her granddaughters to "dress and act like ladies when our guests get here."

On 15 Mar 1967, **Clarence** suffered a stroke and died in Williamsburg, O., in the 86th year of his age. **Dovie** lived for three more years, dying from cancer on 27 Mar 1970 in her 89th year. The two are buried side by side in the Williamsburg Cemetery.

A story-teller to the last, **Dovie** loved to tell her children, grandchildren, pupils, church members, and her neighbors about her Tennessee upbringing ... about ice-cream making in the summer time ... about teaching in a one-room school as a teen-ager ... about her mother Florida always carrying her feather bed mattress with her when she went visiting family members who lived outside the state ... about the beautiful surroundings of her childhood home in Middle Tennessee ... and the funny things and the sad things she experienced. She never seemed to run out of stories; her blue eyes twinkling as she recalled her life and times back in her home state. How I wish I had recorded them all for her descendants! ■



<sup>19</sup> Wilbur died 27 Aug 1997 in Lakewood, O. He was married to Georgianna Kohout 13 Jan 1945 in New York City, and they had three children, all born in Ohio.

<sup>20</sup> Mildred died 27 Nov 1986 in Sylva, N.C. She married J. Frank Needham in Williamsburg, O., 10 Jul 1913. They had two children, including Mary Ann Hollifield, who compiled the information for this article.

<sup>21</sup> Margaret married Randal Cyrus Liming in Williamsburg, O., 20 June 1936, and they had three children.

<sup>22</sup> Son Clarence married Francesca Sorvillo at Mt. Vesuvius, Italy, 7 Jul 1945 and they had four children.

# Decatur County Vital Statistics

Installment 3

Transcribed from microfilm produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives and available at the Memphis/Shelby County Central Library

#21334 - **CLINT BENTHEL** - Died 3 May 1911 of consumption in 3rd District, Decatur County. Aged 55, white male, mamed. Born in Decatur County.

#21335 [marked through] - **IDA DILLMAN** - Died 10 Aug 1911 of consumption in 3rd District, Decatur County. Aged 22, white female, mamed. Born in Decatur County.

#21336 - **ALFRED TURNER** - Died 31 May 1910 of lung problem at Bath Springs, Decatur County. Aged 2 years, white male. Born at Bath Springs.

#21337 - **INGIE (?) LUTTRELL** - Died 15 May 1910 of fever at Bath Springs, Decatur County. Aged one month, white male. Born at Bath Springs.

#21338 - **MAY HUDSON** - Died 5 Mar 1910 of fever at Bale, Tenn. Aged one month, white female. Born at Bale.

#21339 - **T. A TUCKER** - Died 2 Mar 1910 of blood poison. at Clifton, Tenn. Aged 57 years, white male, single. Farmer. Born in Hickman County.

#21340 - **EDNIE IVEY** - Died Nov 1909 of consumption in Decatur County. Aged four years, white female. Born in Decatur County.

#21341 - **LIZZIE PRICHET** - Died Apr 1910 of old age in Decatur County. Age unknown, black female, married. Birth place unknown.

#21342 - **MARTHEY BRASHER** - Died Dec 1909 of consumption in Decatur County. Aged 22, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21343 - **BONEY DOUGHTON** - Died Sep 1909 of bold hives in Decatur County. Aged nine days, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21344 - **JINEY SMITH** - Died Feb 1910 of consumption in Decatur County. Aged 59, white female, married. Birth place unknown.

#21345 - **ANER PETIGREW** - Died Apr 1910 of bold hives in Decatur County. Aged 8 days, black female. Born Decatur County.

#21346 - **LONEY DOUGHTON** - Died Feb 1910 of cholera infantum in Decatur County. Aged six months, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21347 - **IDER TILLMAN** - Died Sep 1909 of fever in Decatur County. Aged nine months, white female. Born in Decatur County.

#21348 - **MAY TILLMAN** - Died June 1910 of bold hives in Decatur County. Aged one month, white female. Born in Decatur County.

#21349 - **INFANT SMITH** - Stillborn 16 Aug 1909 at Decaturville. White female.

#21350 - **GEORGE EDWARDS** - Died 20 Feb 1910 of pneumonia near Decaturville. Age 65 years, white male, married. Born in Tennessee.

#21351 - **INFANT BURTON** - Stillborn 20 May 1910 in Decaturville. Black female.

#21352 - **INFANT BURTON** - Stillborn 20 May 1910 at Decaturville. Black male.

#21353 - **JESSE P. TATE** - Died 2 Feb 1910 after falling off house at Decaturville. Aged 36, white male, married. Carpenter. Born Decaturville.

#21354 - **FRANK PATE** - Died 13 Nov 1909 of croup in Decatur County, 4th School District. Aged one month, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21355 - **J. H. WELCH** - Died 28 Feb 1910 of abcess near Decaturville. Aged 21, white male, single. Farmer. Born in Decatur County.

#21356 - **WYLLE WHITE** - Died 28 Apr 1910 of old age at Decaturville. Aged 84 years, white male, mamed. Born in Decatur County.

#21357 - **ROY WHITE** - Died Aug 1909 of typhoid fever near Decaturville. Aged 16 years, white male, single. Born in Decatur County.

#21358 - **LILA WELCH** - Died Dec 1909 of lung disease at Decaturville. Aged 36 years, white female, married. Born in Decaturville.

#21359 - **NEPPIE YOUNG** - Died Dec 1909 of old age at Decaturville. Aged 74, white female, mamed. Born in Decatur County.

#21360 - **INFANT DUNAVANT** - Died 10 Jul 1910 of bowel trouble in Decatur County 4th School District. Aged three months, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21361 - **LULA DUNAVANT** - Died Feb 1910 from injury in Decatur County, 4th School District. Aged 38, white female. Born in Henderson County.

#21362 - **ALICE JACKSON** - Died Nov 1910 from operation in Decatur County. Aged 29, white female, married. Born in Henderson County.

#21363 - **CORA MAY RAINS** - Died Mar 1910 of lung trouble in Decatur County, 4th School District. Aged 52, white female: mamed. Born in Decatur County.

#21364 - **HELEN LUNA** - Died 20 Dec 1910 of croup in Decatur County, 4th School District. Aged 10 months: white female. Born in Decatur County.

## Decatur County Vital Statistics (continued)

#21366 - **CALLIE PRATT** - Died 5 May 1910 of appendicitis four miles south of Decaturville. Aged 10 years, white female. Born at Decaturville.

#21367 - **W. I. MONTGOMERY** - Died 2 Mar 1911 of stomach trouble at Bath Springs. Aged 68 years, 11 months, white male, manied. Farmer. Born at Dunbar.

821368 - **O. W. SCOTT** - Died 30 Sep 1910 of malarial fever at Bath Springs. Aged 29 years, white male, married. Farmer. Born at Bath Springs.

#21369 - **CLOYCE KEETON** - Died 18 June 1911 of spinal trouble at Bath Springs. Aged nine months, white male. Born at Bath Springs.

#21370 - **RENIE BUTLER** - Died 9 June 1911 of confinement (childbirth) at Bath Springs. Aged 17 years, white female, maned. Born at Scotts Hill.

