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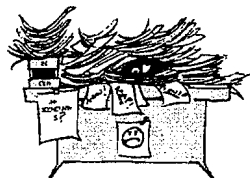
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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

by

Dorothy Marr Roberson



SOMETHING for everyone? We hope so. At any rate, this issue contains genealogical information on a wide range of people ... all the way from songstress Jenny Lind to gang member Frank James. Sandwiched in between are a lot of others who didn't grab as many headlines but nevertheless contributed to Tennessee history.

In gathering information, I found that some of the people associated with the famous and infamous were every bit as interesting. For instance, there was P. T. Barnum who was surely a trailblazer in public relations. P.T. himself wrote **all** the advance press releases for Jenny, signing them with an assumed name, and **mailing** them to newspapers at the next tour stop. In one, he was unable to restrain his paternal pride, referring to his daughter (who accompanied them on tour) as 'the beautiful **Miss Barnum**.'

Reading news reporters' accounts of the 1850s, you soon realize what a sensation Jenny created in Europe as well as over here. In London, all sorts of clothing and accessories from topcoats to boots were named **after** her. When she appeared in New York, *The Liberator* wrote:

"New stores, saloons, and hotels are christened 'Jenny Lind' ... steamboats, locomotives, stages, and all vehicles are 'Jenny s' ... fond mothers call their babes and sportsmen their cows and pigs 'Jennys' ... in short, 'Jenny' is the 'Jenny'-ric **term** for all these things."

Of the **literally** thousands of articles named for her, at least one retains her name today. That's the Jenny Lind bed still found in furniture stores **across** the country.

THE JAMES WOMEN who stood by their men long before **Tammy** Wynette did hers were stories in themselves.

Frank and Jesse's mother, whose maiden name was **Zerelda** Cole, at age 17 left a Catholic convent in Lexington, Ky., to marry young Robert James who was studying to be a Baptist preacher. After he was ordained, they moved to Missouri and had four children (one of whom died) before the reverend left for the Gold Rush in **California** where he died **three** weeks after his **arrival**. She had an unhappy second marriage before marrying Dr. Reuben Samuels. The couple suffered much tragedy and heartbreak over the years. When Union soldiers hanged Dr. Samuels at his Missouri farm and **left** him to die, **Zerelda** [6'2" and weighing over 200 lbs.] cut the rope and **carried** him into the house. He carried rope bums on his neck the rest of his life. Later when detectives heard the James boys were coming to see their mother, they threw a bomb [some say a flare] into the house, killing the Samuels' eight-year old son Archie and blowing off **Zerelda's** hand. Her lower **arm** later had to be amputated. The couple observed their golden wedding anniversary in 1905. Dr. Samuels died **three** years later, and **Zerelda** **three** years **after** him. She was on a train coming home from a visit

to Frank and Ann who were then living in Oklahoma when she died from a heart attack at **age** 87.

OUR THANKS to Ernest R. Pounds of Bradford, Tenn., for providing us with a story about **Skullbone** and how the town got its unusual name. The story also includes mention of the oft-told story that Frank James once taught school there.

We're also **grateful** to Norma Austin of Memphis who contributed an interesting story for our "Tennesseans **Turned** Texans" feature. Norma's **Dalby** ancestors migrated to the Lone Star state **from** Tennessee in 1839 and had a town and health spa **named** for them. And we also thank Jay Buck of **Bartlett**, Tenn., for supplying us with a copy of the diary kept by his Virginia ancestor, Hunter **Marshall**, during the closing days of the Civil War***

SOME MORE MEMORIES of **Stanton**, Tenn., have come to the fore in a letter from Sara Stuart **Venters** of Huntsville, Ala., to TGS member Jean **Crawford**. Mrs. Venters' mother, the late **Henryette Maxwell** Stuart, was the person to whom Adams Colhoun wrote his reminiscences of **Stanton** which we began publishing in the last issue and are concluding in this one. Sara wrote:

"Having grown up in **Stanton**, I remember several of the people mentioned and know the locations to which Mr. Colhoun referred. My grandparents built their home next door to the Colhoun house and Mother lived there with her family until she **married** Dad [Clifton Hugh Stuart]. The Colhoun place had been bought by L. E. **Harris**. Mr. Harris' daughter, **Nell**, still lives there. Mother's childhood home was tom down shortly after she died.

"**Stanton** was a **wonderfully** secure and safe place to live when I was a child. It had a thriving downtown business district. On Saturday the streets and stores were crowded with buying and socializing. As a teen, I clerked at A. T. Beaty's grocery store, and we were busy from early morning until late at night every Saturday. On Sunday the town was locked up tight. On Sundays the churches were full. Community activities were centered around church, home, and school, and there was never a lack of homegrown entertainment. Yes, there was a Depression on, but money wasn't required for the wholesome, creative lives we led!

"It is no wonder to me that **Stanton** produced so many good, productive citizens who now live all over the country. Mother **frequently** talked about small towns being the backbone of America; she loved her town and worked hard to make it the best, as did most of her contemporaries."

Mrs. Venters also recalled that her father was quite helpful to her mother in her genealogical research, "spending **many** hours charming the little old ladies who kept the records in the many courthouses they visited around the country." While her father understood courthouses and their personnel, her mother was the genealogist in the **family** and a historian as well. Among her writings is an article on the **Asbury** community (known to area residents as Harris' Store) that appeared in *Haywood County History*, published in 1989 by the Brownsville-Haywood County Historical Society. ■



[Source: Ware & Lockard: P. T. Barnum Presents Jenny Lind]

1851 --

The Year a Swedish Nightingale Sang in Tennessee

If your ancestors lived in Tennessee in 1851, they might well have come down with a **case** of **Lindomania**. The outbreak of the fever in the state reached epidemic proportions in February and March that year, with **West** and Middle Tennessee being the hardest hit areas. Memphis and Nashville¹ were among the 17 **cities** in the United States **privileged** to host Jenny L i d² during her concert tour of the United States under **sponsorship** of **Phineas T. Barnum**. And no one who saw and heard the woman considered the *greatest* coloratura soprano of her time ever forgot it ... **or** ever **ceased** **talking about** it.

The Swedish Nightingale — **as** she was affectionately dubbed — gave a single concert **at** the **Odd Fellows'** **new** hall³ in Memphis **at** the unlikely hour of 11 a.m. Friday, 14 March 1851. Earlier that **morning**, **Memphians** crowded the riverside and the downtown area waiting to catch a **glimpse** of Europe's most **famous** musical celebrity. She arrived from **Natchez** on the palatial steamship *Magnolia* and was whisked off to the **Odd Fellow's** Hall. Despite the series of uncertainties and delays that had mounded her Memphis **appearance** for weeks, not a one of the new hall's 1,004 **seats** was unoccupied when **Miss** Lind **finally** took center stage.

Only a month before, **Barnum** in a letter to **Memphian** F. H. **Clark** that was published in *The Memphis Appeal*⁴ wrote: "It is impossible to give a **definite answer** as to whether we **will** be able to give a concert in your city. If so, we **will** send an agent 10 days in advance to make the necessary **arrangements**."

On 22 February, Memphis restaurateur **Bob O'Hanlon**⁵ ran this ad in *The Appeal*:

MADEMOISELLE LIND,

AT

ODD FELLOWS' HALL!

Barnum Will Come! - Do You Believe It?

R.T. O'HANLON has been *officially* informed that **this distinguished personage** will visit Memphis, — and in order to be prepared for this *immense occasion*, he is **now** dispatching orders to **New Orleans**, for the **best** of every thing **in his line**.

Just received by the Mohican and Bulletin, the best lot of **OYSTERS** ever served up in **this city**.

☞ Call to-night.

¹ The Memphis concert was the 60th Miss Lind had given since her arrival in New York on 1st Sep 1850.

² Her real name was Johanna Maria Lind. Born 6 Oct 1820 in Stockholm, Sweden, she was the daughter of Nicholas Jones Lind and Anna Marie Fellborg.

³ The hall, located on Main Street, was only a few months old, having been completed in December.

⁴ Issue of 10 Feb 1851.

⁵ O'Hanlon's restaurant, known as The Exchange, was on Main Street.

M'LE JENNY LIND
WILL GIVE A
GRAND CONCERT,
At the Odd Fellows' Hall in Memphis,
ON THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 13TH,
1861, at 11 o'clock --Doors open at 10 o'clock.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.

OVERTURE, "La Dame Blanche" - BOIELDIEU
ARIA, "Sorgette," (Maometto Secondo) - Rossini
SIGNOR BELLETTI
ARIA, "Perche non ho del vento," - DONIZETTI
M'LE JENNY LIND
FANTASIA ON THE VIOLIN, "Il Tremblo," DE BÉRIOT
MR. JOSEPH BURKE.
TRIO for voice & two *Flutes*. (Camp of Silesia,) MEYERBEER
- (Composed expressly for M'le. Jenny Lind)
- M'LE JENNY LIND.
MESSRS. KYLE AND SIEDE.

PART 2

OVERTURE, Fra Diavola, - - - - AUBER
CAVATINA, "Largo al factorum." (Il Barbiere) - ROSSINI
SIGNOR BELLETTI
THE BIRDSONG, - - - - - TAUBERT
M'LE JENNY LIND.
LA TARENTELLA NAPOLETANA, - ROSSINI
SIGNOR BELLETTI
BALLAD, "Home, Sweet Home," (Clari) BISHOP
M'LE JENNY LIND
THE HERDSMAN SONG, known as the Echo Song, a
Swedish melody.¹
M'LE JENNY LIND
CONDUCTOR. - - MR. JULIUS BENEDICT

☞ Books containing the words of the songs 25 cts. The price of admission has been fixed at \$5.00 - and in order to give all an equal chance the choice of seating will be offered at auction, on Wednesday morning, March 12th, at 10½ o'clock, at Odd Fellows' Hall, by G. B. Locke & Brother, Auctioneers.

☞ Seats not sold at the auction may be secured at the above place at the ticket office.

☞ M'le Jenny Lind has engaged passage on the *Magnolia*, and is expected to arrive early on the morning of the Concert. Should she be detained beyond the hour appointed, the Concert will take place within one hour after the arrival of the boat

On 27 February, word came from New Orleans: "It is extremely doubtful that Miss Lind will give any concerts between New Orleans and St. Louis." But on 4 March, it was formally announced: "M'le. Jenny Lind will give a grand concert at the Odd Fellows Hall in Memphis on Thursday morning, March 13, 1851, at 11 o'clock." It was further stated that she would arrive in Memphis on the *Magnolia* early in the morning of the concert, and that doors of the hall would open at 10 o'clock. Seats would be offered at auction² on March 12 at 10-1/2 o'clock by G. B. Locke & Brothers, local auctioneers.

The Memphis Appeal commented, "The divine Jenny will favor us with one of her concerts on the 13th instant. The programme presents a brilliant bill of fare and our citizens will no doubt rejoice that they are to be favored with an opportunity of listening to the heart-moving strains of the fair enchantress."

Memphis merchants Henry Chrystal & Edward L. Smith at 14 Jefferson Street -- eager to make the most of a sales opportunity -- advertised they had just received on the steamer *Memphis* "a lot of Jenny Lind cook stoves -- a new innovation and a splendid article."³ P. Flavio, who ran a music store on Jefferson, announced he had "all of Jenny Lind's songs."

But still another delay concerning the concert was in the offing. Dates and times for the *Natchez* and Memphis concerts had been based on a Saturday departure from New Orleans. When the boat was unavoidably delayed in arriving at the Crescent City, the only way the appointed times for the concerts could be kept was to leave on a Sunday. When Miss Lind was informed of this, she adamantly refused to travel on Sunday and would not discuss the financial loss she would sustain as a result of the last-minute change. The Memphis concert was then rescheduled for some time Friday morning, 14 March. Tickets went on sale at 10 o'clock the morning of 12 March, although the exact starting time for the concert was still uncertain. On the 13th, the local paper reported "nearly all" the seats for the concert had been disposed of at auction. The tickets went for \$5 each⁴ with premiums ranging from 50 cents to \$20. E. T. Nichols, Barnum's agent at Memphis, said the few remaining seats would be disposed of at private sale and the concert would positively come off at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

¹ The program was in error regarding 'The Herdsman Song' which was written by Miss Lind's singing teacher, H. C. Berg. 'Echo Song' is a Norwegian melody.

² This was standard procedure on the tour.

³ The two manufactured tin, copper, and sheet iron ware, and were wholesale dealers in stoves, grates, and related products.

⁴ A ticket costing \$5 in 1851 would have cost \$102.25 in 2001.

The morning after the concert, *The Memphis Appeal* led off its review by stating, "Well, the Nightingale has come, has caroled, and flown. **Barnum** has made \$7,000,⁵ and the good citizens of Memphis are left ... to ascertain .. whether they have been benefited to the amount of the price paid for their tickets."

The Appeal went on to concede that **Miss Lind** probably "possesses greater vocal powers than any other living female"... "seems the very personification of goodness"... and is "more an angel than her singing is angelic."

Up the road in **Hardeman County**, the *Bolivar Herald* labeled the concert "an insult," saying **Miss Lind's** visit to Memphis "only lasted about three hours." The editor of *The Western Weekly Review*, published in the Williamson County seat town of **Franklin**, apparently also feasted on sour grapes. He commented: "**Jenny Lind** was yesterday morning exchanging her musical notes with the people of Memphis for bank notes. She took five dollars from each of those who heard her except the few fools who agreed to pay a large premium for occupying the **front seats**. Viva la humbug!"

From Memphis the singer went to St. Louis for five more concerts. In the meantime, uncertainty had arisen in Nashville — as in Memphis — as to whether the concert would actually take place. **Barnum** had sent his agent to find a site in Nashville that could seat 1,500 people. After rejecting a tobacco ware house, which appeared to be the only available building large enough, **Barnum's** agent tried in vain to schedule the concert in some of the local churches. *The Western Weekly Review* gleefully reported, "It is very uncertain about Miss Lind visiting Nashville at all, the trustees of the new Presbyterian church there having refused to let her sing in their house."

Barnum then sent a telegram saying he had decided not to bring Jenny Lind to sing in Nashville. Even so, enthusiasts from neighboring counties continued to engage hotel rooms in case the singer did come to the city.⁶ Finally on 22 March it was announced that the new **Adelphi Theatre** had been selected as the site for the concert and would add a third tier of seats to provide increased accommodations.⁷ Two days later, **Barnum** wired **E. G. Steele**, local leader of efforts to



Jenny Lind

arrange the Nashville concerts, that Jenny's first concert in **Nashville** would take place Monday evening, 31st March. An auction for concert tickets was held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, and J. G. Turner, proprietor of the Verandah Hotel, bought the first ticket for \$205. The second ticket sold for \$15, and prices for other tickets averaged from \$3 to \$10.⁸

On 29 March, **Miss Lind** and her troupe arrived in Nashville for concerts No. 66 and 67, and checked into an elaborate suite at the City Hotel while **Barnum** and his associates took rooms at the Verandah. The Memphis paper took note of **Jenny's** arrival in the state capital, saying it "seems to have created a great sensation, the excitement running higher than was ever before known in Nashville."

Nashville resident **Mary** Hamilton Thompson Orr,⁹ described the situation this way: "Every hotel

⁵ Actually, total ticket receipts in Memphis were the second lowest of Miss Lind's 93 concerts. **Barnum's** own ledger of accounts showed they totaled only \$4,539.56.

⁶ *The Nashville City Intelligencer*, 8 March 1851

⁷ The Adelphi, only about eight months old, had the second largest stage in the United States.

⁸ **Barnum's** ledgers show receipts for the two Nashville concerts totaled \$12,034.30 for an average \$6,017.15.

⁹ The Orr Papers, 1791-1896, Tennessee State Library & Archives, <http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/tech/sys/manud/155.pdf>

and boarding house in the city are ful [sic] and the cry is 'still they come.' ... You cannot imagine what a crowd we have ... the square and streets around the square are thronged almost equal to Broadway for **almost** the entire population of the surrounding country -- both village, town, and hamlet -- are now with us and **from** neighboring states."

The day after her arrival, Miss Lind accompanied by Mr. Barnum, his daughter Caroline, and her friend Mrs. Lyman, drove out to visit the Hermitage. Barnum had visited former President Andrew Jackson there six years earlier, and the old Negro servant he had met then showed the group around the house and grounds. It was at the Hermitage that Jenny for the **first** time heard mockingbirds singing in the trees and was said to have been "completely enchanted."

Work to expand the **Adelphi** Theatre had not been completed by the night of the first concert, despite **frantic** efforts by the management. Some concert-goers had to sit on rough planks in the new section and contend with the wind blowing through holes in the walls and ceilings, but the late March weather was said to have been pleasant and no one seemed to mind. The musical program presented at the first Nashville concert was identical to the one in Memphis, but was varied the second evening [2 April]. *The Nashville American* carried glowing reviews of both, declaring that Miss Lind's voice in most respects "may be considered as near perfection as **anything** human can be ... her power completely astonished the audience."

Jane Thomas, long-time Nashville resident, wrote of going to hear Jenny, whom she described as 'small and slender [and] dressed in pink silk made very simple."

"She sang 'The Last Rose of Summer' and one or two other old songs. The Echo Song' was especially beautiful, and when she was singing it her throat would swell out like a bird, and you could hear the notes die out in the distance -- just an exact imitation of an echo."

From Nashville, Miss Lind and **some** of her troupe traveled by stagecoach via **Benton's** springs in Robertson County, Tenn., to Mammoth Cave, Ky., where they spent the day before continuing on to Louisville for her next concert. Following appearances in Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, the singer and her entourage returned to New York for a new series of concerts. When **Jenny's** accompanist returned to England to accept a position as conductor in London, she immediately offered the job to young Otto Goldschmidt in Germany who had been a pupil of **Mendelssohn's** and had accompanied her a number of times in Germany and England. He immediately accepted and joined the group in America. In Philadelphia on 9 June 1851, at the conclusion of her 93rd concert, Jenny Lind terminated her contract with **Barnum**, after paying a \$32,000 forfeit. During her nine-month contract, she had sung an average of one concert every three days and was physically exhausted. She and Barnum ended their business relationship on good **terms** and remained **firm friends** through the ensuing years.

Before leaving America, Jenny gave 40 additional concerts on her own over the next seven months **and**, in the meantime, her **friendship** with Otto Goldschmidt deepened. On 5 Feb 1852 they were married in Boston at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Sam Grey Ward. **Jenny** presented her farewell American concert 24 May at New York's Castle Garden, and sailed for Europe a few days later. The **Goldschmidts** eventually made their home in England. They had three children: Walter Otto (born in **Dresden** in 1853), Jenny Maria Catherine (b. 31 Mar 1857 in Dresden, m. Raymond Maude), and Svend David Goldschmidt (b. Jan 1861). When she was 67, it was learned that **Jenny** had terminal cancer. She suffered a stroke in Sep 1887 and died at home 2 Nov surrounded by her **family**. Her benevolence and generosity -- coupled with her talent and dedication -- made Jenny Lind a woman to be admired and remembered with **affection**. ■

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RODGERS

NASHVILLE, Jul 31, 1866 - Coroner **C. W. Norvell** held an inquest on the body of **G. W. Rodgers** of Bledsoe County on the morning of the 28th inst. He died very suddenly in this city and the verdict was rendered by a jury that he came to his death from an overflow of blood to the brain causing congestion of the same and producing instant death. **Mr. Rodgers** was principal of **Sequatchie College, Pikeville, Tern.**

-Nashville Gazette, 31 Jul 1866

SWEENEY

We regret to announce the sudden death of **Mr. Thomas Sweeney** at the house of **Mr. J. Ready** on S. Union Street about one o'clock yesterday morning. He had complained of a slight indisposition on Sunday night, but no person had any apprehension of the serious consequences until midnight, about an hour after which he died.

-Nashville Gazette, 31 Jul 1866

MORRIS

Another of the pioneer citizens of Memphis is gone. **Major Walter B. Morris** is dead. He died at his residence in Fort **Pickering** on Saturday morning [7 Jan 1854] at 2 o'clock after a protracted illness in the 57th year of his age. He was buried yesterday afternoon. The Masonic Order, of which he was a brother, were present and followed his remains to the grave.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 Jan 1854

ETHRIDGE

Died in Memphis on Sunday night last [19 Feb 1854] of consumption at the residence of **William Park, Gordius P. Ethridge**, aged 35. He had been confined to his bed since November last. For many years, he was a citizen of Memphis where by his many good qualities both of head and heart, he had drawn around him a large circle of warm and devoted friends.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 21 Feb 1854

SELBY

Died on 28th June [1872] at 7 p.m., **Judge Louis Selby**, aged 72. Friends are invited to attend the funeral this afternoon from the residence of **Mr. G. W. L. Crook**, 125 Adams st.

-Memphis Avalanche, 29 June 1872

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

McGRATH

BROWNSVILLE, Tenn., Jan 9, 1880 - **Mr. Mike McGrath**, one of the yellow fever heroes of 1878, acting as mayor of this city during that epidemic, died last night [12 Jan 1880] and was buried this evening with honors by the Knights of Pythias, of which order he was a member, occupying the position of D. D. G. C. All business houses were closed this evening, and a large concourse of citizens followed his remains to the cemetery.

-Memphis Public Ledger, 13 Jan 1880

HANNAH

OLIVER'S SPRINGS, Tenn., Jan 11 1879 - During the last three months, **Major John H. Hannah** has been confined to his room by sickness. Most of the time he had to keep to his bed and suffered a great deal. Early this morning he died, and one and all feel that one of our best men has been taken from our midst. He was a good citizen, a good neighbor, and always kind and patient. He left a wife and two bright little boys. A native of East Tennessee, **Hannah** was a gallant Confederate soldier, attaining the rank of major in the 19th Tennessee Regiment. After the war, he settled in **Louisville, Ky.**, and was in business there several years. During that time, he married **Miss Lillie Girding**, daughter of a prominent German citizen who had to leave East Tennessee once on account of his Southern sympathies. For several years, **Major Hannah** has lived at Oliver's Springs in **Anderson County** near Knoxville where he died. He was a genial gentleman, and as a true a man as ever lived.

-Memphis Public Ledger, 14 Jan 1880

THOMAS

From the **Fayette Falcon**, we learn that **M. Isaac Thomas** of Hickory Wythe in that county died on Saturday last [4 May 1867] from the effects of a bite received from a mad dog some time last summer.

-Nashville Gazette, 10 May 1867

ANDERSON

Mary B. Anderson died in **Clarksville** on 11 Dec 1878. She was born at "Bleak Hill" in King Wiam Co., Va., 4th Mar 1807. She was descended from one of the oldest and best known families of Virginia. In this line was **Sec. William Nelson** of colonial memory and his son, **Thomas**, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and governor of Virginia. Her education was conducted almost entirely under her parental roof and along with her brothers in the course of preparation for the University, and her familiarity with Latin and Greek classics was for many years a source of delight. She was left early in life a widow with six children to rear. [Abstracted]

-Clarksville Chronicle, 4 Jan 1879

NOLEN

Mrs. Priscilla Asbury Nolen, widow of the late **Rev. John M. Nolen** and daughter of **Edward and Elizabeth Cage**, died at her home in Montgomery County of typhoid pneumonia on 26 Dec 1879. She was born in **Bedford Co., Tenn.**, on 4 Aug 1817. At age 18 she professed religion at Baker's Camp ground and joined the Methodist Church. Her death closes out "Uncle Neddy" Cage's family, three members of which have died during the present year.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 10 Jan 1879

TITUS

Departed this life at Beersheba Springs, **Warren Co., Tenn.**, on Saturday, 3rd Aug [1844], **Mr. R E. Titus** of the firm of **F. and R E. Titus** of this city in the 28th year of his age. He visited the Springs for the benefit of his sadly bereaved consort whose health was delicate, and was himself attacked with bilious fever which terminated his earthly career in something less than two weeks. Few will be more missed and mourned.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 16 Aug 1844

SNEED

Died in **LaGrange, Tenn.**, on 20th Sep [1845], **Mrs. Elizabeth G. Sneed**, consort of **William B. G. Sneed**, in the 22nd year of her age.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 26 Sep 1845

PROVINE

Died at his residence in **Somerville**, Fayette County, 30 Jul 1844, **Alexander Provine**, Esq., age 63. Born in East Tennessee, he emigrated in early life with his parents to Kentucky then to Wilson Co., Tern., where he became a husband and parent and lived until 1835 when he removed with his family to Fayette County. He embraced religion in the memorable revival in Tennessee and Kentucky in 1800 and attached himself to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He commanded a military company at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend against the Creeks. He was an acting justice of the peace for many years, and a Fayette County trustee at his death. A more perfect model of virtue has rarely if ever appeared.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 16 Aug 1844

HESSING

The death of Mrs. **Anna M. Hessing**, venerable mother of Mrs. **F. Bensieck** and Mrs. **Kate Burton**, removed from Memphis another of its early inhabitants. She came to this country from Europe and lived first in New Orleans from which place she came to Memphis 47 years ago. Her husband, a well known musician in his time, was the first musical director of the old Memphis Theatre and occupied that position until his death in 1861. Since that time, Mrs. **Hessing** has remained a widow. She leaves besides her two daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Though in her 77th year, her heart was young and she entered into her grandchildren's joys with keenest delight. She was a member of Third Presbyterian Church, Chelsea. The funeral will be from her residence at 88 N. Second. [Abstracted]

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 1 Nov 1897

EPPELSON

Dr. J. P. Epperson, one of Giles County's most esteemed citizens as well as one of its oldest and best physicians, died after a short illness of inflammation of the brain yesterday morning at one o'clock. He was a good neighbor, an honest man, a useful citizen, and a physician of rare scientific attainment. *-Reprinted from the Pulaski Citizen in the Nashville Gazette & 5 Aug 1866*

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

SHACKELFORD

Robert J. Shackelford departed this life at the residence of his father in Pontotoc, Miss., on 29th Mar [1856] in the 36th year of his age. Born in Virginia on 21st Oct 1819, he was a printer by trade and was for many years a resident of Memphis where he worked in the office of *The Appeal* a great part of his time. In 1844 he was engaged in printing and editing *The Western Spy*, a paper published in the town of **Somerville**, Tenn. He suffered much from his disease (consumption) but complained very little. He left a father and mother and two brothers to mourn his loss. [Abstracted]

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 13 May 1856

MAGEVNEY

Died in Memphis yesterday morning [5 June 1855] of inflammation of the stomach, Mrs. **Mary Magevney**, wife of **Michael Magevney**, aged about 40 years. The funeral will be from the residence on Market St. at 9 o'clock this morning.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 6 June 1855

BUNTING

Died in La Grange, Tex., on 5 Aug 1854, Mrs. **Nina E. Bunting**, wife of **Rev. R. F. Bunting**, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in that place and daughter of **Dr. S. H. Doxey**, late of **Hardeman Co.**, Tern.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 5 Sep 1854

SCOTT

Died at **Paducah**, Ky., on 12 Jul [1854] after a painful illness of 12 days, **John A. Scott** of **Yorkville**, Gibson County, Tenn.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 16 Aug 1854

CONWAY

Died at the residence of his son **Owen Conway** in Memphis yesterday morning [22 Sep 1854] at 7 o'clock, **Mr. Thomas Conway, Sen.**, at the advanced age of 82. The funeral will take place at 10 a.m. today from his son's residence opposite the City Hotel. *-Memphis Daily Appeal, 23 Sep 1854*

TITUS

Died yesterday morning [6 June 1855] at 3 o'clock of typhoid fever at the residence of her father, **Frazor Titus**, Esq., Mrs. **Mary E. Edmondson**, wife of **James H. Edmondson** of this city, in the 22nd year of her age.

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 13 May 1856

BARKER

Mrs. E. Marion Barker died at her residence in **Clarksville** at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, 10 Sep [1881] in the 78th year of her age. One of the city's most venerable and estimable citizens, she had resided in this place since it was a small village. A native of **Virginia**, she came to **Clarksville** with her husband, **Edward S. Barker**, in 1826. He died in 1849 leaving her a widow with four children..... Her funeral will be at the Episcopal Church at 5 o'clock Sunday morning and from thence the remains will be carried to the family burying ground at **Meriville** and interred by the side of her husband. [Abstracted]

-Clarksville Chronicle, 17 Sep 1881

ANDERSON

Mr. Peter Anderson, an old and esteemed citizen of Montgomery County, died of pneumonia on 17th Jan 1876. He removed to this county from **Virginia** 20 years ago and resided at the same homestead until his death. He leaves four children, two brothers, two sisters, and many friends. His funeral will be at the Presbyterian Church in **Clarksville** on Wednesday, with **Rev. J. W. Lupton** conducting the services. Interment in **Greenwood Cemetery**.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 22 Jan 1876

SEABURY

A telegraphic dispatch was received yesterday chronicling the death of **Mrs. Mary M. Seabury**, wife of our former fellow citizen, **John M. Seabury**. She died in **Brooklyn**, N.Y., yesterday morning [23 May 1867] in the 69th year of her age. She was a **Nashville** resident for over 30 years, a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and highly esteemed by all who knew her.

-Nashville Gazette, 24 May 1867

EDWIN & ELIZA STREET

Died at Fort Pickering on 25th June [1845], **Mr. Edwin Street**, aged 31 years. In his death, society has lost a worthy and estimable citizen. Died at Fort Pickering on 2nd July, **Mrs. Eliza Street**, widow of the late **Edwin Street**, aged about 25 years.

-*American Eagle, Memphis, 4 Jul 1845*

McCALL

Died yesterday [13 June 1867] at 9 p.m., **Dr. James K. McCall**. Friends are requested to attend his funeral at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of his father, **Dr. Alex McCall**, No. 35 S. **Cherry St.** Services will be conducted by Rev. **P. S. Fall**.

-*Nashville Gazette, 14 June 1867*

MAGUIRE

The **Nashville** Baseball Club at a called meeting 9 May 1867 passed a resolution of tribute to their companion and friend, **James Maguire**, late a worthy and esteemed member of the club who had just died suddenly. The resolution described **Maguire** as "a cherished companion and friend whose good conduct and spotless character was an ornament to the social circle and gave promise of a life of usefulness as a citizen." Members voted to wear the usual badge of mourning at all matches in which their club was a party during the current season. The resolution was signed by James **Boner**, chairman; **William Moore** and **James Doherty**, committeemen; and **M. J. McKee**, secretary.

-*Nashville Gazette, 10 May 1867*

COPELAND

Died at Raleigh [Shelby Co.] on 26 Sep last, **Isabella Copeland**, wife to **N. W. Copeland**. Also at Macon on the 6th inst., **Ida Clay**, infant daughter of the above.

-*American Eagle, Memphis, 31 Oct 1845*

ROGERS

Col. John C. Rogers of Fayetteville died at his residence of consumption on 31st Jan [1846]. He was one of the presidential electors of this state in behalf of **Col. Polk** and had previously served in the legislature. He was married only three weeks before he died in his 29th year.

-*American Eagle, Memphis, 20 Feb 1846*

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

SOMMERVILLE

Died in Nashville on Sunday morning, 26th Apr [1846], **John Sommerville, Esq.**, at the advanced age of 75 years 10 months. No similar event for many years past has caused as great a sensation in the community. Respected and esteemed by all who knew him, either personally or by reputation, his death was regarded as a public loss. He was born at York in the state of Pennsylvania on 25 June 1770. In 1789, being then only 19 years of age, he emigrated to Knoxville where he resided until 1799 when he removed to Nashville where he resided with the exception of about three years which he passed at **Palmyra** in Montgomery County until the date of his death. For the last 35 years, he has been exclusively associated in different banking institutions in Nashville.

[Abstracted].

-*Nashville Whig, 30 Apr 1846 (reprinted in American Eagle, Memphis, 6 May 1846)*

GOODE

Died in Covington, Tenn., on Sunday morning [20 Dec 1846] in the 87th year of his age, **Col. Thomas Goode**. He was born in **Mecklenburg Co., Va.**, on 12 Feb 1760 and in his 16th year when the bugle of war first sounded over the Revolutionary struggle, he joined the First **Virginia** Regiment and spent five years as a soldier in the service of his country during which time he was with **Gen. Washington** and shared in the hardships and glories of the time. He was at the battles of Trenton and Princeton, was a survivor of **Cornwallis &c.**, and wore through life marks of his suffering. On 15 March last, he was separated by death from the companion of his youth and old age with whom he had lived 67 years, after which time his decline was more rapid. For 55 years, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A large number of friends attended his funeral and burial services conducted with the honors of war.

-*American Eagle, Memphis, 7 Jan 1847*

McNUTT

Died at the residence of her husband near Memphis on 20th June 1846], **Mrs. Frances McNutt**, consort of **Rev. A. G. McNutt**, in the 32nd year of her age.

