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From the Editor

There are some great articles in this issue. I know this issue is not as prompt as others have been, but I hope it has been worth the wait. We have another great article by Jim Bobo about a mine disaster in East Tennessee find on page 24. There is an article about the Moon sisters and their connection to Memphis, find this on page 6. If there a pirate, ghost or both in your family tree, find out on page 10. Several family histories and many other articles packed with names!

Thanks to all those that helped get this issue to press this time around.

We are again offering a special deal on gift memberships this year. Check out the back cover for that.

As always I welcome your feedback on this magazine and any other issue. I also welcome your submissions for publications. Keep in mind that many of these articles were written by members just like you.

Kathryn Holderman
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President’s Message

Greetings. Are you ready for Thanksgiving and Christmas, 2010, and for some helpful workshops?

What a fast year. Seems like we have only gotten started and here it is time to plan for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is certainly true that when you are busy, the time flies, and it has been a busy time for your genealogy center.

We have had more training programs to help people with their genealogy research this year than ever before and they have all been very well attended. To highlight just two of the many programs, first is Debbie Ashley’s “Let’s Discuss It” on Saturday mornings. In case you have not had the opportunity to attend, mark your calendar and join us to discuss an unlimited range of topics, all directed at helping you with your family history. You still have time to attend the next FREE program on October 23rd at 10:00 AM in our meeting room, no registration required. Another very successful FREE program is the eight week “Family History Classes” organized by Jim Bobo, with a varied list of subjects. Our thanks to Jim and to all those who have led the classes. We look forward to a similar program this spring. If you missed this session, you should plan now to attend the spring sessions.

Come to all our training sessions and learn while having fun.

Byron Crain, President
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The Moon Sisters and their Connection to Memphis

By Carol Mittag

The obituary appeared in a Butler County, Ohio newspaper on November 20, 1895 announcing the death of Cynthia Charlotte ‘Lottie’ Moon Clark, age 66, sister of Virginia ‘Ginnie’ Bethel Moon. The sisters had gained a reputation during the Civil War as Confederate spies with a connection to Memphis, Tennessee. Lottie distinguished herself as one of the war’s top espionage agents.

Lottie was born August 20, 1829, Viewmont Estate, Albemarle County, Virginia, and ‘Ginnie’ was born June 22, 1844 in Butler County, Ohio. Their parents were Cynthia Anne Sullivan born about 1806 in Virginia, and Dr. Robert S. Moon, born January 29, 1798, Virginia. They were married 7 July 1820 in Virginia. There were four other children in this family: Mary Beeler Moon (Nov 28 1834 – 04 Sep 1878) Mary never married and she died of yellow fever; William Sullivan Moon (Nov 8 1838 – Feb 1884); James Apperson Moon (Apr 12 1822 – died unmarried Aug 22 1860); Robert Anderson Moon (21 Sep 1824 – 13 Jan 1869. He also died of yellow fever.).

In 1831, Dr. Moon supposedly freed all his slaves and he and his family migrated to Butler County, Ohio. The second house they occupied is at the corner of High and University streets adjacent to Miami University and is known as the Moon House.

Lottie and Virginia’s paternal grandparents were William Moon, born 1770 in Stony Point near Scottsville, Albemarle, Virginia, and Charlotte Diggs, whom he married on November 2, 1793 in Amherst County, Virginia. William has been described as a prominent plantation owner, cotton grower and owner of many slaves. They had the following children John Diggs Moon (1794 – 1862), Robert S. Moon (Jan 29 1798 – Jan 11 1856), Mildred Cobb Moon (May 31 1800 – Jan 7, 1868 in Richland, TN), Edward Harris Moon (1805-1852), Jacob Nelson Moon (1807 – 1873) and Isaac Webster Moon (1811-1853).

Edward H. Moon and Orianna ‘Anna’ Barclay’s daughter, Charlotte Digges ‘Lottie’ Moon, (1840-1912) was a missionary in China, where she spent 40 years of her life. She never married and articles written about her say she starved herself to death so she could give her food to the children.

Two of Robert’s siblings, Mildred and Jacob, also had a Tennessee connection. Mildred married Nathaniel Anderson, Jr. At one time, he owned the Belle Grove plantation near Scottsville, Virginia. He was appointed a magistrate of Albemarle County in 1819. He was a major under General Winfield Scott in the War between the United States and Mexico. The family
later moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and finally to Richland, Tennessee, where Mildred died on January 7, 1868. They were the parents of fourteen children: William N., Edward M., Sarah C., Robert M., Julius C., Walter D., Henrietta F., Nelson, David, Mildred, Jacob M., George W. H., Maria F., Isaac M. Lottie and Ginnie were fifteen years apart in age, but they shared the same cavalier opinion of men, marriage and danger. They were well educated, had brilliant minds and were strong southern sympathizers. Both girls were dark, small in stature, high strung, and charming. Most thought Ginnie was the beauty of the pair, with her long face, big blue eyes, high forehead, and a small nose. Lottie was described as interesting. She had a round face, wore her hair with a coiffeur that drew her hair severely down on the back of her neck. Lottie had more beaus than most women, but she really wanted to marry James Clark. He was a Miami University graduate and had an established law career. Lottie finally agreed to marry a younger man, closer to her age, Lieutenant Ambrose Burnside of Liberty, Indiana. On June 21, 1848, probably shortly after his graduation from West Point, and before a full assemblage in the church, when asked if she would take Ambrose to be her husband, she turned and looked at the tall young lieutenant, shook her head from side to side and said “No, Sir-eee Bob, I won’t!” She rushed from the church, and eventually onto the pages of history. She married James Clark the next year. He later described her as “the damnedest, smartest, woman in the world.”

Dr. Moon died on January 11, 1856, at the home of his brother, John D. Moon in Virginia. Cynthia relocated to Memphis sometime after 1860. By the beginning of the War, the two Moon brothers joined the Confederate armed forces, one in the navy and one in the army. James and Lottie were living in the Stockton neighborhood of Fairfield, also in Butler County. He was a lawyer, a judge, and said to be a leader of the Knights of the Golden Circle, a group of Southern sympathizers. It was at this time that Lottie began her career as a Confederate spy by delivering dispatches to General E. Kirby Smith of Lexington, Kentucky. It was reported that she also traveled to Washington, posing as a British aristocrat, met and charmed Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton. She even took a carriage ride with President Abraham Lincoln and later recounted her conservation with Stanton and Lincoln to the Confederacy.