#21371 - **R F. KEETON** - Died 2 June 1911 of dropsy at Bath Springs. Aged 62 years, white male, mamed. Farmer. Born at Thurman, Tenn.

#21372 - **VALEAR MANERS** - Died 14 Feb 1911 at Bath Springs; smothered to death. Aged 3 months, white female. Born at Bath Springs.

#21373 - **ANGELINE WOODY** - Died 23 May 1911 of consumption at Bath Springs. Aged 72, white female, married. Born in Wayne Co., Tenn.

#21374 - **TRAY GATHINGS** - Died 21 Nov 1910 of pneumonia at Scotts Hill. Aged 45 years, white male, mamed. Farmer. Born at Scotts Hill.

#21375 - **ALLEN ELVINGTON** - Died 24 Oct 1910 of dropsy in Decatur County. Aged 66 years, white male, manied. Farmer. Born in Tennessee.

#21376 - **UNNAMED INFANT** - Died 14 Jan 1911 of unknown cause in Decatur County. Aged one day, black female.

#21377 - **JOE TAYLOR** - Died 30 June 1911 of stomach trouble in Decatur County. Aged three years, black male. Born in Perry County.

#21378 - **UNNAMED INFANT** - Died 4 Jul 1910 of unknown cause in Decatur County. Aged five days, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21379 - **CONNIE LEE** - Died 5 Sep 1910 of kidney trouble in Decatur County. Aged 15 days, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21380 - **EVER JACKSON** - Died 17 June 1911 of stomach trouble in Decatur County. Aged 4 months, white female. Born in Decatur County.

#21381 - **CLAIR BANKSTON** - Died 30 Sep 1910 of pneumonia in Decatur Co., 7th School District. Aged 2 years, white female. Born in Decatur County.

#21382 - **GARFIELD MAYS** - Died 10 Nov 1910 of dropsy in Perryville. Age one year; black male. Born at Bobs Landing, Tenn.

#21383 - **INFANT OF G. W. LONG** - Died 24 June 1911 of unknown cause in Decatur County. Aged one day, white female. Born in Decatur County.

#21384 - **HERMAN HILDERBRANDT** - Died 9 Dec 1909 of injury caused by moving machinery in Little Rock, Ark. Aged 39 years, white male, mamed. Superintendent of stone yard. Born in Indiana.

#21385 - **CONNIE RAINS** - Died 15 Oct 1909 after being hit by a train at Parsons. Aged 21, white male, single. Occupation: marble cutter. Born at Bouch's Chapel.

#21386 - **CLARA LILES** - Died 5 Jan 1910 at Parsons [cause of death illegible]. Aged 26, white female, married. Born at Parsons.

#21387 - **JAMES K. PETTIGREW** - Died 17 May 1910 of paralysis at Parsons. Aged 65, white male, married. Farmer. Born at Perryville.

#21388 - **WALTER BARNETT** - Born 3 Apr 1910 at Parsons. Cause of death illegible, Aged two years five months one day, white male. Born at Waynesboro.

#21389 - **JOHN STEGALL** - Died 22 May 1910 of heart failure at Parsons. Aged 62, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Henry County.

#21390 - **ANDERSON** - Died 4 Mar 1910 at Fites, Tex., of kidney trouble. Aged two days, white female. Born at Fites.

#21391 - **STEPHENS** - Died 28 Dec 1909 at Parsons. Age and cause of death not given. White male. Born at Parsons.

#21392 - **INFANT LONG** - Died 27 June 1910 at Beacon of unknown cause. Aged one day, white male. Born at Beacon.

#21393 - **ABRAHAM LINCOLN McMURY** - Died 28 Feb 1910 of pneumonia(?) at Parsons. Aged 21, white male, single. Teacher. Born at Parsons.

#21394 - **MINNIE GILBERT** - Died Oct 1909 of fever at Parsons. Aged 16, white female, single. Born at Parsons.

#21395 - **LESTER HOUSTON** - Died 7 May 1910 of spinal trouble at Parsons. Aged 18 months, white male. Born at Parsons.

#21396 - **CORA RAINS** - Died 13 Mar 1910 of tuberculosis at Decaturville. Aged 31, white female, married. Born at Decaturville.

## Decatur County Vital Statistics (continued)

#21397 - **LEE ROY PRATT** - Died 15 Apr 1909 of unknown cause in Decatur Co., School District 10. Aged three hours, white male.

#21398 - **UNNAMED INFANT** - Died 28 Apr 1909 of pneumonia in Decatur County. Aged three days, white female.

#21399 - **ELBERT G. BUTLER** - Died 9 June 1909 of flux and spinal trouble in Decatur Co., 10th School District. Aged one year, eight months, 12 days, white male. Born in 10th District.

#21400 - **MARY LEE ENGLAND** - Died 28 Feb 1909 of pneumonia in Decatur County. Aged 34, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21401 - **EBERT SAWERY** - Died 22 June 1909 of typhoid fever in Decatur County. Aged nine years, black male. Born in Decatur County.

#21402 - **LESSTIE TUCKER** - Died 14 May 1911 of brain abcess at Bath Springs. Aged nine weeks, white female. Born at Bath Springs.

#21403 - **MANDY E. POLK** - Died 10 Mar 1911 of liver trouble at Bath Springs. Aged 53, white female, married. Born at Bath Springs.

#21404 - **BEN MILLS** - Died 24 Sep 1910 of malaria at Point Pleasant, Mo. Aged one year, two months, ten days. White male. Born in Henderson Co., Tenn.

#21405 - **SARAH FISHER** - Died 7 Feb 1911 of measles and pneumonia in Decatur County. Aged 55, white female, mamed. Born in Henderson County.

#21406 - **INFANTRUSHING** - Died 7 Feb '91<sup>1</sup> of measles in Decatur County. Aged one day, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21407 - **WILL DUNAVANT** - Died 1 Aug 1910 in Decatur County of spinal trouble. Aged four months, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21408 - **INFANT MYRCLE** - Died 17 Feb 1911 of unknown cause in Decatur County. Aged three days, white female. Born in Decatur County.

#21409 - **MARTHA MYRCLE** - Died 29 Apr 1911<sup>1</sup> of consumption in Decatur County. Aged 33 years 6 months, 4 days, white female, married. Born in Perry County.

#21410 - **INFANT MYRCLE** - Died 27 Jul 1910 of unknown cause in Decatur County. White male. Age not given. Born in Decatur County.

#21411<sup>1</sup> - **WILLIE ROGERS ELLOTTE** - Died 1 Oct 1910 of unknown cause in Decatur County. Aged 18 days, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21412 - **WILL MEGGS** - Died 26 Dec 1910<sup>0</sup> of unknown cause in Decatur County. Aged one day, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21413 - **JOHN MEGGS** - Died 1 Jan 1911 of unknown cause in Decatur County. Aged seven days, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21414 - **BETTIE MEGGS** - Died 7 May 1911 of confinement (in childbirth) in Decatur County. Aged 19 years, white female, mamed. Born in Henderson County.