-*American Eagle, 3 Jul 1846*

DOUGLAS

The Hon. **Addison H. Douglas** passed away quietly at his home at 401 Shelby St. [Memphis] yesterday evening after a month's painful illness. He was connected more or less with the history of Shelby County for nearly 50 years and for all his life, save a short time he resided in DeSoto Co., Miss. At one time he was mayor of Memphis and has sat on the bench of the Shelby County Criminal Court. He was born 28 Aug 1820 in Wilson County. His parents and grandparents were born in **Tennessee**, and his paternal grandmother was in more than one engagement with Indians at Fort Lick Creek. She loaded guns while the men fought the savages back. His father, **Burchett Douglas**, served in both houses of the state legislature from Wilson and Fayette counties and was speaker of both houses. **Addison**, one of seven children, graduated with honors from Clinton College in 1837. Six years later he was admitted to the bar at **Somerville** and after a few months' practice moved to DeSoto County where he farmed and dealt in real estate until 1850 when he came to Memphis and has resided ever since. He was elected mayor in 1855 and it was during this time that the Memphis & Charleston railroad was completed. In 1884 he was elected criminal court judge. Upon his admission to the bar, he married **Mrs. Robertson** of **Hardeman** County and she died five years later, leaving a wee baby girl who is now **Mrs. West** of Mississippi. In 1850 he married **Miss Elizabeth B. Randolph** and they had six children. She died in 1886. [Abstracted]

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal, 4 Sep 1894*

BUTLER

Died in Madison County on Saturday, 9th &c., of inflammation of the brain, **Birwell Butler**.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal, 18 Aug 1851*

GARRONE

Mrs. Louise **Garrone**, aged 56 years, died at the residence of her son-in-law, **L. A. Keith**, at the corner of **Beale** and **Manassas** at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, 9 Jan 1895. The funeral will be from the residence this morning, with services at St. Patrick's.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 10 Jan 1895

REID

Edward L. Reid, town marshal of Collierville [Shelby Co.] died 5 Sep [1894] after a short illness. Reared near **Fisherville**, he belonged to a well known and prominent family. He was serving his second term as marshal. He leaves a wife and two children. His remains will be interred at the old hamestead this afternoon.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 6 Sep 1894

WADDELL

Dr. John Newton Waddell, one of the most prominent educators and theologians in the South, died at Birmingham on 9th Jan [1895], aged 83. His death was the direct result of injuries from a fall down a flight of stairs two months ago at the house of his kinsman, **Dr. Amzi Godden**, in Birmingham. He never fully regained consciousness. From 1865 to 1874, he was chancellor at the University of Mississippi at Oxford and it was he who prevented the Republicans and Negroes from taking possession of the institution in reconstruction days. From 1879 to 1887 he was chancellor of Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tenn. He was author of a number of educational works and was widely known and beloved throughout the South, especially in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama. His remains will be buried at Clarksville.

-*Memphis Appeal*, 10 Jan 1895

QUARMBY

Died in this city on 31 Aug 1851 of chronic inflammation of the stomach and bowels, **Mrs. Elizabeth Quarmby** of England in the 44th year of her age.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 2 Sep 1851

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

McMAHON

Died at the residence of her son-in-law, **E. M. Durham**, in Vicksburg, Miss., on Monday, 18 Jan [1895] in the 74th year of her age, Mrs. **Emily Esther McMahon**. She was the widow of the late **Col. J. H. McMahon**, and the mother of **Mrs. Nannie D. Pinkney** of Pueblo, Col., **A. H. D. Perkins** of Memphis, and **Mrs. E. M. Durham** of Vicksburg. The funeral will be at Elmwood Cemetery after arrival of the morning train from Vicksburg today.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 30 Jan 1895

LEWELLING

Died in this city on 12th Feb [1851] of pneumonia, **Stephen W. Lewelling**, formerly of North Carolina and for the last three years a resident of Memphis. None knew his character but to respect and admire it.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 14 Feb 1851

GAINES

Died on Thursday morning (14th inst.) in this city, **Gen. P. G. Gaines**, in the 50th year of his age. Born in Robertson Co., Tenn., he removed to the Western District in 1829. For the past 20 years, he has resided in Memphis. In 1839 he was elected to the legislature from Shelby County. [Abstracted]

Memphis Daily Appeal, 18 Aug 1851

YOUNG

Died at his residence at Hickory Wythe, Tenn., on the morning of 14 Aug 1851, **Dr. George M. Young** after a protracted illness of 2½ months. He leaves a wife and many relatives to mourn his loss.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 19 Aug 1851

MARSH

Died in this city on Saturday, 27th Sep [1851], at 4 p.m., **William Marsh**, formerly of Giles County. Aged 44 years.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 30 Sep 1851

CLARK

Mr. John C. Clark, one of our most worthy and enterprising citizens, died yesterday [29 Sep 1851] from the effects of a burn received while waiting on a sick brother. He was in the act of mixing a preparation of turpentine when it accidentally took fire and his clothing become saturated with it. He was burned so seriously that he lingered only 12 days.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 30 Sep 1851

DRUMMOND

Died in Shelby County of consumption on 5th Dec [1851], **Andrew Drummond**, a native of Edinburg, Scotland, aged 32 years 7 months.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 8 Dec 1851

HARRIS

Died in this city last evening at the residence of his brother, **E. O. Harris, Esq.**, **Mr. W. T. Harris**. He was for many years a resident and merchant at Randolph, Tenn. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend his funeral this morning at 10 o'clock from the Episcopal Church.

-*Memphis Daily Eagle*, 5 Nov 1850

PICKETT

Died at 3 o'clock on the morning of the 24th Dec [1850], Miss **Maria T. Pickett**, second daughter of **Mrs. Ann F. Pickett** of this city. During the Fair given by the Odd Fellows of this city, her dress accidentally came in contact with a candle and took fire. She and her sister and another young lady were enveloped in flames. Miss **Pickett** was buried the evening of the 24th. A large concourse of citizens and Odd Fellows turned out for the funeral. This melancholy event has thrown a deep gloom over many who mourn sincerely the untimely fate of the young and beautiful young woman. This, we understand, is the only occasion on which the Odd Fellows as a body have ever attended the funeral of one not a member of their order.

(Huntsville, Ala., *Advocate and Banner of Peace, Lebanon, Tenn.*, please copy.)

-*Memphis Daily Eagle*, 25 & 27 Dec 1850

Hamblen County Will Abstracts. Aug 1872 – Mar 1877

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EUNICEY STUBBLEFIELD

Will dated 23 Aug 1872. Witnesses: R N Price, C. B. **Navely**. Executor: James **C.** Hodges
Named in will: Deceased husband - Raleigh Stubblefield; Son - Joseph Benjamin Stubblefield
Granddaughter - Alice Augusta Stubblefield (only child of John Henry Stubblefield)

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JAMES FULTON of Morristown, Jefferson Co, Tenn.¹

Will dated 19 Feb 1870. Witnesses: H. C. Witt, H. Williams, J. A. Summers. Executor: James C. Hodges
Named in will: Brother - Andrew J. Fulton of Claiborne Co, Tenn.; Trustee - James A. **Carriger**;
Tenant in common in land in Josh Bell Co., Ky. - Dr. **James H. Morrison**, Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

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JAMES COURTNEY

Will dated 25 July 1863; proved 1 May 1871. Witnesses: William Courtney, Alexander Courtney.
Executrix named in will: Fanny Courtney (**refused** to serve). Court-appointed executors: William and John Courtney.
Named in will: Wife - Fanny Courtney; "A girl we raised" - **Mary L.** Kesterson, a minor

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JOHN HARTMAN

Will dated 17 Oct 1871; proved 6 May 1872. Witnesses: S. J. Couch, George **McAnally**. Executor: **Marshall Hartman**
Named in will: Oldest daughter - Sarah A. **Creech**; Second daughter - Rebecca A. Creech; **Third** daughter - Margaret
Mefford; Eldest and only son - Marshall **Hartman**

Gift will dated 9 Dec 1871. Witness: George **McAnally**
Named: Daughters - Rebecca and Sarah; Son - **Marshall**

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JAMES HAUN

Died 11 Dec 1870; will dated 11 Dec 1870; witnesses: J. P. Haun, Nelson Evans. Will proved by Evans 2 Jan 1871, by
J. P. Haun 3 Jan 1871. Named in will: Son - William A. Haun; Other children - referred to but not named.

ISAAC HULL of Jefferson Co., Tenn.

Will dated 11 Feb 1870. Witnesses: **Jethro Hill**, **Alford H. Hill**
Named in will: Son - Henry. Wife referred to but not named.

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JOHN MANSFIELD

Will dated 2 Nov 1871. Witnesses: John A. Cooter, J. N. **Riggs**.
Executor **named** in will: W. S. Reece (**refused** to serve). Court-appointed executor, James **Leftwich**
Named in will: Wife - Martha J. **Mansfield**

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JOEL HAUN

Nuncupative [oral] will dated 24 Jan 1873. Witnesses: J. R. **Hinstsman**, J. P. Haun. Executrix: his wife.
Wife and "all my children" - referred to but not named.

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ABRAHAM B. FUNKHOUSER

Will dated 26 Feb 1872. Witnesses: George Croft, Daniel Bowman. Executor: Daniel Bowman.
Named in will: Sons - John W., Josiah N., and Porter A. Funkhouser (the youngest and under 21);
Daughters - Mary A. (Funkhouser) Curtis, **Delila** Jane Funkhouser, and Amanda Elizabeth (Funkhouser) Rodgers

¹Hamblen County was established 31 May 1870 by the state legislature from parts of Jefferson and Grainger counties.

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W. A. BROWN

Will dated 12 Aug 1873. Proved 1 Sep 1873. Witnesses: S. C. Davis, Jesse R Ott, James P. Carriger

Named in will: **Eliza** Fort's heirs, Penelope Brown's heirs

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GEORGE **RAYLE**

Will dated 17 Sep 1869 (written in his 78th year). Witnesses: Samuel Y. Snapp, W. **M.** Miller. Executor: son Jesse Rayle.

Named in will: Daughter and grandchildren - Jane Andre (wife of **Erastus** Andre) and her children - referred to but not named; Granddaughter - **Eliza** Jane Rayle (daughter of his son, James Rayle, Jr.); Sons - Jesse Rayle, W. J. Rayle, and deceased son, Pleasant Rayle

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MARY C. **LANE**

Will dated 29 Jul 1873. Proved 4 Sep 1873. Witnesses: Wm. **R. Horner**, Penelope C. Brower.

Named in will: Husband - Yarlton Lane; Father - Benjamin Davis (deceased)

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CALEB W. ROBERSON

Will dated 25 June 1874. Proved 3 Aug 1874. Witnesses: J. B. **Newell**, C. D. Taley.

No persons named in will. **Left** estate to Church of Christ

STOKLEY W. WHITE

Will dated 8 Oct 1873. Proved 3 Nov 1874. Witnesses: B. **A.** Creech, **Levi M. Simpson**.

Executor: Jameson White

Named in will: Half - brother - George Washington White; Half-sister - Eliza Jane White; Relationships not specified - Rachel Walker, Joseph W. White, John N. White, William G. White, Elizabeth White

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ELIZABETH **WHITE**

Will dated 2 May 1874. Proved 5 Oct 1874. Witnesses: Jameson White, B. A. Creech.

Executor: William **G.** White

Named in will: Brother and his four children - William G. White and children, Joseph W. White, John N. White, Polly Ann White, and Rachel Walker.

Elizabeth specifies that she wants to be buried at Bent Creek graveyard.

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ANNA C. PRYDE

Will dated 13 Feb 1874. Witnesses: James **G.** Rose, C. J. **Burnett**. Executor: Mary A. Pryde.

Named in will: Mother - Mary A. Pryde; Father - John Pryde.

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JAMES CHANEY

Will dated 20 Feb 1873. Proved 2 Nov 1874. **Witnesses:** Thomas Davis, James Rayle, James G. Rose.

Executor: William Chaney, Alexander Helton.

Named in will: Son - Wm. Chaney; Deceased sons - Jackson Chaney, **Elisha** Chaney; Son-in-law - Alexander **Hetron**; Daughters - Elizabeth Chaney, Orlena (Chaney) **Noe**; Grandchildren - Joseph and James Chaney (children of deceased son **Elisha**).

Appoints son William Chaney guardian of Joseph and James.

Referred to but not named - deceased wife; children of deceased son Jackson Chaney

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WILLIAM HARRISON of Morristown, Hamblen County

Will dated 22 Sep 1874. Proved 4 Jan 1875. Witnesses: D. Pence, R A. **Lowry**.

Executors: G. B. **McCrary**, Dr. G. T. **Magee**

Named in will: **Wife** - Elizabeth **Jarnagin** Harrison

Referred to but not named - three daughters

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JOSEPH WORLEY

Will dated 9 Feb **1875**. Witnesses: J. P. Haun, Melvina **Rader**, W. B. Taylor.

Executors: Wm. J. Donaldson, H. S. Worley, **R E Kingsley**

Codicil dated 11 Mar **1875**, witnessed by J. P. Haun, W. B. Taylor.

Named in will: Children - William L. Worley, A. G. Worley, Mariah Stewart, Amanda J. Donaldson, K. I. Haney, and Nannie J. Kingsley.

Mentioned but not named - heirs of Stephen C. Brown.

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EPHRAIM MOORE

Will dated 14 June 1873. Witnesses: George **McFarland**, P. J. Jarnagin, J. H. Trent.

Executor: George S. Eckel.

Codicil dated 22 Oct 1873 and witnessed by J. H. Trent, George **McFarland**.

Named in will: Wife - Sydnah Moore; Son - S. T. Moore; Grandsons - George C. and Ephraim L. Moore (minor sons of my deceased son Ephraim L. Moore); Daughters - **Elenor** Jones, Ailcey C. Angle, Mary Ann Hale, Louisa Walker; Granddaughters - Ettie Jackson (daughter of my deceased daughter, Clementina Jackson), and Elizabeth **Rankin** (daughter of my deceased daughter, Martha Jane **Newman**).

Named but relationship not stated - James Hale

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JAMES WOOD

Will dated 8 Apr 1876. Witnesses: W. A. Howell, **Zebidee** Kelley. *Executors*: Alexander M. Wood, William H. Wood.

Named in will: **Wife** - Nancy A. Wood; His five sons - Alexander M., T. C., John P., William H., and Joseph **R** Wood; His four daughters - Martha J. (Wood) Garrett, Sarah A. (Wood) Hill, Mary A. (Wood) Brown, and Katherine M. (Wood) Phillips; Grandmother of my late son James M. Wood's orphan children - Catherine **McRunnels** [does not name grandchildren].

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MARTHA J. LOVE

Will dated 14 Jul 1876. Witnesses: John Murphy, John A. Cooter. *Executor*: A. J. Donaldson.

Named in will: Husband - William H. Love; Grandson - Marion Grant **Camper/Cowper**.

Refers to house in **Rheatown**, suburb of Momstown, as adjoining property of Joel Duncan, Mrs. **Lawhorn**, Barter **Whitson**

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RICHARD THORNHILL

Will dated 31 May 1876. Witnesses: W. A. Howell, Thomas **Thornhill**.

Named in will: Wife - Margaret Thornhill; Daughters - Margaret E. and Elizabeth Bowers; Girl children [granddaughters] of Elizabeth Bowers, daughter of Margaret E. Bowers who has other children

Named but relationship not indicated - **R A. Cline**, C. C. Cline

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SUSANE MORRIS

Will dated 14 Dec 1874. Witnesses: **J. M. Smith**, **J. O. Rice**. *Executor* and *trustee*: Drury Moms.

Named in will: Husband - Drury Moms; Father - Daniel C. Carmichael; Infant daughter - Susan;

Other children - John, James T., Daniel C., Mollie E., and Ellen P. Morris.

Named but relationship not indicated - James P. Evans, who conveyed **165** acres to her in **Hamblin** (formerly Grainger) County **free** of her husband's control. Land is bounded by that of Robert J. Daniel, Robert Lloyd, James T. **Carmichael**, Jesse Livingston, and Samuel Smith.

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THOMAS BARTON JARNAGIN

Will dated 26 Mar 1878. Witnesses: **R McKenney** Barton, R. M. Barton. *Executor*: Hugh Jarnagin.

Named in will: Wife - **Eliza** P. Jarnagin; Daughters - Mary E. and Laura A. Jarnagin; Son - Hugh Jarnagin.

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NAOMI TRENT

Will dated 17 Dec 1877. Witnesses: C. B. Evans, **J. K. Lawless**. *Executor*: John H. Trent.

Named in will: Daughter-in-law - Salina F. Trent, wife of son, John H. Trent; Sons - John H. and William A. Trent; Daughter - Nancy **Bowlen**.

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JAMES M. SHANNON

Will dated 26 Feb 1878. Witnesses: **R** H. Shannon, C. E. **Kidwell**. *Executors:* fiends and relatives William **McFarland**, Robert M. Barton.

Named in will: Wards (nieces and nephews) - Mary Scott **Moffit.**, William W. **Moffit**, and Louisa S. **Moffit**.

Mentions her brother and sister but does not give names.

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JOHN RICE

Will dated 4 June 1873. Witnesses: F.W. Taylor, Jr., James M. Shannon.

Named in will: Wife - **Adalaid** (marriage contract in Rutledge, **Grainger** Co, Tenn.); Son of first wife [not named] -

Joseph M. Rice; Sister - May, residing in County of **Tryone**, Ireland; Trustees - Wyatt Stubblefield, George W. Folsom; Friend - F. W. Taylor, Sr., attorney

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ANDREW J. DONALDSON

Will dated 19 Aug 1878. Witnesses: D. A. Neilson, J. **F.** Sullenbarger. *Executor:* friend James P. Evans.

Named in will: **Faithful** and true fiend - Esther Staples.

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HARRIETT COBB

Will dated 2 Oct 1878. Proved: 4 Nov 1878. Witnesses: **Jackson** Laurence, Noah **Lee**.

Named in will: Youngest daughter - Mary **Cobb**, a minor.

Appoints **Aron** Duff as Mary's guardian.

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W. P. ROGERS

Will dated 5 Jan 1879. Witnesses: D. W. C. Davis, M. S. **Darnell**.

Named in will: Uncle - Isaac Rogers; Father - Joseph Rogers; Sister - **Rutha Darnell**,

Nephew - Milton **Darnell** whom he names to manage property left to his (Milton's) mother **Rutha**.

Appoints Daniel J. Taylor guardian of **father**. Leaves house and lot on Cumberland St. to

Elizabeth Rogers (relationship not stated).

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WILLIAM ROBERTSON

Will dated 4 Sep 1873. Witnesses: S. C. Davis, Obadiah D. Robertson, A. T. **Howry**

Named in will: Wife - Mary Robertson; His three sons - James D., **Obediah** B., and John D. Robertson. Refers to daughters but does not name.

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RACHELE WALKER

Will dated 13 Jan 1879. Witnesses: Jemeson White, C. L. Lane.

Named in will: Husband - Preston Walker; Daughter and grandchildren - **Mollie Creech** and her children.

Appoints John Whiteaker and Robert Estes to divide her land into equal lots.

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ELIZABETH **JARNAGIN** HARRISON

Will dated 8 Feb 1879. Witnesses: **R** A. **Lowry**, E. S. McCrary. *Executors:* G. B. McCrary, R A. **Lowry**.

Named in will: Deceased husband - William Harrison; Daughters - Mary A. Pence, Hannah J. McCrary, Martha L.

Naff; Granddaughter - **Lizzie** May Naff (daughter of Martha L. **Naff**)

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MARY W. **RIGGS**

Will dated 17 Mar 1873. Witnesses: Thomas C. Miller, J. **H.** Couch. *Executor:* Pleasant M. **Riggs**.

Named in will: All her children and grandchildren - William E. D. Johns, Pleasant M. **Riggs**,

granddaughter Mary C. Dodson, children of Samuel Thompson; children of Samuel T. **Riggs**;

and children of **Eliza** Jane Dodson. Wants her property to be divided into five equal shares.

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BARNETT SMITH, S R

Will dated **19 Jul 1879**. Witnesses: **Harvy** Loop, W. E. Howell. *Executor*: William A. Howell.

Named in will: Daughters and sons-in-law - Rhoda A. Stephens and her husband, W. **K.** Stephens; Mary A. **Lilly** and her husband Hardy **Lilly**; daughter Lucinda S. Hoss and her husband Anthony Hoss; Daughter - Jane D. Smith; Sons(?) - William D. and Benjamin F. Smith; Granddaughter - Rebecca Smith; Grandsons - Samuel and **Barnet** Smith, Jr.

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ALEXANDER WILLIAMS

Will dated **17 May 1876**. Witnesses: Rice Thompson, William Williams.

Named in will: Wife - Hannah Williams; Daughters - Addy Williams, Cate **McGee**, and Wilia Williams; Sons - **Ezekiel**, Gideon, and **Josiah** Williams; Heirs of my deceased daughter, **Molly** C. Noe - Hannah, and Wilia E. **Noe**; **Grandson** - Robert A. **Noe**, son of deceased daughter Nancy M. **Noe**.

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JOHN H. WEAVER

Will dated **22 May 1880**. Witnesses: W. S. Lyle, Alfred Jenkins. *Executor*: W. H. Weaver.

Named in will: Wife - Hester; Infant daughter - Alice May; Brothers - George and W. H. Weaver.
Refers to sisters but does not name them.

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MARGARET SHAW

Will written **30 Mar 1880**. Witnesses: J. F. Hayes, W. M. **Miller**. *Executor*: **Theo** Rogan.

Named in will: Sons - Thomas, James, and **Landon**; Daughter - **Ambersil McMahan**

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WILLIAM SAMPLE, S R

Will dated **4 Mar 1880**. Proved **3 Aug 1880**. Witnesses: W. H. Sample, C. H. **McGhee**.

Mentioned in will but relationship not stated: **Ezekiel** H. Sample, John S. Sample, **Telugetes(?)** Sample, **Fullius Cicero** Sample. Refers to wife but does not name her. Mentions note he holds on Felix W. Brown.

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SALLY BAYLESS

Will dated **30 Mar 1877**. Witnesses: Robert H. **McGhee**, C. E. **Fuller**. *Executor*: Wm. C. Scruggs.

Named in will: Sister - Martha E. Webster (wife of C. A. Webster, **Cynthiana**, Ky.); Brother and sister-in-law - Wm. C. and Lucy D. Scruggs; Nieces - **Sallie** E. **Jarnagin** (daughter of John **Jarnagin**), Mary **Reese** Scruggs, **Sallie** E. **Witt** and her daughter Nora, and Lucy J. Hale (daughters of Wm. C. Scruggs); **Sallie** B. Scruggs; **Sallie** B. and **Eliza** D. **Scruggs** (daughters of Frederick Scruggs); Annie **Malony** (wife of Hugh D. Malony); **Aurilla** Scruggs (wife of E. B. Scruggs), and her daughter Lucy.

Refers to her deceased father but does not give his name. ■

Johnson County Land To Be Sold To Public For Unpaid 1843 Taxes

The Johnson County **Circuit** Court at its March **1844** term ordered that some **15** tracts of land be put up for public sale because of **default** of **1843** taxes.

According to a legal notice in the *Jonesboro* Sentinel of **19 Oct 1844**, former Sheriff Calvin J. Moore earlier had bid off **10** of the tracts on behalf of the state. The court ruled, however, that the sale and purchase of the tracts were void and ordered that they be exposed to public sale **again**. Date of the second sale was to be **16 Nov 1844**.

The tracts to be resold were listed as:

ivil District 1: William Carter, **25** acres; James Ham, **100** acres; John **Lowe**, **100** acres; ___ Slaughter, **400** acres; **District 2**: David **C.** Moody, **75** acres; **District 4**: William **M.** Martin - **55** acres, William **Proffitt** - **50** acres; **District 5**: Taylor McNabb - **50** acres; Madison Johnson - **100** acres; **District 6**: **Abel Dugger**, **50** acres; Taylor McNabb, **150** acres; **District 7**: **Armstead** Cooper, **30** acres; Taylor McNabb, **300** acres; **District 8**: James B. Riley, **640** acres.

Meanwhile, Clerk **Alex** D. Clark of **Taylorsville** announced the following additional tracts would be sold for unpaid taxes on the second Monday in July **1844**:

District 1: John **K. Farris**, **200** acres; **District 2**: William Gentry, **100** acres; **District 5**: James **Bunton**, **316** acres; heirs of William **Bunton**, **1,100** acres; and Wright Mooreland, **146** acres..

Abstracts from the 1875-76

Lexington Reporter, Henderson Co., Tenn.

by Helen Rowland, 427 N. Graham, Apt. 27, Memphis, TN 38122

FROM A PRIVATE LETTER received in this place on Tuesday evening last, we are **furnished** the following concerning the sad fate of the deceased: "I suppose you have heard, ere this, of the death of **Mr. S. H. Brazzleton**, which was remarkably strange indeed! He left home on Saturday for Cairo. He took an overdose of Morphine, and then saturated a cloth with Chloroform and spread it around his head, and killed himself in his room at a hotel in that place...." (Friday, 61111875)

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING of last week, **Mr. R. W. Blevins**, living in the 6th Civil District of this county, was doing some hauling with a pair of mules and **wagon**, and his **little** son aged about four years, accompanied him. The little fellow was seated in the body of the wagon, when **Mr. Blevins** left the team a moment, **the** mules took fright and ran away, throwing the little boy out and killing him instantly. --Tennessee Transcript (Friday, 61111875)

DIED On the 16th inst., at Shady Hill, **Mrs. Geo. H. Buck** Aged 82 years. (712311875)

DIED. In this county, on the 21st inst., **Mrs. Jennie Ashcraft**, age about 80. (1012911875)

OUR FRIEND. **L. T. Bell** and family, together with **Gen. J. W. G. Jones**, left yesterday morning for Newbern, Tenn., to bid farewell to **Gen. T. H. Bell** and **friends** previous to departing for **California**. (1111211875)

THE FOLLOWING MARRIAGE LICENSES have been issued since our last report: **J. R. Autry & Mary E. Murrian**, **W. G. Russell & E. H. Collins**, **Jno. M. Fields & Almedia E. Larue**, **J. E. Johnson & Elizabeth White**, **W. T. Threadgill & Prudence Ross**, **M. H. Fesmire & E. Threadgill**, **W. M. Fesmire & Mary Cox**, **J. J. Stanfill & Emily R. Fields**, **Jas. Hamlett & ___ Page**, **Hice Flake & Katie Diffey**, **C. M. Comstock & A. A. Anderson**, **R. L. Anderson & E. E. Jones**, **R. H. Buck & Mary Bell**, **J. H. Wheeler & M. E. H. Scarborough**, **A. J. Webb & Margaret Carter**, **W. C. Pearce & S. M. C. Bishop**, **R. B. Rushing & Lizzie Harrell**, **J. H. Hodgins & Nancy J. Benson**, **J. W. Smith & A. E. Kent**, **R. L. Kirkham & Nannie F. Latham**, **R. Ruddle & Francis E. Hightower**, **John Wallace & Lizzie Lipscomb**, **R. Bell & S. E. Buck** of Madison County. (1212411875)

DIED In this county on the 14th inst., **Mr. Ransom Cunningham**. Age 80 years. (611811875). Tribute of Respect. Constantine Lodge No. 64 F. & A. M....Whereas the Supreme Architect and **Alwise** Ruler of the Universe has seen **fit**....to remove from our midst our aged and dearly beloved brother, **Ransom Cunningham**. Said brother departed this life at the residence of his son, **E. W. Cunningham**, on the 4th day of June, 1875, in the 80th year of his age. He left a large family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren..(7/30/1875)

DIED. In Henderson County last week, **Cunningham Cox**. Aged 61 years. (713011875)

DIED. In this county on the 17th inst., **Willie J.**, son of **Alick Fesmire**, age 4 years. (1012211875)

FROM THE WOODBURY PRESS. Our community was greatly shocked on Tuesday morning by the sad intelligence that **Samuel Hawkins**, son of **John Hawkins**, Esq., residing near Short Mountain, had met his death in a most **frightful** manner on Monday afternoon on his father's **farm**....young **Samuel** went out on the farm, riding a mule, to herd some cattle. Soon **afterward** the mule was seen running through the field dragging the boy under his feet. At the sight of this, **Mr. Hawkins** **ran**....to the rescue of his unfortunate son; but he was too late to be of any service. He found only the bruised and lifeless form of the child....It is supposed that he was thrown and his feet entangled in the reins as he fell, when the mule became frightened and ran away....(Friday, 61111875)

DIED In this county on the 18th inst., **Sarah**, wife of **Wesley Hughes**, age about 28 years. (10/22/1875.) Departed this life **Oct. 19th**, 1875, **Sarah C.**, wife of **D. W. Hughes** and daughter of **John** and **Caroline Fesmire**, aged 28 years....May the husband and child and all the surviving **friends** meet **Sarah** in heaven. (1012911875)

ON THURSDAY of last week, **Col. John L. House** and his son, **Mansfield**, were shot at **Franklin**, Tenn., by **D. F. Griffin** and **W. M. Allison**. **Col. House** was **killed** on the street; his son was still alive at last reports. **Col. House** was a Confederate officer during the war, and commanded the 1st Tenn. Regiment. **Griffin** was city marshal and **Allison**, attorney and recorder of the town....(1012911875)

REV. GEO. K. BROOKS will preach the **funeral** of **Martha B. Hart** and an infant of **L. T. Daulton**, at Olive Branch, next Sunday morning....(Friday, 1012911875)

AT A REGULAR MEETING of Western Star Grange, No. 511, **P. of H.**, held Nov. **6th**, 1875, the following resolutions were adopted. Resolved, That since our last communication, it has pleased our Divine Master above, to call **from** earth our beloved brother, **Addison S. Hall**....(11/12/1875)

DIED. In the 6th district of this county on the 18th inst., Mrs. **Macajer** Joyner, age 83 years. (8/27/1875)

DIED. In Henderson Station on the 17th inst., infant son of **Hiram** Johnson. (8/27/1875)

DIED. In this county on the 15th inst., Mr. **Jordan**, age 87 years. (10/22/1875)

NEAR JACKS CREEK in this county on the 19th ult., a young man, Robert Lee, while out hunting stopped, **leaned** his body against the muzzle of his **gun**, and commenced cleaning a trough, when his gun slipped and was, by accident discharged, the contents entering his side, killing him... (7/2/1875)

NOTICE. Whereas on or about the 5th day of **Oct.**, 1872, one Robert Lowery departed this life intestate in the county of Henderson, State of **Tenn.**, whereas, on the 8th day of Oct., 1872....**Ebenezer** E. Lee, was duly appointed and **qualified**....as the administrator of the estate of the said Robert **Lowery**... (7/23/1875)

DIED. On the 19th in **Purdy**, **Geo. E. Meeks**. (7/30/1875)

DIED. In the 6th district of this county on the 20th inst., Mary **Matthews**, age 6 years. (8/27/1875)

DIED. In the county on the 16th inst., Adam **Moffitt**, age about 70 years. (10/22/1875)

ON SATURDAY LAST near **Farmville**, a Mr. Thos. Mitchell was thrown **from** his wagon, while his team was frightened, which resulted in his death....He was badly mangled, and lived but a short **time**. (Friday, 12/24/1875)

MEMORIAL. **Farmville** Lodge, No. 265....our beloved brother, T. W. Mitchell, is no more. On the 18th of December, 1875, while pursuing the common avocations of **life**, his light was suddenly blown out... (11/28/1875)

DIED. In this county on the 17th inst., Elizabeth, wife of Frank Owens, age about 30 years. (10/22/1875)

THE FUNERAL of elder J. R. Reed will be preached at the residence of the deceased's widow .. next Sunday. (Friday, 10/29/1875)

DIED. In this county on the 26th inst., Polly, wife of John Robbins, age 55 years. (10/29/1875)

DIED. In this county on the 18th inst., **Mrs. H. M. Robertson**, age 74 years. (10/29/1875)

THE FOLLOWING marriage licenses have been issued **since** our last report: L. H. **Rhodes** & Francis **Rhodes**, Bell Andrews & **Eliza Cotrell**, G. A. Davis & **Delaney** Jones, Geo. W. Garner & M. E. Franklin, **P. Chumney** & Francis White, G. W. **Beacham** & Nancy J. **Hodgin**, J. L. White & Mary **Bell**, Lum Johnson & Elizabeth **Altom**. (11/26/1875)

DIED. On the night of the 25th inst. at this place, of diarrhea, Clara, daughter of **L. A. Stanford**, age seven months. (8/27/1875)

MARRIAGE LICENSES. R. D. Thompson & Maggie Ross, B. F. Sears & F. A. **McKenzie**. (7/21/1875)

DIED. At Buena Vista on the 28th ult., Mrs. Joseph **H. Williams**. Age, about 85 years. (6/11/1875)

DIED. In this county, August 14th, of cholera **infantum**, James Dennis, infant son of Dr. N. M. and **Almedia F. Williams**. He was in his second year...(8/27/1875)

DIED. In the 9th district of this county on the 14th inst., Mrs. John G. Watson, age about 47 years. (10/22/1875)

DIED. In this county on 15th inst., Eli Washburn, age about 80 years. (10/22/1875)

DIED. On the 16th inst., at Shady Hill, Mrs. **Geo. H. Buck**. Aged 82 years. (7/23/1875)

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MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's mother in Jackson, January 12, 1876, by Rev. W. M. Patterson, Miss **Callie A. Muse** to Mr. Ed. L. **McCollum** of Henderson, **Tenn.**... (1/21/1876)

THE MANY FRIENDS and acquaintances of J. T. Hood and T. J. Horn regret that they have left us bound for Texas, where they intend to locate for a **time**....(1/28/1876)

DIED. In this county near this place very recently, Mrs. **Sallie** Hinson, aged about 62 years, wife of **Isom** Hinson. (11/28/1876)

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued since our last report: W. H. Adams to **Pierson**, M. J. Holmes to S. E. **Cavness**, Sam. Phillips to Sarah M. **Perkins**, James **H. Gibson** to Rachel M. Woods, John C. Coffman to Lucinda Cotton, Wm. M. King to F. E. Duke, W. T. **Threadgill** to L. E. **Fesmire**, B. F. **Beachem** to M. J. **Dennison**, L. H. **Rodgers** to S. B.