Ginnie turned sixteen when the War broke out. She was a resident of the Oxford Female College and very supportative of the Confederacy. She demanded she be allowed to leave school and join her mother in Memphis. After some outrageous behavior, such as shooting the stars out of the flag, the school allowed her to go and live with her sister and await her chance to go to Tennessee. Ginnie was busy collecting suitors and was known for having sixteen at one time. She eventually joined her mother in Memphis and they both wrapped bandages and nursed the wounded soldiers as the Yankees got closer to Memphis. Ginnie begin making trips back and forth with supplies often passing through Union lines under the pretense to meet a beau. While she was in Mississippi she learned that urgent information had to be dispatched to the Knights of Columbus in Ohio. She volunteered to make the trip, along with her mother, insisting they would not be suspect because they had relatives in Ohio. It was very risky for by now the North knew they were being used as spies. Ginnie and her mother made the journey to Ohio without incident and gathered the necessary papers and supplies to return to Memphis. They were now under suspicion by Union agents as they prepared to return by boat to Memphis. As the boat was about to depart a Yankee Captain entered their cabin with orders to search them. Ginnie pulled out a small Colt
revolver and screamed at the officer that she was a friend of General Burnside. The officer backed down and left her alone long enough for her to dip her most important dispatch in water and swallow it.

Ginnie and her mother were taken to an office and were searched by a housekeeper. Ginnie was wearing forty bottles of morphine, seven pounds of opium, and a supply of camphor. They were immediately put under house arrest. Ginnie insisted she be allowed to see General Burnside and her request demand was granted the next day.

Lottie showed up in disguise and tried unsuccessfully to convince General Burnside to release them. The General saw through her disguise and added her to the group under arrest. No action was ever taken and eventually the charges were dropped. Ginnie was required to report to the Yankees every day and eventually ordered out of the Union area.

Virginia signed the following: I, Virginia Moon of Butler County, State of Ohio, pledge my Parole of Honor that I will immediately proceed to the residence of Judge James Clark at Jones St. in, Butler County, Ohio, and that I will not leave said residence without the written permission of competent military authority and that I will in no way give aid, or comfort or information to the enemies of the United States of America.

By 1870, Virginia, William, Charlotte and their mother Cynthia Spellman are living in the household of Jacob Nelson Moon, brother of the deceased Dr. Moon. Jacob had served as a Memphis Alderman for several terms beginning in March 1840. He married Margaret Rembert (1828-1917) and they had seven children; Emma, Louisa, Walter, Edward, Andrew, Harry and Rita.

After the war Ginnie returned to Memphis and Lottie returned to her home in Ohio and subsequently become a journalist. Lottie and Ginnie had been caught up in the excitement of spying and neither was content to spend the rest of their life in a mundane world.

James and Lottie moved to New York, where Lottie became a journalist, and covered events and wars around the world. James also contributed articles to the New York Ledger and other journals. James died about age fifty-seven at the Magnetic Springs House in Statesville, New York on December 28, 1881. He had gone to Statesville with their son, Franklin Pickney Clark to spend the winter.

Ginnie was restless and eventually ended up in Hollywood where she had small parts in two movies. In the 1920’s she appeared in “The Spanish Dancer” and “Robin Hood”. After her Hollywood adventure she headed to Greenwich Village in New York and held court. It was written that she spoke of herself as an unreconstructed rebel. It is said she mixed her own mint juleps, was an inveterate smoker and a great reader of eastern philosophy and religions. She was an avowed agnostic, but quoted the Old Testament by chapters. She was considered beautiful and charming in her youth. She was spoken of as a lovely, glamorous, daredevil spy, was the toast of the Confederacy and the despair of the Union forces along the battle lines in ’63 and ’64.

Her neighbor, an artist found her lying on the floor with her arm stretched out toward the door and her faithful cat by her side. Her obituary was published 13 September 1925 in
the New York Times; **Moon, Virginia B.**, aged 81 years of Memphis, suddenly, Sept 11. Interment private (Memphis, Tenn.) papers please copy. **Moon – Virginia B.**, Campbell Funeral Church, Broadway, 66th St. until Sunday.

**Ginnie**’s remains were cremated in New York and brought to her final resting place in the historic Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis. One section of the cemetery is ‘The Confederate Soldiers Rest.’ **Ginnie** is not buried in that section nor does her tombstone indicate any involvement in the Civil War. Perhaps she outlived all who knew her history or she died long after the Civil War. There is a historical marker to recognize her service in Confederate Park in downtown Memphis.

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Is My Ancestor a Pirate, a Ghost, or Both

By Helen Tice, Memphis, Tennessee

How many of you can claim a pirate as your ancestor? How many of you would want to claim a pirate?

In New Hampshire, some still tell the story of “Ocean Born Mary Fulton” (her full and true name). But without the appearance of my ancestor, Phillip Babb, alias “Pedro the Pirate”, on the day of her birth, she may well have been just Mary Fulton, and died in obscurity, possibly as a scullery maid.

Have you ever wondered if you are related to somebody famous, like Jesse James, George Washington, Napoleon, or even Queen Elizabeth? Have you wondered just how you came to be born where you were, or why you look the way you do? Have you ever wondered if your family line includes villainous criminals and/or noble do-gooders? Maybe you will discover that a family member was on the “Mayflower”, or fought in a pivotal battle in World War I or II, or maybe you will discover one of your ancestors was an important elected official or saved several lives in an act of heroism. Or you might find a ghost.

The truth is that every family has many stories to tell, however, you won’t know what truths your family history holds until you begin your search. Genealogy can be confusing, time consuming, and expensive, but through it all, the search can be fun and exciting, interesting and rewarding.

It was about thirty-five years ago when the genealogy bug hit me hard. I had an interest in old records, and lots of curiosity, and I loved to travel, so I made the plunge. Archives, libraries and court houses became my second home. Growing up I was often told the tale of a pirate and possibly a ghost in our family. It was a favorite tale of my grandfather’s---no one knew exactly who this ghost or pirate was, only the name was Babb.

To ready myself for my search, I read articles that told me that genealogists search old newspaper archives that report the time of the year and/or day that a tragic or unusual event occurred, because it explains the historical trigger of supernatural phenomena. A large portion of ghostly activity is reported during the summer months. Some ghost hunters also believe that the best time to hunt ghosts is between two and three days before and after a new or full moon.

In addition to my ancestor being a Ghost, he was also known as “Don Pedro The Pirate”. That is correct, a pirate and a ghost. I decided to see if there was any truth to this story. The first part of my search involved finding where this immigrant ancestor settled in this country. Starting with myself, I began backtracking the Babb line from Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and finally up to Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

Up until this search began, the earliest reference of crossing the Atlantic by a Babb that I found, was by Captain Thomas Babb of Wapping, England. He captained several
ships, but most often he is mentioned as the Master of the ship “Hopewell”, out of London. When the “Mayflower” sailed in 1620 from Southampton, it was accompanied by another ship, the “Speedwell”. These two ships carried between them 120 pilgrims and their supplies. The “Speedwell”, after two attempts, proved unseaworthy. The “Mayflower” was forced to go on alone. The supplies from the “Speedwell” were transferred to Capt. Thomas Babb’s ship, the “Hopewell”, and it followed the “Mayflower” at a later date. Capt. Babb was to make a number of crossings before he came ashore permanently, and settled near Norfolk, Virginia. He is part of my line, but to my great disappointment, he was not my pirate, nor my ghost.