#21415 - **JACKSON H. BRIGANS** - Died 28 May 1911 of infirmity in Decatur County. Aged 87, white male, mamed. Born in Decatur County.

#21416 - **RILE WHITE** - Died 22 Feb 1911 of infirmity in Decatur County. Aged 42, black male, married. Farmer. Born in Decatur County.

#21417 - **ANN WHITE** - Died 26 May 1911 of fever in Decatur County. Aged 53, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21418 - **INFANT TUCKER** - Died 8 Mar 1911 of unknown cause in Decatur County, 4th School District. Aged one hour, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21419 - **SALLIE BENNETT** - Died 13 May 1911 of consumption in Decatur County. Aged 20 years, white female, single. Born in Decatur County.

#21420 - **HENRY BENNETT** - Died 1 Jul 1910 of brain trouble in Decatur County. Aged one year, two months. White male. Born in Decatur County.

#21421<sup>1</sup> - **CELA DICKSON** - Died 11 Mar 1911<sup>1</sup> of pneumonia in Decatur County.

#21422 - **ALFORD McELRATH** - Died 18 June 1911 of consumption in Decatur County. Aged 52, black male, mamed. Farmer. Born in Decatur County.

#21423 - **JESS LASTER** - Died 12 Feb 1911 of dropsy in Decatur County. Aged 74, black male, married. Farmer. Born in Decatur County.

#21424 - **MARRA STOUT** - Died 10 Jan 1911 of la grippe in Decatur County. Aged 72, black female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21425 - **LAURA SMITH** - Died 13 Jul 1910 of unknown cause in Decaturville. Aged 51, white female, married. Born in Perryville.

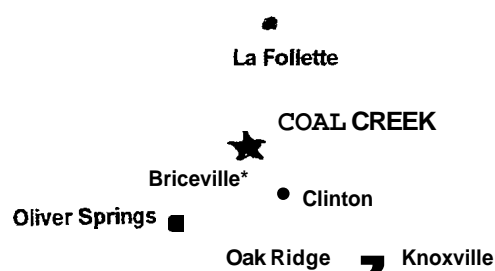
#21426 - **UNNAMED INFANT** - Died 15 Oct 1910 of unknown cause in Decatur County. Aged 7 hours, white male.

#21427 - **JAMES H. WELCH** - Died 15 May 1911 in Decatur County; cause not stated. Aged 28, white male, single. Farmer. Born in Decatur County.

#21428 - **RILE HELMAN** - Died 29 Mar 1911 of consumption in Decatur County. Aged 52, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Scotts<sup>III</sup>.

(To be continued)

# Coal Creek Mine Disaster Of 1902 Is Remembered



The rescue of nine Pennsylvania coal miners in July of this year stirred memories of the worst disaster in the history of Tennessee mining. It occurred a century ago -- around 7:30 on Monday morning, 19 May 1902, at the **Fraterville** mine near Coal Creek<sup>1</sup> in Anderson County -- and **virtually** wiped out the town's male population. News accounts of the day reported that between 175 and 225 men and boys died as the result of an explosion fueled by coal dust and methane **gas**,<sup>2</sup> some 150 wives were widowed, and between 800 and 1,000 children orphaned.

Only two men survived briefly, according to newspapers of 1902. One -- an aged **Englishman** named **William "Uncle Billy" Morgan** who was a road man in the **mine** -- was first reported "alive but so badly injured he cannot live."<sup>3</sup> He was blown out of the entrance by the force of the explosion, and died three days later. In the only oral statement to be had from the men in the mine at the time of the explosion, **Morgan** was quoted as saying:<sup>4</sup>

*"I was near the mouth and felt the earth jerk under my feet. The noise was muffled and I knew what it meant as I had been in three mine explosions. That is the last I knew. That seemingly short jerk shut out my senses. I know all the men are dead for I am nearly gone. I hope the good people will pray for us all."*

The other man taken out alive was identified as **Ernest McDonald**, whose **horribly** mangled body was among the 82 that had been removed from the **mine** by midnight on the 20th May.<sup>5</sup> He had entered the mine some 15 minutes after the others, and the force of the explosion was said to have blown **him** into a spring of water that completely covered him except for half of his face. He died only a few minutes after being brought out of the mine.

The **mine's** ventilation system had been shut down Saturday night to save money **while** the mine was not operating and not turned back on until Monday morning before the miners returned. Apparently no inspection was made before 175 miners were checked in by the mine boss. It was estimated that 50 others -- including boys who acted as helpers, drivers, and road men -- were at work when the explosion occurred a **full** three miles **from** the opening of the mine.

Rescue parties were organized and penetrated to a depth of about 200 feet before being forced to retreat because of deadly gases. In addition, falling slate had blocked further **entrance** about 500 yards in. It was about 4 o'clock in the **afternoon** before they were able to reenter, and it would be late Thursday evening before the last body was brought out. **Francis Phillips**, a veteran miner from Jellico, **Tenn.**, who led a rescue party, described the disaster scene in these words:<sup>6</sup>

*"When I arrived at the mine, all was confusion. Men, women, and children were crying at the entrance of the site. It was heart-rending to hear them."*

<sup>1</sup> The town's name was changed to Lake City when Norris Dam was created a few miles upstream on the Clinch River in 1933. It is about 30 miles west of Knoxville. The Fraterville mine was the oldest in the Coal Creek District, having been opened in 1870.

<sup>2</sup> The number of "official" victims was put at 184 but a cemetery list of the dead miners compiled by the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation numbers 216. Additional dead included an unrecorded number of traveling miners who had no families in Coal Creek and no one to identify them. As the itinerant miners' bodies were brought out of the mine, they were buried in what is now Owen **Bailey's** backyard.

<sup>3</sup> Tennessee Republican, Huntingdon, Tenn., 23 May 1902.

<sup>4</sup> Memphis Commercial Appeal, 21 May 1902

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> From his book, *Seventy Years in the Coal Mines*. It can be found in its entirety on-line at [www.tngenweb.org/morgan/morganresearch.html](http://www.tngenweb.org/morgan/morganresearch.html)

The first reports said all the victims were killed instantly, but as time went on it was learned that some of the men were trapped in "rooms" off the main shaft and lived from four to six hours before dying from lack of oxygen. In coming upon the bodies of the dead miners, **Phillips** wrote:

*"Two were on their knees in a praying position — the other two were partly on their side just a few yards away at the head of the entry. The men were sitting close to each other with their arms on their knees folded and their heads on their arms. In this position, 17 of them had died."*

Twelve found in one such area had notes to their families pinned to their shirts and jackets. The notes chronicle the painful passing of the men's last hours:

From **Powell Harmon**, 49:

*"My time has come to die. I hope to meet you all in heaven. It is now 10 minutes till 10 and we are all almost smothered. ... My boys, never work in the coal mines. Henry and Condry be good boys and stay with your mother."*<sup>7</sup>

From **John Hendren** to his family and friends:

*"Dear darling mother; brother, and sister ... O dear friends, don't grieve for me for I am in sight of heaven. O dear Sarah, stay at Father's or in your Father's. Pay all I owe if possible. Bury me at Pleasant Hill if it suits you. Bury me in black. This is about 1½ o'clock..."*

From **Jacob L. Vowell**, 35,<sup>8</sup> and his son, **Elbert Vowell**, 14, to his wife **Ellen**<sup>9</sup> and four other children:

*"We are shut up in the head of the entry with little air and the bad air is moving in fast. It is about 12 o'clock. Dear Ellen, I will have to leave you in bad condition .. but, dear wife, put your trust in the Lord to help you raise my little children ... Little Elbert said he had trusted in the Lord and said for you to all meet him in heaven. Bury me and Elbert in the same grave by little Eddie.<sup>10</sup> Good Bye little Eddie, Good Bye Ellen, Good Bye Lillie, Good Bye Minnie, Good Bye Jimmie, Good Bye Horace. Oh God, for one more breath. Ellen, remember me as long as you live ..."*

From **Scott Chapman**:

*"I have found the Lord ... Do change in your way of living. God be with you. Good bye."*

From **George Hutson** to his wife:

*"Yf you don't see me any more, bury me in the clothing I have."*

From **James A. Brooks** to his wife:

*"I want you to go back home and take the baby .. I am going to Heaven. Meet me there."*

**Jacob's** letter, the longest of all those found, was written over a period of about four hours and included messages from some of the men who could neither read nor write. One from **Harry Beech** to his wife **Alice** advises her: *"Do the best you can with the children... We are all perishing for air to support us but it is getting so bad without any air. It is now 1½ o'clock ... Raise the children the best way for you."* Another is from 18-year old **Charles H. Wood** who wants his mother to know he is safe but if he never lives to see the outside again, he will meet her in heaven. A third is from **Powell Harmon** who informs his family that **Andy Wood** is holding his watch. And there's a final word from young **Elbert Vowell** to his 12-year old brother **Horace** -- telling him he can wear his shoes and clothing. As the end nears, **Jacob** writes his wife, "Oh, how I wish to be with you!" His letter concludes at 2:25 p.m.

Heart-breaking stories emerged by the hour. There was the sad plight of **Elizabeth DeZern**, who lost all five of her sons<sup>11</sup> and two of her sons-in-law... the touching case of the young girl [unidentified] who was deprived of eight uncles in the disaster ... the shocking case of **Peter Childress** who died in the mine with sons **William John** and **James** ... the ironic fact that 41-year old miner **John C. Chapman** had taken his 12-year old son to work with him

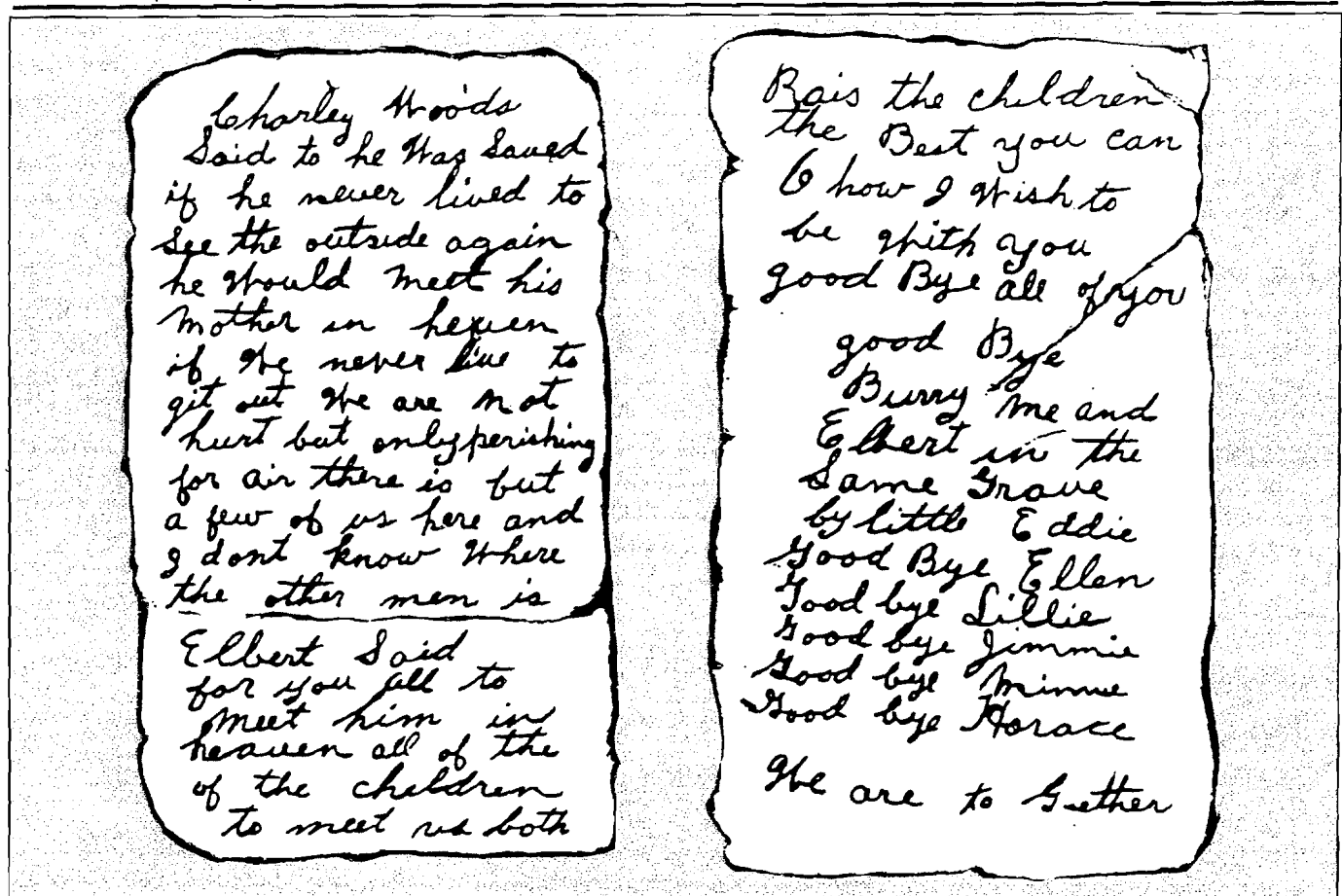
<sup>7</sup> Conda Harmon did not heed his father's advice, and was among 84 miners who died nine years later in the Cross Mountain disaster in Briceville.

<sup>8</sup> Jacob's parents were Grandison/Granderson and Mary E. (Leinart) Vowell.

<sup>9</sup> Her full name was Sarah Ellen Webb. Born in 1859, she was the daughter of James R. and Eliza (Hays) Webb. Ellen and Jacob were married in 1886.

<sup>10</sup> Edward had died as an infant. Jacob (b. 14 Jul 1866) and Elbert (b. 25 Nov 1887) are buried together next to him in Longfield Baptist Church Cemetery.

<sup>11</sup> John, 30; David, 23 (m. Lula Harris), Samuel, Carr, 18, and George, 14. Their father, William F. "Bill" DeZern, had died about seven years earlier when a tree he was cutting fell on him.