Bost, Parker Doss to Elizabeth Rhodes, **R. M. McLencock** to **R. A. Brown**, **L. L. Amis** to **A. A. Amis**, **M. L. Thomas** to **Caledonia Joyner**, **T. N. Rhodes** to **M. B. Lassiter**, **W. H. Phenix** to **Susan J. Adams**, **F. A. Barr** to **S. J. Gateley**, **J. M. Davis** to **M. A. Stewart**, **T. N. Crocker** to **M. M. Thomas**, **Edmond Pierson** to **Martha Douglass**. (11211876)

DIED. In **Decatur** county at his (**Dixie**) Mills, **Feb.** 17, 1876, **John Smith** of this place. Aged about 61 years. The deceased was a citizen of this place for many years. He leaves a wife and several children..(2/25/1876)

LETTER: **Marlin, Texas, Feb. 4, 1876** - Editor Reporter: Three years ago I left the home of my childhood, and the place of my birth to go, I knew not where, until I found myself in the beautiful land of Texas. I have received within the last two months, by every mail, letters from my Tennessee friends asking for a description of Texas....**C. C. Cawthon.** (2/25/1876)

DIED. In this county, near **Juno**, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., **John W. Anderson**. Aged about 50 years. The deceased was in town on Monday the 3rd inst., apparently in good health and promise of long life. Monday or Tuesday after he returned home, he was out in the lot among the stock where he received a kick from a mule, and it is supposed was the cause of his death. (411411876)

DIED. In this county on the 7th inst., in the 11th district, **Mary Veteto**, wife of **A. B. Veteto**. Aged about 33 years. (411411876)

SALE OF REAL ESTATE. **Thomas H. Green**, Adm'r of **Robert P. Cooper**, dec'd., vs. **Wm. H. Cooper**, **Charles Cooper et al**, heirs at law, and creditors of said **Robt. P. Cooper**, dec'd....I will sell to the highest bidder, at the Courthouse door in Lexington, on Monday, 5th day of June, 1876, a certain tract of land containing about 130 acres, lying in the 7th civil district of Henderson county....and purchased by **R. P. Cooper** at the sale of lands belonging to the estate of **Thos. Bed**, deceased....(4/14/1876)

MARRIED. In Madison county near Jackson on the 13th inst., **Mr. John Griswell** of this place to Miss **Katy Welch** (412811876)

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued since our last report, April 7: **L. R Reed** to **F. T. White**. **Major B. Teague** to **Beldora F. Houston**. (412811876)

DIED. In this wunty on the 25th of April near **Shady Hill** in the 14th district, **Burrell Johnson**. Aged about 70 years. Near the same place and in the same district on the 27th of April, **Ben Edwards**. Aged about 18 years. Very suddenly near **Scott's Hill** in this county, **John Austin**. Aged about 21 years. (51511876)

MARRIED. At the residence of **Sam. Howard** on Thursday, 26th April....by the Rev. **R. S. Swift**, **Joseph P. Parker** to Miss **Mary E. Barnhill**.. (51511876)

DIED. In this county on the 11th inst., 1876, **Milton Henry McCoy**, son of **Samuel McCoy**. Aged 2 years. Near this place on the 14th inst., **Mrs. ___ Kyzer**, wife of **Thomas Kyzer**. Aged about 40 years. (511911876)

FARMVILLE LODGE. No. 365. Death has again visited our Lodge...On the 5th Feb., 1823, brother **Levi H. Walker** was born, and on the 5th March, 1876, he died. Aged 53 years and one month, at his residence in Henderson county... (511911876)

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued since our last report, April 21: **E. W. Ridley** to **Lydia C. Prince**, **Joseph P. Parker** to **Mary E. Barnhill**, **Thomas L. Taylor** to **Mattie Barnhill**, **Alex. Roland** to **Fronia Watson**, **John L. Aldridge** to **Mary A. Tackett**. (511911876) ■

Memphis Women Formed Book Club In 1837

The **Ingleside Club**, a book club, was one of the first women's groups organized in Memphis. It was formed 4 Mar 1837 in a meeting of 13 women at the residence of **Mrs. S. M. McCallum**. **Mrs. McCallum** was elected first president of the group, and **Mrs. John W. Falls** was named the first secretary.

Other charter members were **Mrs. M. L. Meacham**, **Mrs. Alston Boyd**, **Mrs. C. L. Ficklen**, **Mrs. Frayner Edmondson**, **Mrs. J. N. Falls**, **Mrs. Fred Orgill**, **Mrs. Re. H. Vance**, **Mrs. C. B. Bryan**, **Mrs. W. D. Beard**, **Mrs. A. B. Goodbarr**, **Mrs. A. Mason Cooke**, and Miss **Frankie Johnson**. ■

More of Adams Colhoon's Remembrances of Stanton, Tennessee

(Installment 2)

The late Adams Colhoon's remembrances, the first of which were published in the Fall 2002 issue, continue with some of his experiences while a student at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Albert **Wegner**, physical **director** of the University YMCA, was a student and graduated at the end of my **first** year. He led a group of us on a camping trip some 50 miles through the country to Mt. Thunderhead on the state line in the Smoky Range (now in the middle of Great Smoky Mountains National Park). Cloyd Read, Billie Bates, Bill Edelen, Jon **McSpadden**, Otho **Atkin**, Norman **Pittman**, Percy Bishop, Ben Edgerton, W. C. **Essary** and some others were in the group. Bates had one leg and rode the wagon. The others walked alongside the vehicle that carried tent and supplies.

Among other experiences, we were first mistaken for "revenuers" and mistrusted, but when we won the confidence of the mountaineers we contacted, we laid a **silver** dollar on a stump one night (as **wē** were told we might do) and the next morning found a jug of "mountain dew," the original 'white mule.' This, when we got to Knoxville, we put into small bottles as souvenirs for each party. Positively, not a drop of it was imbibed. For one reason, we did not trust its purity but we did respect its potency. At night when the darkness was densest, the stars were the most **beautiful** I'd ever seen -- so clear and bright. Far to the west, the line of light that was the city of Knoxville was the only suggestion of civilization that reached into our quiet retreat.

At the outbreak of war with Spain in April 1898, I tried to enlist in the army. I was considered too young for an officer and there were already enough privates for the regiments (later a fourth) allotted for Tennessee. So J. H. Vorhies, my roommate, and I volunteered and were accepted at once for YMCA Army work. We were sent to Camp **Chickamauga**, scene of the bloodiest battle of the War Between the States. There we spent the time until the war was over. I was most of the time **with** the 4th Ohio, the 1st **Illinois**, and the 5th Missouri regiments. We returned to school in October, and our war **service** won us exemption from all examinations we had missed in June. I'd probably have flunked if it had been otherwise.

Very soon after matriculating, I joined the **Philomathesian** Literary Society. The reason for joining that group **rather** than Chi Delta was that at the time it was the underdog, having lost the last two or three **intersociety** contests. I thought there was greater **opportunity** and greater need for my **ability**, if any. I did not like an organization with initials only for a name, and those initials Green and meaningless. The societies encouraged debate, oratory, and declamation. Several society medals came to me, and I was a member of a two-man debating team in two **intersociety** contests which we won. Most of my first **friends** belonged to the other society.

Athletics attracted me. I belonged to the football squad. Though I was not heavyweight -- and weight meant a lot in those days of the game -- I played end, tackle, and guard as well as occasionally quarterback and halfback. Speed was a qualification for me and in some intercollegiate games, I substituted in one or another position. Some medals came to me in field day events in which I liked particularly the distance **runs** -- quarter-mile and over. For some years after I **left** college, my **half-mile** record stood. One of my most **painful** experiences was a mile race. Ben Edgerton, a fellow **runner** in the YMCA dormitory, was defending champion one season. M. E. Glouster was a challenger. We were on the last lap and in the home stretch with Ben leading and me at his heels gaining on him, and Glouster a distant third. Ben, weary and staggering, was quite difficult to pass as there was no **telling** which way he would sway. When he swayed away from the rail leaving quite a gap, I sped up and passed him. He swung back, our feet tangled, and he fell. I had fouled him and, of course, I stopped. Glouster went on to **win**. Ben was swell about it, feeling he would have lost any way and this gave him an out.

Though some of my best **friends** were fraternity members, I did not **join** as I was active in YMCA work and had many **friends** who were rather drastically anti-fraternity. My closest **friends** were Kappa Alpha members, and I joined them shortly before graduation. I think they particularly welcomed me as otherwise they would have had no member in the graduating class that year. Horace Colhoun, my cousin, was at the University with me through my last year. He joined **SAE** [Sigma Alpha Epsilon] **fraternity**.

One of the sports greatly enjoyed at the University was boating -- sometimes rowing down right to the University Experiment farm, sometimes up the Tennessee (formed a few miles above Knoxville by the Holston and the French Broad), up one of the other of these rivers to float back with the stream, singing and picnicking. Occasionally, we would take a steamer, **freighting** our boats up to **Dandridge** or Strawberry Plains, then float downstream, **making** a day and part of the night of it. Generally, there were girls along for we had a coeducational school and did not wish to ignore any of its opportunities.



Now we go back to what I believe was the point of greatest depression in my life. I graduated from the University of Tennessee in June 1899. I had not missed many opportunities to learn while at the school. Not that I was bright; I was merely always interested to learn. But nothing seemed to have prepared nor disposed me for any calling. The way was not clear to the ministry though an Alexander Scholarship was open for me at Princeton University and a similar opportunity at Southwestern Presbyterian University at **Clarksville, Tenn.**, a school afterwards moved to Memphis. I had no idea what to do. But I had a very **firm** conviction that soon brought me out of the blues that the Father of us all had something for me and would make it known if I'd look around. I went to Nashville. Something led to my going one morning to the Bell Teachers Agency. Mr. Bell gave me several references. He told me he had a kinsman in Dallas who was enthusiastic about that region, and one of the references was to Garland near Dallas.

I wrote there and received a prompt reply. It was **from** Howell T. Livingston who was reared in my home country, was my Greek tutor at the University, and who after all that -- knowing me as well as he did -- urged me to come to Garland to teach with him. He warned that I'd have to stand the Texas examination including Texas history. I crammed, went to Texas, took the examination, and taught through two years. The school board urged me to continue, but the state secretary of the YMCA asked me to be secretary at **McKinney**. I was there two years.

The greatest event of that period was my meeting Ada Stuart Richardson, daughter of William H. Richardson, who had been pastor of the **McKinney** Presbyterian Church and still lived there as a home missionary and evangelist. Somehow, pretty promptly, immediately as a matter of fact, I was in love with her. I don't think she ever really fell for me, but she promised to marry me if I would reform and get a job at which I might make a living for the big family we would have. I reformed, gave up all idea of the **ministry**, got a job as a reporter on the **Dallas Morning News**. She took to teaching. It was eight years before she agreed to try out married life. We were joined in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church in Dallas June 12, 1911. We boarded at Mrs. Charles Welland's, roomed at Mrs. W. G. Milburn's. Then we roomed with Mrs. Edmund **Burks** and her daughter Lois (Mrs. William Leftwich) who became a good **friend** of Ada's. We had an apartment with Mrs. Baird. There we were living when the "Big Family" -- Martha Stuart -- arrived March 3, 1914. On October 1, 1914, our home at 46__ Virginia was completed and we moved in.

Daughter was our wonder child, an every-minute joy. She never had a very serious illness, the worst being an ear infection that threatened until the eardrums were pierced. Dr. Oscar Marchman, who had brought the girl into the world at **Baylor** Hospital, was consulting specialist. Dr. Cree was the family doctor. Martha went through **Fannin** Public School, Woodrow Wilson High School, and Southern Methodist University **cum** laude (or was it "Good Lordy?"). She married Clyde M. **Harrison** March 27, 1941. William Clyde Harrison came along May 29, 1942, and Patricia Ann **Harrison** came Nov. 25, 1943. From here on, we've **all** been making history and not paying much attention to recording it..

[In response to a request from Mrs. C. H. Stuart in 1956, Adams Colhoon continued his reminiscing and wrote these additional recollections of early days in Stanton.]

Back in my school days when Prof. Powell -- I think his initials were T. K. -- was principal, other pupils included a Stuart (C. H.?), Lee Powell, brother of the professor; and John **Kelso**. Of course, there were many others whom I seem to remember as if it were yesterday we played and were supposed to have pursued needed knowledge together.

If by helicopter I were to be deposited in **Stanton**, I believe I'd like **first** to descend into the old home place, now the property, I believe, of Mr. Harris. I seem to feel at home in every square foot of the place with the homegrounds, the orchard, the barnyard, and garden on five acres ... some five acres in the grove in front, and another five in cultivated land extending to the railroad. My **folks** made their home there in the **spring** of 1873 before I had come along. The house had been built several years before by **Lemuel** Thomas.

Across the railroad and an open trace was the Presbyterian church, the grave of its first pastor, Mr. **Ingram**; immediately behind it the **belfry** to the east with the sweetest-toned bell I've ever heard. Still to the east, the manse, Gothic-gabled like the church. This building burned in 1894 and it was over-exertion at the fire that took the life of my father, Nathaniel Dick Colhoon. Between the belfry and the manse was and is "The Monument," erected by Nathan **Adamss** in memory of his father-in-law, Joseph B. **Stanton**, and mother-in-law, Grace **Arrington** (Taylor) **Stanton**.¹ Besides the two crypts for them (into which their bodies were never placed), there are two other crypts into which the bodies of Mr. Adamss and his wife were laid. This church was successor to old "**Emmaus**" which had been erected in 1830 west of the site that was to become **Stanton**. It was (and maybe still is) near Keeling and was given to colored **Presbyterians** when white members moved to **Stanton** or Mason. Almost due north across private property a good quarter-mile was and is the Baptist Church. West from this was the schoolhouse of **wonderful** memories on a steep slope. A Masonic Lodge used the second story. Among teachers were Prof. Tanner who with Prof. **Crowder** had a school in **Dancyville**, ... Prof. Powell who, I think, was trained in the **Dancyville** School, **married** Miss Jennie Smith, and taught first in "Do-Me-Good" ... a rather queer professor whose name escapes me but he had

¹ Joseph Stanton's wife was Lucy. H i daughter was Grace.

one blue eye, one brown; wore button shoes and when they began to run down he swapped feet for them ... **Prof. Beverley Tanner**, son of the first-named, who named **Jennie Maddox**; and **Prof. George T. Pace**, a Presbyterian ministerial student.

The Presbyterian manse that burned in 1894 was styled to match the church. It was shaped like a cross with the entrance beneath a gable, facing south. East and west ends were steeply gabled, too. The front part of the structure was two-story. Walls of the second story rose about four feet then sloped with the roof to make a wall-ceiling with about a three-foot flat open side. The roof was Gothic, steep and high. The front, like the church, was not weather-boarded, but the rest of the outer walls were. Kitchen and dining room were one story. It was a very pretty and comfortable place.

In the old days, a **frame** store stood on the southeast corner of the Square, **directly** in front of the **Scott** home, which was back up a hill. **Gibson & Nash** merchandised there. Afterwards, it was occupied by **Felsenthal & Schafer**. The Negroes called them "dem Jews," but loved to trade with them. Next to this store, on the northeast corner of the Square was a frame store in which **Will Reeves** had a drug store. My brother **Robert** was employed there until he left for Texas. **Tom Hicks** used this place later. A row of frame buildings faced the north side of the Square. In the first of these near the **Reeves** store was **Horace Woods'** grocery. Up the line was the Post Office, then **John Coppedge's** brick, then **Fletch Ragland**.

A stave mill once stood on the big Square in front of the Presbyterian Church, along the railroad. The whole area used to be covered with tall stacks of staves, seasoning. **Mr. Hildebrand** was superintendent. He had four daughters and a son, **Joe**. One daughter married **Willis Martin**. Another, **Mr. Bullefin**, of **Brownsville**. South and east from the railway station was a grist mill and cotton gin. In my early days, **Joe Ware** was owner and operator. Later **Capt. Nash** operated it. Still later, it was the **Douglas** sawmill. I remember that as a small chap I accompanied **Henderson Somervell**, a Negro preacher-yardman, to the grist mill. We carried two bushels of corn. We paid nobody, and I was amazed that we went home with two bushels of meal. I had seen old "**Priest**," a Negro mill hand, take some corn from the hopper when we poured it in. I thought that would short us in meal. It did in weight, but not in volume.

Pardon this additional ramble, but I never seem to tire in covering that wonderful place in the old days ...

P.S. We had no bank but seven saloons in **Stanton** at one time. We got rid of them by abolishing the corporation.

[In May 1965, Mrs. Stuart sent Adams Colhoun maps of the town of Stanton which led to the following comments.]

Your maps were keen. Barefooted, I have traversed everywhere shown within four or more miles of the home. I surely have reveled in studying these outlines and the names and residences indicated. I was greatly pleased to hear from **Gene Crafton**, my childhood "buddy." Of all the boys in town with whom we played, he is about the only one left. Others have scattered over the country. Some have gone to the "Long Home"

Mr. Mapes was a "character." He had no close friends of any sort. He was not gregarious. He 'lived' -- if that we may call it -- in a shack across the railroad from the **Scott** residence. It stood on a sort of bluff on a triangular lot, the sharp angle of which was at the Negro Methodist church. Across the street -- or road, as it was then -- was the **Tom Hicks** family home. The shack and lot belonged, I believe, to **Dr. Claxton**. Wasn't that where **Bland Coppedge** built his home that burned? The railroad passed through a sort of 'cut' at that point. Once upon a time, a freight car that was on a switch got out of hand some way and rolled to the main track at that 'cut.' A passenger train, Memphis-bound at 3 a.m., collided with that car, sent it spinning back into the switch, demolishing a part of the platform around the depot. The engine ditched on the south side of the track and buried itself deep in the earth. **Alex Smith**, the engineer, was badly hurt and lost his right eye. The fireman had jumped. No one else was badly hurt. Only baggage and mail cars were derailed. This train passed through **Stanton** like -- well, you know what.

The **Spencer** home, after the death of the old folks, was occupied by **Mr. Rudd** who was related to the **Albrights**. Almost back (north) of the **Spencer** home was the **Alonzo Gilliam** home. **Mrs. Gilliam** was a daughter of **Mrs. Middlebrook**. One winter five of the seven children died with typhoid fever, I believe. Only **Ora** -- afterward **Mrs. Perry Wilkerson** -- and a baby brother survived. West and across the street almost behind the **John Coppedge** home was the **Bell** place. It was well-built but never painted in my day. On your map this is shown as **L. C. Newman** property. I never knew why the designation or any family of the name in **Stanton**. Across the street from the school building, still westward, was the Methodist church. The two churches and the school building stood in a very pretty grove -- through all of which and around the churches the school pupils played. Still westward was and is the **Stanton** Cemetery.

The main north-south street of **Stanton**, starting at the Square, turned sharply northwest at the edge of the business section. Just at the start of the street was a brick store which I remember first as **Ragland, Collins & Company**. Across the street was vacant, but now is the site of a bank. Back of the R-C store was a livery stable. Almost across from the stable was a frame building, once a store of **W. C. Pyles**, later of **J. R. Freeland**. Beyond this store was once a doctor's office. Still beyond, the home of **Dr. William Claxton**. Across the street, the **John F. Coppedge** home. He had married **Miss Leile Martin** and built a house with three front gables. The **Claxton** home later burned. Just past the three homes, the street turned. On the right was the home of **Grandma Burns**, mother of **Miss Anna** who named **Thomas L. Martin**. **Mrs. Burns** was later **Mrs. Price**. **Mrs. Martin** was the mother of **Dr. Harry L. Martin** and **Miss Anna Lou Martin**, now **Mrs. Gilliam F. Jones**. Next on the right was the **Thomas Coppedge** home, later the home of **Mr. Leslie Williams** and **Annie Nolen Williams**, parents of **Mrs. William B. Nash**.

In the old days, the next feature was a pond dug by Capt. Henry M. Nash. Beyond this was the home erected by Capt. Nash, a Confederate soldier from Arkansas who married Frances Ware. Their two sons were Ware, who died in Waco, Tex., and William, who married Nannie Somervel. William Nash and Miss Nannie were parents of Dr. William B. Nash and Jo Somervel Nash, now Mrs. George Somervel. Capt. Nash married a second time, Came Ware, sister of his first wife and widow of Mr. Craft, father of Eugene Calhoun **Crafton**, who still lives in the family home of the parent Craftons.

Beyond the Nash home, as one passes along the Covington road, is the great house erected by George Ware when he brought his family from South Carolina. This was later occupied by Andrew Jackson Gibson who married Jennie Ware; still later by Charles Tucker and his family with four children, Joseph, William, Minnie, and **Lizzie**. Across the street from the Tucker home were the homes of William Henry Maclin near the Methodist church and next to that the George N. Albright home. This was the father of G. N. Albright, Jr. Beyond the Albright home was the residence of Dr. George G. Ware, son of the builder of the Tucker home.

In the old days there was an area of about a mile with no homes. Then a crossroad running almost north-south. In the southeast angle was a graveyard, all that remained of what was once Wesley, the deserted village. There was a moldering brick vault, memorial to "Agers," I believe. To the north was the home of Henry Ware who named Mary Maclin. They called his place "Choteh." I never knew why. West of this was the home of the family from which he had taken Mary Maclin. I believe the Maclin home burned since my day (more than 60 years ago). Robert F. Maclin had a home just west of this. Still farther lived William F. **Black**, who named a "Hunt." [Sally Coppedge.] Not far away was the home of **Fenton** Hunt, Mr. Kimbrough, Nehemiah Chaney, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Baucum, and Nat Williams.

South from old Wesley about a mile, Joseph B. Somervel reared his home. He had come from North Carolina. His wife had been Mary Jones. Their children were Walter, who died in Texas; Henry; Rosa, who was Mrs. James **K.** Gibson; Jo, who was Mrs. Jim "Pony" Meux; and Nannie, who was **Mrs.** William B. Nash. Jo Somervel Nash, granddaughter of the builder, lives in the great old home. Another mile, the home of George Collier. His daughter, Mrs. Swain, lived across this **Somerville** road at the intersection with the Stanton-Memphis highway of that day. Later Mrs. Swain became Mrs. Truss, mother of **Catherine** and Lucy. Catherine married Horace Colhoun. Their daughter, Catherine Truss Colhoun, lives in Junaluska, N.C. Lucy married Charles Coppedge and they lived in the old Collier home. Henry and **Armistead** Collier, sons of the original settler, lived and died in Memphis.

In the southeast angle of the Memphis-Covington highway was the home of James **K.** Gibson, who married Rosa Somervel. Their children were Nathan Adams, Joseph Somervel, James **Knox**, Rosa Volk (Mrs. White of **Anniston, Ala.**), and Mary (Mrs. H. M. Nash, Jr.). Headed back toward **Stanton** (not visiting the homes of Mr. Black and Mr. **Newman** but hoping to meet in **Stanton Mrs.** Bland Coppedge (who was Miss **Newman**) nor that of Nat Reeves (Mrs. **Newman** was Miss Reeves) and traveling eastward, the highway made a right angle, turning to the left. At the point of the angle, south and east, was the log house, a very attractive place, once the home of Wiley Taylor, brother-in-law of Mr. Joseph **Stanton**. [It was] later the home of Mrs. Nolen and her children, William Nelson, Nettie Nelson (Mrs. William J. Coppedge), Annie Nolen (Mrs. Leslie Williams), and Miss Maude Nolen. This house was later the home of William Reeves with sons Tom and Will.

Headed north toward **Stanton**, a traveler passes on the left the Jim Meux place, originally a log house. Far to the right hand of the traveler is what was **originally** the home of Joseph B. **Stanton**. The big house burned. Joseph H. Ware, cousin of Grace Amngton **Stanton** Adams, was reared in the Adams home, inherited the place, built a more modern structure and lived there until the **family** moved to Memphis. Children were William **Stanton**, John Boyd, Grace Amngton, Annie (Mrs. Sanford of Covington), James, and Joseph. Henry Morton Nash, Jr., nephew of Capt. Nash, who reared him, married Mary Gibson, built a home next to the Meux place towards **Stanton**, and reared Isabel (Mrs. Sam Bobo of **Murfreesboro, Tenn.**), Morton, Jr., and James **K.**

In **Stanton** across the highway or street from the Hams home, the first house was occupied by the Ingrams, the Phillips, the Will Jones (parents of Marshall and Paul), and the **Taylors**, Ed and son Edmund. Then the Burroughs home, later the Presbyterian Manse that burned, the Middlebrook home, and the **Flem** Williams home where his daughters still reside. North and west from the public square was the Scott home later occupied by **Perry** Wilkerson's **family** (his wife Ora Gilliam was Mrs. Middlebrook's granddaughter); then the C. Spencer home (his wife was a sister of Mrs. **Stanton** and he for **many** years was station agent at Stanton); the Bell home; the Gilliam home; the Dilday place (afterwards the Wellons home); the home of P. R. B. Brown (**father** of Mrs. Tom Coppedge, Thomas F. and Richard, and grandfather of Dr. Everett Coppedge of Cleveland, **O.**, and Mrs. Ocie Coppedge Cleveland Bickelhaupt who now lives there); and Eugene C. **Crafton**, Sr., (whose daughter was **Averil** Taylor and whose sons were Joe Reeves **Crafton** and Dr. Eugene C. **Crafton**, Jr.). South and west from the Square on the **Brownsville** road was the Tom Hicks home on the right. The first Tom Hicks was a large, strong man who was the town blacksmith. He was very good-humored, but on occasion would be very profane. But after he was converted and joined the Baptist church, he never used a bad word and would lead in public worship, even in prayer. He had daughters Lida and Kate, and sons Thomas and Worth.

On the left, **after** my day, was the Bland Coppedge home. But I knew only a little farther out -- a Compton place occupied by Henry Gilliam and his wife whom we knew as "Miss Minnie." A little farther, still on the left, was the Goldsmith home. Quite a little more, and there was the Campbell home -- the wife a sister of Mrs. Burroughs, and the children Lucy, Cora,

Eula and **Beulah** (twins), **William**, and **George**. Far out, several miles from town, were homes of **Bud Wilkerson** (famed as a ballplayer on the **Stanton** team), **Fred Sweet**, **Fletcher Karr** (with daughters **Nannie** and **Susie**), and **Dr. James H. Meux** (the brother of "Pony" and sometimes called "smiling Dick."). **James Meux** and **Jo Somervel** had children – **Dr. George**, who married **Miss Garrett**, and **Tempe Somervel**, who married **John Farley** and lives in Memphis.

There are many other interesting persons of the old days such as **Flem Williams**; **Dr. William H. Claxton** who had the drug store;² **George W. Martin** whose home was just north of the Presbyterians' first manse; **Miss Tiny Agers**, a greatly beloved maiden lady who lived next to the **Martins**. The **Martin** house later was the home of **Thomas F. Brown** who married **Grace**, daughter of **A. J.** and **Jane Ware Gibson**. There was **Phil Bourne**, who married **Sally Pugh**. **Mrs. Pugh** was the mother of **SaUy** and **Lucy**, and a sister to **Mrs. Sallie Chaney** and **Mrs. Wood**, mother of **Horace**, **Kate**, and **Myrtle**. Others:

- **Miss Jennie Tanner**, daughter of one school principal and sister of another in **Stanton**, is now a resident of Dallas, Texas.
- **"Old Man" Mapes** was the only plasterer and bricklayer in **Stanton** in the old days. He was a patient soul, very deliberate, but did a good job.
- The Misses **Kerr** lived next to the Methodist church.
- The **Holland** home was next, southward. **Will Tucker** married **Miss Holland**.
- Next south, the **John Bourne** home. Later occupied by **Griffin**.

Northward near Old Wesley is Carter's **Hill**, said to have been the scene of a runaway in which **Carter** was killed. A little farther north in the woods was Sulphur Spring where many a summer community picnic was held. Shepherd's Lake toward Brownsville and north of the **L&N** railway was another picnicking place and mighty good fishing. Nearby was Pumpkin Seed Lake, also good fishing. My father, **Mr. Tucker**, and **Mr. Newman** used to go down past Sulphur Spring to the Hatchie River and camp-fish. They'd take **Will Tucker**, **Nat Newman**, and me along to play, fish, and help with the trot lines. Always we had a Negro cook and roustabout.

[One last story by Adams Colhoun, written to Mrs. C. H. Stuart on May 23, 1956]

You asked and I failed to answer about the **Griffin** family. Father **Griffin** was not on hand in my day and I never heard his history. Mother **Griffin** lived in the **John Bourne** place. [Wasn't that on a street called "**Boswell**" or some such name? We always referred to it as "The Back Street." The others paralleling it were Middle and Main.] The **Griffin** sons were **Joe**, **Fred**, and **Billy**. **Fred** was induced by somebody to visit Texas with a view to residing. He passed through a lot of level land and finally detrained at Midland. A flat world was all around him – not a sign of cultivation – just grazing area. He watched his train going westward for more than an hour. He could still see the smoke. No oil and no diesels were in Texas in those days. No lake or pond was visible. **Fred** stayed at the depot. He had no desire to be a cowboy. He took the next train eastward and returned to **Stanton** "while he still had the money."

Billy, the youngest, married. He lived across the street from the **Bourne** place, a little north of the colored Baptist church – due west from **Miss Tiny's**. **Mrs. Griffin**, the mother, was noted for saying she liked "things in season." She had no use for ice cream in summer nor strawberries in winter..

Our Special Thanks to Mrs. **Carolyn Furr** of **Stanton**, Tenn., for obtaining permission from the children of the late **Mrs. Henryette Maxwell Stuart** for us to publish for the first time the letters she received from **Adams Colhoun**. **Mrs. Stuart's daughter**, **Mrs. Sally Stuart Venters** of **Huntsville, Ala.**, wrote that her mother was quite knowledgeable about the history of **Stanton** and its residents, and through the years corresponded with many different people who shared her interests. "Mr. **Colhoun** was one of them I am happy to cooperate with you in publishing the letters for historical and genealogical purposes because I believe my mother would approve." We are most grateful to **Mrs. Venters** and her brother for allowing us to make this historical perspective of **Stanton** available to our readers, and to **Mrs. Furr** for taking the initiative in our behalf

² **Dr. Claxton** had daughters **Sula** (**Mrs. Ike Calhoun**), **Fannie** (**Mrs. Saddler**), and **Will Mat** (now a resident of Dallas, Tex.)

Bedford County Vital Statistics

#1507 - **L. A. Farrar** - Died of appendicitis 6 Jan 1912 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 76, white male, married. **Farmer**. Born in **Bedford** County, 20th School District.

#1508 - **Jennie(?) Virginia Farrar** - Died of heart failure 30 Mar 1912 at **Shelbyville**, Aged 64, white female, widow. Born in **Bedford** County, 20th School District.

#1509 - **Bessie Florence Davidson** - Died of la grippe 16 Nov 1911 in **Bedford** County, 20th School District. Aged 2 months, white female. Born in 20th School District.

#1510 - **T. A. Bledsoe** - Died of pneumonia 27 Nov 1911 in **Bedford** County, 20th School District. Aged 72, white male, married. **Farmer**. Born in 20th School District.

#1511 - **Ella May Bomar** - Died of unknown cause 10 Sep 1911 in **Bedford** County, 20th School District. Aged 2 months, black female. Born in 20th District.

#1512 - **Charley Coble Cornstock** - Died of spasms 30 June 1912 in **Bedford** County, 21st School District. Aged 14 years 1 month 12 days. White male. Born in 21st District.

#1513 - **L. C. Collins** - Died of unknown cause 8 May 1912 in **Bedford** County, 21st School District. Aged 19 months, black female. Born in 21st District.

#1514 - **Mary Ann Hastings** - Died of neuralgia 17 Jan 1918(?) in **Bedford** County, 20th School District. Aged 81, white female, widow. Birthplace not stated.

#1515 - **Lynn Dixon** - Died of tuberculosis 17 Apr 1912 in **Bedford** County, 21st School District. Aged 17, white male, single. Birthplace not stated.

#1516 - **R O. Petty** - Died of heart trouble 26 Mar 1912 in **Bedford** County. Aged 70, white male, married. **Farmer**. Born in **Lincoln** County.

#1517 - **Mrs. Jane Marr** - Died of pneumonia 27 Nov 1911 in **Bedford** County. Aged 69, white female, widow. Born in **Moore** County.