After this disappointment I began to search for additional stories on newspaper microfilm at the library. I had to find that the person described in the stories actually existed. Adding to my curiosity, was my discovery of a place called “Babb’s Cove”, a place some called haunted. I later found that the place was named for the person I was seeking, my ancestor Phillip Babb, and this only added to my determination to seek the truth about this man.

Research showed that Phillip was the younger son of a Babb family of Devon, England. He was doing humanitarian work between the Bristol fishermen and their families. The Massachusetts Colony persuaded him to come to the Isle of Shoals and direct their fishing industry there. He was offered the job of Fishing Master, which he accepted. In 1652 he took an Oath of Allegiance at Kittery, Maine, then moved to Hog Island, now called Appledore Island, to set up his base of operations.

Appledore is the largest of the Isles of Shoals group off the shore of Kittery, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Here, Phillip was not only the Fishing Master, for the Massachusetts Colony, but was later made one of the Magistrates on the Isle of Shoals. On 24 November 1652, the town commissioners appointed Phillip Babb as Constable for the Isle of Shoals to assist in preserving order and in collecting taxes. In addition he also was a tavern keeper, and kept cattle, sheep and hogs, and ran a butcher shop on Hog Island. No lazy man, he!

At this point, fact replaces legend. According to records, Phillip Babb was one of the earliest of the settlers whose name has emerged from obscurity, and that he was one of the more important. Sounds good, doesn’t it? But in genealogy, you have to ask yourself, “where’s the proof”? There is much interest today in family history and family folklore. Some tales are true, while others are purely fiction. Some others are based on a combination of fact and fiction.

Such is the fact/fiction of my immigrant ancestor, Phillip Babb. While some facts about him are easily available, much is legend. But is the reason for Phillip’s coming to America, fact or legend? Were the reasons for making his home on the rugged and bleak Isles of Shoals, six miles off the coast of New Hampshire fact or legend?

During the early years when America was

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being colonized, many ships put into the Isle of Shoals to replenish their water supply. Among these were Pirate ships. In my research of Phillip Babb, I’ve read tales of treasure buried on the islands, though no great amount has ever been found. And, this is where my Phillip enters the scene. He is accused by some writers of having befriended and associated with these pirates during the time they were at anchor there. Well, why not! Phillip was trying to make a living, and at the same time, he probably loved hearing the exciting tales the pirates could offer.

One tale would have you believe that Phillip Babb and Don Pedro the pirate of the Ocean Born Mary tale were one and the same. There was really an “Ocean Born Mary”, there was a “Don Pedro” and there was really a “Phillip Babb”. We have to put it all together and try to prove what is fact or fable.

The tale begins on a ship at sea. It was in 1720 that a group of immigrants sailed from Londonderry, Ireland on the ship “Wolf”. While becalmed off the Massachusetts Coast, a sinister looking ship came into view, displaying no colors. Suddenly the “Wolf” was fired upon and forced to heave to. This was at the same time that Elizabeth Fulton, one of the immigrants on board, gave birth to a baby girl. The “Wolf” was boarded by a band of swarthy, sun-bronzed men, cutlasses and pistols gleaming. Their leader, a surprisingly young man not yet twenty years of age, was dark, handsome, and ruthless. He was called “Don Pedro the Pirate”, and his English was flawless as he grimly told his captives to prepare for their death. At this fatal juncture, the cries of the newborn baby could be heard from down in the hold. Startled, Don Pedro, or Phillip, said to the mother, “If you name this child after my mother, Mary, I will spare the lives of everyone on this ship. Frightened by the fierce pirate, Elizabeth hastily agreed. Holding the newborn girl in his arms, the pirate intoned, “I christen you Mary for my mother. And as you were born at sea, your name shall be “Ocean Born Mary”.

Regretfully he surrendered the infant to her father standing beside him. Then Babb, alias Pedro and his “scum of the earth” crew climbed back over the rail and returned to their own ship.

In this version Phillip is the “ruthless”, but handsome “Don Pedro”, and the one who gave the baby girl the name of “Ocean Born Mary”. In other versions, Ocean Born Mary is a beautiful “Amazon” who is wooed by Phillip Babb, “the butcher pirate”.

According to the legend, Mary grew to adulthood and married James Wallace, who is said to have died young, thus allowing “Don Pedro the Pirate” or Phillip Babb to return and claim “Ocean Born Mary”. Actually Mary’s husband, James lived to be 81 years old. In another version, her husband is the pirate.

Not to discredit other parts of that tale, and much to my disappointment, a check of Phillip’s dates and the dates attributed to that incident will clearly show that my Phillip Babb could not have been Don Pedro. Not to be disputed, however, are the numerous tales told by people who have been visited on
Appledore Island by the ghost of **Phillip Babb**. So I was off again, this time looking for Phillip Babb’s ghost.

My **Phillip Babb** died in 1671, and his ghost, it’s said, still walks the Island. There is so much belief in the ghost of **Phillip Babb**, that **Phillip** has been referred to the Ghost Research Society for investigation. To this day there is a superstition among the islanders that **Phillip Babb**, or some evil minded descendant of his, haunts Appledore Island. No timid soul can be induced to walk alone after dark over a certain shingly beach on the Island at the bottom of the cove bearing **Babb’s** name, for it is there that his uneasy spirit is often seen. He is supposed to have been so desperately wicked when alive that there is no rest for him in his grave. His dress is a coarse, striped butcher’s frock, with a leather belt, to which is attached a sheath containing a ghostly knife, sharp and glistening. It is his delight to brandish it in the face of terrified humanity.

I have tried unsuccessfully to discover the roots of this story. **Phillip** must have been “something else” for a story like this to follow his memory, and then to have the Ghost Research Society think enough of these stories to investigate. There must be some truth in the story, but where. We might be wise not to seek the truth. We might get one of his mysterious visits, like in the story told by an Isle of Shoals resident in 1873. I found his story in the New Hampshire Archives under “Proven Supernatural Sightings”.

The gentleman was perfectly certain that he and **Babb** had met, and he shuddered with real horror recalling the meeting. “It was after sunset, and I was coming round the corner from my workshop, when I saw a wild and dreadful figure advancing toward me. My first thought was that someone wished to make me the victim of a practical joke. I called out something to the effect that I was not afraid, but the thing came nearer and nearer, showing me his ghastly fact and hollow eyes. His expression was fiendish as he extracted a knife from his belt and flourished it in my face. I fled to my house and entered breathlessly, locking the door and calling against the person who had tried to frighten me. Hearing nothing, I thought I was safe. I turned around and to my alarm, I found him sitting at my supper table and eating my vittles! At this sight my senses left me and I was overtaken by a faint. When I awoke, **Babb** started to laugh, at first a chuckle, then it became louder and louder, until the rafters began to shake, and I began to quake. Then in a blink of an eye, he vanished, leaving me more firmly convinced than ever of his ghostly presence.

A short span of time passed, and one warm, summer night found me sitting on my porch at sunset searching for a cool sea breeze. The wind was calm—barely a waft in the still atmosphere. The sea murmured but little. Birds twittered softly welcoming their time of rest. As I glanced northward toward **Babb**’s Cove, I saw a figure crossing the shingly beach to the path which led to my house. After watching a moment I called out to it, but there was no reply. Again I called. Still no answer. The darkish figure glided slowly closer and closer to my being.