Some pages of Jacob Vowell's notes

that morning because the boy wanted to *see* what his dad's job was like ... and the shocking report that Mrs. **George Adkins**, wife of the mine foreman who was **killed** in the disaster, had "completely lost her mind."<sup>12</sup> Every family in the community lost relatives or fiends in the catastrophe.

A temporary morgue was set up at the Farmers Supply Company in Coal Creek, but it was four days before the last body was removed from the mine. With only three men left in Coal Creek after the disaster, residents from nearby towns came in to help bury the victims who were interred in some 20 cemeteries in the area. Eighty-nine of the victims were buried at what became known as Miners' Circle in Leach Cemetery<sup>13</sup> behind Clear Branch Baptist Church, and 35 others were buried at Longfield Church Cemetery. Other burials were made at Knoxville, Wilson, Murrayville, Island Ford, Heiskell, Indian Creek, Disney, Beech Grove, Starr, Pleasant Hill, Clinton, Jacksboro, Big Valley, Briceville, Wiley, Macedonia, Concord, and Welsh cemeteries.

A coroner's inquest convened in the opera house at Briceville, three miles from Coal Creek. In nearby Knoxville, *The Journal & Tribune* on 15th May opened a relief fund for miners' families. The list of donations was headed by a \$5,000 subscription from the Coal Creek Mining & Manufacturing Company whose headquarters were in New York, and included another \$500 raised locally. Another appeal for aid was issued to the general public on 22 May by an area citizens' committee headed by **R. M. Lindsay**. On the committee were **A. L. DeMarcus**, **E. L. Foster**, **L. J. A. Petree**, **H. M. Maden**, **Charles Lloyd**, **C. A. Waters**, **R. A. Russell**, and President **J. W. Howe** of District 19, United Mine Workers' Committee of Relief. "In a statement, the committee said, "For the last three days, we have seen nothing but helpless, wailing orphans and widows. Coal Creek, in her grief, subscribed liberally, but we cannot do justice to these suffering people."

On Friday evening, 23rd May, Coal Creek residents, businessmen, and ministers met to map out a suitable plan for paying a last tribute of respect to the men and boys who had lost their lives at Fraterville. They agreed to

<sup>12</sup> *New York Times*, 22 May 1902. *The Memphis Commercial Appeal* in its 20 May issue reported that **Adkins'** head was blown off by the blast.

<sup>13</sup> Names of the dead miners buried there are inscribed on a 30-foot marble obelisk erected by the United Mine Workers of America.

designate the second Sunday in June as the day for memorial services in all the churches of the area. **E. L. Foster**, representing local businessmen, chaired the meeting. Others authorizing the memorial service were **R. S. Dickson** for the Methodist Church; **C. A. Waters** for the Presbyterian Church; **Rev. John Henderson** for Longfield Baptist Church; **William Tuffle** for Beech Grove Baptist Church, **Dr. R. B. Adkins** for physicians; **Rev. J. W. Carnes, J. E. Hightower, E. F. Foster**, secretary; **J. W. Howe** for the UMW, and **Reuben Johnson** for colored citizens.<sup>14</sup>

This year -- the 100th anniversary of the disaster -- some 200 of the victims' descendants came to the area from as far away as California, Florida, and Pennsylvania on the weekend of 18-19 May to visit their ancestors' graves and attend a memorial service at Briceville Community Church<sup>15</sup> that followed the very same program as the one presented a century ago. They listened to the reading of the 90th Psalm (the miners' favorite) and the 15th Chapter of First Corinthians ... they joined in singing the old hymns "Rock of Ages" ... "Nearer My God to Thee" ... and "God Be With You" ... they heard the mournful tolling of the church bell as the name of each man and boy lost in the disaster was read aloud ... and they remembered with pride the bravery of their people ... and the unfaltering faith of their fathers.

The Coal Creek tragedy was widely reported but unfortunately, it did not bring about a reform in mine safety and conditions. Over the next 25 years, more than 2,400 Appalachian workers would die in mine explosions, with three disasters occurring in Tennessee at Briceville (1911), Catoosa (1917), and Rockwood. (1926).<sup>16</sup>■

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**NOTE:** See next page for list of 216 men and boys known to have perished in the Fraterville Mine Disaster and the name of the cemetery in which each is buried. [Source: <http://www.coalcreekaml.com/FratervilleMiners.htm>]



<sup>14</sup> Eleven African-Americans were killed in the disaster. They were identified as: James Davidson, Frank Gibbs, James Kindman, Thomas Mack, Sampson McClain, Robert M. Rhea, William Spears, and Joseph Yett, all buried in the Welsh Cemetery; Preston Griffiths and James P. Massengill, both buried in Knoxville; and John Redick, buried at Clinton.

<sup>15</sup> Built by Welsh immigrant miners in 1896.

<sup>16</sup> Coggins, Allen R.: "Fraterville Mine Disaster," *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture*, Tennessee Historical Society, Nashville, 1998. p. 339.