#1518 - **J. P. Petty** - Died of heart trouble 2 Jan 1912 in **Bedford** County. Aged 63. White male, married. **Farmer**. Born in **Lincoln** County.

#1519 - **Mrs. Bettie Sparrow** - Died of consumption in Feb 1912 [day not stated] in **Richmond**, **Bedford** County. Aged 47, black female, married. Born in **Marshall** County.

#1520 - **Evelyn Elizabeth Logan** - Died of cholera infantum 21 June 1912 in **Bedford** County, 20th School District. Aged 9 months, white female. Born in 20th District.

#1521 - **W. D. Alexander** - Died of Bright's disease 4th Feb 1912 in **Bedford** County, 20th School District. Aged 70, white male, widower. Born in **Moulton**, **Lawrence** Co., **Ala.** **Farmer**.

#1522 - **Sallie Adcock** - Died of unknown cause 23 Feb 1912 at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 18, white female, single.

#1523 - **Jack Gyz(?)** - Died of heart failure in Mar 1912 [day not stated] at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 80, white male, married. Birthplace not stated.

#1524 - **Lem Mayfield** - Died of heart trouble 15 Jul 1911 at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 80, white male, married. Retired.

#1525 - **Tom Rankin** - died of unknown cause 14 Oct 1912 at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 28, single male, color not indicated. Born at **Bell Buckle**.

#1526 - **Mrs. Jim Freeman** - Died of unknown cause 1st June 1912 at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 55, white female, widow. Birthplace unknown.

#1527 - **Jim Bradley** - Died of meningitis at **Bell Buckle**. Age and birthplace not given.

#1528 - **Mrs. S. G. Melten** - Died of old age 20 May 1912 at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 79, white female, widow. Born **Rutherford** Co., 2nd District.

#1529 - **Mrs. Jane Ivie** - Died of old age 20 Aug 1912 at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 81, white female, widow. Birthplace unknown.

#1530 - **John Henry Coble** - died of fever 2 Jul 1911 in **Bedford** County. Aged 20, black male, single. **Farmer**. Born in **Bedford** County.

#1531 - **George Bomar** - Died of old age in June 1912 [day not stated] in **Bedford** Co., 3rd School District. Aged 70, black male, married. Railroad worker.

#1532 - **Tom White** - Died of kidney trouble in Mar 1912 [day not stated] in **Bedford** Co., 3rd School District. Aged 70, black male, married. Fanner. Born in **Bedford**.

#1533 - **Mary J. Morgan** - Died of old age 3 June 1912 in **Bedford** Co., 3rd School District. Aged 78, white female, married. Born in **Bedford**.

#1534 - **William Still** - Died of heart failure 3 Mar 1912 in **Bedford** County. Aged 50, white male, married. **Farmer**. Born in **Bedford**.

#1535 - **Matt Mosley** - Died of Bright's disease 1st Dec 1911 at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 62, white male, single. **Farmer**. Born in **Bedford** County.

#1536 - **John D. Coble** - Died of old age 8 Feb 1912 in **Bedford** Co., 3rd School District. Aged 85, white male, married. Fanner. Born in **Bedford**.

#1537 - **Sarah Knight** - Died of old age 5 Feb 1912 at **Haley**, **Bedford** County. Aged 110, black female, single. Born in **Virginia**.

#1538 - **Rufus M. Webster** - Died of unknown cause 27 Mar 1912 in **Bedford** Co., 2nd School District. Aged 10 days, white male. Born in **Bedford**.

#1539 - **Stephen Chambers** - Died of heart trouble 1st April 1912 in **Bedford** Co., 8th School District. Aged 41, white male, married. **Farmer**. Born in 8th District.

#1540 - **J. C. Wheeler** - Died of nervous grippe in Nov 1911 [day not stated] in **Bedford** Co., 8th School District. Aged 71, white male, married. **Farmer**. Born in 8th District.

#1541 - **Mrs. L. T. Wheeler** - Died of consumption and pneumonia 12 Feb 1912 in **Bedford** Co., 8th School District. Aged 70, white female, married. Born in 6th District.

#1542 - **Lou Ellen Woods** - Drowned in May 1912 [day not stated] in **Bedford** Co., 8th School District. Aged 15, black male. Occupation: farming. Born in 8th District.

#1543 - **Huston Stern** - Died of hives 20 Mar 1912 at **Longview**, **Bedford** Co., 9th School District. Aged 5 weeks. White female. Born at **Longview**.

#1544 - **Dealie Ada Sanders** - Died of tuberculosis 1st Dec 1911 near **Longview**, **Bedford** Co., 9th School District. Aged 15, white female, single. Born near **Longview**.

Bedford County Vital Statistics (continued)

#1545 - **T. J. Clark** - Died of congestive chill 24 Oct 1911 at **Vannatta, Bedford Co.**, 9th School District. Aged 73, white male, single. Fanner. Born in **Bedford**.

#1546 - **Louisey(?) Garrett** - Died of consumption 30 Dec 1911 in **Bedford Co.**, 6th School District. Aged 72. Black female, married. Born in **Bedford**.

#1547 - **Lula Capley** - Died of consumption 27 Sep 1911 in **Bedford Co.**, 6th School District. Aged 39 years 7 months 27 days. White female, married. Born in 6th District.

#1548 - **Maggie Kingston** - Died of tuberculosis 12 Jan 1912 in **Bedford Co.**, 6th School District. Aged 19. White female, single. Born in **Bedford**.

#1549 - **W. W. Haley** - Died of old age 2 June 1912 in **Bedford Co.**, 6th School District. Aged 88 years, 4 months, 1 day. White male, married. Farmer. Born in **Bedford**.

#1550 - **J. M. Shearin** - Died of old age in Oct 1911 [day not stated] at **Shelbyville**. Aged 69, white male, married. Farmer. Born in **Tennessee**.

#1551 - **Mary Virginia Blakemore** - Died of unknown cause 1st Dec 1911 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 3 weeks, 2 days. White female. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1552 - **S. K. Kelso** - Died of spinal trouble 2 Sep 1911 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 5 years, black male. Born in **Bedford**.

#1553 - **Lettie Wilson** - Died of old age 30 May 1912 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 70, black female, married. Washer woman. Born in **Mississippi**.

#1554 - **Willie Thompson** - Died of indigestion 21 Mar 1912 in **Bedford Co.**, 7th School District. Aged 28. Black male, single. Railroad laborer. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1555 - **Eunice Bullock** - Died of lung trouble 2 Jan 1912 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 21, black female, married. Washer woman. Born in **Bedford**.

#1556 - **Cager Martin** - Died of whooping cough 22 Feb 1912 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 1 month. White male. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1557 - **Katherine Stewart** - Died of bold hives 5 Jul 1911 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 3 months. White female. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1558 - **Alex Stewart** - Died of bold hives 14 Jul 1911 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 4 months. White male. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1559 - **T. W. Cavott** - Died of asthma 15 Sep 1911 at **Tullahoma**. Aged 56, white male, married. Carpenter. Born in **Davidson County**.

#1560 - **J. H. Thompson** - Died of consumption 19 June 1912 in **Bedford Co.**, 7th School District. Aged 31, white male, married. Occupation: public works. Born in **Bedford**.

#1561 - **George Frazier** - Died of kidney trouble 8 June 1912 in **Bedford Co.**, 7th School District. Aged 72, black male, married. Fanner. Born in **Rutherford County**.

#1562 - **R. G. Purdy** - Murdered at **Shelbyville** 30 Oct 1911. Aged 56, white male, married. Farmer. Born in **Bedford County**.

#1563 - **Harriet Davis** - Died of old age 3 Mar 1912 in **Bedford Co.**, 7th School District. Aged 71, black female, married. Born in **Bedford**.

#1564 - **Rosa Allen** - Died of suicide 25 Dec 1911 in **Bedford Co.**, 7th School District. Aged 36 years, 9 months. Black female, married. School teacher. Born in **Bedford**.

#1565 - **Jessee Pauline Coleman** - Died of croup 10 Nov 1911 in **Bedford Co.**, 7th School District. Aged 5 years 26 days. White female. Born in **Texas**.

#1566 - **James Coleman** - Died of unknown cause 17 Dec 1911 in **Bedford County**. Aged 1 day, white male. Born in **Bedford**.

#1567 - **Jesse James Deason** - Died of consumption 14 May 1912 in **Bedford Co.**, 7th School District. Aged 39 years 11 months 27 days. White male, married. Occupation: liveryman. Born in **Bedford**.

#1568 - **Eliza Troupe** - Died of consumption 14 June 1912 at **Sylvan Cotton Mills, Bedford County**. Aged 69, white female, married. Born at **Sylvan Cotton Mills**.

#1569 - **Robert Ward** - Died of whooping cough 26 Dec 1911 at **Sylvan Cotton Mills, Bedford**. Aged 1 year 2 months, white male. Born at **Lacey Springs, Ala**.

#1570 - **Sam Helton** - Died of consumption 5 May 1912 at **Sylvan Cotton Mills, Bedford**. Aged 22, white male, single. Employee of **Sylvan Mills**. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1571 - **Maud Cunningham** - Died of stomach trouble 16 Sep 1911 at **Sylvan Mills**. Aged 1 year, 6 months, 5 days, white female. Born at **Sylvan Mills**.

#1572 [crossed out] - **Milly Sims** - Died of consumption 22 Nov 1911 in **Bedford County**. Aged 20, black female, married. Born in **Bedford**.

#1573 - **Belle Orr** - Died of pneumonia in **Marh** 1912 [day not stated] near **Deason, Bedford** 5th School District. Aged 62, white female, married. Born in 5th District.

#1574 - **Infant of Bob Coop** - Died a few minutes after birth in **Aug** 1911 [day and sex not stated] near **Deason, Bedford** 5th School District. White infant.

#1575 - **Infant of J. Roberts** - Died at birth in **Mar** 1912 [day not stated] near **Deason** in **Bedford** 5th School District. White male.

#1576 - **Macy/Mercy Phillips** - Died from ulcer 26 Mar 1912 in **Bedford** 6th School District. Aged 53, black female, married. Born in **Bedford**.

#1577 - **John Orr** - Died of consumption in **Feb** 1912 [day not stated] near **Deason, Bedford** 5th District. Aged abt. 71, white male, named. Farmer. Birthplace not stated.

#1578 - **___ Clanton** - Died a few hours after birth in **Aug** 1911 [day not stated] at **Murfreesboro** and **Shelbyville**. White male.

#1579 - **A. Brasher** - Died of unknown cause 22 Mar 1912 at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 72, white male, single. Farmer. Birthplace unknown.

#1580 - **Aubrey Stephens** - Died from cold and croup 25 Nov 1908 at **Mullins Chapel, Bedford**. Aged 10 months, black male. Born at **Mullins Chapel**.

#1581 - **Annie(?) Dye** - Died of appendicitis 24 June 1911 in **Bedford**, 2nd School District. Aged 18, white female, single. Born in **Coffee County**.

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#1582 - **E. Roberts** - Died of pneumonia 23 June 1911 at Haley, **Bedford** County. Aged 61, white male, single. Farmer. Born at **Raus**, **Bedford** County.

#1583 - **Walter Tilman** - Died of dropsy 13 June 1911 at Haley, **Bedford** County. Aged 25, black male, married. Railroad worker. Born at Haley.

#1584 - **Belle Phillips** - Died of heart trouble 7 Feb 1911 at Haley, **Bedford** County. Aged 27, white female, married. Born in Jackson Co., **Tenn.**

#1585 - **Infant of Ely Eaton** [no name] - Died of unknown cause 4 Feb 1912 in **Bedford** County, 1st School District. Aged 2½ months, white male. Born in 1st District.

#1586 - **Lizzie Dye** - Died of lung trouble 31 May 1912 in **Bedford** County, 1st District. Aged 34, white female, married. Born in **Wilson Co.**, **Tenn.**

#1587 - **Infant** [no name, no parent listed] - Died of croup 7 Jan 1912 in **Bedford** County, 1st District. Aged 4 months, white male. Born in **Coffee** County.

#1588 - **George Maupin** - Died of typhoid fever 11 May 1912 in **Bedford** County, 1st District. Aged 21, black male, single. Farmer. Born in **Bedford**.

#1589 - **Mamie(?) Blackburn** - Died of fever 15 Sep 1911 in **Bedford** County, 1st District. Aged 15, white female, single. Student. Born in **Coffee** County.

#1590 - [Crossed out] **Claude Eaton** - Died of gallstone 9 Jul 1910 at New Hermon, **Bedford** 22nd School District. Aged 8 months, white male. Born at New Hermon.

#1591 - **Edward Renegar** - Died of unknown cause 6 June 1910 at New Hermon, **Bedford** 22nd School District. Aged 11 months, white male. Born at New Hermon.

#1592 - **Emmett Brown** - Died of pneumonia 10 Mar 1909 in **Bedford** County, 7th School District. Aged 2 years, black male. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1593 - **Parley Troxler** - Died of typhoid fever 1 June 1909 in **Bedford** County, 7th School District. Aged 59, black female, single. Born at **Nashville**.

#1594 - **Sallie Gill** - Died of consumption 22 June 1909 in **Bedford** County, 7th School District. Aged 22, black female, single. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1595 - **Jesse Temple** - Died of gunshot wound 3 Sep 1908 in **Bedford** County, 7th School District. Aged 22, black male, single. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1596 - **Helen Hoffiel(?)** - Died of dropsy 19 Jan 1909 in **Chicago**. Aged 48, black female, married. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1597 - **D. B. Owen** - Died of appendicitis 15 Sep 1908 in **Bedford** County. Male, color not indicated. Mamed. Farmer. Born in **Marshall** County.

#1598 - **Willie Young Cunningham** - Died of hives 6 June 1909 in **Bedford** County, 7th School District. Aged 5 months, white male. Born in 7th District.

#1599 - **Frank M. Story** - Died of old age in Jan 1912 [day not indicated] at **Shelbyville**. Aged 84, white male, married. Farmer. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1600 - **John W. Rutledge** - Died of cancer 4 Nov 1911 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 53, white male, married. Farmer. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1601 - **Mary Ella Parsons** - Died of measles and consumption 1st Apr 1912 in **Bedford** County, 8th School District. Aged 39 years, 6 months. White female, married. Born in 8th District.

#1602 - **M. A. Turner** - Died of pneumonia 28 Feb 1912 in **Bedford** County, 8th School District. Aged 82. White female, married. Born in **Bedford**.

#1603 - **Poplin infant** - Died of unknown cause in May 1909 in **Bedford** County, 10th School District. [Exact day and age not given.]

#1604 - **Joe Fawcuk** - Died of heart failure 6 June 1911 at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 73, white male, married. Farmer. Born at **Bell Buckle**.

#1605 - **Lena Bell Manire** - Died of tuberculosis 22 June 1912 in **Bedford** County, 10th School District. Aged 25, white female, married. Born in **Rutherford** County. Occupation: farming.

#1606 - **Lois Evans Phouse** - Died of stomach trouble 27 Aug 1909 in **Jackson**, **Miss.** Aged 2 years, white female. Born at **Shelbyville**.

#1607 - **Infant of J. L. Poplin** - Died of unknown cause 16 May 1910 in **Bedford** County, 10th School District. Age not indicated. White female. Born in 10th District.

#1608 - **Bob Carlton** - Died from gunshot 19 Nov 1910 in **Bedford** County, 10th School District. Aged 23, black male, single. Farmer. Born in **Rutherford** County.

#1609 - **Mattie Kinnson** - Died of tuberculosis of the spine 2 May 1909 in **Bedford** County, 10th School District. Aged 37, white female, married. Farmer's wife. Born in 10th District.

#1610 - **Tom Paty** - Died of brain disease 21 Jan 1910 at **Bell Buckle**. Aged 52(?), white male, married. Hotel keeper. Born in **Morristown**, **Tenn.**

#1611 - **Josephine Streeter** - Died of indigestion 23 Mar 1910 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 70, black female, widow. Born in **Bedford** County.

#1612 - **Mrs. Mary Haberhan(?)** - Died of old age 10 Mar 1909 in **Shelbyville**. Aged 87, white female, single. Seamstress. Born in **County Kilkenny**, **Ireland**.

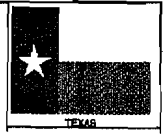
#1614 - **John Sparrow/Sparrow** - Died of unknown cause 10 Jul 1909 at **Shelbyville**. Aged 19, black male, married. Farmer. Born in **Bedford**.

#1615 - **John Carrothers** - Died of typhoid fever in Oct 1908 [day not given] at **Wartrace**. White male, married. Farmer. Born at **Haley**.

#1616 - **Mable Suttles** - Died of heart trouble 25 Oct 1909, born and died at **Wartrace**. Aged 2 years, female. Color not indicated. ■

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TENNESSEANS TURNED TEXANS



Dalby Springs, Once Famous Health Spa, Owes Its Name To Tennessee Family

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Great Niece of Knight Dalby

Dalby Springs -- once a thriving community in Bowie Co., Tex., bordering Oklahoma and Arkansas -- was founded by Tennesseans at the time of the great migration to the Republic of Texas. To induce new settlers, Texas was offering conditional certificates that would entitle the head of a household to 640 acres of land to be surveyed out of the public domain. The only requirement for prospective land owners was to live on the acreage and perform the duties of a citizen for three years.

That was no problem for Warren Knight Dalby and his family who left Shelby Co., Tenn., in early 1839 and headed for Texas in ox-drawn covered wagons.¹ Journeying with him were his 25-year old wife **Lucinda**,² a native North Carolinian whom he had married in Bedford Co., Tenn., on 16 Feb 1830, and their five sons, ranging in age from eight years to infancy: Joseph Gordentia "**J. G.**" Dalby (born 30 Mar 1831 in Bedford Co., Tenn.), Green Davis Dalby (b. 22 Dec 1832 in Bedford Co.), Fountain **Moffitt** Dalby (b. 28 Aug 1834 in Shelby Co., Tenn.), Benjamin Bullock Dalby (b. 25 Oct 1836 in Shelby County), and Jesse Knight Dalby (b. 27 Sep 1839 in Shelby County).

Also making the trip were Warren's mother, Ann (Bullock) **Dalby**,³ widow of Knight Dalby who had died 29 Oct 1827 in Bedford County;⁴ three brothers, Phillip A. Dalby (b. 30 Apr 1808), Thomas D. Dalby (b. 11 Aug 1812), and Jack Cooper Dalby (b. 5 May 1815); and two sisters, Agnes Dalby (b. 30 Jan 1804) and Martha Christian Dalby (b. 16 Sep 1817).⁵

Upon their arrival in Texas, Ann received a land certificate (No. 400) on 20 Dec 1839 for 640 acres in what was to become Bowie County. Warren was issued Certificate No. 6 on 4 May 1841 for 640 acres in the same area, and set about building a double-log house from oak trees growing on the land. It consisted of two rooms, 18-20 feet long and about 16-18 feet wide, with a hall 10 feet wide between them and a shed on one side of each room. His brother Phillip⁶ was issued a certificate for a survey of land astride the Bowie-Red River county line about three miles-west of Warren's property.

Warren and Lucinda had two more children after settling in Bowie County: Thomas Warren Dalby, who was born in September 1841 and died 30 Oct 1853, and **Mary** Ann Dalby, who was born 6 Jul 1844, and died 20 Sep 1845. Lucinda died 10 May 1846 and was buried in Dalby Springs Cemetery.

Texas became a state in 1846, and five Dalbys are on the Bowie County tax list that year -- Ann, J. C., P. A., Thomas D., and W. K. When the first U.S. census for Bowie County was taken in 1850, it showed Warren, then 44, and his five sons living together. Warren's property was valued at \$4,000 as was that of his eldest son, Joseph G., then 19. The other boys, helping their father and brother in farming operations, were listed as Green D., 17; Fountain, 16; Benjamin B., 14, and Jessie, 11.

¹ Warren had moved to Shelby County from Bedford County some time between 1832 and 1834.

² Born 9 Nov 1813, she was a daughter of Jesse and Mary Davis. [Source: Family Bible.]

³ Her name is listed as Nancy in the 1820 Bedford County census and in her husband's will probated in Nov 1827. Ann may have been her middle name or a nickname. Born 29 Jul 1775 in Granville Co., N.C., she was the daughter of Micajah and Frances (Pryor) Bullock.

⁴ Knight, the son of John and Christian (Bullock) Dalby, had migrated from Granville Co., N.C., to Bedford Co., Tenn., where he purchased land from John Bradford in 1818 and additional acreage some time later from William Chambers. Knight and Ann, who had married in Granville Co., N.C., in about 1796, had nine children.

⁵ Three of Knight and Ann's children had died earlier. Edward B. Dalby (b. 16 Dec 1797), died 12 Aug 1834. Sarah Ann Dalby (b. 10 Sep 1810), died 18 Dec 1827, two days before the death of her sister, Frances "Polly" Dalby. Both girls died about a month before their father's death on 27 Oct 1827.

⁶ Phillip had married Mary Womble, probably in Bedford County. A farmer, blacksmith, gunsmith, and cattleman, he also built a house on his land and passed it on to his son, Clyde N. Dalby, who lived there many years after his father died 27 Dec 1881.

In the late 1840s, a spring of red mineral water -- about the color of medium-strength tea -- was discovered on the family's land, resulting in the settlement being named "Dalby Springs."⁷ After Warren installed a curb or "gum" made from a hollow section of a sweet gum tree, the water flowed in a fairly strong stream. It was cool, pleasant-tasting, and was thought to have some medicinal virtues. Even with the limited communications of that time, news of the health-giving water soon spread over a large area. This, coupled with the abundance of game and fish, drew numerous visitors to the area and created a need for guest accommodations. Warren added a second story to his original house and enlarged it in other ways and began using it as a sort of hotel. In a short time, a small village developed around the springs.⁸

Eleven years after the death of his first wife, Warren married Amanda Mitchell in neighboring Titus Co., Tex., on 16 Nov 1857 and two years later built a new house on 80 acres on the south side of his survey land in Bowie County.⁹ Their first child, Lucy Mitchell Dalby, was born 30 Dec 1858, and their second, Sally **Holmes** Dalby, was born 7 April 1861 -- only five days before the Civil War began.¹⁰ What had been a peaceful existence for the Dalbys -- like so many other families -- ended abruptly.

Five of Warren's sons and a nephew went to war, and some never came back

Three sons -- Joseph, Jesse, and Benjamin -- had enlisted as privates in Company K of the famous 11th Texas Cavalry on 2 Oct 1861 at Camp Reeves, Tex. Joseph, who had been serving a little over a year as Dalby Springs' first postmaster when he enlisted,¹¹ was killed near Griswoldsville, Ga., on 22 Nov 1864. Jesse was put on special duty on 30 Dec 1861, and died of pneumonia in a hospital near Columbus, Miss., on 11 May 1862 at age 23. Of the three, only Benjamin survived the war. Promoted to 2nd lieutenant and then to 1st, he was wounded at Murfreesborough, Tenn., on 31 Dec 1862. Warren's two other sons -- Fountain and Green -- both enlisted as privates in Co. H, 32nd (15th) Texas Cavalry on 19 Feb 1862 at Boston, Texas.¹² Warren's nephew, James W. Dalby, who was Phillip A. and Mary (Womble) Dalby's first child, also was in the 11th Texas Cavalry and was killed at Shiloh.

Warren was a man of high moral values, great strength, and endurance, as were all the Dalby men. He was religious, often reading his Bible at night by the light of a small brass lamp which he had to hold in his hand. Warren died 5 Mar 1889.

After the death of the older family members, the small thriving health resort of Dalby Springs was neglected and abandoned. A dense thicket grew up around the location, and the site of the old resort today would be hard to find. The home that Warren built soon after his marriage to Amanda was still standing in 1968 but was in bad condition. Its ownership passed from the family more than a century ago, and the present owner is now using it for storing hay. Today Dalby Springs is truly a "deserted village." All of the buildings on the original town site are gone except the Methodist Church¹³ which, together with the cemetery, is the last remaining evidence of a once thriving community. ■

⁷ Dalby Springs was the collective name for four springs that, according to archeological evidence, had been used by prehistoric peoples for thousands of years. The four were the Great Red Spring, the Salt Spring, Black and White Sulphur Wells, and the most famous - the Headache Spring.

⁸ An observer in the 1870s reported that as many as 50 to 75 people were at the springs to drink the water which was said to have been good for dyspepsia, skin and kidney diseases, and for barrenness. "If Abraham and Sarah had visited this spring, Isaac would have figured 50 years earlier in Biblical history," he added. [Gunner Brune's Springs of Texas, Vol. 1, published by Branch-Smith, Fort Worth, in 1981. Quoted in The Handbook of Texas Online, <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/articles/view/Dd/rpd2.html>.]

⁹ He sold 400 acres of his survey land with his original house on it to Robert Battle in 1859.

¹⁰ Warren and Amanda's other children: Frank Jackson Dalby (b. 17 Apr 1863), Robert Lee Dalby (b. 12 Dec 1866), Nora Agnes Dalby (b. 27 May 1870), Lola Lisle Dalby (b. 27 Oct 1872, d. 24 May 1893), and Norman Leonard Dalby (b. 17 Feb 1876.)

¹¹ Other family members who were postmasters at Dalby Springs were Green D. Dalby, appointed in 1877, and Philip A. appointed 8 Nov 1897. The post office there was discontinued in 1954, and the mail was thereafter sent to DeKalb.

¹² Fountain died 10 Apr 1879, and Green 28 Dec 1884. The 1880 census, taken by Green on 1 June 1880, does not list Benjamin in the Dalby household. He married Bettie Scoggins in about 1872 and died 10 Aug 1898 in Woodland, Tex. [Source: Judge Norman Leonard Dalby's manuscript *Dalby Family History*, written in 1968. Judge Dalby, Warren and Amanda's youngest son and a resident of Texarkana, Tex., was 93 when he wrote the family history. He married Esther Gaston Fulbright, a native of Jackson, Tenn., on 7 Jan 1883.]

¹³ The church, said to have been built of knotless pine, was erected in 1888 to house a congregation that had existed for almost half a century.



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91.	John W. Lawing to Margaret Chandler Bondsman: Joseph Hensley	16 Mar 1878	17 Mar 1878	W. E. Tilson, J. P.
92.	Elbert S. Tucker to Rhoda E. Lile Bondsman: J. F. Toney	28 Mar 1878	28 Mar 1878	Wm. McInturff , J. P.
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	<u>COUPLE</u>	<u>LICENSE</u>	<u>CEREMONY</u>	<u>OFFICIANT</u>
123.	H. M. Shelton to Oma Shelton Bondsman: G. W. Shelton	20 Nov 1878	22 Dec 1878	B. W. Woodward, J. P.
124.	James M. Gunn to Lydia A. Runion Bondsman: Ambrose Gunn	28 Nov 1878	28 Nov 1878	B. W. Woodward, J. P.
125.	W. N. Moore to R. J. Runion Bondsman: L. S. Tilson	5 Dec 1878	5 Dec 1878	J. H. Moore, M. G.
126.	Wesley Hensley to Malinda Crowder Bondsman: William Crowder	14 Dec 1878	31 Dec 1878	A. Harris, J. P.
127.	Jobe White to Sarah White Bondsman: William White	25 Dec 1878	25 Dec 1878	W. E. Tilson, J. P.
128.	William Roberts to Sarah Matilda Massa Bondsman: L. W. Sams	26 Dec 1878	26 Dec 1878	W. E. Tilson, J. P.
129.	N. B. Phillips to C. R. Moore Bondsman: L. W. Sams	26 Dec 1878	26 Dec 1878	B. W. Woodward , J. P.
130.	Anderson Nannie to Narcisssa Blankinship Bondsman: T. C. Runion	2 Jan 1879	2 Jan 1879	W. E. Tilson, J. P.
131.	William P. Norris to Amanda J. McInturff Bondsman: J. W. Norris	19 Jan 1879	19 Jan 1879	J. M. Norris , J. P.
132.	C. W. White to Martha A. Chandler Bondsman: W. S. Erwin	24 Jan 1879	26 Jan 1879	W. A. Sams, M. G.
133.	Eli Woodby to Eliza Britt Bondsman: W. S. Tolly	27 Jan 1879	27 Jan 1879	S. S. Wright, M. G.
134.	David Hileman to Betty Ann Hobson Bondsman: James Loveless	31 Jan 1879	31 Jan 1879	Wm. McInturff , J. P.
135.	Thomas S. Deaver to Jane Rice Bondsman: N. C. Banner	1 Feb 1879	2 Feb 1879	A. Harris , J. P.
136.	W. E. Higgins to M. A. Rice Bondsman: S. E. Higgins	21 Jan 1879	23 Jan 1879	A Harris , J. P.
137.	William Tittle to Sarah Miller Bondsman: C. H. Baker	8 Feb 1879	8 Feb 1879	P. H. Johnson, J. P.
138.	Adolphas Shelton to Caldonia Shelton Bondsman: M. G. Hall	9 Feb 1879	9 Feb 1879	A. Harris, J. P.
139.	H. W. Metcalf to Rachel Blankenship Bondsman: Abslam Metcalf	15 Feb 1879	16 Feb 1879	A. Harris, J. P.
140.	D. L. Carpenter to N. A. Sexton Bondsman: J. W. Crow	21 Feb 1879	21 Feb 1879	B. W. Woodward, J. P.
141.	J. W. Sneyd to D. S. Campbell Bondsman: B. S. Sneyd	28 Feb 1879	28 Feb 1879	David Bell, M. G.

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Attic of Old House in Memphis Yields A Lost Family Bible

An attic in an old house in Memphis has yielded a Family Bible that once belonged to a Greene Co., Ga., couple, Reuben A. and Mary Credille.

Information from the Bible was contributed by TGS member Martha Yvette Young whose late grandmother, Mrs. Sue **Machisio**, found it in the mid-1950s when she bought the house near **Bellevue** and South Parkway. Thinking it had been overlooked in moving, she contacted the former residents only to learn that the Bible had been in the attic when they moved there so they decided to leave it. A marriage license inserted in the Bible reveals that **Ruben A. Credille**¹ and Mary A. **Hines**² were married 28 Nov 1852. Clippings of their obituaries from the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate* show both were life-long residents of Greene Co., Ga. Their marriage lasted 48 years, produced four sons and two daughters, and ended with her death in 1900. **Reuben died** two years later.³

So how did the Bible get to Memphis? It took a bit of sleuthing to find out, but information from the obituaries and the magic of www.google.com put us in contact with John Gentry, a family member who lives in Richmond Hill, Ga., and happens to be a genealogy enthusiast himself. John's great-great-great grandfather, Reuben Smith, settled in Greene Co., Ga., on land granted to him for his military service during the Revolutionary War. Three of Reuben's daughters married **Credilles** (William, Henry, and Gray), and John is related to Reuben both through his son, John .Smith, and through Gray and Mary Smith **Credille**.

John believes the Bible found in **Memphis** was given to **Mary "Lizzie" Credille** (b. 26 Jul 1870) by her father Reuben before his death in 1902. **Lizzie** had married Henry William Smith at Liberty Church in Greene Co., Ga., on 19 Nov 1890. They had two children, Fred **Holley** Smith, born 29 June 1892,⁴ and **William Calhoun** Smith, born 12 Dec 1895, and lived in Atlanta before coming to Memphis in about 1921. According to the city directory, the family lived at 1814 Forrest Avenue and Henry was manager of Couch Brothers Manufacturing Company. Over the next three years, he worked for the **National Water Proofing** Company in a supervisory position and in 1926 became a floor man for **Bry's Department Store**. Their son, William **Calhoun** Smith, lived with them and traveled for the Ford Motor Company. On 23 June 1925 in Memphis, he married Martha Day Chambers. His parents are believed to have moved to Florida in about 1927 or 1928. William and Martha then moved to an apartment at 68 N. Pauline and he worked as a salesman for the Miller Rubber Company of New York (located on Poplar) for several years before apparently moving from the city.⁵



Reuben A. & Mary H. Credille's marriage certificate

¹ Pronounced "Kre-DELL."

² Mary (whose middle name was Amanda) was the daughter of **Nathaniel** and **Elizabeth B. Hines**, also of Greene County. The first Methodist Conference in the state of Georgia was held in **Nathaniel's** home, according to Mary's obituary. After **Nathaniel's** death, Mary's mother and sister, **Henrietta Cornelia Hines**, moved to **Attalla Co., Miss.**, in December 1852. **Henrietta** married **Hiram L. Meek** in Mississippi in 1866. **Henrietta**, whose obituary also was found in the Bible, died 16 Dec 1886 in **Montgomery Co., Mi**.

³ Also found in the Bible is the obituary of Reuben's brother, **Dr. William H. Credille**, who died 23 June 1902, just three months before Reuben's own demise of 8 Sept 1902. **William** had been born 14 Feb 1837 in Greene County and, like his brother, lived there all his life. He was a surgeon in the Confederate Army throughout the war, and on 2 Feb 1865 married **Fannie Blythe** who, along with two grown daughters, survived him.

Another obituary in the Bible is that of **Augustus Alexander Kimbrough**, a cousin.

⁴ Fred married **Mary L. Will** in Atlanta on 6 Jul 1918 and apparently did not move to Memphis.