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Suddenly I realized I was hearing no steps on the loose shingle that was wont to give back every footfall. I slowly descended the steps of the porch and sauntered toward the stranger.

In the twilight I could see the face and immediately recognized the butcher’s frock and leather belt of Babb. But I was not prepared for the devilish expression of malice in the hollow face and I was chilled at the sight. The white stripes in the frock gleamed like phosphorescent light, as did his awful eyes. I called out aloud. “Who are you? What do you want?” He continued his advance toward me, then suddenly the shape grew indistinct, first thin and cloudy, then thin, and finally dissolving away. And I, much amazed and totally dazed, returned to my house, confused and thoroughly dissatisfied that the meeting had ended without my knowing the purpose of his visit to my surroundings. Since that encounter, I have not seen him again, though I feel his presence in my midst. Like the Ghost and Mrs. Muir, I feel him in a storm, when the wind bursts open a window, and the wild rain pours in. I sense him when my candles flicker. I sense him when my electricity goes out, and the lights of those around me remain alight. I sense his presence when my little dog suddenly becomes alert, looking at one particular spot in the room. I sense his presence as the clock ticks, ticks, ticks, ushering in the twilight – when the ghost of Phillip Babb begins his haunt.

After reading these stories I couldn’t contain myself. I packed my bag, serviced the car, got my dog and we made the trip from Boston to Appledore Island. I have walked in the obliterated footsteps of this “Pirate” and “Butcher of hogs”. I found the spot where my early Babb family was buried, where houses now stand, and where a bowling alley once stood that allowed bowling balls to roll over the bones of all of the Babbs. Perhaps that is why Phillip haunts. Since the last gale destroyed the bowling alley, quiet has returned to their earth, and perhaps he may now rest more peacefully without the din of the play arena.

Phillip Babb is just one of the resident ghost population on Appledore and probably the one who has received the most notoriety. On Star Island, in windy weather, there is, I am told, the most extraordinary combination of sounds, as if two bluff old fellows were swearing at each other, gruffly, harshly, continually, with a perseverance worthy of a better cause. I understand it is really a most disagreeable racket.

There are other tales published of similar confrontations with Phillip’s ghost, but they cannot cause any more wonder as to what manner of man my immigrant ancestor was; humanitarian, desperately wicked magistrate, pirate or friend of pirates. Can there only be one Phillip Babb? Can each description apply to the same man? Was he a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, or is the nature of one’s character like beauty, “in the eye of the beholder”? But not to be disputed, however, are the numerous tales told by people who have been visited on Appledore Island by the ghost of Phillip Babb.
(Author unknown. Found with the research papers of Helen Tice. Tennessee Genealogical Society does not verify the accuracy of this family history.)

The history of the Normans, who were Scandinavians who settled in Northern Gaul, is simply a continuation of the story of the North men. The transformation which time and favoring influences wrought in those men is strikingly exhibited by the change that crept over the face and spirit of all European society at this time.

In the ninth century they were heathen; in the twelfth, they were Christians. They became the most cultured, polished and chivalrous people in Europe. But the restless, careless, daring spirit that drove the Norse Sea Kings forth upon the waves in quest of adventure and booty, still stirred in the breasts of their descendants.

They were only changed from heathen Vikings, delighting in the wild life of the sea rover and pirate, into Christian knights eager for pilgrimages and crusades. They united in their characters, the strength, independence and daring of the Scandinavian, with the veracity, imagination and culture of the Roman-Gaul.

The country of Normandy grew more populous, both through the natural increase of the population at home, and the arrivals of the fresh bands of Scandinavians from the Northern countries. Finally, after one hundred years had passed, years for the most part, of uneventful, yet steady growth and development, the old Norse spirit of adventure revived, and Southern Europe and England became the scene of daring and brilliant exploits of the Norman warriors. In 1018 a company of Norman adventurers succeeded in gaining a foothold in Southern Italy, where they established a sort of Republic, which eventually included Naples and the Island of Sicily. The fourth President of this commonwealth was Robert Guiscard, who died in 1085, a character almost as celebrated in his time as the renowned William the Conqueror.

Education was encouraged, and the schools and colleges of the Normans became celebrated throughout Europe. At the present day, there are many descendants of these Norman knights living in various parts of Italy, which accounts for the Norman names among the Italians.

The conquest of England by the Normans was the most important of their enterprises, and one followed by consequences of greatest magnitude, not only to the conquered people, but indirectly to the world. The great battle of Hastings, which decided the Norman conquest of England, was fought October 14, 1066. While the opposing lines were drawn up in battle array, a horseman rode out from the Norman lines, and advancing alone toward the English army, tossing up his sword and skillfully catching it as it fell, singing all the time the stirring battle song of Charlemagne and Roland. The English watched with astonishment this exhibition of careless dexterity. The name of this Norman troubadour was said to have been Taillefer. He was knighted on the field of battle for valiant conduct by the victorious William the Conqueror. The ceremony consisted of breaking a sword above the person honored. This Norman knight is
supposed to have been the ancestor of Aymar de Taillefer, Count of Angouleme, who married Lady Alice de Courtenaye. She was the daughter of Peter de Courtenaye, son of Louis VI of France, therefore she shared the blood of the Capetian line. Their daughter, Isabella de Taillefer, Countess of Angouleme, married King John (Lackland) of England in August 1200, and they were the ancestors of the subsequent occupants of the British throne. (See Hume’s History of England, Vol. 1, p. 441.)

The Tailleffers settled in Devonshire after the conquest. Later some of them went to Scotland, and still later some to the English Colonies in America. For the origin of the Tailliaferro family of Virginia, there are rival traditions. The one most generally accepted is that they were of the Norman descent, the original name having been Taillefer, being derived from the Latin words Tallis and ferrum, and the Italian words Tagliari and ferre, signify to cut with iron. Another tradition is that they were of Italian descent, and that the name was Tagliaferre, but the weight and evidence is with the idea of Norman extraction. The name Tagliaferro is now common in Italy. It is found in Rome, Florence, Naples, and especially in Milan. It is supposed they are the descendants of the Norman of that name who went to Italy in 1018 and established a Republic there at that time.

The name Isabella is kept up in the Taliaferro family in America, down to the present day. We nowhere find in the records in Virginia the name spelled Tagliaferro is either Tallifer or Taliaferro. We find a number of large land grants recorded in the State Land Registry office, beginning with one to Robert Taliaferro and Lawrence Smith jointly, of 6,300 acres of land in Rappahannock County, Virginia on May 26, 1661.

Copies of Land Deeds of Taliaferros in Virginia from 1666 to 1808.