# Identified Miners Who Died in the 19 May 1902 Disaster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>
<b>Adkins</b> , Conda	Longfield	Harmon, Powell	Longfield	Sharp, Alex	Leach
<b>Adkins, Geo.</b>	Longfield	Hatmaker, Chas.	_____	Sharp, Dock	_____
<b>Adkins</b> , Paul A. (father)	Leach	<b>Hatmaker</b> , Levi	Longfield	Sharp, Frank	Wilson
Adkins, Charles (son)	Leach	<b>Hatmaker, Wm. O.</b>	Leach	Sharp, Jacob (father)	Macedonia
<b>Allen</b> , Robt. H.	Leach	Hays, W. W.	Clinton	Sharp, Benjamin (son)	Macedonia
Allen, Thomas	_____	<b>Hendren</b> , Jno.	Pleasant Hill	Sharp, Roscoe (son)	Macedonia
Alred, A. <b>Hamilton</b>	Leach	<b>Hendren, Thos W.</b>	Clinton	Slover, James R.	Leach
Alred, <b>Enoch H.</b>	Leach	<b>Hensley</b> , Alphonso	Leach	Slover, Samuel Logan	Leach
Alred, Wm. A.	Leach	Hightower, Bart D.	Starr	Slover, <b>Wm. H.</b> (father)	Leach
Angel, <b>Wm. B.</b>	Knoxville	<b>Hightower, J. W.</b>	_____	Slover, John B. (son)	Leach
Beach, Henry C.	Longfield	<b>Hightower, Jas. P.</b>	Leach	<b>Slover</b> , Samuel H. (son)	Leach
Bennett, Charles	Wilson	<b>Hill, George</b>	Leach	<b>Smiddy</b> , Edward	Longfield
Bennett, Conda	Wilson	<b>Hutson, Chas.</b>	Indian Creek	Smiddy, Joseph	Longfield
Bennett, James F.	Longfield	<b>Hutson, Geo. S.</b>	Indian Creek	Smith, <b>"First" John</b>	_____
Brantley, Roscoe	Leach	<b>Hutson, W. Scott</b>	Leach	Smith, R. H.	Leach
Brooks, <b>Henry C.</b>	Leach	<b>Kindman</b> , James	Welsh	Smith, "Red" John (father)	Leach
Brooks, James A.	Leach	Leach, James M.	Leach	Smith, Forrest (son)	Leach
Brooks, <b>R S. W.</b> (father)	Leach	Leach, Luke	Leach	Smith, <b>Robt.</b> (Morristown)	Briceville
Brooks, Charley (son)	Leach	Leach, <b>William</b>	Leach	Sorrels, Edgar	Pleasant Hill
Brooks, James, Sr.	_____	<b>Leinart</b> , Charles A.	Leach	Spears, William	Welsh
<b>Brymer</b> , William	Leach	<b>Leinart</b> , James E.	Leach	<b>Stansberry</b> , David H.	Longfield
Bullock, Jr., John	Murrayville	<b>Luttrell</b> , Thomas	Leach	<b>Stansberry, Lewis</b>	Longfield
<b>Burke</b> , Richard	_____	Mack, Thomas	Leach	<b>Stooksberry</b> , Andrew	Longfield
<b>Carden</b> , Charles	Disney	<b>Martin</b> , Dan	Bradshaw	Strickland, <b>Jas. D.</b>	Leach
Chapman, <b>Charles J.</b>	Leach	Martin, James W.	Leach	Turner, <b>Milburn</b>	Wilson
Chapman, John C.	Leach	Massengill, James P.	Knoxville	<b>Vallalay</b> , Charles	Leach
Chapman, Scott	Island Ford	<b>Massengill, Jr., Nicholas</b>	Leach	<b>Vandergriff, Chesley V.</b>	Leach
Childress, P. C. (father)	Mt. Harmony	<b>McClain, Sampson</b>	Welsh	<b>Vandergriff, Jas.</b>	Longfield
Childress, James (son)	Mt. Harmony	McDonald, <b>Jas. E.</b>	Beech Grove	<b>Vowell</b> , Benjamin	_____
Childress, John (son)	Mt. Harmony	<b>McGhee</b> , B. M.	Leach	<b>Vowell</b> , Bannister (father)	Leach
Childress, <b>Wm. C.</b> (son)	Mt. Harmony	<b>McGhee, Thornton</b>	Leach	<b>Vowell</b> , Jacob L. (father)	Longfield
Cooper, James F.	Indian Creek	<b>McKamey, Andrew</b>	Wilson	<b>Vowell</b> , George (son)	Briceville
Cooper, John L.	Indian Creek	<b>McKamey</b> , James	Wilson	<b>Vowell, Levi</b> (son)	Leach
Cooper, Thomas	Indian Creek	<b>McKamey, John C.</b>	Wilson	<b>Vowell, Wm. H.</b> (son)	Leach
Cox, <b>Richard N.</b>	Foust	<b>McKamey, William</b>	Wilson	<b>Vowell, Elbert</b> (son)	Longfield
<b>Curnutt</b> , William	Leach	<b>McKlin, J. Clay</b>	Leach	Wallace, Chas. A.	Leach
<b>Dabney</b> , A. T.	Longfield	<b>McKlin</b> , Levi	Leach	Wallace, James H.	Leach
<b>Daugherty</b> , Noah	Leach	<b>Mefford</b> , Thomas	Longfield	Wallace, James R.	Leach
<b>Davidson</b> , James	Welsh	Miller, Houston C.	Longfield	<b>Wallace</b> , John C.	Leach
Davis, Thomas	Leach	<b>Miller</b> , Hugh	_____	Wallace, W. <b>Earnest</b>	Concord
Disney, Samuel M.	Leach	<b>Miller</b> , Leon C.	Jacksboro	Wallace, W. G.	Concord
<b>DeZern, Carr</b>	Leach	Morgan, William	Beech Grove	Wallace, <b>Wm. E.</b>	Leach
<b>DeZern</b> , David	Leach	<b>Murray</b> , Oscar	Leach	Wallace, Wm. <b>Henry</b>	Leach
<b>DeZern</b> , George	Leach	<b>Murray</b> , William	Leach	Weaver, Etijah M.	Knoxville
<b>DeZern</b> , John	Leach	<b>O'Dell</b> , David P.	Leach	Weaver, <b>Sam</b>	Pleasant Hill
<b>DeZern</b> , Samuel	Leach	<b>Orben</b> , Chas. R.	Leach	Webb, Conda	Longfield
<b>Eckhardt</b> , S. T.	Leach	<b>Orben</b> , James	_____	Webb, W. K.	Longfield
Elliott, E. J.	_____	<b>Pitman</b> , W. Frank	Leach	Webb, Wm. J.	Longfield
Elliott, J. M.	Beech Grove	<b>Pitman, Hillery C.</b>	Leach	Webb, <b>Huston M.</b> father)	Longfield
<b>Elliott</b> , James	Leach	<b>Pratt</b> , J. Taylor	Big Valley	Webb, Eli (son)	Longfield
Elliott, John	Leach	Price, Robert	Beech Grove	Webber, <b>John</b>	Leach
Evans, Charley	Island Ford	<b>Prince</b> , Thomas	Longfield	Webber, Rufus	Leach
Evans, Edward	Disney	<b>Redick</b> , John	Mt. Sinai	White, John	_____
Evans, William	Island Ford	<b>Reynolds</b> , Andren J.	Longfield	<b>White</b> , John M.	Leach
Evans, Wm. John	Leach	<b>Reynolds, Charles</b>	_____	<b>Whitton</b> , James R. (father)	Leach
<b>Fielden</b> , William	Wilson	<b>Reynolds, J. Franklin</b>	Longfield	<b>Whitton</b> , Henry (son)	Leach
Foust, Mack C.	Leach	<b>Reynolds</b> , Oscar	Longfield	<b>Wilson</b> , Ernest	Leach
Gibbs, Frank	Welsh	<b>Reynolds, William</b>	Longfield	<b>Wilson, Marion</b>	Indian Creek
<b>Goans</b> , F. Oscar	Leach	Rhea, Robert M.	Welsh	<b>Wilson</b> , R. C.	Wilson
<b>Goans</b> , Wm. R.	Leach	<b>Riggs</b> , Levi	Longfield	<b>Wilson</b> , C. C. Jr.	_____
Goodman, Levi	_____	Riggs, <b>Roy</b>	Longfield	Wilson, C. C. , Sr.	_____
<b>Goodman</b> , W. B.	Leach	<b>Rinehart</b> , Frank	_____	Witt, Marvin J.	Leach
Green, James S.	Longfield	<b>Roberson</b> , Porter	Longfield	<b>Witt</b> , William	Leach
Green, John	_____	Roberts, Walter	Leach	Woods, <b>Andrew</b> (father)	Longfield
Green, P. C.	Leach	<b>Roberts</b> , Wm. H.	Leach	Woods, Joel (father)	Longfield
Green, Richard	Longfield	<b>Scott</b> , Alex B.	Wiley	Woods, <b>Chas. H.</b> (son)	Longfield
<b>Griffitts</b> , Preston	Knoxville	<b>Seivers</b> , Chas R.	Leach	<b>Woods</b> , John (son)	Longfield
Gross, <b>Wm. F.</b>	Indian Creek			Yett, Joseph.	Welsh

**McCOLLUM, THRASHER:** Need maiden name and death date of Thrasher **McCollum's** wife, Mary T. \_\_\_\_\_. She was b. N.C., resided in Williamson and Maury counties, Tenn., d. some time after 1827. Also, was Thrasher **McCollum's** mother named Mary Thrasher?