⁵ They are not listed in 1932 or 1933 city directories.

The **recovered** Family Bible and the family photos and tintypes it contained are now in the possession of Peggy Smith Tucker (Mrs. Robert D.) of Atlanta, and were objects of great interest at a **Smith-Gentry** reunion in September.



Pictorial **Family Bible**

containing the Old and New Testaments, **Apocrypha**, Concordance, and Psalms in Metre
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Presented to The Family of Mary Credille by Reuben A. Credille

MARRIAGES

- M. D. Smith and Alice C. Credille were married by Rev. W. P. **Lovejoy** Sep 1st 1879
- W. F. Credille and Anna Little were married by **Rev.** P. Lewis Nov 9th 1880
- R. A. Credille and L. C. Holley were married at **Pensacola**, Fla. May 28th 1889
- H. W. Smith and M. L. Credille were married at Liberty Church⁶ Nov 19th 1890
- Dr. Robert Lee Credille and **Willy** Calhoun were **married** in La. - 1896 - Jan 15
- Ammie A. Credille and Noah Riley were married Nov. 26 1897
- Fred H. Smith and Mary Lewis Will were married in Atlanta, Ga. July 6th 1918

BIRTHS

- R. A. Credille (Sen) was born March 12th 1826
- Mary A. Credille was born Aug 11th 1828
- William F. Credille was born **Feb** 13th 1854
- Alice C. Credille was born Jan 29th 1857
- R. A. Credille (Jun) was born **Dec** 20th 1859
- Ammie A. Credille **was** born June **20th** 1862
- R. L. Credille **was** born Nov. **20th** 1864
- Mary L. S. Credille was born July 26th 1870
- Alice C. **Credille** born **Aug** 4th 1881
- **Mattie** G. Credille " Jan 9th 1884
- Alma C. **Credille** " Aug 29th 1886
- Little Ethel Credille " **Dec** 4th 1888
- Reuben A. **Credille**, Jr. " June 15th 1891
- Ammie F. Credille " **Feb** 2nd 1894
- Mary E. **Credille** " May 12th 1896
- Nathaniel H. Credille " **Aug** 8th 1898
- Fred **Holley** Smith - " June 29th 1892
- William **Calhoun** Smith " **Dec** 12th 1895
- Camille Weiss **Credille** " Nov 22 1896
- Alfred Holley **Credille** " **Dec 22nd** 1890
- **Ruth** Sina Credille " Feb 23rd 1900
- Katherine Elizabeth Smith " **Apr** 25th 1921

DEATHS

- Mary **Eliza** Credille died **Apr** 6th 1898
- Nathaniel **Hines Credille** died Sept 22nd /98
- The infant of H. W. & M. **L.** Smith died July 24th 1899
- Mary Amanda Credille died June 21st 1900
- Reuben A. **Credille** (Sen) died Sept 8th 1902
- Reuben A. Credille Jr Died Jan 1922
- Lidia (?) **Credille** Smith Died 1926■

⁶ Liberty Church is located in Greene Co., Ga.

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Pages 131-132. Deed dated 29 Nov 1872: R. W. Flemming and wife, Susan **A.**, of Crockett County convey to John F. Sinclair as chairman of Crockett County board of commissioners, **six** acres for location of county site (seat) **Alamo** for use and benefit of new county of Crockett. Land is part of tract Flemming bought from R. H. Bums and was taken from his southwest corner, bounded by a stake north of Church st., east of Mulberry st., to a stake on Elm st. The **six** acres include lots known in town plan as #74, 75, 76, 77, 78, and 79. Susan Flemming acknowledged deed separately before Francis J. Wood, county court clerk. Deed was registered 30 Nov 1872.

Pages 133-134. Deed dated 11 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$1,800, D. J. Estes and wife, C. A., convey 40.56 acres in Crockett County, Range 3, **Sec. 11**, 4th Civil District, to William D. Hooker. Property begins at northwest corner of parcel deeded to **R. J. Williams** by Carrell Jackson, south of T. J. Hicks' north boundary. Witnesses: E. D. Screws, **R. W. Cozzart**. Acknowledged by D. J. Estes, and separately by C. A. Estes. Recorded 2 **Dec** 1872.

Pages 134-135. Deed dated 11 May 1872: For consideration of \$2,475, N. T. Perry conveys to J. A. White three-acre tract in Crockett County, Civil District 12, bounded by Mallory's corner and stake in **Dyersburg** Road. Witnesses: Wyatt Lunsford, C. H. **Bowen**. Proved 26 Nov 1872. Registered 2 **Dec** 1872.

Pages 135-136. Deed dated 2 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$2,259.06, J. F. Robertson conveys to T. F. **Conley** 90-acre tract in Crockett County, Civil District 7, bounded by property of W. A. Nichols, S. J. Stephens' tract sold to Conley, and land of R. Swanner. Acknowledged by **Conley** before Court Clerk Francis Wood 2 **Dec** 1872 and registered same date.

Page 137. Deed dated 3 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$100, Harris W. Bailey conveys to Jasper **M.** Craig 39³/₄ acres in Crockett County. Tract adjoins W. P. **Follis'** southeast corner, Robert Boyd's southwest corner, and east boundary line of Grant No. 16240. Witnesses A. B. Craig, **R. K.** Hathaway. Acknowledged by Bailey 4 **Dec** 1872; registered same date.

Pages 138-139. Deed dated 14 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$2,550 and two promissory notes of \$825 each, A. W. Swift and Sarah A. Swift convey to E. F. Parker 101 acres in Crockett County with all hereditaments and appurtenances. First note due 25 **Dec** 1873, and other 25 **Dec** 1874. Property adjoins Stephen S. Booth's east boundary line and passes Jones' northeast corner. Witness: J. H. Davis. **Acknowledged** separately by S. A. Swift, wife of A. W. Swift, 16 Nov 1872, before J. H. Davis, acting justice of peace. Registered 7 **Dec** 1872.

Pages 140-141. Deed dated 5 Aug 1872: For consideration of \$700, J. B. Garrett conveys to **Alsa** Garrett a town lot in Friendship, Crockett Co., with all appurtenances. Lot contains 24 square rods, and adjoins northwest corner of Peacock Binford & Co.'s lot, and west boundary line of **R. J. Davis**. Witnesses: N. T. Perry, P. W. Moore. Acknowledged by Garrett before B. H. Harmon, notary public, and separately by his wife, Nancy P. Garrett, 5 Oct 1872. Registered 9 **Dec** 1872.

Pages 141-142. Deed dated Oct 1872 (day not indicated): Dorsey Harrell and wife Elizabeth Harrell (**formerly** Elizabeth Tucker) for consideration of \$58, John Tucker for consideration of \$130 for **himself** and his brother John Tucker, and Jasper Tucker for consideration of \$65 convey their undivided interest to James **M.** Brown in 62 acres on which Brown now resides. Their undivided interest is in dower right of their step-mother, Mary A. Marony (formerly Mary A. Tucker, widow of their deceased father, Thomas Tucker), as laid off by commissioners appointed by the Gibson County Court. Dower is bounded on north by **Charles Cates**, on east by Thomas Layman and R. W. Flemming, and on west by A. G. **Norville**. Deed is signed by Dorsey Harrell, Elizabeth Harrell, M. J. Tucker, Mary J. Tucker, R. F. Tucker, and bears mark of S. **H.** Tucker. Names of J. B. Tucker and **Mozella** Tucker are **affixed** to deed but there is no signature nor mark. Witnesses: John **H.** Smith, Baker Harrell, William **R.** Brown, Luke Tatum, W. J. Sims, and J. A. Powell. J. F. Robertson, **Esq.**, was authorized 11 Nov 1872 by Crockett County court clerk Francis J. Wood to take separate acknowledgements of Elizabeth **Harrell**, wife of Dorsey Harrell; Mary J. Tucker, wife of M. J. Tucker; S. A. Tucker, wife of R. F. Tucker, and **Mozella** Tucker, wife of J. B. Tucker. Wives' acknowledgement taken 15 Nov 1872, and husbands' 16 Nov 1872. Deed registered 11 **Dec** 1872.

Pages 142-145. Deed dated 8 Jul 1867: For consideration of \$870, to be paid in two installments, Littleton Medlin of **Haywood** County conveys to W. A. Webb of **Haywood** County 29 acres in said county taken from west boundary of tract where **Medlin** now resides. Property adjoins that of Robert Emerson. Included are **all** appurtenances and hereditaments. Witnesses: Isaac M. Johnson, John T. Burns, F. E. Mahon, Robert Emerson. On 11 **Dec** 1872, Johnson and Burns

appeared before **Francis J. Wood**, Crockett County clerk, and swore they witnessed signing of deed by **Medlin**, since deceased. Deed registered 11 Dec 1872.

Pages 145-146. Deed dated 4 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$1,872, **Silas Edwards** of White Co., Ark., conveys to **Cussit Nunn** and **Solomon P. Nunn** Lot No. 3 in division of lands in Crockett County belonging to estate of **William Edwards**, deceased, and ordered sold by **Haywood** County court clerk. Lot containing 68 acres was purchased at said sale by **Silas Edwards**. Property is bounded by that of **G. Robertson** and **J. Hails**. Witnesses: **J. J. Farrow**, **J. W. Lock**, **W. W. Whitaker**. Proved by **Lock** and **Whitaker** 12 Dec 1872 before Clerk **Francis J. Wood**. Registered same date.

Page 147. Deed dated 10 Feb 1871: **H. B. Avery**, one of the executors of the **B. G. H. B. Avery** estate, conveys to **J. F. Avery**, the other executor, a tract of land in Crockett County, 13th Surveyors' District, Range 4, Section 1. Tract begins at southwest corner of 86-acre parcel entered in name of **N. J.** and **C. W. Cherry**, and contains 50 acres more or less. Acknowledged 13 Dec 1872 before county court clerk. Registered same date.

Page 148. Deed dated 13 Dec 1872: **H. B. Avery** and **J. F. Avery**, executors of **B. G. H. B. Avery**, deceased, of Gibson County, in consideration of a clause in deceased's will dated 10 Feb 1871 by which for love and affection he granted his son **W. A. G. Avery** 63 acres in Crockett County, 10th Surveyor's District, Range 4, Section 1, convey said land to **him**. Acreage is bounded by that of **James F. Avery** and **Henry Babb**. Deed acknowledged and registered 13 Dec 1872.

Page 149. Deed dated 13 Dec 1872: **H. B. Avery** and **J. F. Avery**, executors of **B. G. H. B. Avery**, deceased, of Crockett County, in compliance with a provision in deceased's will, convey to **Charity W. Avery**, his widow, a 70-acre tract with all appurtenances lying in Crockett County, 10th Surveyor's District, Range 4, Section 1. Land is bounded by that of **W. A. G. Avery's** 63-acre tract near the graveyard and the District line. Deed acknowledged and registered 13 Dec 1872

Pages 150-151. Deed dated 4 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$2,500, **L. B. Fielder**, executrix of the will of **William P. S. Fielder**, conveys to **Anthony P. Stallings** 125 acres in Crockett County, 11th Civil District, adjoining land of **Robert Davidson**, **Abram Lasiter**, and **G. J. Evans**. **William P. S. Fielder**, a resident of Dyer County, died in 1857 leaving a will in which he requested that all his real estate be sold by his executrix when his youngest child arrived at the age of 21 with proceeds being divided among his heirs. **M. A. F. Fielder**, deceased's youngest child, is now 21. Consideration is to be paid by initial \$1,000 in cash, a \$1,000 note due 25 Dec 1873, and a \$500 note due 25 Dec 1874. Deed witnessed by **Dennis Tatum** and **Luke Tatum**. Acknowledged by executrix 16 Dec 1872 and registered same date.

Pages 151-152. Deed dated 1 Nov 1872: For consideration of \$500, **James T. Cornell** and **Hamett R Cornell** of Crockett County convey a 3-acre lot in town of Bells Station to **J. E. Yancey**, **J. H. Yancey**, **A. P. Yancey**, **C. A. Yancey**, and **Visa A. Harris**. Lot adjoins Lot No. 8. All hereditaments and appurtenances are included. Witnesses: **D. F. Yancey**, **J. B. Yancey**, and **Z. P. Warren**. Deed acknowledged by **Hamett Cornell** 1st Nov 1872 before Crockett County court clerk, and by **James Cornell** 2nd Nov 1872. Proved by witnesses **J. B. Yancey** and **Z. P. Warren** 4 Nov 1872, and registered 17 Dec 1872.

Pages 154-155. Quit-Claim Deed dated 14 Dec 1872: **R W. Sims** of Crockett County, as attorney in fact for **Jones Tapp & Co.** of Jefferson Co., Ky., now in liquidation, releases to **C. T. Woodson** and wife, **N. E. P. Woodson**, all title and interest in 95 acres in Crockett County's 3rd Civil District. [Note: Consideration appears in the record as follows: "the sum of seven and three dollars & forty five cents (\$703.45) in hand paid..." See next deed.]. Land adjoins that of **Baxter J. Williams**, **Anderson Williams**, and **H. H. Hudgens**, and is same conveyed to company by **Madison** County sheriff, **R M. May**, on 1st Jul 1872. Property, sold by **him** as sheriff on 16 Dec 1871 after **Madison** County circuit court issued writs of venditee exponas, was that of **C. T. Woodson** and wife. Witnesses to deed: **E. W. Byrd**, **G. H. Evans**. Proved and registered 17 Dec 1872.

Page 155. Deed dated 14 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$703.45 in cash and 12-months' note for \$396.55 with 6% interest, **C. T. Woodson** and wife, **N. E. P. Woodson**, of Crockett County convey to **Willis Byrd** of Crockett County 95 acres in 3rd Civil District. Property adjoins that of **Baxter J. Williams**, **Anderson Williams**, and **H. H. Hudgens**. Deed acknowledged separately by **N. E. P. Woodson** on 16th Dec 1872, and registered 17 Dec 1872.

Pages 157-158. Deed dated 18 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$260, **William Moore** conveys to **Himbrick Kail** 20 acres together with hereditaments and appurtenances. Land is taken from north end of tract bought by **Moore** from **Elisha Kail**, and bounded by **Sharon Ferry** road, and **Nancy Emerson's** south boundary. Acknowledged and registered 20 Dec 1872.

Pages 158-159. Deed dated 18 Dec 1872: In consideration of \$900, **D. E. Smith** and wife, **Amanda**, convey to **H. H. Mahon** 2½ acres in town of **Alamo**. Property, adjoining that of **J. P. Burns**, is same land bought by **R R Ferguson** from **Sidney Cates'**

50-acre tract. All appurtenances and hereditaments included. Deed acknowledged jointly and separately by the **Smiths** 21 Dec 1872 and registered same date.

Pages 160-161. Deed dated 24 June 1872: **Frank G. Sampson**, Dyer County chancery court clerk, conveys four acres to **Mary Jane Echols**, administratrix of **James T. Echols**. Under court decree issued at Nov 1870 term in suit brought by administratrix against **James B. Echols** and others, clerk sold real estate at public auction on 14 Jan 1871 at Friendship, **Tenn.**, to administratrix for \$155, subject to her dower. Clerk's report was confirmed by court at its Oct 1871 term, and he was ordered to execute deed to **Jane Echols** upon receiving her payment. Parcel adjoins lands of **Sinclair & Rice** near Friendship in Dyer (now Crockett) County and north boundary of **E. E. Hawkins**. Deed acknowledged 25 June 1872 by **Sampson** before **Zack Watkins**, deputy clerk for **W. M. Watkins**, Dyer County clerk. Registered in Crockett County 31 Dec 1872.

Pages 161-162. Deed dated 3 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$600, **L. H. Jarnigin** and wife, **Eliza E. Jarnigin**, convey to **A. W. Brooks** Lot 21 in Bells Station, Crockett County, formerly owned by **James Lock** and **J. P. Dyer**. Witnesses: **J. W. Lock**, **E. Harrell**. Acknowledged by **L. H. Jarnigin** 3 Dec 1872 before county clerk, and separately by his wife 5 Dec 1872 before **J. J. Farrow**, justice of peace. Registered 2 Jan 1872.

Pages 162-163. Deed dated 25 Dec 1873: For consideration of \$210, for which a note has been executed, **J. D. Smith** conveys to **Monroe J. Webb** and wife, **Sarah L. Webb**, Lot No. 5 in town of Friendship, Crockett County. Land adjoins property where **Smith** now resides, the northwest corner of the Methodist Church, and the Masonic and Odd Fellows lot, and contains one rod and 14 poles. A special lien is reserved on lot to secure payment of note, and the burnt chimney now standing on lot is also reserved from this conveyance. Deed acknowledged and registered 3 Jan 1873.

Pages 165-166. Deed dated 24 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$770, **H. H. Mahon** and wife, **Matilda C. Mahon**, convey to **William F. Poston** 2½-acre tract in town of **Alamo**, Crockett County. Tract adjoins land of **J. P. Burns**, and is same lot bought by **R R Ferguson** from **Sidney Cates**' 52-acre tract. Acknowledged separately by the **Mahons** before Clerk **Francis Wood** 3 Jan 1873, and registered same date.

Pages 166-167. Deed dated 6 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$225, **Dr. E. T. Austin** conveys to **Philemon J. Bowers** a 2-acre lot on south side of town of **Alamo** located east of Bells street, south of Cedar, north of Vine, and west of Mill streets. Included are all hereditaments and appurtenances. Witnesses: **R S. Thompson**, **T. G. Johnson**. Acknowledged and registered 8 Jan 1873.

Pages 168-169. Deed dated 24 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$900, constituting a vendor's lien on the following described property, **A. P. Yancey** conveys to **Jane E. Yancey** his undivided interest with **J. B. Yancey** in a house and 3-acre lot in Crockett County District 8. Property adjoins that of **C. A. Yancey**. Acknowledged and registered 11 Jan 1873.

Pages 169-170. Deed dated 7 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$227, **E. B. Mason** of Madison County conveys to **Isaac B. Day** 11.58 acres in Crockett County, Range 2, Section 11. Property adjoins **H. B. Wilson's** seven-acre tract. Witnesses: **H. B. Wilson**, **F. M. Thompson**. Proved by subscribing witnesses 6 Jan 1873. Registered 15 Jan 1873.

Pages 170-171. Deed dated 7 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$35, **E. B. Mason** of Madison County conveys to **H. B. Wilson** 1¾ acres in Crockett County, Range 2, Section 11. Property adjoins northwest corner of **H. B. Wilson's** 5-acre tract and north boundary of his 7-acre tract, and northeast corner of **L B. Day's** land. Witnesses: **F. M. Thompson**, **L B. Day**. Proved by subscribing witnesses 6 Jan 1873. Registered 15 Jan 1873.

Pages 172-173. Deed dated 25 Oct 1872: For consideration of \$200, **James W. Moore** conveys to **H. F. Gibbins** four acres with hereditaments and appurtenances in Crockett County District 8 taken from southeast corner of tract upon which **Moore** now resides. Property is west of road in Cairo, **Tenn.**, and is bounded by **W. T. Macklin's** north line. Witnesses: **W. A. Johnson**, **R D. Cooke**. Deed is separately acknowledged by **F. A. Moore**, wife of **James W. Moore**, before **Z. P. Warren**, Esq., 13 Jan 1873, and by **J. W. Moore** 16 Jan 1873 before Crockett County court clerk. Registered 16 Jan 1873.

Pages 174-175. Deed dated 18 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$600, **R W. Flemming** and wife, **S. A. Flemming**, convey to **Mrs. Jane Kinton**, widow of **J. C. Kinton**, now deceased, 15-acre tract in Crockett County in compliance with an obligation by **R W. Flemming** to deceased on 5 Aug 1871. Tract adjoins property bought by **R W. Flemming** from **F. P. Hall**, and includes all hereditaments and appurtenances. Acknowledged by **R W. Flemming** and separately by his wife, **S. A. Flemming**, 15 Jan 1873 before county court clerk. Registered 18 Jan 1873.

Pages 175-176. Deed dated 18 Dec 1872: For consideration of \$600, **Robert H. Jenkins** and wife, **Susan A. Jenkins**, convey to **W. P. Hoppers** a 20-acre tract in Crockett County District No. 1. Parcel adjoins northeast corner of **Hoppers'** tract. Witnesses: **J. Box, Dempsey Jenkins**. Acknowledged by **Jenkins**, and separately by his wife on 20 Jan 1873 before county court clerk. Registered same date.

Pages 176-177. Deed dated 7 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$1,365, **W. S. Chambers** conveys to **James S. Thompson** 30¹/₂ acre tract in Crockett County beginning at **R. S. Chambers'** northeast corner. Witnesses: **James Chambers, Josias Chambers**. Acknowledged 9 Jan 1873. Registered 21 Jan 1873.

Pages 178-179. Deed dated 23 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$1,200, **Robert S. Mathews** conveys to **William Hart** a 58-acre tract in Crockett County Range 2, Section 11. Tract is bounded by **James S. Blades'** west boundary, the southeast corner of 10-acre tract deeded by **Abram Mason** to **Partheny McKinney**, the south boundary of a 50-acre entry in the name of **Moses Woodfin**, a corner of **G. W. Allen's** property, and the north boundary of **Joseph R Pearson**. Witnesses: **E. B. Mason, H. A. Welch**. Acknowledged and registered 23 Jan 1873.

Pages 179-180. Deed dated 24 Jan 1873: For consideration of 35-acre tract of land conveyed to her on 24 Jan 1873 by **Thomas Cooke** and valued at \$1,452.25, **Mary E. Cooke** conveys to **Thomas Cooke** a 38-acre tract bounded by land of **Mrs. Bryant's** dower, **John Bell's** northwest corner, **Mankaby's** east boundary and northeast corner. **Mary** is present wife of **Thomas Cooke** and former widow of **William L. Cooke**, deceased. Property is part of 60-acre tract conveyed by **T. J. Montigue** to **Mary E. Cooke**, then the widow of **William Cook**, deceased, under the name of **Elizabeth Cook**, by a deed dated 23 Apr 1866 and registered in **Haywood County** Deed Book Y, p. 90 on 8 May 1866. Witness to deed of 24 Jan 1873 is **W. A. Johnson**. Deed acknowledged and registered 24 Jan 1873. [Note: Surname spelling varies in this document.]

Pages 181-182. Deed dated 24 Jan 1873: For consideration of 38-acre tract of land conveyed to him on 24 Jan 1873 by his wife **Mary E. Cook**, and valued at \$1,352.25 and the further sum of \$100 in cash, **Thomas Cook** conveys to said **Mary E. Cook** a 35-acre parcel of land. Property is on south side of M & L Railroad and is same tract **Thomas** deeded to **J. R McDonald** on 16 Oct 1871 and registered in **Haywood County** Book No. 3, page 228, on 26 Dec 1871. It adjoins land of **Robert Mitchell, B. S. Jones**. Witnessed by **W. A. Johnson**. Acknowledged and registered 24 Jan 1873.

Pages 182-183. Deed dated 24 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$1,352.25, to be secured by notes, **Thomas Cook** and his wife, **Mary E. Cook**, of Crockett County convey to **George Tatum** of said county the 38-acre tract deeded to said **Thomas Cook** by his wife, **Mary E. Cook**, on 24 Jan 1873. Tract is bounded by **Mrs. Bryant's** dower, northwest corner of **John Bell's** property, northeast corner of **Mankaby's** land. Witnessed by **W. A. Johnson**. Acknowledged by **Thomas**, and separately by **Mary**, both on 24 Jan 1873. Registered 25 Jan 1873.

Pages 184-185. Deed dated 27 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$250, **E. T. Austin** conveys to **C. A. Goodloe** a 2-acre lot in town of Alamo, Crockett County. Lot is on south side of town, east of Bells street, south of **P. J. Bowers**, north of Vine St. and is known as Lot No. 2 in **Austin's** Division of lots. Acknowledged and registered 27 Jan 1873.

Pages 185-186. Deed dated 24 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$1,200, **Green L. Poplin** of Butler Co, Mo., conveys to **Benjamin C. Bettis** a lot in Bells Station, Crockett County, adjoining **Sandlin's** property. Witnesses: **J. Williams, G. W. Moss**. Acknowledged before county clerk 27 Jan 1873; registered 30 Jan 1873.

Pages 186-187. Deed dated 28 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$1,000, **C. B. Stewart** and wife, **J. Lou Stewart**, convey to **G. W. Rooker** (1) a 20x80' lot in the town of Gadsden on the Memphis & Ohio Railroad in Crockett County known on plan of Depot grounds as Lot No. 18, and (2) half of Lot No. 19 fronting 12¹/₂ feet by 80 feet back. Two lots contain in all 2600 square feet. Witnesses: **R. G. Sanders, W. R. Evans**. Acknowledged individually 29 Jan 1873 before **J. W. Roseman**, notary public, Crockett County. Certified by county court clerk 30 Jan 1873, and registered same date.

Pages 188-189. Deed dated 28 Jan 1873: For consideration of \$1,000, **George W. Rooker** and wife, **Ann E. Rooker**, convey to **C. B. Stewart** town lot No. 12 in Gadsden on Memphis & Ohio Railroad in Crockett County. Lot is 26 feet wide and 80 feet deep, containing in all 2080 square feet. Witnesses: **R. G. Sanders, W. R. Evans**. Acknowledged by **Rooker** and wife separately before **J. W. Roseman**, Crockett County notary public, on 29 Jan 1873. Certified by county court clerk at Alamo 30 Jan 1873, and registered same date.

(To be continued in next issue)

Tennessee Comings & Goings

GEORGE W. HARRIS has been appointed postmaster at Knoxville in place of **F. W. Earnest**.

*** -*Memphis Appeal*, 15 Aug 1857

WE SEE ANNOUNCED the death of **Mr. Plummer Kirkpatrick**, California emigrant from **LaGrange**, Tern. He died at Sacramento City about the first of last November [1856] of cholera.

*** -*Memphis Appeal*, 11 Jan 1851

FROM The Maury Intelligencer we learn that the elegant residence of **Judge Cahal** was consumed by fire on the morning of the 25th [Sep 1849]. The blaze was **discovered** about 3 o'clock and had made such progress it could not be arrested. Most of the **furniture** was saved by great exertions on the part of those who happened to be present, but the Judge's library and valuable papers were destroyed. The fire was the work of an incendiary. The judge was absent, holding court at Lawrence.

*** -*Memphis Enquirer*, 2 Oct 1849

COL. WILLIAM F. KERCHEVAL of **Fayetteville** has been appointed attorney of the United States for the Middle District of Tennessee, **vice Thomas D. Moseley**, removed.

-*Memphis Enquirer*, 3 Oct 1849, reprinted from the *National Intelligencer*, 21 Sep 1849

A DISPATCH dated 30 Sep [1895] from **Germantown**, Shelby Co., **Tenn.**, states: "**Mr. McCooppin** and the **Messrs. Burnes**, all land buyers of the **Northern States**, accompanied by **Frank Tribble**, arrived here this morning for the purpose of purchasing homes. Two of them have bought homes near Germantown and others **will** no doubt **do So**."

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 30 Sep 1895

THE SADDLERY ESTABLISHMENT of **Maj. Thomas O'Conner** on Gay St., west side between **Clinch** and **Church St.**, has become one of the most important and successful **manufactures** of Knoxville.

* *Knoxville Daily Whig*, 11 June 1870

DR M. L. ROGERS of this city exhibited to us yesterday a **single** strawberry measuring **4 $\frac{3}{4}$** inches in circumference and **4 $\frac{3}{4}$** inches long.

* *Knoxville Daily Whig*, 11 June 1870

ROLFE S. SAUDERS of this county, proprietor of the "**Dorsey-Golddust**" stock **farm** and late candidate for **sergeant-at-arms** of the House of Representatives, has been appointed Lieutenant of the Capitol Police at a salary of \$1,800. His friends when they visit the National Capitol **will** find him dressed in a nice suit of blue clothes **profusely** ornamented with brass buttons, and the **same** genial good-natured **Rolfe** as when he was a "**son of toil**."

-*Knoxville Whig & Chronicle*, 5 Jan 1876

FROM The Alexandria (Va.) Gazette we learn that the families of **Messrs. B. W. Macrae** and **W. W. Wallace** of Fauquier County and **Lucien Dale** of Prince William County have started in company to **seek** new homes in Tennessee. We understand that the emigration **number[s]** 140, white and colored, all told.

* *Memphis Daily Enquirer*, 3 Oct 1841

COL. THOMAS H. CALLOWAY, president of East Tennessee, Virginia, & Georgia Railway, who has been for some time in precarious **health**, is now on a visit to Saltville, Va.

* *Knoxville Daily Whig*, 11 June 1870

THE FIRST CHILD born in Trousdale County is **Locke Dalton's**.

* *Knoxville Daily Whig*, 20 Aug 1870

THREE TENNESSEEANS were among those killed in a wreck on the St. **Louis** Southwestern Railroad near **Goldman**, Ark., in May 1892. Their names as officially listed were: **Mrs. R. B. Clark**, Winchester, Tern.; **R. D. Crompton**, Nashville, **Tenn.**; and **James Morgan**, Memphis. Because of high water, **railway** officials hired a steamer to go down the Arkansas River and bring the dead to Pine Bluff.

Columbia, Tenn., Current, 26 May 1892

OUR YOUNG friend Sam B. Dow, late of the Assessor's office, returned yesterday **from** a brief visit to his **friends** in New Hampshire. We are **sorry** to hear he proposes in a few days leaving for Texas, which will probably be his future home. Wherever he may locate, he **will** be found to be a man made of true mettle -- affable, courteous, and brave, and withal a disciple of Nimrod.

-*Knoxville Daily Whig*, 18 Feb 1870

COL. J. A. DOUGHTY has recently located in **Ebenezer**. His many friends of childhood days are happy to see him in such **fine** health

* *Knoxville Weekly Whig & Chronicle*, 19 Jan 1876

WE LEARN from **Mr. J. T. Ambrose** that commissioners of the new county of **Unicoi** met a few days ago and elected the point for a county **seat**, giving it the name of **Vanderbilt**. **Col. J. K. Miller**, **Mr. John H. Barclay**, and **Mr. Ryburn** have purchased property there and **will** build and engage in the goods business.

-*Knoxville Weekly Whig & Chronicle*, 5 Apr 1876

MR. JOE CALLOWAY of Cleveland has been to New Mexico and returned. He reports it is a splendid country for stock-raising but not very desirable to live in.

-*Knoxville Weekly Whig & Chronicle*, 5 Apr 1876

W. C. REID, an old citizen of **Bedford** County but now of Texas, is here on a visit to **friends** and relatives.

-*Shelbyville Commercial*, 5 Dec 1884

Tennessee Comings & Goings

IN THE 10TH CIVIL DISTRICT of Sevier County on Friday morning, 2nd June, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock, **Mr. Guy S. Hale**, aged 72 years, and **Mr. Prater Gibson**, aged 85, died within a few minutes of each other.

-Knoxville Weekly Whig & Chronicle, 21 Jun 1876

THE OAKDALE PROPERTY known as "the Johnson place" was sold on Monday last by trustee **Col. W. J. Betterton** and was bid off by **Major Carpenter** at \$1,130 for their creditors.

-Reprinted from the Kingston East Tennessean in the Knoxville Weekly Whig & Chronicle, 21 Jun 1876

MISS EMMA GALLOWAY has gone to Eagle Nest, Miss., to be the guest of Miss **Gertrude Alcorn**.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 14 June 1888

MISS ANNIE BRUCE today returned home from Philadelphia where she has been attending a girls' school.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 14 June 1888

MISS SARAH E. LOWENSTEIN this morning left for Long Branch and the White Mountains to remain during the summer.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 20 June 1888

W. B. SHEARON, merchant of Middleton, Tenn., today bought an interest in the Memphis firm of **M. C. Pearce & Company**.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 20 June 1888

REV. R A. VENABLE today left for Blue Mountain, Miss., to deliver an address to the girl graduates at Blue Mountain College.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 20 June 1888

MR. AND MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS and their daughter, Miss **Winnie Davis**, yesterday were passengers from New Orleans on the steamer **T. P. Leathers**. They are going to **Briarfield**, Mr. **Davis'** plantation near **Vicksburg**, Miss., where Miss **Davis** remains a few days before going to New York to spend the summer as guest of **Mr. Joseph Pulitzer** whose husband is editor of the **New York World**.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 21 June 1888

MRS. S. P. ANDERSON, formerly Miss **Alice Snowden** of Memphis, today returned to her home in Jackson, Tenn.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 5 June 1888

MRS. S. J. MILLER has returned to **Shelbyville** and occupies her residence near the Big Spring. She proposes, as soon as she can get things arranged, to take day boarders. We heartily welcome **Mrs. Miller** back to her old home.

*** -Shelbyville Commercial, 5 Dec 1884

JAMES P. GRUNDY and **Joseph Branch Southall**, attorneys and counsellors at law, will practice in all courts held in Nashville and in circuit and chancery courts at Franklin.