1. Deed from Francis Taliaferro of the County of Gloucester In the Colony of Virginia, son of heir apparent of Robert Talliaferro, late of the County of Rappahannock, in the county aforesaid, reciting that the said Robert Talliaferro jointly with Lawrence Smith of the County of Gloucester, on the 26th day of March 1666, did take up and survey and patent six thousand and three hundred acres of land in the County of Rappahannock, and conveying to his brother, John Taliaferro, one thousand acres of said land, consideration natural love and affection, and for the advancement of the said John, who intended by the permission of Almighty God, to marry with Sarah, the daughter of the said Lawrence Smith. Dated September 28, 1682.

2. Deed from same, conveying to his brothers, Richard and Charles Taliaferro, sixteen hundred acres, part of the same patent dated as above.

3. Deed from Robert Taliaferro of the County of Rappahannock and Sarah, his wife, to John Battallie for three hundred acres on south side of Rappahannock River, being a part of six hundred acres bequeathed to Elizabeth and Sarah Catlett by Mr. John Catlett, deceased. Dated March 30, 1687.

4. Bond of John Taliaferro, as Sheriff of Essex County, commissioned by his Excellency, Francis Nicholson, Esq., his Majesty’s Lieutenant and Governor General of Virginia, June 9, 1699. Sureties: John
Battallie and Bernard Gaines.

5. Patent from Sir William Berkley, Knt. Governor and Captain General, etc. to Robert Taliaferro and Lawrence Smith for 6,300 acres, Dated March 20, 1666. Recorded June, 1704.

6. Deed from John Taliaferro and Richard Buckner to John Lomax and Elizabeth, his wife, who was Elizabeth Wormley, conveying Port Tobago containing 3,400 acres, and also a parcel of land to Petso Parish in the County of Gloucester, containing by estimation 400 acres, both of which tracts had been conveyed to the same Taliaferro and Buckner for the use, etc. of the said Elizabeth. Dated July 8, 1874.

7. Deed from Charles Taliaferro to Robert Slaughter for three hundred acres in the freshes of the Rappahannock River on the south side in the forest, being a part of a patent bearing date November 2, 1705 to said Charles Taliaferro for 966 acres. Dated January 7, 1706.

8. Deed from Richard Taliaferro of the County of Richmond, and Charles Taliaferro of the County of Essex to William Woodford, conveying 1,600 acres, same conveyed to them by Francis Taliaferro. Dated May 9, 1711.

9. Deed of Richard Taliaferro to Augustine Smith for 200 acres of woodland in Parish St. Mary’s in Essex County. Dated August 8, 1711.

10. Deed from same to Samuel Short for 100 acres, part of tract of 739 acres. Dated March 20, 1716.

11. Deed from John Taliaferro to his son Lawrence Taliaferro for 300 acres. March 20, 1717.


13. Deed from same to same for 300 acres, part of Patent granted to Robert Taliaferro and Lawrence Smith. Dated February 17, 1717/18.

The following land grants are exhibited by the State Land Registry Office: Robert Tallifer and Lawrence Smith, 6,300 acres in Rappahannock County, March 26, 1661. Book No. 5, p. 597; John Taliaferro, 229 acres in Essex County, May 2, 1705. Book No. 9 p. 673; Charles Taliaferro, 966 acres in Essex County. November 2, 1706. Book No. 9, p. 692; Charles Taliaferro, 1071 acres in Rappahannock County, November 5, 1712. Book No. 10, p. 68; Charles Taliaferro of Essex County, 353 acres in Spottsylvania County, October 13, 1727 and 1,000 acres in Essex County, Sept. 8, 1728. Book No. 13, pp. 162 and 357; Richard Taliaferro, 783 acres in Brunswick County, Sept. 5, 1740. Book No. 27, p. 398; Zachariah Taliaferro, 740 acres in Albemarle County, Sept. 10, 1755, Book No 31, p. 685.

Robert (1) Taliaferro, b. ca 1635, d. ca 1700, m. ____ Grymes, daughter of Rev. Charles Grymes, an Episcopal clergyman, and had five sons. It is not known whether or not he had daughters.

Francis (2) Taliaferro, b. 1655, d. 1710, m. Elizabeth Catlett, daughter of John Catlett and had no children.

John (2) Taliaferro, b. 1656, d. 1720, m. 1680 Sarah Smith, daughter of Col. Lawrence Smith, and had at least five sons, may have had others.

Richard (2) Taliaferro b. 1660, d. 1712, m. Elizabeth Eggleston and had one daughter, may have had other children.

Charles (2) Taliaferro, b. 1663, d. 1734.

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m. Mary Carter and had one son and three daughters.

Robert (2) Taliaferro b. 1667, d. 1736, m. before 1710 Sarah Catlett, daughter of John Catlett, and had three children, perhaps others.

II. John (2) Taliaferro, b. 1656, d. 1720 m. Sarah Smith, daughter of Col. Lawrence (1) Smith and had at least five sons, may have had others. John Taliaferro was a Lieutenant commanding mounted rangers against the Indians in 1692, and Justice of the Peace of Essex County, Virginia in 1695.

Lawrence (3) Taliaferro, b. 1681, d. 1726, m. Sarah_____ and had three sons and four daughters.

Zachariah (3) Taliaferro, b. 1683, d. 1745, m. ______ _____and had at least one son, may have had other sons and daughters.

John (3) Taliaferro, b. 1685, d. 1744 m. Mary Catlett, and had four children.

III. Zachariah (3) Taliaferro, b. 1683, d. 1745, m. _____ _____, and had at least one son. He may have had other sons and daughters.

Richard (4) Taliaferro, b. 1706, d. Sept. 27, 1748, m. June 10, 1736, Rose Anne Berryman, and had eleven children.

IV. Richard (4) Taliaferro, b. 1706, d. Sept 27, 1748, m. June 10, 1726 Rose Anne Berryman, and had eleven children.

Sarah (5) Taliaferro, b. June 7, 1727, m. John Lewis

Benjamin (5) Taliaferro, b. 1728, d. March 6, 1751. No record of descendants

Zachariah (5) Taliaferro b. Aug. 29, 1730, m. Mary Boutwell, had ten children.

Dr. John (5) Taliaferro b. 1733, d. 1820, m. Mary Hardin and had eleven children.

Col. Charles (5) Taliaferro b. July 6, 1735, d. 1798, m. April 1758 Isabella McCulloch and had eleven children.

Beheathland (5) Taliaferro, b. 1738,

Peter (5) Taliaferro b. Feb. 12, 1739, m. Anne Hackley

Elizabeth (5) Taliaferro, b. 1741, m. Zack Hawkins.

Mary B. (5) Taliaferro, b. 1743, m. _____Wortham.

Francis (5) Taliaferro b. 1745.

Richard (5) Taliaferro b. 1747.