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**MOORE, COOPER:** Seeking info on James Moore and **Rebecca** Cooper who m. in **Wilson** County 6 Oct 1821. I believe James was b. in S.C., and Rebecca in N.C. Is this the same Moore family found in Hunt Co., Tex., in 1850 with children Samuel P., James C., Martha M., **Milton** J., Napoleon B., **Margaretta** M., Israel T., and Rebecca?

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**FORRESTER, BREEDEN:** Looking for info about family of my g-g-g grandmother, Mary Forrester (probably daughter of John Forrester). She m. John J. **Breeden** in Roane Co 10 May 1822 (his second marriage). They were parents of 9 children, all b. in Roane Co. Family relocated to Osage Co. (now Maries Co.), Mo., ca. 1843. Mary died either before departure, during travel, or soon after arriving in Missouri. John remarried in Mo. in 1846.

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**NEWBY:** Where in Kentucky was Nathan **Newby** born in ca. 1796? He died in Warren Co., Tenn., in 1881.

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**JONES, GWYN:** I am looking for ancestors of **Oswell F. Jones** who m. **Julie Ann Gwyn** in Tenn. He was b. in 1818.

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**WHIPPLE:** Seeking info on parents and children of **Prey Hopkins Whipple** who lived in Robertson and Montgomery counties in 1802 and died in Henry Co. in 1836. Also looking for info on these related families: **Lewis, Townsend**, and **Polsgrove**.

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**LOVE:** Who was first wife of Samuel Love, Sr., who d. in Knox County in **Apr 1826**? His 2nd wife was Mary "Polly" Smith whom he m. in Knox Co. in 1822. She was NOT the mother of **Samuel's** seven sons: David, William, Samuel, Jr., Robert, John, Joseph, and Isaac. Samuel, Sr., is believed to be son of Joseph Love and Mary Teas. His son Isaac, b. 1782 in Tenn., m. **Phoebe/Feby Connolly**. Wish to find their marriage record, believed in Tenn. They later moved via Indiana and Illinois to Missouri where both died.

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**HARRIS, CURRY:** Seeking info on Rev. Charles B. Hams, b. 26 Mar 1800 in Ga., d. 9 Dec 1870, Marshall Co., Miss. On 22 Dec 1823 in Maury Co., Tenn., he m. Margaret Jane "Peggy" Curry, daughter of Nathan Curry and Nancy Gresham of Va. Peggy b. 8 Feb 1805 **Pittsylvania** Co., Va.; d. 12 Aug 1877 in Marshall Co., Miss. She and Charles had six known children, all b. Tenn. Rev. Hams rec'd by Methodist Episcopal Church in 1837 and was pastor at **Pisgah** Church in Giles Co., Tenn., in 1837. Also on 1830 Giles census index. Believed to have been in **Ala.** in early 1840's and in Marshall Co., Miss., by 1850. Who were his parents and siblings? Any info regarding his ancestry will be greatly appreciated.

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**BLOUNT, HARRIS:** Would appreciate any info on Rebecca G. **Blount**, b. 23 Sep 1789, d. 18 Dec 1868. Married to Joel Harris and lived in **Hardeman** County. Who were her parents and descendants? Can any one help?

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**DUMN, WHITTIER:** Need info on **Bartholomew** Dunn who m. Catherine Whittier in **Hardeman** County in 1834. Seeking marriage records and names of their children, and also names of **Bartholomew** and Catherine's parents.

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**COLLIER, BOWMAN:** My great-grandfather, Edward Lee Collier, was son of **Issac** and Jane (Bowman) Collier who m. 27 Dec 1826 in Sumner Co. Listed in 1840, 1850 Sumner census and in 1860 Wilson Co. census. In 1834, state of Tenn. brought charges vs. **Issac** (Lawsuit #4012) m case concerning Boswell Gregory. **Isaac** sold 130 acres in 1865 to Jerry H. Allen in **Wilson** Co., District 5. His existence much documented in Sumner and Wilson counties, yet I find no mention of him in all Collier genealogy searched. Who were Isaac's parents and siblings? Who were Jane Bowman's? Any help appreciated.

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**JOHNS(T)ON, WILLIAMS:** Seeking parents, siblings of Mary Elizabeth **Johns(t)on** and James **McHenry Williams** who m. 24 Dec 1849 in Shelby County. **Born** were buried in Burrow Cemetery m Fayette County before 1900. Will gladly share any info.

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**DAVIS, BATTEN:** C. Homer Davis, b. 23 Sep 1867 in Malden, Mo., m. James Riley Batten in **Carroll** Co., Tenn., in 1887. She d. at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville in 1914. Am seeking any info about her parents and siblings. Will gladly share info.

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**CABE:** Looking for any info regarding John Cabe (b. 1799 N.C.), his wife Sarah (b. 1802 Ga.), and their children. They were living in Carroll Co., Tenn., in 1830s when their son, Thomas Jefferson Cabe, was born. Family moved to Washington Co., Ark., in 1844. Children listed on 1850 Arkansas census: Sarah, James, Thomas Jefferson, and **Samuel** Cabe. All were b. in Tenn. except Samuel.

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**SAMPLE(S), BELLAMY:** Seeking info on children of **William B. Sample(s)**, 1832-1899, and wife **Pricella Frances Bellamy**, 1840-1927, of Monroe County. Their children: Thomas M. (b. ca. 1859), James H. (b. ca. 1861), Rebecca (b. ca. 1863), **Wm. A.** (b. 8 Nov 1864, d. 13 Oct 1903, buried **Christian-burg Ch. Cem.**, Monroe Co.), Mary F. (b. ca. 1866), **Charles** Franklin (b. ca. 1868,) Henry W. (b. ca. 1870) and Minnie (b. ca. 1879). Thomas moved to **Acton**, Ind., visited Sample family in Franklin Co., Ill., in early 1900s.

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## Surname Searching

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is seeking any info about the following people buried at Henderson Cemetery in Chester County:

- **Winnie** Davis (wife of B. Davis), b. 1804, d. 19 Feb 1888
- P. W. Davis, b. 26 Sep 1837, d. 17 May 1903
- Robert E. **M.** Davis, b. 5 Feb 1850, d. 21 Mar 1879. He m. **Maggie** Ewing, step-granddaughter of Charles W. Davis.
- Also interested in contacting any Chester or Madison County Davis surname researchers.