-Nashville Union, 1 Feb 1839

FIRE IN LEBANON - Yesterday morning about 9 o'clock the Brick-house of **Mr. Richard Buchanan** about three miles from this city took fire and was entirely consumed. It is supposed to have originated from a defective chimney. Most of the furniture, as also the out-houses, saved. No insurance.***

-Nashville Union, 4 Feb 1839

JAMES HORNBEAK, Esq., has been appointed Post Master at Locust Grove [Weakley County] in this state.

*** -Nashville Union, 4 Feb 1839

THE DWELLING of **Mr. John Trigg** at Memphis was consumed by fire on 22d Jan. 1839.

-Nashville Union, 4 Feb 1839

BENJAMIN D. SMITH, **Jesse J. Finley**, and **George S. Golladay**, all late of Tennessee, will practice their professions in partnership in most or all of the counties of North Mississippi, in the superior courts at Jackson, and the Federal court at Pontotoc. Their office is at Grenada, **Yallobusha Co., Miss.**

*** -Nashville Union, 6 Feb 1839

M. A. LONG, attorney at law, **Shelbyville**, will practice in the circuit and chancery courts of **Bedford**, **Franklin**, and **Cannon** counties.

*** -Nashville Union, 6 Feb 1839

TRUSTEES of Tusculum Institute have secured the services of **Rev. C. G. MacPherson**, A. M., as principal. They intend to make the school a permanent institution in which will be taught all branches of literature usually taught in the best academies and colleges in the Western country. Trustees are **Enoch Ensley**, **Hays Blackman**, **E. M. Patterson**, **G. B. Goodwin**, and **James May**.

*** -Nashville Union, 8 Feb 1839

SUPT. PHILLIPS of **Elmwood** Cemetery says his records from Aug. 16th to Nov 1st show 1,580 yellow fever interments.

*** -Memphis Avalanche, 13 Nov 1878

EMIGRANTS from Ohio and Pennsylvania are said to be settling in considerable numbers in **Hickman** County on the fruit-growing, sheep-raising ridge south of **White Bluff** Station on the Northwest road, in the mountain coves in **Overton** and **Fentress** counties, and in the rich bottom lands of **Bradley** County.

*** -Memphis Appeal, 1 June 1868

CITIZENS of Memphis, South Memphis, and vicinity are requested to meet at City Hall on Wednesday evening, 7 Nov [1849], at early candlelight for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of uniting the two towns and enlarging the limits thereof.

*** -Memphis Enquirer, 7 Nov 1849

A BRIDAL PARTY came down yesterday on the steamer **Alert**. The bridegroom was our young friend **Whiteman** of the firm of **Whiteman Bros.**, who captured one of the fair maidens of **Celina** on the Upper **Cumberland**.

-Nashville Gazette, 5 May 1867

Decatur County Vital Statistics

Installment 4

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



#21429 - **ELMER KINDLE** - Died 11 Sep 1910 of fever in Decatur County. Aged 20, black male, single. Farmer. Born in Decatur County.

#21430 - **WILLIAM BLOUNT** [marked out] - Died 10 Sep 1910 of fever in Nashville, Tenn. Aged 50, white male, married. Merchant. Born in Decaturville.

#21431 - **JAMES E. DEES** - Died 25 Mar 1911 of kidney trouble in Decaturville. Aged 59, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Decatur County.

#21432 - **B. L. GORE** - Died 19 Feb 1911 of intestinal obstruction in Decatur County. Aged 42, white male, married. Teacher. Birth place not given.

#21433 - **GEORGIA TUCKER** - Died 25 May 1909 of remittant fever [malaria] in Decatur County. Aged two years, white female. Born in Decatur County.

#21434 - **SAMUEL E. JONES** - Died 15 Oct 1908 of consumption in Decatur County. Aged 20, white male, single. Farmer. Born in Decatur County.

#21435 - **NANCY J. JONES** - Died 9 Sep 1908 of consumption in Decatur County. Aged 43, white female, married. Farmer's wife. Born in Decatur County.

#21436 - **R E. ADAMS** - Died 19 Feb 1909 of heart failure in Decatur County. Aged 25, white male, single. Farmer. Born in Decatur County.

#21437 - [Marked out] **LIZIA A. RUSSELL** - Decatur Co., 11th School District.

#21438 - **HATTIE BELL** - Died of consumption 2 Mar 1909 in Swallow Bluff, Decatur County. Aged 30, black female, married. Farmer's wife. Born in Tennessee.

#21439 - **EFFIE BELL** - Died of unknown cause 12 May 1909 in Swallow Bluff. Aged 7 months, black female. Born in Swallow Bluff, 11th School District.

#21440 - **DRURY E. AUSTIN** - Died of unknown cause 13 Oct 1908 at Point Pleasant, Decatur County, 11th School District. Aged 4 months, white male. Born at Point Pleasant.

#21441 - **EDNER** (Edna?) **BURUS** - Died of fever 26 June 1909 at Point Pleasant, Decatur County, 11th School District. Aged 10 months, white female. Born in Tennessee.

#21442 - **JONA E. HEAFFER** - Died of unknown cause at Thurman, Decatur County, 11th School District. Aged 15 days old. Born at Thurman.

#21443 - **ELGIE PEARCY** - Died 14 Sep 1911 of consumption in Decatur County, 4th School District. Aged 18 years, white female, single. Born in 4th District.

#21444 - **CORDILA PEARCY** - Died of stomach problem 3 June 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 44 years, white female, married. Housekeeper. Born in Decatur County.

#21445 - **INFANT** (unnamed) **MYRCLE** - Died of unknown cause 29 Jul 1911. Aged one day, white male. Born and died in Decatur County.

#21446 - **WILLIE DEISAN** - Died of enlarged liver 13 Feb 1912 in Decatur County. White female, one month old. Born in Decatur County.

#21447 - **TOM JOHNSON** - Died of consumption 12 Oct 1911 in Decatur County, 4th School District. Aged 73, white male, married. Farmer. Born in Tippah Co., Miss.

#21448 - **INFANT** [unnamed] **TILMAN** - Died of unknown cause 21 Feb 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 3 days, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21449 - **MAGGIE NEAL** - Died of consumption 1 Dec 1911 in Decatur County. Aged 10 years, white female. Born in Decatur County.

#21450 - **BETTIE M. YARBRO** - Died of female trouble 13 Jul 1911 at Decaturville. Aged 67, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21451 - **ANNIE RIDEN** - Died of womb trouble 9 Mar 1912 at Decaturville. Aged 65, white female, married. Born in Summerset [Somerset?] Shire, England.

#21452 - **MARY WYATT** - Died of paralysis 9 Apr 1912 at Decaturville. Aged 37 years, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21453 - **LOISE LUNA** - Died of whooping cough 13 Sep 1912 at Decaturville. Aged 10 months, white female. Born in Decaturville.

#21454 - **LIZZIE HAY** - Died of consumption 4 Jul 1911/1912 [written over] at Decaturville. Aged 34, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21455 - **J. T. ROGERS** - Died of pneumonia 18 Jan 1912 in Decatur County, 4th School District. Aged 74, white male, married. Fanner. Born in Henderson Co., Tenn.

#21456 - **NANCY PRATT** - Died of pneumonia 20 Mar 1912 in Decatur County, 10th School District. Aged 73, white female, **married**. Born in Decatur County.

#21457 - **GENIE PRATT** - Died of pneumonia 9 Sep 1911 in Decatur County, 10th School District. Aged 2 years, white female. Born in 10th District.

#21458 - **_____ MANGRUM** - Died of unknown cause 12 June 1912 in Decatur County, 10th School District. White male. First name, age and marital status not indicated. Born in 10th District.

#21459 - **UNNAMED INFANT** - Died 23 Dec 1912, white male, 9 days old. Born and died at Beacon, Decatur County, 6th District.

#21460 - **BESSIE JOHNSON** - Died of consumption 14 June 1912 in Decatur Co., 6th District. Aged 26, black female, single. Born in 6th District.

#21461 - **CETIE DURBIN** - Died of bold hives 17 Jan 1912 in Decatur County, 16th District. Aged 16 days, white female. Born in 16th District.

#21462 - **UNNAMED INFANT** - Died of unknown cause 10 Feb 1912 in Decatur County, 10th District Aged 2 days, white female. Born in 10th District.

#21463 - **FRANCIS EVANS** - Died of epileptic fit in Decatur County 21 May 1912. Aged 56 years, white female, married. Born in Henderson Co., **Tenn.**

#21464 - **DR G. W. RAINS** - Died of pneumonia 22 May 1912 at Parsons, Decatur County. Aged 76, white **male**, married. Physician. Born in North Carolina.

#21465 - **NANNIE GIBSON** - Died of heart failure 17 Apr 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 50, white female, married. Born in Perry Co., **Tenn.**

#21466 - **UNNAMED INFANT** - Stillborn 19 Mar 1912 near Perryville. White female.

#21467 - **UNNAMED INFANT** - Died of whooping cough 6 Oct 1911 on Parsons, Route 10. Aged two months, white male. Born on Route 10.

#21468 - **BETTY RHOADES** - Died of consumption 29 Oct 1911 on Parsons, Rt. 10. Aged 51, white female, married. Born in Perry County.

#21469 - **JAMES GOODIN** - Died of congestion 6 Nov 1911 on Parsons Route. Aged 49, white male, **married**. Farmer. Born in Decatur County.

#21470 - **MARTHA HALLIE** - Died of pneumonia 14 Feb 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 70, black female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21471 - **MARTHA GREAR** - Died of consumption 6 Jan 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 74, black female, **married**. Born in Decatur County.

#21472 - **JUDY (?)HOUSTON** - Died of consumption 28 Jul 1911 in Decatur County, 5th School District. Aged 22, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21473 - **JAMES CHARLES BLANTON** - Died of pneumonia and hives 14 Sep 1909 in Decatur County. Aged 1 month, 1 day, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21474 - **M. J. CHANEY** - Died of stomach trouble 18 Jan 1912 in Decatur County, 5th School District. Aged 62, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21475 - **ABNER GOOCH** - Died of infection 22 Nov 1911 in Decatur County. Aged 6 years 6 months, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21476 - **INFANT BOWMAN** - Died of premature birth on 15 May 1912 in Decatur County, 5th School District. Aged about 1 hour, white female. Born in 5th District.

#21477 - **LONNIE MILLER** - Died of fever 1 Mar 1912 in Decatur Co., 5th District. Aged 5 months, white male. Born in 5th District.

#21478 - **FRANCES BAUCUM** - Died of heart failure 30 June 1911 in Decatur County, 5th School District. Aged 55, white female, married. Born in Decatur County.

#21479 - **LOTTIE BLACKMAN** - Died of spinal meningitis 26 Jan 1912 in Decatur County, 5th School District. Aged 10 years, **white** female. Born in 5th District.

#21480 - **GUSS (?) GREER** - Died of consumption 1 June 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 12 years, black female. Born in Decatur County.

#21481 - **JOE MILLER** - Died of stomach congestion 15 Mar 1912 in Decatur County. Aged 2 years, white male. Born in Decatur County.

#21482 - **C. H. TUCKER** - Died of catarrh, fever, or combination of the two on 9 (?) ~~Mar~~ 1909 in Decatur County. Aged 5 years, white male. Born in Decatur County.

(To be continued in next issue)

Batson-Daniel

Married at Danielsville, Dickson Co., Tenn., on 23rd Dec [1875] by the Rev. Mr. Parish, Mr. John C. **Batson** and Miss Enola N. **Daniel**.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 8 Jan 1876

Campbell-Lewis

Married at River Cliff near McMinnville, Tenn., on 4 Jan 1876 by Rev. L. Holmes, Mr. James W. **Campbell** of Nashville and Miss Mary D. Lewis, daughter of George T. **Lewis**.

-Clarksville Chronicle, 13 Jan 1876

Taylor-Bynum

Mr. Arthur K. Taylor and Miss Mary F. Bynum were married last night [29 June 1894] by the Rev. Dr. Patterson. The marriage was somewhat of a surprise to their friends .. for although they were engaged, the wedding was not to come off for some time. Miss Bynum, as sweet and accomplished a girl who ever lived, was formerly a resident of Memphis but recently her family moved to Lakeview, Miss. Yesterday she came to Memphis ... was met by Mr. Taylor and, in talking the matter over, they came to the conclusion that it was no use to postpone the marriage. J. B. Myrick was dispatched in search of a marriage license and, when it was obtained, the couple and their friends repaired to the residence of Dr. Patterson where the ceremony was performed.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 30 June 1894

Ford-Reiney

HUMBOLDT, June 27 - Two of the most prominent people of this place were married this evening at the bride's home by Rev. R. P. Mahon. The distinguished contracting parties are Rev. F. H. Ford of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Miss Bell Reiney, both of this city. Rev. Ford is a minister of high standing in his denomination and is known for his works of charity and spotless character. Miss Reiney is a woman of rare accomplishments and is distinguished for her gentle and graceful manners and personal charm.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 28 June 1894

Tennessee Marriages

Small-Cary

Married on Thursday evening, 1st Jan [1846] by Rev. P. W. Alston, Henry D. Small, Esq., to Miss Mary Jane **Cary**, both of this city.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 9 Jan 1846

Fuller-Horton

Squire **Mathews** yesterday [10 May 1867] gracefully performed a marriage ceremony uniting in the iron bonds of wedlock, Mr. Ira Fuller to Miss America E. Horton, both of whom seemed as happy as possible under the circumstances.

-Nashville Gazette, 11 May 1867

Bray-Ralston

Married on 6th June [1867] at the residence of the bride's father, David **Ralston**, Esq., on White's Creek by the Rev. Dr. A. J. **Baird**, Mr. J. N. Bray and Miss Lou E. **Ralston**, all of Davidson County.

-Nashville Gazette, 11 June 1867

Looney-Roland

Married by Rev. J. H. Gray in Fort Pickering on Tuesday evening [1st Jul 1845], Col. David Looney to Miss Mary Roland, daughter of Hugh Roland, Esq.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 4 Jul 1845

Bradley-Feathemton and Wynne-Featherson

Married in Shelby County by Rev. John H. Gray on Thursday evening, 3 Jul 1845, Mr. William T. Bradley to Miss Susan S. Featherston. On the same occasion and by the same, Mr. William G. Wynne to Miss **Harriet** Featherston.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 4 Jul 1845

Brown-Saunders

Married at Nashville on Thursday evening, 16th Sep [1845], by Rev. J. T. Wheat, the Hon. A. V. Brown, governor-elect of the state of Tennessee, to Mrs. Cynthia **Saunders** of Davidson County.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 26 Sep 1845

McComb-Nash

Married on Tuesday, 2nd Sep 1845, at Middle Haddam, Conn., by Rev. Sylvester Nash, Mr. James M. **McComb** of Memphis to Miss Elizabeth W. Nash of the former place.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 26 Sep 1845

Finley-Lamb

Married on Sunday evening [2nd Nov 1845] by Rev. P. W. Alston, Maj. John B. **Finley**, attorney at law of Osceola, Ark., to Miss Elizabeth Lamb of Memphis.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 7 Nov 1845

Dougherty-Hill

Married in Yalobusha Co., Miss., on 31st Oct [1845], Mr. William D. **Dougherty** of Steamboat Bulletin to Miss Lucy S. **Hill**.

-American Eagle, Memphis, 4 Jul 1845

Pritchard-Hill

Married 18 Sep [1877] at the residence of the bride's mother in Madison County by Rev. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Jeter C. **Pritchard** of **Bakersville** and Miss Augusta L. Hill of Mars Hill, N.C.

-The Journal, Jonesboro, Tenn. 11 Oct 1877

Barkley-Bowman

Married 12 Sep [1877] by Rev. A. G. Register, Mr. Samuel K. **Barkley** to Miss **Bettie** Bowman, daughter of B. M. Bowman, all of this county.

-The Journal, Jonesboro, Tenn. 13 Sep 1877

Matthews-Strong

Married on 24 Dec 1850 by Rev. John Wilson, Mr. John G. **Matthews** of Graves Co., **Tex.**, to Miss Sarah **Jane** Strong of Tipton Co., **Tenn.**

[Austin, Tex., Gazette, please copy.]

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 Jan 1851

Evans-Troth

Married on Wednesday, 29th Jan 1851 in the vicinity of Oakland, Tenn., by Rev. T. H. **Bayliss**, Mr. James S. Evans to Miss Cornelia F. Trotter, all of Fayette County.

[Nashville & Louisville Advocates, please copy.]

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 11 Feb 1851

Hill-Snead

One of the most brilliant and beautiful weddings that ever took place in Memphis was solemnized last night at 8 o'clock in Calvary Church when **Miss Louise Bethell Snead** of this city and **Crawford H i** of Denver were united in marriage. The Episcopal ceremony with its solemn impressiveness was performed by **Rev. F. P. Davenport, D. D.**, rector. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity showing how much the fair bride was loved that people would venture forth on such a stormy night... After the services at the church, a reception for relatives and immediate friends was held at the residence of **Col. and Mrs. H. M. Neely** at 300 Adams st. Their elegant mansion was aglow with light from the first floor to the third and fragrant with myriads of roses and lilies. There is not possibly in all the South a more palatial home, both of construction and furnishings. When the bride was an infant, her mother died and **Col. and Mrs. Neely** took her and brought her up as their own. **Mrs. Neely** is not only the bride's sister but the only mother she has ever known. The groom is the son of **Sen. Hill** of Colorado, a gentleman of great wealth. The couple left last night for the East where they will remain for some time before going to their home in Denver. [Abstracted]

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 16 Jan 1895

McClanahan-Green

Married near **Whiteville** [Hardeman County] on Tuesday evening, 4th Feb, by **Rev. Philip Walker**, **Mr. Hampden McClanahan** of Jackson, Tenn., to **Miss Lucy K. Green**, daughter of **Major John C. Green** of the former place.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 14 Feb 1851

Greer-Holcombe

Married at "Wyalaucing," the residence of **Col. R L. Holcombe**, by **Rev. M. W. Staples**, **Gen. E. Greer** of Holly Springs, Miss., to **Anna E. Holcombe**, oldest of "the beautiful and accomplished sisters."

-*Marshall, Tex., Republican*, reprinted in *Memphis Daily Appeal*, 14 Feb 1851

Tennessee Marriages

Williamson County Is Scene Of 1846-47 Holiday Weddings

[From the *Western Weekly Review*, Franklin, Tenn., 15 Jan 1847]

On Christmas Eve, 24 Dec 1846,
by **Rex M. L. Andrew**:

- **Mr. William R Reams** to **Miss Sarah J. Allen**
- **Mr. G. W. Moppin** to **Miss Mary Corzine**
- **Mr. Hiram D. Dittoto** to **Miss Martha O. Cox**
- **Mr. Wiley P. Cundiffe** to **Miss Mary E. Oram**

On 29 Dec 1846
by **Rev. James C. Anderson**:

- **Mr. Green McPherson** to **Miss Emeline Forehand**
- **Mr. John Sheffield** to **Miss Celia Vaughn**
- **Mr. Henry J. Bragg** to **Miss Dolly E. Joyce**

On 23d Dec 1846
by **Rev. James Marshall**:

- **Mr. James N. Page** to **Miss Susan Stocket**
- **Mr. William A. Baucorn** to **Miss Catharine H. Hemphill**
- **Mr. William W. Burge** to **Miss Margaret L. Alexander**

On 17th Dec 1846
by **Rev. M. W. Gray**:

- **Mr. John B. Sudbury** to **Miss Susan E. Jackson**

On 19th Dec 1846
by **George W. Armstrong, Esq.**:

- **Mr. Willis H. Cook** to **Miss Margaret McPherson**

On 15th Dec 1846
by **Gilbert Marshall, Esq.**

- **Mr. Charles O. Pate** to **Mrs. Rosy Coleman**
- **Mr. Edward Robison** to **Miss Susan Clark**
- **Mr. Isaac H. Hose** to **Miss Elizabeth A. Vaughan**
- **Mr. James M. Coleman** to **Miss Elizabeth Thweatt**
- **Mr. Wyatt A. Haley** to **Miss Mary C. Riggs**
- **Mr. James L. Clay** to **Miss Nancy Terry**

On New Year's Eve, 31 Dec 1846
by **Rev. James Marshall**:

- **Mr. James A. S. Rogers** to **Miss ~ beth B. Hughes**
- **Mr. Bennett A. Hargrove** to **Miss Mary A. Williams**
- **Mr. James F. Connor** to **Miss Elizabeth S. Harris**

- **Mr. Benjamin S. Jordan** to **Miss Sarah P. Adams**
- **Mr. Willis Carson** to **Miss Zilpha A.**
- **Mr. William Wall** to **Miss Ruthy H. Maddox**
- **Mr. Thomas Johnson** to **Miss Nancy E. Pate**
- **Mr. John Jackson** to **Miss Elizabeth Kingston**
- **Mr. William McPherson** to **Miss Elizabeth Pritchitt**

On New Year's Eve, 31 Dec 1846
by **Wm. F. Carter, Esq.**:

- **Mr. William J. Buckingham** to **Miss Viney Prince**

On 12th Jan 1847
by **Rev. M. L. Andrews**:

- **Mr. Wm. J. Bateman** to **Miss Sarah Jane Wright**, daughter of **Mr. William M. Wright**

On 12th Jan 1847
by **Rev. H. B. North**:

- **Dr. Jesse G. Corn** to **Miss Elizabeth K. Blythe**
- **Mr. Cameron H. Lockridge** to **Miss Elizabeth H. Darden**

On 14th Jan 1847

- **William S. Davis** to **Miss Rachel Burns**

DeWoody-Pharr

Married at Raleigh 27th Aug [1851] by **Rev. David L. Gray**, **William L. Dewoody, Esq.**, to **Miss Jane M. Pharr** -- all of Shelby County. The above was accompanied by several tempting delicacies including a bottle of sparkling champagne in which all hands drank to the fair bride and the happy man the joys of a never-ending honeymoon.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 30 Aug 1851

Bowles-Haskell

Married in Jackson on Thursday, 13th Nov [1851] by **Rev. Dr. McCollough**, **Mr. William Bowles** of the firm of **Bowles & Smither** of Memphis to **Miss Carolina Haskell** of the former place.

-*Memphis Daily Appeal*, 18 Nov 1851

McClellan-Coleman

Married in Burleson Co., Tex., on 7 Jan last, **Mr. William J. McClellan**, formerly of **Williamson Co., Tenn.**, to **Miss Sarah Coleman**.

-*Western Wkly. Review*, Franklin, 14 Mar 1851

Frazer-Wall

Married Thursday evening, 13th Nov [1851] by the Rev. W. B. Beaver, **Jeremiah Frazer**, Esq., to **Miss** Emily Wall, daughter of Frederick Wall, Esq., all of Fayette County.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 21 Nov 1851

Sullivan-Walker

Married 24 Oct [1850] in Arkansas Co., Ark., by Rev. J. B. Lambert of Monroe County, Dr. L. A. Sullivan to Mrs. Vernetta T. Walker, both of Arkansas County.

[Fayetteville, Tenn., papers please copy.]

Memphis Daily Eagle, 5 Nov 1850

Trueheart-Scrugg

Married in Germantown [Shelby County] on 5 Dec [1850] by S. W. Ledbetter, Esq., Mr. George W. **Trueheart** to Mrs. Maria **Scrugg**, both formerly of Virginia.

Memphis Daily Eagle, 16 Dec 1850

Buffaloe-Howel

Married 17 Dec [1850] by J. **Waldran**, Esq., Mr. W. A. **Buffaloe** to Mrs. Mary Jane **Howel**, all of this city, formerly of Holly Springs, Miss.

Memphis Daily Eagle, 19 Dec 1850

Atlee-Sehorn

Married at Athens, Tenn., in the Methodist Episcopal Church at 8 p.m. on 19 May [1870] by Rev. J. J. **Manker**, assisted by Revs. R. D. Black and J. S. Petty, Mr. B. G. **Atlee** and Miss Nora **Sehorn**, daughter of W. M. **Sehorn**, Esq., all of Athens.

Knoxville Whig, 21 May 1870

Malone-Cossett

Married in LaGrange, Tern., on the morning of the 3d Oct [1849] at 4 o'clock by Rev. Jno. T. **Baskerville** of the Methodist Annual Conference, Mr. Richard Henry **Malone** of Tippah Co., Miss., to Miss Mary Cole **Cossett**, late of Westfield, Mass.

Memphis Enquirer, 5 Oct 1849

Webb-Kizer

Married on 2nd Jul [1857] in the town of Macon, Tern., by S. B. Dougan, Esq., Mr. Howell **Webb** to Mrs. Temperance **Kizer**.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 Jul 1857

Tennessee Marriages

Giles-Phillips

Married by Rev. L. B. **Gaston** in Tishomingo, Miss., on Wednesday, 25th Nov [1857], Mr. R. M. **Giles** of Memphis to Miss Sue F. Phillips of Tishomingo.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 29 Nov 1857

Wendel-Bradford

Married in Brownsville on 16th Jul [1857] by the Rev. Mr. Collins, Mr. J. P. **Wendel**, professor of music in the Brownsville Female Seminary, to Miss Julia B. **Bradford**, daughter of the late **Carroll** **Bradford**.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 17 Jul 1857

Hamner-Cockrill

Married on the morning of 19 Aug [1857] by Rev. A. W. Jones, Mr. C. S. **Hamner**, editor of the *Dyersburg Recorder*, to Miss Martha J. **Cockrill** of Jackson, Tenn.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 23 Aug 1857

McElrath-Pavatt

Married in Perryville, Tern., by Henry C. Fryer, Esq., on the evening of 7 Aug [1857], the Hon. David E. A. **McElrath** to Mrs. Sarah Jane **Pavatt**, widow of the late Felix J. **Pavatt**, all of Decatur County.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 23 Aug 1857

Wells-Woodruff

Married at Rahway, N. J., on 11th Aug [1857] by Rev. S. S. **Sheddan**, Mr. W. E. Wells of Memphis to Miss Annie P. **Woodruff**, daughter of Mr. Jacob L. **Woodruff** of Rahway.

Memphis Daily Appeal 26 Aug 1857

Dugger-Willis

Last Thursday evening [24 May 1900] at the bride's home at **Ashwood**, Rev. John **Hight** united in marriage Miss Beulah **Willis** and Mr. Joe **Dugger**. Attendants were Miss **Lottie Willis** and Walter **Griffin**, Miss Mary **Rains** and Robert **Willis**, Miss Mary **Dugger** and Hayes **Irvine**. A reception followed the ceremony. The next day the couple left on a short bridal tour to Nashville. They will reside at **Ashwood**.

Columbia Journal, 30 May 1900

Anderson-Smith

Married in Immanuel Church at LaGrange on 4th Sep [1857] by the Rev. Mr. Page, Mr. James H. **Anderson**, Esq., of Holly Springs, Miss., and Miss Lide G. **Smith**.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 23 Sep 1857

Reed-White

Married on Wednesday evening, 1st Jan 1851, by the Rev. George W. Coons, the Rev. Wyly M. **Reed** of Leighton, Ala., to Miss Mary **Caroline White**, daughter of the late Col. John D. **White** of Shelby County.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 4 Jan 1851

Maddox-Sherwood

Married in St. Louis on 24 Dec 1850 by Rev. J. Goodier, Dr. J. W. **Maddox** of Memphis to Miss **Harriett V. Sherwood** of St. Louis.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 4 Jan 1851

Matthews-Strong

Married on 24 Dec 1850 by Rev. John Wilson, Mr. **John G. Matthews** of Graves Co., Tex., to Miss Sarah Jane **Strong** of Tipton Co., Tenn.

[Austin Gazette, Tex., please copy]

Memphis Daily Appeal, 7 Jan 1851

Fitzpatrick-Cook

Married on the evening of 30 Dec 1850 by George J. **Bibb**, Esq., Mr. Peter B. **Fitzpatrick** to Miss Susan **Cook**, all of Lauderdale Co., Tern.

Memphis Daily Appeal, 11 Jan 1851

Cooper-Goodyear

Mr. Carroll P. **Cooper** and Miss **Pearle Goodyear** were married yesterday afternoon [12 Jan 1892] at Central Methodist Church, the Rev. **Dr. Mahon** officiating. Mr. George **Goodyear** and Miss Margaret **Cochran**, Mr. William **Cooper** and Miss Ruth **Mahon**, their attendants, escorted them down the aisle, preceded by Messrs. Louis **Gibson**, R. L. **Kellar**, **Julian Heard**, and R. S. **Gantt**, ushers. The groom has lived in Memphis about five years and is employed in the auditor's office of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad. The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Goodyear**. The couple left for the East and after a short stay there will proceed to Florida for several weeks.

Memphis Public Ledger, 13 Jan 1892

Seaton-Trotter

Mamed at the residence of the bride's mother on Thursday, 2 June, 1870, by **Rev. J. D. Lawson**, **Mr. Will B. Seaton** and **Miss Sallie V. Trotter**, all of **Sevier County**.

(*Soldier's Gazette*, please copy.)

- *Knoxville Daily Whig*, 11 June 1870

Harris-Tucker

The many friends in Mt. Pleasant of **Mr. Hunter G. Harris** were surprised to learn of his marriage which occurred at St. Peter's Rectory in Columbia last Wednesday [23 May 1900], his bride being **Miss Mary E. Tucker** of that city. **Rev. Baker P. Lee** performed the ceremony.

- *Reprinted in Columbia Journal*, 30 May 1900, from the *Mt. Pleasant Chronicle*

Acree-Allen

Married on 2nd Sep [1857] at the residence of the bride's father, **W. H. Allen**, Esq., of Montgomery Co., Tenn., by **Rev. J. W. Hannah**, **Dr. H. M. Acree**, late of Memphis, to **Miss Carrie Allen**.

- *Memphis Daily Appeal*, 23 Sep 1857

Hurt-White

Thursday afternoon [6 Feb 1901] at one o'clock at the home of the bride's father, **Mark H. White**, near **Beasley** in Marshall County, **Miss Daisy White** and **Mr. B. E. Hurt** were united in marriage. He is a native of Maury County, residing near the Marshall County line. He enlisted and served in the late First Tennessee Regiment in the **Philippines** and was one of the few soldiers who returned from that country via the Suez Canal.

- *Columbia Journal*, 13 Feb 1901

Wood-Porter

Last Wednesday afternoon [28 Feb 1900] at the home of the bride, **Mr. Thomas Wood** and **Miss Lillie May Porter** were united in marriage, **Rev. W. A. Provine** performing the ceremony. The groom is an employe of the L&N Railway and the fair bride is the popular daughter of **Mrs. Jack Porter**. They will make their home in Nashville.

- *Columbia Journal*, 7 Mar 1900

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Robertson-Whittaker

Friday evening last [2 Mar 1900], **Mr. James Robertson** of Williamson County and **Miss Bettie Whittaker** were married at the home of the bride's mother, **Mrs. Hart**, on 13th St., **Rev. J. F. Beasley** officiating. The couple left the next morning for their home in Franklin.

- *Columbia Journal*, 7 M m 1900

Blasdell-Pickard

A special from Franklin to *The American* yesterday announces the marriage of **Mr. H. C. Blasdell** and **Miss Dina Pickard** of Mt. Pleasant. The wedding took place Sunday afternoon [4 Mar 1900] at the home of Elder **E. B. Coyce** in Franklin who performed the ceremony. The bride, who was visiting **Miss Pearl Jennings**, is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of **Mr. Louis Pickard** of Maury County. The groom is a promising young businessman of Mt. Pleasant, being associated with Columbia Phosphate Company. The couple is spending a few days in Nashville and will reside in 'Phosphate City.'

- *Columbia Journal*, 7 M m 1900

McMillan-Higgins

Married on 16th Jan [1852] by **J. Waldran**, Esq., **Mr. Alexander McMillan** and **Miss Ann Higgins**, all of this city.

- *Memphis Eagle & Enquirer*, 18 Jan 1852

Mask-McKinnie

Married on the evening of 31st Dec 1851 by **Rev. Thomas Taylor**, **Dr. James M. Mask** and **Miss Elizabeth J. McKinnie**, daughter of **David McKinnie**, all of Hardeman County.

- *Memphis Eagle & Enquirer*, 20 Jan 1852

Baugh-Stone

Married on Wednesday evening, 14 Jan 1852, by **Rev. Joseph E. Douglass**, **Mr. William A. Baugh** to **Miss Julina P. Stone**, all of Fayette County.

- *Memphis Eagle & Enquirer*, 22 Jan 1852

Quincy-Bloomington

Married on 30th Jan 1852 at the residence of **Mr. Ruck** in South Memphis by **Rev. Tobias Dickey**, **Mr. Josiah Quincy** to **Miss Virginia Bloomington**, all of this city.

- *Memphis Eagle & Enquirer*, 3 Feb 1852

DeLoach-Norvell

Married on Tuesday evening, 27th Jan 1852, by **Rev. J. B. Ferguson**, **Mr. Claiborne DeLoach**, Esq., of Memphis to **Miss Imogene A. Norvell**, daughter of **Mr. Mose Norvell** of Nashville.

- *Reprinted from the Nashville Gazette of 30 Jan 1852 in the Memphis Daily Eagle & Enquirer of 6 Feb 1852*

Smith-Hathaway

Married on Thursday, 5th Feb [1852] at the residence of **Dr. Porter**, **Mr. Edward L. Smith** of the firm of Crystal & Smith to **Miss Sarah V. Hathaway**, all of this city.