V. Col. Charles (6) Taliaferro, b July 6, 1735, d. 1798, m. April 1758 Isabella McCulloch and had eleven children.


B. Col. Charles (6) Taliaferro, b. 1761, d. 1824, m. Lucy Loving, and had six children.

C. Peter (6) Taliaferro, b. 1763, d. 1782.

D. John (6) Taliaferro, b. 1765, d. 1807.

E. Zachariah (6) Taliaferro, b. 1767, d. Sept. 12, 1823, m. _____Loving and has six children.

F. Benjamin (6) Taliaferro, b. 1770, m. Mildred Franklin, and had eight children.

G. William (6) Taliaferro, b. 1772, d. 1806

H. Sarah (6) Taliaferro, b. 1774, d. 1844, m. Col. William Loving and had six children.

I. Roderick (6) Taliaferro, b. 1777, d. 1820, m. Susan Price, and had nine children.

J. James (6) Taliaferro, b. 1779, d. 1849, m. (1) Lucy Rice, m. (2) Susan Brockman
and had twelve children.

K. Rose Berryman (6) Taliaferro b. 1783, m. Josephus Loving and had seven children.

VI. Roderick (6) Taliaferro b. 1777, d. 1820, m. Susan Price.
A. Isabella (7) Taliaferro, m. ___________ Johnson.
B. Judge Norbourne M. (7) Taliaferro
C. Samuel (7) Taliaferro
D. Charles (7) Taliaferro
E. William (7) Taliaferro
F. Price (7) Taliaferro
G. Sarah (7) Taliaferro
H. Roderick (7) Taliaferro

VII. Elizabeth Price (7) Taliaferro, b. Sept. 26, 1806, m. May 1, 1822 James Rose of Memphis, Tennessee who was b. Nov. 22, 1795, son of Patrick and Margaret Rose and had at least one child
A. Mary Eliza (8) Rose, b. March 7, 1826, d. Feb. 11, 1875, m. July 31, 1854 Frederick Baxter who was b. Aug. 24, 1818, d. Oct. 5, 1865, and had at least one child.

VIII. Mary Eliza (8) Rose, b. March 7, 1826, d. Feb. 11, 1875, m. July 31, 1845 Frederick Baxter who was born b. Aug. 24, 1818, d. Oct. 5, 1865 and had at least one child.

Catherine Vose Baxter, b. Sept. 19, 1846, d. April 2, 1919, m. April 5, 1865 Judge Thos. Benton Edgington, who was b. April 23, 1837, d. Jan 4, 1929 and had seven children.

IX. Catherine Vose Baxter b. Sept. 19, 1846, d. April 2, 1919, m. April 5, 1865 Judge Thos. Benton Edgington, who was b. April 23, 1837, d. Jan. 4, 1929 and had seven children.

Hugh Nott Edgington, b. June 25, 1866.
Irving Hulsey Edgington, b. Nov. 8, 1869.
Jesse Edgington, b. Aug. 18, 1873.
Mary Rose Edgington, b. Nov. 27, 1889.
A. Catherine Vose Underwood b. June 2, 1908.
B. Asa Boyden Underwood, b. April 26, 1910.

XI. Catherine Vose (11) Underwood, b. June 2, 1908, m. Nov. 8, 1935, Noland Fontaine Meacham and had two children.

Catherine Vose (12) Meacham b. Feb. 8, 1936.
Elizabeth Fontaine (12) Meacham, b. April 8, 1938.

For proof of subsequent generations, see Tennessee Bible of Frederick Baxter and Margaret Rose Baxter to be given to Catherine Baxter Underwood by her parents. Published, New York, American Bible Society, Instituted in the year 1816-1845.

Editor’s note: This family history like the others we publish has not be proven. We are unable to correct inconstancies in dates because we don’t have the supporting documentation.
Tuesday 25 November 1834.

Court met according to adjournment, present the Honorable William B. Turley, Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

James M. Howery & James L. Dunlap, Esquires, gentlemen licensed to practice law in several Courts of Law and Equity in the State appeared in open Court and took the oath to support the constitution of the State of Tennessee and of the United States, and also the oath prescribed for practicing Attorneys in this State and is therefore admitted to practice as such in this Court.

It appearing from the return of the Sheriff that Edward Barnhill, Sewaney Burrus & Francis Burrus were regularly summoned to attend as Jurors at this term of the Court, and they being solemnly called, came not but made default. It is considered by the Court that for the said contempt, they make their peace with the State of Tennessee by the payment of Twenty five Dollars fine unless they show cause at or before the next term of this Court of their inability to attend.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Alfred Ward had been regularly summoned to attend as a Juror this day, and he being called came not but made default. It is considered by the Court that for his said contempt, he make his peace with the State of Tennessee by the payment of Five Dollars fine besides the cost in this behalf expended and that execution issue to collect the same.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Henry C. Nance had been regularly summoned to attend as a Juror, this day being solemnly called came not but made default. Court considers that for his said contempt, he make his peace with the State of Tennessee by the payment of Five Dollars fine plus costs & that execution be issued to collect the same.

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It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Lafayette Searcy has been regularly summoned as a Juror, and having been called came not but made default. Court considers he make his peace with the State of Tennessee by payment of a fine of Five Dollars plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Whitmal H. Cooper has been regularly summoned to attend this Court as a Juror, and being solemnly called, came not but made default. Court considers he make his peace with the State of Tennessee by payment of five Dollars fine plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that **Willis L. Jameson** had been regularly summoned as a Juror but came not, making default. Court considers he make his peace with the State of Tennessee by payment of five Dollars fine plus costs, and the Defendant in mercy &c.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that **William Elkins** had been regularly summoned as a Juror but came not but made default. Court considers he make his peace with the State of Tennessee by payment of a fine of Five Dollars plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

**Lucinda Coats vs. John T. Desmuker** – Certiorari  This day came the Plaintiff and moved the Court to grant her the States certiorari & upon her petition being read and after due deliberation, it is considered by the Court that a writ of certiorari be issued to the petitioner accordingly upon her giving bond and security as the law directs returnable to this term of this Court.

**John Bunting vs. Terence Cooney** – Trover  This day came the parties by their Attorneys. Thereupon came the Jury of good and lawful men to wit. **David Suttle, James P. King, John Atkins, Elija Renshaw, Robert L. Bingham, James Bond, Edmund Almon, William Elkins, David Wagster, Croudess B. Fowler, Dillard W. Collins, Archibald Bailey** who having been elected, impaneled, tried and sworn to speak the truth about this issue. Plaintiff states he will no longer prosecute his action against the Defendant. Court considers that the Jury be discharged and the Defendant to hence without day and recover his costs from the Plaintiff.

**David Redditt, ass. vs. John W. Cooke** – Debt  This day came the parties by their Attorneys and thereupon came the jury of good and lawful men to wit. **David Suttle, John Atkins, Elijah Renshaw, Robert L. Bingham, James Bond, Elmund Allmon, William Elkins**

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**David Wagster, Croudess B. Fowler, Dillard W. Collins, Archibald Bailey** who being impaneled, tried and sworn to speak upon this issue. Whereupon the Plaintiff says he will no longer prosecute his action but suffers a non suit. Court considers that the Defendant go hence without day and recover his costs of the Plaintiff. Plaintiff moves the Court to set aside the non suit. Upon due consideration it is considered by the Court that the Plaintiff take nothing by his motion. It is the opinion of the Court that the Plaintiff by his Attorney tenders his bill of exception which he prays may be signed, sealed and enrolled and made a part of the records which is done accordingly.