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is researching these surnames:

- **COULTER** - Shelby & Fayette counties. Especially need info regarding John J. **Coulter** (b. ca. 1848) and two of his children, Ivy and Earnest.
- **SUTTON** - **Hardeman** County  
Would like to buy copy of Book 1, **Hardeman Co.**, Tenn., printed in 1970's.

**MRS. JOHN R. (Bonita) MANGRUM**  
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needs info on the following Tennessee families:

- **WILSON** - in Smith County in early 1800s
- **MANGRUM** - in Williamson Co. early 1800s
- **BRATCHER** - in Warren Co. before 1850

## Letter From Soldier Tells Of Tom Harrison's Death In the Phillipines in 1906

Malabang, **Mindanao**  
March 14, 1906

**Mr. J. T. Harrison**  
**Saltillo** [Hardin Co.], Tern.

Dear Sir:

You have by this time received the news of the death of your son, **Tom**....The fighting in which **Tom Harrison** lost his life was prolonged two days. It seems orders were changed after we had arrived at the top of the mountain on the 6th of March....But we were recalled from our position, and told to wait another day. It was during this wait, from 9:00 a.m. 'till 3:30 p.m. that **Tom** and I made an agreement to write to each other's people in case of anything happening to us.... It was on the 7th of March....**Tom** had gained the top of the mountain, and was just going to step up on the trench as he was speared in the stomach. He died almost instantly....**Tom** was buried in Jolo Jolo, P.I., on the 9th day of March....

Yours most sincerely,  
**Roy C. Olson, Corp'l,**  
Co. "D" 19th Infantry

(Source: *The Sardis News*, June 29, 1906)

## McNatt Dies After Being Struck by Train Engine

**Calvin McNatt** of Sardis, Tenn., was struck by a train engine while visiting the switch yard of the Illinois Central railroad at Jackson, according to *The Sardis News* of 29 June 1906.

**McNatt's** right leg was reportedly cut and bruised so badly it had to be amputated. He died from the effect of the wound in the hospital at Jackson. His remains were brought to Sardis and interred in the cemetery on Tuesday, 26 June. He was survived by his wife and four children.

**A. E. McNatt** of Lexington, accompanied by his brother, **Ed McNatt** of Jackson, attended the burial.■

## Former TGS President Lucille Cox Dies

**Lucille Hendren Cox**, long-time member and former president of the Tennessee Genealogical Society, died 13 Aug 2002 in Covington, Tern. Graveside services were held on her 94th birthday, Thursday, 15 Aug, at Oakwood Cemetery in **Brownsville**.

Born 15 Aug 1908 in **Stanton** (**Haywood Co.**), Tenn., she was the widow of **Robert Louis Cox** whom she married 12 June 1936 in Memphis. **Mrs. Cox** was TGS president in 1982-83 and served as president *pro tem* for the first quarter in 1984. She was a charter member of the Memphis Archeological & Geological Society, honorary regent for life of the **Watauga** Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and also belonged to Colonial Dames and the Hereditary Order of the Descendants of Colonial Governors. Her great-grandfather, **Beal W. Hendren**, came to Madison Co., Tenn., from North Carolina in 1825 and died in Tipton County in 1842. Her parents were **Hudson Alexander** and **Eula May** (**Holbrook**) **Hendren**.

**Mrs. Cox** leaves two nieces, **Clara Shelton** and **Catherine Malone**, both of Tipton County..

## J. D. Nailor Murdered In McNairy County

**J. D. Nailor** of McNairy County was murdered by an unknown person while at work in his field on Monday, 27 May 1867, according to a story in the *Nashville Gazette* of 4 June 1867.

It was reported that **Nailor** had just turned his horse and plow from the fence and was busily engaged in handling his plow when "a rifle ball fired by an unseen foe concealed in the nearby bushes penetrated his back." **Nailor** said to a Negro working nearby, "I believe I am shot!" and immediately fell forward, a lifeless corpse.

**Nailor** was described in the article as "a worthy and most estimable citizen of McNairy County."

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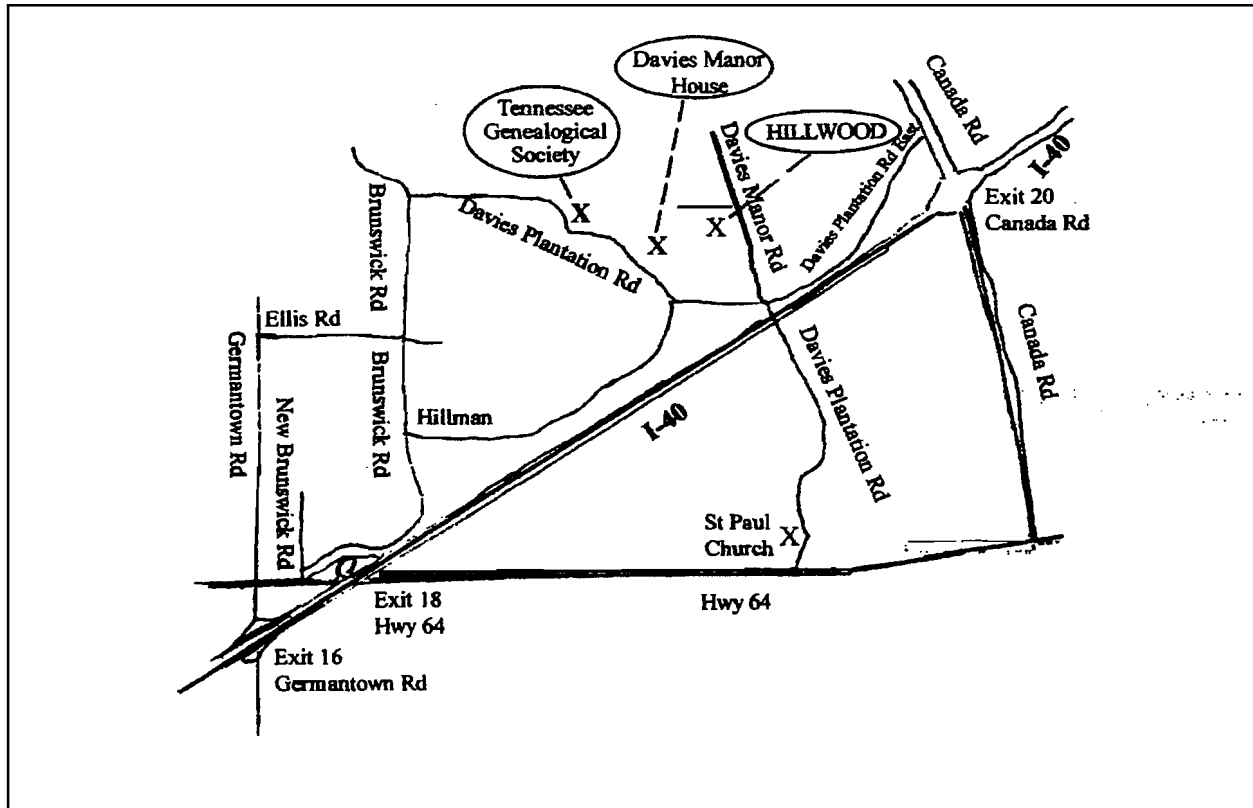
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