- *Memphis Eagle & Enquirer*, 7 Feb 1852

Poindexter-Bronaugh

Married in Shelby County on 4th Feb [1852] by **Rev. A. W. Young**, **Dr. J. S. Poindexter** of Christian Co., Ky., to **Miss Anna Louisa Bronaugh**, daughter of **Jeremiah Bronaugh**, Esq., all of this vicinity.

- *Memphis Eagle & Enquirer*, 7 Feb 1852

Frank-Dietz

Mamed on 13 Jan [1852] by **Rev. Dr. Haasel**, **Mr. T. F. Frank** of Memphis, Tenn., to **Miss Emily Dietz** of this city.

- *From the Chillicothe, O., Correspondent of 17 Jan 1852, reprinted in the Memphis Eagle & Enquirer of 7 Feb 1852*

Perkins-Proudfit

Married in Brownsville, Haywood County, on Thursday, 5th Feb 1852, by **Rev. J. E. Bright**, **Dr. Benjamin F. Perkins** of Claiborne Parish, La., and the son of **Nicholas Perkins**, Esq., of this county, to **Miss Jane W. Proudfit**, daughter of **William Proudfit** of this place.

[*The Franklin, Tenn., Review and Raleigh, N.C. papers will please copy*]

- *Memphis Eagle & Enquirer*, 14 Feb 1852 ■

Book Reviews

INDEX TO VIRGINIA ESTATES 1800-1865. Vol. 3 compiled by Wesley E. Pippenger. 2002. 6"x9" hardcover, 719 pages, map, statistical chart. \$40 plus \$4 postage (\$1 each additional copy). Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 W. Broad St., Suite 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023, (804) 285-8954.

This third volume of **Mr. Pippenger's** indexes of the various items recorded in Virginia **will** books covers those in 22 counties in the southwestern and extreme northern part of the state -- namely, Bland, **Buchanan**, Carroll, Craig, **Dickenson**, Floyd, Franklin, **Giles**, **Grayson**, Henry, **Lee**, Montgomery, Patrick, **Pulaski**, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, **Smyth**, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe. Primary sources of the **information** were microfilmed records from the Library of Virginia. Some of the **will** books contained not only wills, but a number of other legal instruments. For instance, the references in this volume pertain to nearly 41,000 records including wills, inventories and appraisals, accounts or settlements, guardianship bonds and accounts, estate sales, plats, military certificates, bills of sale or deeds, dower records, and bonds of various types. It all adds up to a tremendously **helpful** reference work on Virginia.

A HISTORY OF WATAUGA CO., N.C. by John Preston Arthur. (1915), reprinted 2002. Hardcover, 374 pp., illustrated, indexed. \$35 plus \$3.50 postage first book; \$1.25 each additional book. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202, (410) 837-8271.

Watauga County, once part of the famous Old Watauga Settlement, was established in 1849 from **Ashe**, **Wilkes**, **Caldwell**, and Yancey counties in northwest North Carolina. This history, first published in 1915, gives a wide-ranging view of the county's first settlements, its Revolutionary and Civil War activities, and its early schools, churches, roads, and railroads. Throughout are names of early settlers and rare anecdotes. An entire chapter is devoted to **Daniel Boone** who is said to have hunted through the mountains of the county for several years before 1769. **Of** special interest to genealogists are the biographical sketches of prominent families that comprise the book's last 76 pages. Among them: **Adams**, **Baird**, **Banner**, **Bingham**, **Blackburn**, **Blair**, **Brown**, **Bryan(t)**, **Cable**, **Coffey**, **Cottrell**, **Councill**, **Critcher**, **Davis**, **Dugger**, **Eggers**, **Elrod**, **Farthing**, **Franklin**, **Gragg**, **Greene**, **Greer**, **Grider**, **Grubb**, **Hagaman**, **Hardin**, **Harman**, **Hartley**, **Hayes**, **Hodges**, **Holtzclaw**, **Horton**, **Ingram**, **Isaacs**, **Lenoir**, **Lewis**, **Linney**, **Lovill**, **McBride**, **McGhee**, **Mast**, **Miller**, **Moretz**, **Morphew**, **Nom q Penley**, **Perkins**, **Presnell**, **Reese**, **Rivers**, **Sands**, **Shearer**, **Sh e d**, **Shull**, **Smith**, **Story**, **Swift**, **Tatum**, **Tester**, **Thomas**, **Todd**, **Trivett**, **Tugman**, **Van Dyke**, **Vannoy**, **Ward**, **Watson**, **Welch**, **Wilson**, **Winebarger**, **Winkler**, **Woodring**, **Yountz**.

THE WILLIAMS FAMILY OF GRANVILLE CO., N.C. and MARSHALL CO., TENN. by Elizabeth T. Schack. 2002. Spiral-bound, 195 pages including family trees, illustrations, full-name index. Those who believe the information may be pertinent to them can obtain a copy by writing the author at 49 E. 73d St., New York, NY, 10021-3564

This family history focuses on ancestors and descendants of the **Williams** family and its connections to the **Allison**, **Boyd**,

Camden, **Haislip**, **Harris**, **Ogilvie**, and **Peace** families. It starts with Patriarch **William Williams** who came to **Virginia** or Maryland in the 1750s or '60s, was in Granville Co., N.C., by the mid-1770s, and most likely married **Nancy Haislip** by whom he had nine children. Following her death, **William** married **Sarah Peace** and they had two children before he died in 1813. Two years later, his son, **William, Jr.**, migrated with his wife, **Elizabeth Allison**, and children to **Bedford Co., Tenn.**, settling in the area that later became Marshall County. **Elizabeth's** sister **Sarah married William's** brother **James** (a minister) and they, too, came to Middle Tennessee where they gave their new home the distinctive name of "Civil Order." Within a few years, children of the old patriarch would be spread through Tennessee's mid-section -- taking root in Montgomery, Marshall, **Bedford**, and **Williamson** counties. It would be great to be able to establish connections to these people whom the author describes as "not great world shakers -- just decent people who prized their families and learning and being good neighbors." But even if it's impossible to do so, the author has put her findings together in such an interesting way that anyone -- related or not -- will enjoy reading it.

CD-ROM Review by Carol Mittag

THE NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JOURNALS, 1975-2000 (CD-ROM) produced by the North Carolina Genealogical Society. 2001. \$39.95 plus \$3 postage. To order, send check to NCGS Journal On CD, P.O. Box 22, Greenville, NC 278354022.

This CD **contains** images of the Society's quarterlies for 25 years, providing vital records, biographies, census records, Bible records, book reviews, land records, location resources, queries from individuals, and more. To view the images, you must first download the special version of Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 included with the CD, which is compatible with Windows 98, Windows 2000, and **McIntosh**. Both require 32 MB of **RAM** (64 MB recommended). System requirements of available hard-disk space are 115 MB for Windows and 105 MB for **MacIntosh**. On-screen instructions for searching and navigating are included, and printing a copy **will** save you from having to refer back to the page. Using this enhanced version of Adobe's Acrobat Reader, you **can perform** a wide range of searches by word, date, phrase, or proximity; open document hits; scroll through results; and print. The "find" and "search" features work well, but the search icon is not found on the **toolbar**. The CD contains 105 documents.

Searching for two surnames brought results of 6 and 21 hits, and a search for two locations resulted in 21 and 58 hits. Not all were true hits and, **while** it takes time to page through and read all the results, it provides some interesting reading. Using the Bookmarks section, you **can** navigate individual volumes by year or article. The items are hype linked, allowing you to go directly to a section in the quarterlies by clicking on its name. This CD should be a **helpful** tool for those who do not have access to the hard copies, want to save time, or just enjoy some North Carolina genealogy. ■



THE SURRENDER OF LEE TO GRANT AT APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE

Hunter Marshall, Sr., Describes Last Days of Civil War

Hunter Marshall, Sr., was one of the original members of Moorman's Battery, Stuart's Horse Artillery¹ of the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War. In the following pages from his diary, he tells of seeing Gen Robert E. Lee two days before the surrender at the Appomattox Courthouse and also relates conditions and events of the ensuing days. Marshall was born 19 Mar 1841 in Appomattox County, Va., and died 23 June 1913 in Charlotte, N.C. After the war, he was a tobacco manufacturer in Lynchburg, Va., and later moved to Charlotte. The original of his diary is owned by his grandson, Charles Mosely Marshall, 1728 Queens Rd., Charlotte, and was copied in 1979 to make the contents available for review by family members. This copy was contributed to The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine by Jay Buck, 2454 Jenwood, Bartlett, Tenn., who is the great nephew of Hunter Marshall, Sr. The original spelling has been retained, but the passage has been paragraphed and punctuated to make it easier to read

"The last time I saw Gen'l Robert E. Lee was at Farmville, Va, on the 7th day of April 1865, two days before the Surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. He looked care worn & depressed. We were ordered to move on as rapidly as possible in the direction of Lynchburg and not to allow any delay in the march by teams giving out nor the road to be blockaded for one minute from any cause. Our Army was in a dreadful condition & we realized the Situation fully, as everything was on the ragged edge. There was no food for man or beast & no prospect of getting any soon.

"My Company reached New Store, Buckingham Co., Friday night & stopped to rest. Saturday morning early each man in my Company was given a ear of Corn from a corn crib as his ration for the day and this was the last ration that I received from the Confederate government.

"I was dismounted as my Horse had given out & was abandoned on account of his condition. I got permission from Capt. Shoemaker to go to my Father's home who lived about 10 miles West of Appomattox Co. House and get a fresh Horse & join my Company before reaching Lynchburg. I walked home, getting there about 9 o'clock Saturday night, a distance of 35 miles. My Father was greatly surprised to see me & more so to hear that the Army was so near. I told him the situation of the Army & that I was dismounted & came to get a Horse, he gave me the best horse he had with bridle & saddle.

¹ Major R. F. Beckham headed Stuart's Horse Artillery. Moorman's Battery was one of six such units under his command.

"Sunday morning early I started out mounted & well equipped to join my Company. Pretty quick heard the firing of Artillery in the direction of Appomattox Co. House. Knowing the roads and the topography of the country very well, I started off in the direction of Spout Spring in order to strike the Lynchburg road and join my Company. When I reached Spout Spring, I met some of the Cavalry of our command and they told me that Gen'l. Robt. E. Lee had surrendered & they knew Nothing of the terms of the surrender & were getting out [of] the way as fast as possible and that I had better do ~~the~~ same for I was liable to be picked up by the Yankee Cavalry at any minute.

"So I returned home and informed my Father of Lee's surrender at Appomattox Co. House. My Father had Three Sons in the Army, viz. Hunter **Marshall**, **John W. Marshall**, & **Robert E. Marshall**, and was himself an enrolling officer in the County of Appomattox.

"**On** Monday the **10th** of April there was a squad of Yankee Cavalry coming towards my Father's house. I being on the alert not knowing the terms of surrender got out of the way. They came to the house on a pillaging & robbing expedition and treated my parents terrible badly. They searched the house, **breaking** & bursting up trunks, **Beaureas,&c.**, waving their Pistols in the faces. & using **all** sorts of oaths for not **furnishing** them with everything they **call[ed]** for.

"**On** the 13th of April I met several Confederate soldiers passing through my Father's **farm** who had been paroled & [were] on their way home. After **looking** at their paroles & seeing the conditions, I went to my Father's & remained there getting my parole soon afterwards in order to keep from being Molested by the Yankees & to be on [the] safe side as **everything** was in **confusion** & we could not tell what a day would bring forth.

"The Yankees sent their Wagons & Cavalry to my Father's & they carried off **all** the **provisions** of evry description that they could **find**, both for man & beast. They even went through evry Negro Cabin & took the last **peice** of Meat away from each one. So we had starvation facing us both black & white after the Yankees finished with us. We had to go about 8 miles & borrow corn for bread & we happened to have several **fresh** milch cows & this gave us enough to keep up on until we could do better.

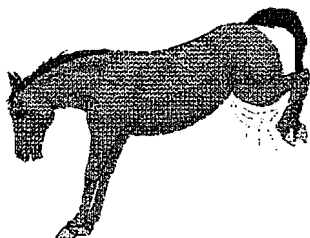
"That summer our horses made the crops **entirely** by grazing. My Father informed his Negroes of their **freedom** after Lee's surrender & gave them the option of leaving or **remaining** with him. They **all** decided to stay & did remain until the 1st of Jan'y 1866 & even then they **all** did not leave.

"There was one thing that happened whilst the Yanks were robbing & destroying most **everything** at my Father's that we were proud of My Father had a very **fine** Mule which he raised & the Yankees got him & put a bridal & Saddle on him with straps **&c** & **commenced packing** on him bed clothes & other articles stolen. Had him tied to the **front** porch & one of the Yanks came out of the house & walked behind him & slapped him on the hips & just at that time (David) the mule "let drive" at him with both heels & struck him squarely in the face, knocking him down in unconscious condition.

"The other Yanks came to him & did **all** they could to restore him & **during** the confusion & excitement they lost sight of the Mule who had waked off in another direction towards his pasture. These Yanks soon saw this one that was kicked was in a serious condition so they pulled out my Father's **carraige** & took one of his horses & hooked him up & started back to Grant's Army at Appomattox **CHouse**, but the man that the mule kicked died before going very far & they abandoned the **carriage** leaving it on the road which my Father afterwards got back.

"David the Mule who killed a Yankee and then walked off to the pasture, not only saved himself but the bridal & saddle & **all** the articles that had been taken out of our house. He was a valuable animal before but this act made him much more so & gave him quite a reputation in **all** that neighborhood.

"**The** horrors of such a War as we had from 1861 to 1865 between the North & South were simply indescribable."■



QUERIES

ARMSTRONG, DONALDSON: Who were parents of **Dida Mira Armstrong**, b. ca. 1791 Tenn.? She was m. in **Williamson Co.** in 1811 to Berkley **Donaldson** (b. 1780 **Caswell Co.**, N.C.). They moved to Wayne Co. ca. 1820, and **Hardeman Co.** by 1830. Their children b. in **Williamson Co.**: John Berkley (b. 1811), Martha Walker (b. 1813), **Robt. Grundy** (b. 1817). Born in Wayne Co.: **Caswell H.** (b. 1821) and Calvin K. (b. 1826). Dida Mira moved to Old **Tishomingo Co.**, Miss., after Berkley d. in 1842. Was living with son Robert in 1850 & '60 censuses. Apparently d. before '70 census.

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SANDERUN, DEMPSEY: Wm. Wilson **Sanderlin** m. **Elizabeth** "Betsy" Darnpsey 13 Jul 1805 in Sanderlin Bluff (later Raleigh. Tenn.). They had twin boys, **Dempsey** and **Ezekiel**, b.1809. Interested in **Ezekiel's** ancestors and descendants as he was my gg-grandfather. He lived in **Fisherville**. Will share info on **Sanderlin**.

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GREEN, THOMPSON: Need parents of Sarah J. Green, b. ca. 1849 in Lexington, Henderson County. Married Wilson T. **Thompson** in **Obion County** on 29 Nov 1868.

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FITCH, MURPHEY: Who were parents of Mary Fitch, wife of John Murphey (b. 1755 **Culpeper Co.**, Va.)? How was she related to Abraham Fitch with whom they probably came to Claiborne Co. from Orange (**Caswell Co.**), N.C., in ca. 1790? Mary and John's children: (1) Abraham [m. Sarah **Purvine** in Claiborne, Mary Walker in **Caswell Co.**]; (2) William [m. **Goins** in Claiborne]; (3) Barbara [m. **Harper/Hopper**]; and (4) Nancy [m. **Daily**]. John drew Rev. War pension. **John** and Mary both d. New Market, **Tenn.**, where they lived with daughter Nancy.

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BERRYHILL, **PASCHALL**: Wish to contact & exchange info with anyone researching these surnames, especially in Tenn., including the several different spellings of **Paschall**.

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CROUCH: Need info on **Milner FJ K.(?)** Crouch in Tenn. early. On 1836 **Henry Co.** tax record; later in **Overton County**. Who were his parents? When did he marry and what was his wife's name?

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FERGUSON: Seeking info on John **Ferguson** who m. **Susanah** Barbary **Harpole** 24 Oct 1821 in Wikon County. Family possibly in 1830 **Wilson Co.** census with six children under 10 years of age plus extended family. John may have d. 1831. Their son James M. (my g-grandfather) b. 1828 **Wilson Co.**, m. Nancy **Carr** 19 Dec 1847, moved to Pope Co., Ill., by 1853. Happy to share info.

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1871 Letter from a New Settler

(From the Memphis Appeal)

June 13, 1871

"I have been in your State about a year and would advise any persons hunting a home where land is cheap and good to come to **Weakley Co., Tenn.** Our farmers average about 1,000 lbs. of tobacco per acre and about 8 barrels of corn per acre. Cotton grows well here. Land sells from \$10 to \$30 an acre, according to improvement. We expect a cross railroad here from Jackson to **Mayfield**.

"I will just say for the benefit of those laboring under the idea that a Northern man was not safe here: (1) I have been treated by those that were Rebels as any person could be by Radicals and I feel just as safe here as I did in Indiana; (2) People are more tolerant here than there. A man can speak his mind as free and as safe here as there. and create less feeling and confusion."

- J. W. Crews.

Letters to the Editor

I just wanted to let you know that thanks to you a **Roberts** researcher now knows where his ancestor, **John B. Roberts**, is buried. **Ronny Roy** of **Vicksburg** contacted me back in January and I was not able to help him. Eventually, I was reviewing **Roberts** e-mail messages and sent him the info about a **John B. Roberts** buried in Chester County. He had never been able to confirm his family line in Henderson County so here's a big **THANK YOU**.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Am delighted to have played a small part in helping someone find where an ancestor is buried. But the person really deserving the thanks is **Betty Hughes** who uncovered the information while cleaning out her genealogy files, and passed it along in the hope that it would be of help to someone out there. Chalk one up for Betty - AND for yourself for relaying the information! ■

Officers of 2nd Tennessee Regiment in 1847

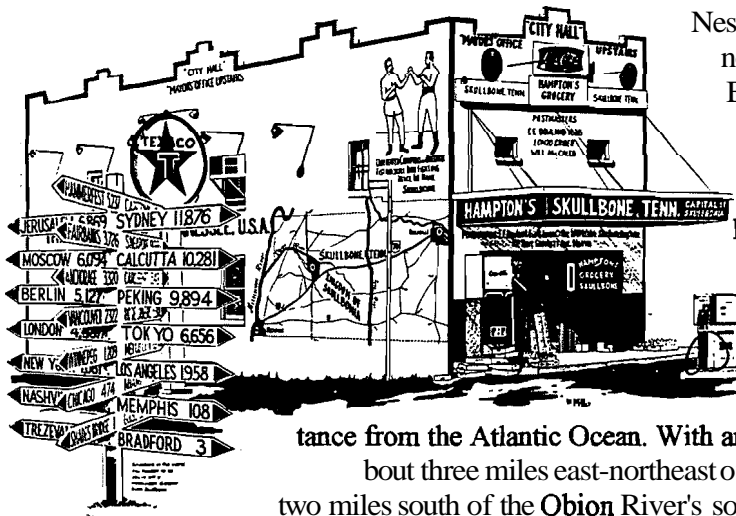
Thank Steamboat Captain and Crew

Officers of the Tennessee Volunteer Infantry's 2nd Regiment ran a notice in the *Memphis Daily Enquirer* on 28 Nov 1847 publicly thanking **Capt. Twitchell** and other officers of the steamboat *Missouri* for their "kind and gentlemanly deportment and also for the perfect order and discipline instituted and sustained on board the magnificent steamer of which they have charge."

The notice was signed by: Col. Richard Waterhouse; Lt. Col. J. D. Swan; Maj. **McDonough I. Bunch**; Surgeon J. P. Evans; Assistant Surgeon R. W. **Gardiner**; Capts. L. **Guthrie**, J. **Scantland**, J. **Freeman**, J. T. **Council**, J. D. **Goodall**, J. **McAlister**, H. **Travis**, W. J. **Rogers**, and J. H. **Evans**; Adjutant **Hugh Keid**; and Lts. T. W. **Newman**, R. K. **Byrd**, B. **O'Havre**, John W. **Smith**, R. **Grant**, Andrew **Boston**, J. B. **McConner**, J. D. **Dickinson**, J. H. **Crockett**, B. W. **Stark**, C. S. **Dickson**, J. F. **Huddleston**, B. H. **Cooke**, T. M. **Coffey**, H. D. **Flippen**, W. D. **Burford**, A. S. **Hare**, A. **Milliken**, J. R. **Bell**, and John **Coward**.

The Kingdom of Skullbonia And Its Inhabitants

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Nestled among the green fields and wooded pine hills of northwest Tennessee where the Goosefoot and Shade's Bridge Road crosses the Bradford-Trezevant Highway is **Skullbone**, capital of the Kingdom of **Skullbonia**. Nothing is **mythical** about the **kingdom** or its capital. Both are as real as many of the larger and more well known places of the world. **Skullbonia's** geographical limits have never been clearly defined. Over time, they have expanded to reach from the Tennessee River to the great Mississippi. Its capital of Skullbone is located at a mid-point between the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico, and an equal distance

from the Atlantic Ocean. With an old country store and a recreational center, it lies about three miles east-northeast of Bradford in the northwest corner of Gibson County, two miles south of the **Obion** River's southern fork. Its inhabitants have included some of the most popular people in the world as well as some of the roughest renegades known to man.

Some travelers through Skullbone will say it is no more than any other small community, but history proves otherwise. For one, there's the origin of its unusual name. Beginning in the early 1800s and continuing for almost a century, the community staged events rare to other parts of the United States -- bare-knuckle **boxing** matches in which **all** blows and punches had to be delivered to the head. Under the verbal rules governing the matches, hitting below the collar was a foul. There was no set number of rounds, nor no definite time for an individual round. Each round lasted until one of the contenders was knocked to the ground, and the number of rounds continued until a combatant or his second was satisfied that he had "had enough."² The Skullbone boxing matches were organized bouts scheduled at regular dates and places. Always well publicized in advance, they drew unbelievable turnouts.

Historians of the area say the first fight of this nature was between the undisputed champion of North Gibson (later called **Skullbone**) and a challenger from one of the nearby communities - possibly Goosefoot, Frog Jump, Goat City, or Holly Leaf. When people in other areas of the state heard of the Skullbone boxing matches, they began to send their prizefighters there to compete. In most every case, there were two matches between the contestants -- one at **Skullbone** and the other in the challenger's home community. Once a community established itself as part of the "fist and skullbone" fights, it became part of the Kingdom of **Skullbonia**. If its fighters decided they had taken enough fists to the head and dropped out of the fighting, the community would no longer be considered in the **kingdom**.

According to many old-timers and several county histories, the **best** "fists and skullbone" fighters of the pre-Civil War days were the **Groomses** and **Mitchells** of southern **Weakley** County (neighbors to the north), the **Oxfords** and the Bray brothers from **Benton** County, and some of the **Youngs** from **Skullbone**.

C. Reid Dowland, lifelong historian and prominent citizen of **Skullbone**, listed the best post-Civil War fighters as being Webb McCaleb, **Jim** Martin, **Jim** Taylor, William "**Sallie Bi**" Parker, "**Big Bill**" Dowland, and some of the **Young** clan. Webb **McCaleb** was the last undefeated champion of the Kingdom of Skullbonia. He and **Jim** Taylor once fought a grueling match that ended in a draw. It was a favorite topic of conversation for more than a hundred years.

Skullbone has had other claims to fame through its history. Many older citizens still talk about the days when it was a **riverport** with industry, a school, several stores, and a post office. Shade's Bridge, just down the road, was a shipping point on the **Obion** River for **freight** shipped to **Memphis**, New Orleans, and distant points. It also was the site of a skirmish between the Confederates and Yankees during the Civil War. **Skullbone** had a big general shop that made a variety of things including shoes, **farming** implements, boats, cradles, and **coffins**. Capt Isaac **Mathis**

¹ Much of the information in this article is from Pounds' recent book, *Tennessee's Last Kingdom*, and one he wrote in 1980 entitled *A History of Skullbone (Old North Gibson), Tenn.*

² The coveted prize that went to the winner was said to have been a stalk of bananas. [Jennings, Peter *The Tennessee Sampler*, Thomas Nelson, Publishers, Nashville, 1985, p. 85.]

and Henry Dowland manufactured boats and other wooden articles, and Grief Buckner ran a **furniture** factory. **Elisha** Hedgecock, who had a thriving **blacksmith** business in the eastern end of the 'kingdom,' was quite an inventor in his day. In 1870 he patented a "fore-wheel-brake" wagon, the first of its type. **Elisha** also made the first "ground hog" wheat thresher in the United States, and sold the patent to the J. I. Case Company. One of his descendants, Dave Hedgecock, built the first automobile registered in Gibson County. He did his work in his blacksmith shop in Bradford.

Skullbone had several saloons right up in town at different times, and Arthur **Holt**, the barber, says a whiskey still also was located uptown near the baseball diamond. William **McCaleb**, a grocer and Skullbone's last postmaster, recalls, "Back in the old days, there was a distillery in town to which you could take your apples and peaches and get brandy, or take corn and get whiskey." It is said that during the Civil War, Skullbone had Gibson County's only big distillery whose output was bought by the Federals for Union soldiers.

Some of Skullbone's other claims to fame:

- It was the only place in the world with "mule wheel" power, created by a mule walking and turning a large upright wheel that revolved on a fixed axle. It was used to power a furniture factory.
- It had the only baseball team in the county **if** not in the entire world whose players wore no masks, mitts, guards, or gloves, yet it beat many regional teams in West Tennessee.
- It has been considered the most politically conservative region in the United States. Its 17th Civil District of Gibson County voted more than 2 to 1 against **Franklin D. Roosevelt** every time he ran for president, and in recent years has voted against some Democratic candidates by as much as 3 to 1.

Skullbone has had many inhabitants over the past **century** or so. It has been the home of Grand Ole Opry stars, foreign diplomats, county school superintendents, nationally known produce dealers, internationally known businessmen, state senators, bankers, teachers, doctors, and others.

Among its notables was "Uncle" Green **Smith**, who came to **Skullbonia** in 1805 and lived to be 115 years old. He once estimated that in his lifetime he had made at least eight flatboat trips along the **Obion** River beginning at Shade's Bridge and ending at New Orleans. He remembered stopping off at Memphis "when there was only one store, run by a Mr. **Phillips**."

C. Reid "Clipper" Dowland, an **internationally** known traveler and hotel entrepreneur until **his** death in 1964, was the person primarily responsible for publicizing **Skullbone**. His father, Emerson **Etheridge** Dowland, was appointed the town's first postmaster in 1898, and tried to get the new post office named for Clipper, then five years old. Postal authorities, however, informed him there already was a Clipper, Tenn.. Recalling the "**fists and skullbone**" **figh**ts of the town's past, Mr. Dowland then suggested the name "Skullbone" and authorities approved it.³ The young boy whom everybody called Clipper grew to manhood and became a prosperous hotel owner and avid traveler, not only taking in the sights of the United States but of the entire world. Wherever he went, Clipper promoted Skullbone. He would erect signs in distant parts of the world telling the direction and distance to **Skullbone**, Tenn., and then back in Skullbone, he had signs put up that gave the distance **and** direction to **all** the major cities in the world as well as to the communities belonging to the Kingdom of **Skullbonia**. **Even** after he had gone to the city and achieved financial success, this man of large stature and an even larger heart found time to return home and hold family reunions and help in community projects.

Clipper was responsible for musicales being brought into Skullbone. These were primarily composed of Negroes who thrilled the audiences in the shady grove around Skullbone with their **picking**, singing, and dancing. He also was responsible for the Grand Ole Opry of Nashville coming almost in its entirety to the **small community** to perform for the tremendous crowds that gathered for the **entertainment**, bringing their entire families with their box lunches. Among "Opry" stars appearing at **Skullbone** were Roy Acuff and his Smoky Mountain Boys, the Ole Solemn Judge, Duke of Paducah, the Fruit Jar Drinkers, and Annie Lou (native of **Skullbone**) and **Danny**. Clipper has been described⁴ as a rare and unique citizen, an independent thinker, both in politics and religion. He always contended there were no finer people on earth than the citizens of **Skullbone**.⁵

³ Skullbone had been called North Gibson until creation of the new post office in 1898.

⁴ *Gibson County: Past and Present*, op. cit.

⁵ **Dowland** interviewed numerous old timers in the Skullbone vicinity in the late 1940's and early '50s with the idea of putting the interviews together in book form. He died, however, before completing his work. **His** unpublished papers, the source for some of the information in this article, can be viewed at the Gordon Browning Museum & Genealogical Library in McKenzie [Carroll Co.], Tenn.

Alexander Franklin James -- widely known as **Frank James** the outlaw, Civil War soldier, member of **Quantrill's** guerrillas, and brother of **Jesse Woodson James** -- is said to have taught school in **Skullbonia** for a time in his later years. Hundreds of stories have been written or told about **Frank** and **Jesse**. Some are true, and some doubtless are highly exaggerated.

Two stories about **Frank** and the langdom of **Skullbonia** have circulated for years.

John Cloyd, long-time resident of the Hollyleaf community, once gave this account of **Frank** as a teacher in the community:

'Frank James taught part of a year at Walker's School. He boarded with Lige **Greer's** daddy and Lige went to school to him. A book peddler came along one day and sold **Lige** a book with some pictures of the Jesse James gang in it. Lige recognized them. When **Lige** went back to school the next day, he told the teacher, 'That's you in there.' The teacher told Lige, 'If you ever tell **this**, I'll kill you, sure as you are a man.' He didn't **tell** a single word for a long time.'

A few years ago, another tale about **Frank James** and his association with **Skullbone** -- told by a Cumberland Presbyterian minister -- appeared in an article by **J. V. Dowtin** in the *Milan Mirror-Exchange*:

'The ~~first~~ year my brother Travis and I were in Bethel College in **McKenzie**, Tenn., we boarded with Rev. and **Mrs. John Bryant**. They lived in **Atwood**, our hometown, before moving to **McKenzie** to educate their three sons. The **Bryants** had been reared near **Hollyleaf** and **Skullbone** ... While they were in grammar school, a tall, wiry character was hired as their teacher. He called himself **Fred Johns** and was the **strictest** of the teachers. **Mr. Johns** fell in love with one of the older girls who was 16 or 17 years old. I knew **this** girl after she was **married** and had grown **children**. Although he was rather discreet, all the **pupils** soon knew his infatuation for the girl. One of them **wrote** something uncomplimentary about **this** girl on **his** slate and placed it where **Mr. Johns** would be sure to see it. When he saw it, he became very angry. Jumping up on the stage, he brandished a **pearl-handled knife** in one hand and a **\$20** gold coin in the other. Stamping fiercely up and down the stage, he offered the gold piece to anyone **who** would tell him who had written on the slate. Of course, no one told him. But there was no more uncomplimentary **writing** on the slate.

'The man in whose home **Mr. Johns** boarded boasted that no person had ever beaten him out of a dime. A month or ~~six~~ weeks before school was to **dose**, **Mr. Johns** **disappeared** in the **night**. A few months later, the landlord received a note which ended with, 'You can no longer brag that no one has ever beaten you out of any money. I left without paying you my board **bill**. Respectfully, **Frank James**.'

This author related these two stories to a meeting of the Carroll County Historical Society in the mid-1980s. Some of those present chuckled and scoffed at the idea that **Frank James** ever lived in this area or that he had one time been a school teacher. When the meeting was over, an elderly lady, probably in her **mid-80s**, came up to me in a wheelchair. She said, 'I just wanted you to know that those stories were true about **Frank James** being a school teacher in the Hollyleaf community. I know they're true because I've heard my father tell them many times. In fact, **Frank James** boarded with my father when he taught school near here. He would borrow Dad's buckboard every morning and ride across the **Obion** River to the school.'

Drive to **Skullbone** today and you will **find** only a few houses, one store, the decrepit remains of two others, and a new community center. Across the road from the store is a century-old church that has been remodeled and a slowly filling cemetery nestled on a slightly sloping grassy knoll. Immediately to the side of the store is a memorial built by the citizens of the community in memory of **Gary Cates**, a 22-year old soldier from **Skullbone** who gave his life in Vietnam. An American flag **flies** over the memorial daily.

Down the road from the store is a new **Skullbone** Music Park that has featured such acts as **Molly Hatchett**, **George Jones**, and **Willie Nelson**.

Quite a few people drive out to **Skullbone** each year to visit the place that has been heard of the world over. The late Tennessee **Gov. Gordon Browning** signed a proclamation in 1953 recognizing the Territory of **Skullbonia** in West Tennessee as 'a place of tradition and song and happiness ... a **delightful** place to live ... and a worthy successor to the rugged **frontiersmen** who built its early **tradition**.'

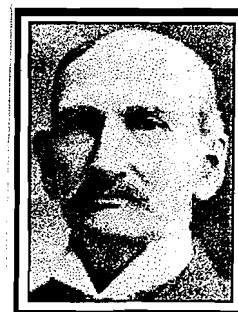
Some believe the stories about **Skullbone**.