**Henry Hyde vs. James W. Samuel** – Debt  This day came the parties by their Attorneys & thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit. **David Suttle, James P. King, John Atkins, Elija Renshaw, Robert L. Bingham, James Bond, Edmund Almon, William Elkins, David Wagster, Croudess B. Fowler, Dillard W. Collins and Archibald Bailey** who being impaneled, tried and sworn to speak about these matters in dispute upon their oaths do find for the Plaintiff, Thirty Dollars Debt and assess

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damages of Eight Dollars and forty Six Cents. Court considers that Plaintiff recover of the Defendant, and on motion that he recover of **Benjamin C. Brown**, the Defendant’s security in the appeal in the sum of Thirty Dollars debt and Eight Dollars and forty Six Cents damages plus costs and the Defendant in Mercy &c.

**Richard Olive** Exr & **James Furguson** vs. **Thomas Gray** – Case  This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney and the Defendant in person. Thereupon the Defendant says he cannot gainsay the Plaintiffs actions against him nor that he has sustained damages in the amount of Ninety five Dollars and Eighty Five Cents. Court considers that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant the sum of Ninety five Dollars and Eighty five cents damages plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c. Plaintiff agrees that Execution shall not issue against the Defendant within Six months from the day for said debt and damages.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that **Julian Frazier** was regularly summoned to attend at this term as a Juror and he being called this day came not. Court considers that for his said contempt he make his peace with the State of Tennessee by the payment of five Dollars fine plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that **William Boyd** was regularly summoned to attend this day as a Juror and he being called came not. It is therefore considered by the Court that for his said contempt he make his peace with the State of Tennessee by the payment of Five Dollars fine plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that **John J. Erwin** was regularly summoned to attend this day as a Juror and being called came not. It is considered by the Court that the Defendant for his said contempt make his peace with the State of Tennessee by the payment of Five Dollars fine plus costs and the Defendant in mercy &c.

**Miles Buford**, Ass vs. **Lewis Baldwin** Exr. – Debt  This day came the parties by their Attorneys and thereupon came a Jury of good and lawful men to wit. **Thomas Haynes**, **Henry Brown**, **Julian Frazier**, **Person Yates**, **Henry Owen**, **George W. Mix**, **William Martin**, **John Almon**, **Stephen Frazier**, **Nelson Anderson**, **Benjamin Powel** and **John B. Tanner** who being elected, impaneled, tried and sworn to speak the truth about this issue do say they find for the Defendant. It is considered by the Court that the Defendant go hence without day and recover of the Plaintiff his costs and the Plaintiff in mercy &c.

**John Jenkins** vs. **Jacob Sullivan** – Debt  This day came the parties by their Attorneys and thereupon further process of and upon the premises by the consent of parties, it is ordered by the Court that his cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

**Pleasant Nelson** & **Joseph A. Mather** vs. **Kelly Holladay** Adm. etc. – Debt  This day came the parties by their Attorneys and thereupon further process and upon the premises by the consent of the parties, this case is continued until the next term of this court. Thereupon at the request of parties
commissions are awarded them to take Depositions upon giving the opposite party twenty days notice of time and place if within this State and thirty days notice if in an adjoining State.

Court adjourned until tomorrow morning nine o’clock.

Wm. B. Turley
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Wednesday 26th November 1834.

Court met according to adjournment, present the Honorable William B. Turley Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

Ordered by the Court that a fine of five Dollars assessed against Julian Frazier at this term for non attendance as a Juror be set aside.

Ordered by the Court that a fine of five Dollars assessed against Alfred Ward for non attendance as a Juror be set aside.

Henry Brown vs. John Newton – Certiorari
This day came the parties by their Attorneys and Plaintiff moved the Court to dismiss the Defendants certiorari

Ordered by the Court that a fine of five Dollars assessed against William Elkins for non attendance as a juror be set aside.

Thomas A. Hankins vs. James Cowan – Debt  This day came the parties by their Attorneys. Thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit. Thomas Haynes, Henry Brown, Julian Frazier, David Luttle, James P. King, James Bond, Elija Renshaw, Courdess B. Fowler, John Lowry, Noah Hampton, Benjamin Powel & John B. Tanner who being elected, impaneled, tried and sworn to speak the truth about the issues. Whereupon they were prevented from rendering their verdict until tomorrow morning.

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches, and pains
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
Then you are probably the family Dog!

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By James E. (Jim) Bobo
Memphis, TN The Commercial Appeal Dec. 9 (1911) "BRICEVILLE, Tenn.—That every miner of the number who walked into the Cross Mountain Mine at Briceville this morning met death in a dust explosion which occurred within one hour after they had started work, is a foregone conclusion at Midnight tonight…The mine, recently inspected, is expected to be a chamber of horrors when the entombed men are reached. Estimates of the number of men in the mine vary. Speculation as to the cause of the disaster brings out various theories.”

Briceville, TN, thirty miles from Knoxville was the scene of yet another mine disaster and was reminiscent of the May 19, 1902 Fraterville mine explosion that had killed more that 200 miners. (see Ansearchin’ News #57-2)

The Cross Mountain Mine (CMM) was one of a chain owned by the Knoxville Iron Company (KIC) and had been in operation for more than twenty years. KIC officers were T. I. Stephenson, President and Otis A. Brown, Secretary, both of Knoxville. P. F. Lynch was CMM superintendent; George Bulmer was the inside foreman and J. F. Hatmaker the gas boss, all of Briceville.

Many things had changed in the mines since the Fraterville disaster. Ventilation in the mines was now produced by electric fans with seven to twelve foot blades. Haulage of mined coal to the outside was by electric motor. There was a telephone circuit from the work area to the CMM office at the mine entrance, and many miners were members of the United Mine Workers of America.

Even with the addition of labor saving mechanical devices and improved inspection routines, coal mining was still a dirty and dangerous activity. A total of 2,719 men were killed in USA-mine accidents in 1911. The CMM had been inspected twice since George E. Sylvester was appointed State Mine Inspector, and recently by a representative of a casualty company which carried insurance on the employees of the company. It was reported in excellent condition each time.

The mine was also inspected on Friday night a week prior to the Saturday explosion by J. F. Hatmaker. Mr. Hatmaker had been inspector of the Cross Mountain system of mines for eight years. He said that there were no traces of gases when he emerged.

At 7:30 a.m., minutes after the men had gone to work, an explosion of coal dust rocked the earth. The concussion raced the length of the tunnel twisting and destroying equipment and killing all in its way. A clean-up crew at the entrance was blown back. Three men, John Lang, Sam Farmer and Bert Haymaker did escape alive. They had entered a lateral (a tunnel off the main shaft to a work area) off the main shaft and warned by the blast's rumble, ran for their lives before the flames and smoke caught them.