Others do not.

But few places have produced stories as **colorful** as those that emanate from the unique kingdom of **Skullbonia** and its capital of **Skullbone**. ■



WHO WAS BEN J. WOODSON OF DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENN.?



In the late 1870s, **Ben J. Woodson** won a blue ribbon for his Poland China hog at Davidson County's annual agricultural fair. **Woodson**, a farmer in the White's Creek area a few miles outside of Nashville, was known by his neighbors as a hard-worker. Besides raising registered hogs, he grew corn, oats, and wheat crops and often rode his own horse in local races.

When he wasn't farming, **Ben** worked at part-time jobs -- sometimes making cedar buckets at the Prewitt-Spurr Lumber Company and at other times hauling logs with a four-mule team for the Indiana Lumber Company. Some of his fellow workers wondered why **Woodson** always kept a horse saddled and bridled at the mill and also at his house, but dismissed it as an idiosyncrasy of a man they all believed was a Yankee (and a carpetbagger at that). He was a registered voter in Davidson County, and cast his ballot in the local elections. His circle of friends included **Sheriff Timothy Johnson**, **Judge Cantrell** of the 8th Circuit Court, and Nashville detective **Fletcher W. Horn**.

Woodson had come to Davidson County in about July 1877 and stayed at the home of the widow **Harriet Ledbetter** on White's Creek, putting in a wheat crop that fall. Over the next three years, he moved frequently, renting in succession the **Josiah Walton** place on White's Creek, the **Jeff Hyde** farm on Old Hyde's Ferry Road, and the **Felix Smith** farm on White's Creek. On 6 Feb 1878, his wife -- whom he called "**Fannie**"¹ -- gave birth to a son. They named the boy **Robert Franklin**² but, curiously, **Ben** sometimes referred to the baby as "Mary." The 1881 Nashville city directory lists **Ben** as residing at 814 Fartherland St. in Edgefield in the eastern part of the city. He had rented the house for \$8 a month, paying realtor **John Trimble, Jr.**, \$8 in advance and another \$8 for the March rent. When **Trimble** went to notify **Ben** that the house had been sold and would no longer be for rent, he found to his surprise that the house was vacant and the **Woodsons** had vanished.

It would be some time before **Trimble** learned that his tenant's real name was not **Ben D. Woodson** -- but **Frank James**,³ whose name was emblazoned on "WANTED" posters all over the country.

After the Northfield, Minn., bank robbery of 27 Sep 1876 and the manhunt that followed, **Prank** and his brother **Jesse**⁴ had decided to hide out in Tennessee and perhaps take up fanning and start a new life.⁵ They left Liberty, Mo., in two covered wagons -- each pulled by a span of horses -- their wives inside. **Jesse's** wife **Zee** held young **Jesse, Jr.**, on her lap.⁶ **Prank** had hired **Tyler Bums** to drive his wagon, and **Jesse** got his half-brother, **John T. Samuels**, to drive his. The **James** brothers rode horses alongside the wagons, bypassing the towns, and rejoining the wagons in the sparsely populated areas. They camped together at night.

Frank later said they ranged across Southeast Missouri and crossed the Mississippi River directly into Tennessee "between the 1st and 6th of January [1876]."⁷ The brothers parted company in Tennessee, with **Jesse** and his family settling in "the Bottoms section" of **Humphreys** County where they lived on a farm rented from **Banks**

¹ Her maiden name was Ann / Anna **Ralston**, and she was the daughter of Samuel **Ralston**, wealthy Independence, Mo., businessman. Born 25 Jan 1853, she was a college graduate and a school teacher before her marriage on 6 June 1874 in Leavenworth, Kansas. She died in 1944 at the age of 91.

² In later years, he named (1) May **Sullivan**, and (2) Mae **Sanboth**. Robert died 18 Nov 1959 in Clay Co., Mo.

³ His full name was Alexander Franklin James. Born 10 Jan 1843, he was the son of Rev. Robert **Sallee** James (b. 17 Jul 1818 in Logan Co., Ky., and Zerelda **Elizabeth** Cole (b. 29 Jan 1825 in **Woodford** Co., Ky.) who m. 28 Dec 1841 in Kentucky. Frank's alias surname of "**Woodson**" was the maiden name of his great-grandmother, Elizabeth **Woodson**, who married (1) Robert Comer Poor, and (2) **Shadrack** Mimms. After Rev. James' death in the California Gold Rush, Frank and Jesse's mother Zerelda married (2) Benjamin **Simms** on 30 Sep 1852, and after his death, (3) Dr. Reuben **Samuel** on 26 Sep 1855. Zerelda died of a heart attack on a train near Oklahoma City on 20 Feb 1911. [Source: **Steele**, Phillip W.: *Jesse and Frank James: The Family History*, Pelican Publishing Co., Gretna, La., 1987]

⁴ Jesse, whose middle name was **Woodson**, was born 5 Sep 1847 in Clay Co., Mo. He was assassinated 3 Apr 1882 by Bob Ford in St. Joseph, Mo. On 24 Apr 1874, Jesse had married his first cousin, Zerelda Amanda **Mimms**, daughter of John Mimms, on 24 Apr 1874 after a nine-year courtship. (John **Mimms'** wife was a sister of Rev. Robert S. James.) **Zee**, as she was called, was born in Kentucky in 1845 and died 30 Nov 1900. [Source: **Steele**, op. cit.]

⁵ **Croy**, Homer: *Jesse James Was My Neighbor*, University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, reprinted 1997 (originally printed 1949)

⁶ Jesse Edwards "**Tim**" **James** had actually been born at 606 **Boscobel** St. in Nashville 31 Aug 1875, his mother apparently having been sent there for safety reasons. [Nashville **Banner**, 22 June 1930.] Tim married **Stella McGowan** 24 Jan 1900. He died 26 Mar 1951 in California. Jesse and **Zee** also had a daughter, Mary **Susan**, who was born 17 Jul 1879 in Nashville [James Family Bible.] She married Henry **Lafayette Barr** on 6 Mar 1901, and died 11 Oct 1935 in Kansas City, Mo.]

⁷ In testimony at his trial in Gallatin, Mo., in 1883. [Tousey, F.: *The Life & Trial of Frank James*, New York, 1883. Trial testimony reproduced on-line at www.law.utexas.edu/pop/text/james and also at www.civilwarstlouis.com/History/jamesgangfrankjames.html]

Link Jesse -- who took the name of John D. Howard -- was said to have been a **good farmer**, and had an excellent racehorse called "Red Fox" which always won the local races. While living in **Humphreys County**, Zee gave birth to twins who died when they were only about a week old. They were named **Gould** and Montgomery for the two doctors who delivered them. J. D. is said to have shaped and carved the tombstones for the infants' graves on the Link farm.

In 1879 while on a grain-buying trip to Nashville for the firm of B.S. **Rhea & Son**, J. D. had a chance meeting with his brother in Nashville and visited in his home at White's Creek. Soon after, the Howards moved to Nashville and lived for a time with the Woodsons, as indicated in the 1880 census which shows Ben J. **Woodson**, 40, as head of a household that included **Fannie**, 27, and Robert, 2. Living with them were a brother-in-law, George D. Howard, 32; a sister-in-law, Josie, 29; and their two children, Charley, 4, and Mary, 1. All of the adults were shown on the census as having been **born** in Maryland, and all of the children in **Tennessee**.⁸

Later the two families lived a few blocks from each other in Edgefield in the eastern part of the city. James Moffat, L&N depot master, who was a neighbor of J. D. Howard and a "poolroom acquaintance" of Ben **Woodson**, said he never saw the two of them **together**.⁹

In 1881, the brothers **left** Nashville hurriedly after one of their gang members, Bill Ryan, made a scene in a local saloon and was arrested. Fearing their identities would soon be revealed, they fled Tennessee (leaving their wives behind) and headed for Kentucky -- where they parted company in Nelson County. Frank went by train (passing through Memphis on the L&N) to the home of his sister, Susan James **Parmer**,¹⁰ in Northern Texas where he stayed for about four months before returning to Nelson County to meet his wife and child who had been visiting her brother, Samuel Ralston, in Sonora, Calif.

Frank and his family were living in Lynchburg, Va., when they learned of Jesse's assassination on 3 Apr 1882 in St. Joseph, Missouri. A few months later, Ann **Ralston** James (**Frank's** wife) met with Missouri Gov. Thomas **Crittenden** to relay Frank's offer to surrender if he could be assured of a **fair** trial. The assurance was given, Frank surrendered on 5 Oct 1882, and went on trial the following August in **Gallatin**, Mo., for the murder of Fred **McMillan**, a stone mason who had been killed in the 1881 train robbery at Winston, Mo. The trial attracted such a crowd that the judge moved it from the courthouse to the opera house, and announced that only those who got tickets from the county sheriff would be admitted.¹¹ Former Confederate **Gen.** Jo Shelby -- one of the most popular men in Missouri -- was among **Frank's** 39 **witnesses**.¹² After two and one-half hours of deliberation, the jury acquitted Frank of the murder charge. Some time later, he was taken to Huntsville, Ala., to be **tried** for the murder of the government paymaster at Muscle Shoals. Frank was acquitted of this charge, too, when no one could positively identify him as being at the **scene**.¹³ He again was arrested and this time was taken to Boonville, Mo., to face charges in the **Otterville** train robbery that had taken place eight years earlier. Public sentiment was overwhelmingly against a **trial**, and the case was dropped. On 21 Feb 1885, Frank James was a **free** man.

To support his wife and son, he worked in various jobs over the next few years -- including a job in a Nevada, Mo., shoestore followed by one in a Dallas shoestore; a job as doorkeeper at the Standard Theatre in St. Louis; assistant starter at the Fair Grounds racetrack in St. Louis; and a role in a **traveling** Wild West show. Tiring of the circus atmosphere, he returned to the James family farm near Excelsior Springs in Clay County where he charged a 25-cent admission fee to tourists who came to gawk. In a few years, this became his chief source of income.

Frank died in Clay County from a stroke on 18 Feb 1915 at age 72.¹⁴

It is **reported**¹⁵ that his wife **Ann**, who was at his side when he breathed his last, looked at him for a few moments and then said, "He is gone -- the best husband who ever **lived**."■

⁸ The only real first names recorded were those of the youngest children, Robert and Mary.

⁹ Trial testimony, op. cit.

¹⁰ Susan Lavenia "Susie" James was born 25 Nov 1849. She married Allen H. **Parmer** [sometimes found as Palmer but spelled "Parmer" on family grave markers], on 24 Nov 1870. They moved to Wichita Falls, Tex., in 1882. **Susie** died 3 Mar 1889.

¹¹ **Horan**, James D.: *Desperate Men: the James Gang & the Wild Bunch*, University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, 1997 (originally publ. 1949).

¹² The state had 89 witnesses.

¹³ **Baldwin**, Margaret & O'Brien, Pat: *Wanted, Frank & Jesse James: The True Story*, J. Messner, Publisher, New York, 1981.

¹⁴ Death certificate signed by Garland H. Land, state registrar of vital statistics, Jefferson, Mo., 10 Sep 1985.

¹⁵ Croy, op. cit.

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Page 47 - July 6, 1891

Court appointed W. C. **Trill** administrator of estate of M. J. **O'Neal** who died intestate. Trill posted \$7,000 bond with J. W. **Baird** and Luke Trice securities. W. H. Thomas, Dr. R. J. Williams, and J. A. **McCullen** were appointed to set apart one year's support for Mrs. Eva **O'Neal**, widow of M. J. O'Neal.

Page 48 - July 9, 1891

W. C. Brown vs. Carroll Beaver. et al: Notice was served on defendant that taking proof will be **sufficient** for all defendants.

R. H. Davis, executor. et al vs. L. J. Galbraith, guardian. et al: Clerk reported on lot sales. Lot 1 bounded by W. A. Horn and J. M. **Truatt** was struck off to G. L. Priddy who gave note with F. W. Priddy **security**. Lot 2 where C. W. Davis had a corn mill and now is in enclosure of J. Dink Smith was sold to W. G. **Massengill** who gave note with G. N. **Perkins** as **security**. N. L. Davis to advance bid on lot sold to G. L. Priddy, and clerk ordered bid to be reopened.

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Dower petition from Samantha Jordan: P. W. Davis and N. J. Hodges gave proof of fair rental of the blacksmith **shop** to which Samantha Jordan is entitled.

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J. H. Crook vs. Harriet C. Walsh, administrator. et al: Case continued.

W. H. Hodges and wife vs. W. C. Arnold, guardian. et al: A. L. Hodge, wife of W. H. Hodge; Mary Etta Arnold, wife of Wm. Arnold; and **Cornelia** Lane are heirs of Wm. Lane, dec'd, and are entitled to equal shares in land.

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E. N. Tabler, E. L. **McCollum**, and Robert Purdy reported on county revenue collected by J. S. White, H. D. Franklin, W. B. **Skinner**, W. T. Cason, and Tip **Bagwell**.

County warrants taken up and canceled were issued to **Robt.** Criner, M. L. **Chiny**, J. M. Reaves, J. T. Bray, D. J. **Ozment**, T. H. **Skinner**, M. J. **Robbins**, L. M. Murley, H. D. Franklin, W. S. Henderson, J. D. Johnson, Aaron H. Hodges, John P. Thomas, W. S. Cason, J. W. Morton, C. R. Scarborough, B. Bright, L. J. Massengill, J. P. Randolph, J. A. Tuton, J. R. Bland, and **Abe Estes**.

Trustee is credited with road warrants issued to P. M. Keen, J. C. Beaver, Henry Mitchell, T. W. **Lanvill**, T. C. Phillips, L. L. Trice, W. C. Trice, J. M. Duncan, Henry Ross, A. D. **Barrett**, and A. T. Collins.

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Trustee is credited with school warrants issued to M. E. **Rhodes**, Y. A. Jackson, J. H. **Holmes**, R. H. **Fields**, Miss Hattie **Massengill**, J. M. Reeves, H. G. **Sewell**, and J. W. Stewart.

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W. C. Arnold, guardian of Cornelia Lane, resupplied records lost in the courthouse **fire**. Court received a report from D. M. **Tull**, guardian of Blanch Robinson.

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Court ordered **filing** of reports from: (1) Hiram Johnson, guardian of Mamie, Joe, and **Zeddie** Johnson, minor heirs of M. T. Johnson, dec'd.; (2) **Z. T. McCall**, guardian of minor children of R. H. **Barham**, dec'd; (3) W. T. Cason, administrator of estate of C. M. Cason; (4) N. L. Davis, **guardian** of Susan N. and Alice Davis, his own minor children; (5) G. L. Priddy, guardian of **Mattie** Thomas *et al*, minor children of James Thomas, dec'd; W. R. Browder, guardian of David E. Browder *et al*, his own minor children.

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Report from Ranger T. A. Smith was ordered filed. Court received affidavits of claims on lost warrants **issured** to Jim Dickey, J. R. Bland, W. T. Roland, J. C. Tedford, F. W. Purdy, W. P. **Haltom**, C. H. Pickles, and J. M. Hodges.

Page 62 - August 3, 1891

J. A. Crook vs. Harriet Walsh, administrator. et al: Court refused to **allow** defendants to alter their answers on file.

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R. H. Davis, executor. et al vs. L. J. Galbraith, guardian. et al: Report was made on sale of lot adjacent to W. H. Horn and J. M. Truatt that was bid off by G. L. Priddy. Bid was held open until Aug. 1st when it was sold to N. L. Davis, who gave note with P. W. Davis as **security**.

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R J. Williams, W. H. Thomas, and J. A. **McCulley** reported they set apart one year's support to Mrs. Eva O'Neal, widow of M. J. O'Neal, and her family.

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W. H. Hodges and wife vs. Wm. Arnold, guardian et al: Report was received from clerk along with exception filed by Wm. **Arnold**, guardian of Cornelia Lane, and Wm. Arnold and wife, Mary **Etta**, stating it appeared that land **can** be partitioned to set apart one-third interest to W. H. **Hodges** and wife, A. L. Hodges. Court appointed N T. Buckley, A. A. Anderson, and J. W. **Seaton** to partition lands of W. W. Lane, dec'd, with two-thirds going to Mary **Etta** Arnold (nee Lane) and Cornelia Lane.

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Reports were filed by W. A. Clement, guardian of Wm. H. Frank *et al*, minor children of J. W. Frank, dec'd; and W. W. Williams, guardian of J. D. and **Endora** Browder.

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Reports were **filed** by: D. B. Williams, guardian of Amanda N. Williams *et al*, his own **minor** children; and J. F. and L T. O'Neal, administrators of C. H. O'Neal estate, on sale and inventory.

Warrants were drawn on: M. J. Robbins, trustee; Austin Robbins, idiot; R L. **Hamlett** and J. C. Garner, grand jury witnesses; John P. Thomas, trustee of Henry **Gillespie**, pauper; Moore and **Walters** on courthouse contract. Road warrant was drawn on L P. Wamble in District 7.

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W. C. Brown vs. C. Beaver et al: Clerk is to report on what assets of estate of James Beaver, dec'd, were received by Carroll Beaver, administrator.

Court received report on sale and inventory **from** Millard F. Ozier, administrator of J. W. Mason estate.

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Court appointed **E. L.** Sanford administrator of estates of Peter Cason and Harriet Cason, dec'd. Peter Cason died intestate, and at time of his death was administrator of estate of Harriet Cason, dec'd. Sanford posted \$500 bond with **F. L.** Clark and E. W. Rodgers as securities.

Page 70 - Sept. 7, 1891

Court appointed T. D. Hudson administrator of estate of his brother, W. H. Hudson, dec'd. He posted \$300 bond with B. T. Hardy, W. T. Muse, and W. **R** Fine as securities. J. D. Johnson was named administrator of estate of Hiram Johnson, dec'd, and posted \$250 bond with N. T. **Buckley** and H. D. Ozier as securities.

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Court appointed S. D. Anderson administrator of estate of Sarah Short, dec'd, and he posted \$600 bond with J. B. Hardeman, C. G. Hardeman, and D. G. Johnson as securities. W. **R Campbell** was named guardian of Ida **M. McKenney**. and posted **\$300** bond with J. H. Smith and W. **R** Fry as securities.

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Court received inventory reports from W. C. Trice, administrator of M. J. **O'Neal's** estate, and W. M. Bray, administrator of Annie E. Jackson's estate.

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S. E. Reid, W. **R** Jones, and J. **R** Reid reported they had set apart one year's support for **Mrs.** Jane Hurt, widow of J. M. Hurt, and family. Placed on docket: claim on J. H. Wright and judgment against J. W. Williams and Hiram Johnson.

Court received report of sale and inventory from E. L. Sanford, administrator of Peter Cason's estate.

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Court received reports from E. L. Sanford, administrator of Harriet Cason's estate, and from W. C. Arnold, guardian of Cornelia Lane. Warrants were issued to H. D. Franklin, J. D. Johnson, and A. C. Bethune.

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Court appointed John P. Thomas, W. C. Robbins, and F. E. Garland to set apart one year's support for Mrs. **Bettie C.** Johnson, widow of Hiram Johnson, and **family**.

Report of W. **H. Latham**, administrator of **Asa Latham's** estate, was received and ordered filed.

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Report from W. C. Brown, guardian of Homer Brown, was ordered **filed**.

Petition of J. D. Shelton **vs.** **Mary** M. Fields: Court ordered inquiry as to unsound mind of **Mary** M. Fields.

Petition of W. H. **Hodges** and wife vs. Wm. Arnold *et al.*: N. T. **Buckley**, A. A. Anderson, and J. W. **Seaton** reported they partitioned lands of W. W. Lane, dec'd, as follows: (1) to A. L. **Hodges**, 55 acres adjacent to Robt. Arnold and Mose **Latham** as shown on plat by E. S. Hunt, county surveyor, (2) remaining 167 acres to Mary ~~eta~~ Arnold and Cornelia Lane. Parties are to pay attorney's fees to J. S. White and M. F. **Ozier**.

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J. A. Crook vs. Harriet C. Walsh *et al.*: Clerk to hear proof and report on personal assets of W. C. Walsh, dec'd, that are in hands of Administrator H. C. Walsh, what debts have been paid, and value of real estate.

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Samantha Jordan's petition for homestead and dower: Petitioner is to pay cost of petition and taxes.

Petition of W. C. Brown vs. C. Beaver. administrator. *et al.*: Continued to next term.

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W. C. Farrow, administrator, vs. J. C. Crook *et al.*: Resident defendants **Olivia** Crook, J. B. Crook, Jennie **Carroll**, J. R. **Carroll**, Elizabeth **Farrow**, Joe E. Farrow, and Rupert Farrow having been served and publication having been made for non-residents, cause has been set for hearing. Clerk is to report assets of estate of P. B. Farrow, dec'd, and publish notice to creditors as originals were lost in courthouse fire.

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Petition of L. O. Estes *et al.* vs. Allie Putman *et al.*: S. L. Estes has been made a party of complaint by publication and has not appeared. Complainants and defendants are heirs of A. G. Estes, dec'd, and are due interest in land: Court appointed J. S. White as guardian to defend rights of **Allie Putman**; unknown heirs of N. W. Estes, dec'd; unknown heirs of John **Estes**, dec'd; and unknown heirs of Lucinda Burkhead, dec'd, who are all minors.

Petition of J. E. O'Neal vs. Mamie Jordan *et al.*: Court allowed following insertions in original bill: (1) on line 15 - "all minors under 21 except Samantha Jordan and A. A. Anderson, administrator", and (2) on line 5 of page 2 - "executed his title bond to convey to Wm. D. Jordan the lot where purchase money should be paid."

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Sarah A. Morgan *et al.* vs. Lillia Hendrix *et al.*: Court appointed A. W. **Stovall** guardian of **Lillia Hendrix** and Willie **O'Neal**.

Petition of Bettie Ozier *et al.* vs. Mary Ophelia Marow *et al.*: Case continued.

W. M. Bray, administrator, vs. B. F. Hall *et al.*: Defendants **Watkins Hardin**, Joe **Hardin**, and Bertie **Hardin** were served and publication to appear was made for other unknown heirs of Alice **Hardin** (nee Hall), B. F. Hall, and B. F. **Hall**, Jr.; Charles Hall, J. H. Hall, and unknown heirs of another unknown brother of A. E. Jackson. Dr. Willie **Perkins** (nee Hall), wife of W. **Perkins**, and J. W. Johnson and wife, Virginia Johnson (nee Hall), are non-resident defendants. ~~All~~ named have failed to appear. Clerk is to report on assets of estate of Annie E. Jackson, dec'd.

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N. F. **Buckley**, county trustee, presented bonds for state taxes with C. G. Hardeman, R. J. Williams, J. H. **Mitchell**, A. E. Bray, Wm. Rush, W. H. Trice, and J. H. Fry as securities.

Buckley also presented bonds for county revenue with C. G. Hardeman, R. J. Williams, J. H. Mitchell, A. E. Bray, Wm. Rush, W. H. Trice, J. H. Fry, **E. L. McCallum**, Jas. **Wilkinson**, W. T. Cason, **Z. T. McCall**, W. C. Brown, J. C. Winningham, Joseph Carroll, and E. E. **Kee** as securities; and bonds for school revenue with C. G. Hardeman, R. J. Williams, J. H. Mitchell, A. E. Bray, Wm. Rush, W. H. Trice, J. H. Fry, **E. L. McCallum**, **Jas. Wilkinson**, W. T. Cason, **Z. T. McCall**, W. C. Brown, J. C. Winningham, Jno. W. Carroll, and E. E. **Kee** as securities.

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E. F. Murchison, who was elected justice of the peace to fill vacancy created in District 6 by death of Hiram Johnson, posted \$500 bond with W. C. McCallum and R. J. Williams as securities.

E. E. **Kee**, elected justice of the peace to fill vacancy in District 4 caused by resignation of W. C. Trice, posted \$500 bond with W. C. **McCallum** and Z. T. **McCall** as securities.

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Court received report of E. N. Tabler, **E. L. McCallum**, and Robt. **Purdy** who were appointed to examine settlements with courthouse and various county offices.

N. T. Buckley, trustee, reported settlement of county revenue on Justices of the Peace J. D. Shelton, L. J. Massengill, J. M. Pike, W. B. Skinner, and J. M. **Malone**.

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County warrants were issued to Sheriff J. D. Johnson, Geo. Kerr, Dora Games, Henry Denny, J. L. **McWilliams**, C. R. Scarborough, H. D. Franklin, John Cason, A. A. Anderson, Wm. **Horn**, **Jeff Johnson**, E. N. Tabler, W. E. Glover, B.

Bright, J. W. **Brannom**, J. F. **O'Neal**, W. B. Skinner, J. R. Bland, F. H. Weir, J. C. B. **Naylor**, Bob Tedford, J. M. **Dees**, and Will Ashcraft.

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School warrants taken up and cancelled were issued to: W. R. Fry, J. R. Lambert, Jas. P. Roark, Miss M. A. Massengill, J. H. **Essary**, Miss Ida Smith, C. H. Moore, Miss **Lora** Skinner, Miss Nisha Thomas, W. A. Clement, Nellie Crook, W. S. **Cockran**, H. T. Moore, Evie Wattington, J. W. **Sipes**, T. M. Rogers, Sallie **Goodwill**, J. F. Lane, H. C. Bulliner, G. L. Priddy, Mary Grimes, J. C. Hollis, W. M. Bray, E. E. Scoggins, Miss **Lizzie** Lott, J. W. Sipes, Miss Janie Cason, E. Skinner, S. M. Black, J. H. Calhoun, Wm. Garrison, J. W. Stewart, E. B. Gilmore, Annie **Cowan**, F. H. Weir, N. M. Alexander, J. T. Hannah, M. A. Renson, J. S. **Halton**, H. F. Moore, J. T. Gibson, J. F. Davis, C. P. Jerten, J. C. Hollis, J. J. Smith, J. D. Young, G. W. Bulliner, R. A. Wilkins, J. H. Reid, R. S. Pusser, N. R. Ward, C. R. Scarborough, C. T. James, W. R. Webb, L. J. Massengill, J. W. **Robeson**, S. E. Mays, Beverly Robertson, Jack Hart, J. P. **Cherry**, R. W. Fields, J. J. Spears, and J. S. Pearce.

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Bridge warrants taken up and cancelled were issued to E. F. **Marchison** and G. W. Hutchinson.
Road warrants taken up and cancelled were issued to C. C. Courtney, L. P. Wamble, J. P. **Cherry**, and R. W. Tedford.

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County warrants taken up and cancelled were issued to **Ike** Browning, Gus Hall, Dan Thomas, and W. T. Cason.
Circuit court warrants were issued to W. T. Cason, W. T. Logan, and E. G. Ivy.

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School warrants taken up and cancelled were issued to R. A. Wilkins, W. E. Brown, J. V. Haggard, R. H. **Wheatley**, R. D. Farrow, Miss **Leddie** Rain, Miss **Mollie** Arnold, J. T. **Cardesberry**, Miss Annie Jackson, Miss Nellie Crook, F. L. Clark, Miss Amanda Thomas, W. B. Fry, T. D. Cason, T. N. Rodgers, J. V. Young, Nannie **Simpson**, Miss M. E. **Harrell**, H. T. Moore, E. E. Jones, J. T. Hannah, G. W. Bulliner, Annie **Cowan**, J. T. Gibson, Miss Janie Cason, C. P. Jeater, J. A. **Routen**, J. H. Calhoun, W. E. Brown, J. F. Davis, and Miss Evie Wattingham.

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Petition of J. D. Shelton vs. Mary M. Fields: Jury looking into lunacy of Mary M. Fields reported it found her incapable of handling her own **affairs**. She has **been** sick about seven years. Her assets are the dower **from** her husband, N. Fields, **dec'd**, and **80** acres in District 1. She has three children: Solomon N. Fields, **age** 13 years; Cora L., age 9; and Dora, age 7. Jury report was signed by J. W. Smith, A. G. **Sewell**, W. R. Duck, J. L. **Sewell**, M. E. Bishop, J. U. Kent, J. S. Ross, W. G. Shelton, W. C. Johnson, T. M. Ellis, W. R. **Nolen**, and W. T. Bell. Court appointed her brother, J. D. Shelton, **as** guardian of Mary and her minor children. Shelton posted **\$500** bond with J. W. Shelton and C. G. **Hardeman** **as** securities.

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Road warrants were issued to S. H. **Gilliam** and J. P. Grantham. Ordinary county warrants were issued to M. M. Dening, E. E. **Kee**, W. C. Cash, J. M. Grantham, W. L. **Massengill**, H. D. **Franklin**, W. M. Brown, J. D. Johnson, and C. R. Scarborough.

John P. Thomas, W. C. Robbins, and F. E. Garland reported they have **set** apart one year's support for Mrs. **Bettie** C. Johnson, widow of Hiram Johnson, and family.

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W. S. Henderson, guardian of Nannie and Archie Henderson, filed a report and supplied records lost in courthouse fire. Court received report of sale and inventory from T. D. Hudson, administrator of W. H. Hudson's estate..

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Political Candidates Gird for Battle in Davidson County in Spring of 1862

Despite the Civil War, candidates for political office in Davidson County were **plentiful** in the spring of **1862**. By 4 Feb, those who had announced their candidacies in the *Nashville Daily Gazette* for the upcoming March election included:

For Circuit Court Judge in Davidson and **Williamson** counties - Turner S. Foster

For Circuit Court Clerk - David C. Love (**running** for reelection)

For Sheriff - John K. Edmundson (seeking reelection), James H. **Hinton**, **Jessee** W. Page

For County Court Clerk - Kosciusko Branch, John B. Keeling, Capt. W. L. Foster, G. S. **Newsom**

For County Trustee - W. J. Taylor (for reelection), C. M. **Cowardin**

For County Revenue Collector - T. C. Lanier, Martin L. Alexander, John A. **Miles**, J. T.

Byram, E. F. Everett, W. D. Robertson, George P. **Norvell**, **Acton** Young, Esq.

For Constable in the Nashville District - John E. **Newman**, W. T. Wright, and P. A. **Hughes**

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If the Ghost of Many Greats Grandpap Could Talk

by Jan Philpot, *Sunday Afternoon Rocking Series*

It more often occurs to me than it once did, as I do my genealogy searches and help others with theirs, that regardless of what the records say ... things are not always what they appear. And the more we delve into all this, the more we know it. We are always turning up this thing or that thing, having an elder tell us "the rest of the story" in **whispers** not to be repeated, wondering what secrets are buried now never to be told, what mistakes were made in the record-keeping (on purpose and not), and a bit of chagrin (but a bit of humor, too!) is often the case as I peruse that "documented" family tree of mine.

I wonder what 'they' might have to say about it if they could ...

"Well, here I stand -- not that they know it -- and I don't know whether to laugh or weep for the pity of it. They have me married to my grandmother's sister, and my father **married** to my wife, and apparently my wife has three children I did not know about. I am glad she named one of them after me. That tintype they have my name on is actually my sister-in-law's uncle's brother who just happened to have almost the same name as me, but let me tell you he was sneaky as a barnyard rat and I really hate being known for all eternity as walking around with his ugly mug.

"All this they are so proud of is thoroughly documented, of course, and I wish I could just step right in and tell them how they got the documentation in a tangle worse than sister's knittin'. They also have no clue where I am planted and I could tell them that, too; that I am actually the center of attention as the county courthouse is right over the top of me and hasn't a clue I rise each night to scramble through the records and hoot over what is missing, what is not filled out properly, and what is filled out totally wrong.

"I could tell them a thing or two about that census taker they are all so sure has the right answers. He never was all that bright to start with (lucked in the side of the head by a mule when he was a **youngin'**), stayed two sheets in the wind most of the time and, if he didn't feel like taking roll, he just sat down and made up a thing or two. Why do they think we could spare him from the farming to do this mess anyhow??? Foolishness it was, and we were much too busy for it, and so we spared what we could for the foolishness.

"Of course, they do not want to know all **this...** I am sure they don't, because if they knew all that then they would know they have not a chance at learning the real story as those of us who know it are waiting on this side for them and there is no U. S. mail routes between. Now that great-great-great granddaughter of mine is mighty proud because she thinks my pap was a Revolutionary War soldier and that apparently is **something** mighty big to be in this day and age. Hmmmmmm ... maybe better she does not know that my pap never fought with **anything** much except my ma which might after all have been worse than the King's men, so maybe he deserves the honor after all. She also is proud because she thinks her many greats **grandpap** got hung by the King's men for being a Patriot. Fact is he got hung for being a hoss thief, but maybe that is not **so** bad either since he stole the hoss off the grandpa of my sister-in-law's uncle's brother that was that sneaky barnyard rate. He stole the hoss off the barnyard rat's grandpa in order to go fetch the midwife to deliver the **youngin'** that they have down as his own but was not, actually the wood's colt of the hoss owner who wouldn't claim it.

"Not that we don't have some things to be prideful of, we surely do. But I am telling you right here and now when these kinfolks of mine cross over to my side of the river it is going to take from now till eternity to set them straight." ■



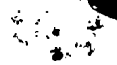
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And as Tiny Tim said in 1843, "God Bless Us, Every One."

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