The explosion occurred approximately two miles from the opening and about 800 feet below the mountain crest. Although Cross Mountain was classified as a non-gassy mine, methane gas was detected during the subsequent investigation at 25 Left entry. Based on this evidence, it was speculated
that a roof fall had occurred at that location which released the firedamp (a mixture of methane and other hydrocarbon gases that forms in coalmines and is explosive when mixed with air.) The gas apparently ignited when one of the miners approached to examine the roof fall.

The Bureau of Mines gave the official cause as a “coal-dust explosion.”

Whatever the cause, eighty-nine men were entombed by thousands of tons of slate and coal that had been blasted loose.

Most of the men were working within a few hundred feet of the original explosion and it was thought possible that they had all been killed at the first blast but that if any had survived, afterdamp (gaseous fumes remaining in a mine after an explosion of firedamp) would have quickly suffocated them.

As news of the disaster spread throughout the Briceville District, women, wild eyed and disheveled, ran shrieking to the mouth of the mine and attempted to enter what would have been a place of certain death to assist in finding their loved ones.

The rescue work was quickly organized under the directions of Superintendent P. F. Lynch, President T. I. Stephenson of the operating company, and two crews from the Mine Rescue Service of the Federal Government. One of the latter was under the direction of Edgar S. Sutton, foreman miner in charge of the Knoxville rescue station, and the other under William Burkes, engineer in charge of mine rescue car No. 7, which reached Briceville from Artemus at 5:30 p.m. on the day of the explosion.

Accompanying President Stephenson to the mine were George W. Chandler, W. H. Storrs, E. B. Sutton and E. M. Owens, helmet operator. Unlike the Fraterville disaster, when they were unavailable, the rescue workers had four oxygen helmets, a Pulmotor® (a resuscitating apparatus) three oxygen bottles, lamps and other apparatus.

One of the rescue party, who was among the first to arrive after the explosion, was Ernest McDaniels. Ernest had assisted in the rescue work at the 1902 Fraterville mine explosion.

“Discovery of the first body this morning came at 10 o’clock, when a dead miner was found in a sitting posture in one of the interior chambers. He was Andrew Johnson. Indications were that he had been a victim of afterdamp…Charles Kesterson whose body was among the first discovered was found at the telephone back in the mine….Evidently Kesterson had been trying to telephone news of the blast to the office of the mines when he was struck by falling debris.” Syracuse Herald, Syracuse, NY

One body brought to the surface early was that of Lee Paulson (Polson) operator of the mine’s fan plant. The body had been mangled and buried under the cave-in in the main shaft. The fan was destroyed and one from another mine had to be brought in and made operational before rescuers could go into the CMM.

“Shortly before midnight the body of Taylor Little was recovered and identified.” (Commercial Appeal)

At midnight on Saturday the mouth of the mine was still congested with anxious friends of the entombed men who closely questioned every worker as he came to the mouth to gain a breath of fresh air. “Several women still remain in the party of watchers and their grief is heartrending.” (Commercial Appeal)

The body of William A. Farmer, assistant foreman of the mine, was recovered. The top of his head was blown off.

A work gang bossed by sixty-year old H. A. Irish was working in left cross entry number

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19. Mr. Irish was killed instantly, but seven of his gang quickly barricaded themselves into one of the rooms. William “Bill” Henderson, one of the gang, said later, “With our coats we fought back the afterdamp that came through the cracks in the brattice (a partition used to assist ventilation in a mine), and then stuck our coats and other articles of wearing apparel in the holes in the brattice. We had lights, our dinner, and each of us had from half to three quarters of a gallon of water and coffee in our dinner pails.” Milton Henderson, Bill’s son, at 9:03 a.m. Monday, December 11, trapped with his father, wrote to his wife, “Dear little Wife, you have been a good little wife but if I don’t get to see you anymore on this earth, I have told you where I want to be buried at Pleasant Hill. Now Sweetheart, do as I tell you. Goodbye.” Later in the day he wrote, “…You know half the cow is yours. If I don’t get out of here get your papa to help you get my pay from the mine.”

Five of this gang were taken out alive at 8:15 p.m., Monday December 11, sixty hours after being trapped. Two had strayed away and were later found dead. Those rescued were Bill Henderson, 55-year old father of 22-year old Milton Henderson, Theodore (Dore) Irish, son of gang boss H. A. Irish, Arthur Scott, and Irving Smith who was later killed in a Ducktown, TN copper mine accident.

Dore was the only one of those rescued who was injured. Even though badly burned he did recover. When Bill Henderson emerged from the mine he was smoking his pipe and insisted that he could walk the short distance to his home. He also discovered that friends in Clinton, TN had been phoned to dig a grave for him in the Old Henderson burying grounds there. He quickly countermanded the order.

Dr. J. A. Holmes, head of the United States Bureau of Mines, took personal charge of the government force. These men, wearing oxygen helmets, were able to search areas where the miners feared to go because of the possibility of afterdamp.

Washington, Dec.9 – George S. Rice, Chief Coal Mining Engineer of the United States Bureau of Mines…will visit the mine with the intention of “trying to discover methods for lessening the danger from this source.” Serving on Mr. Rice’s mining committee were: Erskins Ramsey, of the Pratt Consolidated Coal Company of Birmingham, Ala: A. B. Jessup of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; H. M. Warren of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad: G. B. Hadesty of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. and John Bart of Windker, Pa.

Washington, Dec. 9 – The American National Red Cross Society, through Miss Mabel Boardman, its executive secretary…offers assistance and …instructs Joseph Logan, Red Cross representative nearest the scene, to proceed to the scene and evaluate the needs.

Indianapolis, December 10-- The executive board of the United Mine Workers of America probably will vote a fund for the families of the miners killed in the Briceville disaster…reported Edwin Perry secretary/treasurer of the miners. Mr. Perry said that while most of the men believed to have been killed are not members of the union, the board will treat the men without regard to that fact. James F. Bowden of Knoxville, Tenn. a district board member and John Jeffrey an executive board member are in Knoxville to represent the national organization.

Wednesday, December 13…Notices were posted about the mine entry requesting relatives of the victims to give the company a
chance to settle with them before arranging with lawyers to institute suit for damages. (The Coal Creek Coal Company, owner of the Fraterville mine, in 1903 settled 120 claims brought by heirs of 184 men killed for $320.00 each when the Company paid the court cost and $325.00 when the claimant paid the cost. It was estimated that claimants paid their attorneys from 20% to 40% of the money recovered.) The Atlanta Constitution carried a story on December 13, 1911 indicating that an actuary, assuming that the average age of those killed was thirty years old, calculated that the value of the productive life that had been snuffed out was $15,000.00. (Editor’s note: I was unable to confirm any monetary settlements between KIC and the families of those killed or insurance payments to the heirs.)

Secret Societies, with which many miners were allied, were heavy losers in the catastrophe. Living members helped care for the widows and orphans of deceased brothers and aided in the rescue work, the recovery of bodies and the burial of the dead. The membership of the local Knights of Pythias was almost completely wiped out. It lost seventeen members.

As Powell Harmon laid trapped and dying in the Fraterville Mine in May 1902 he wrote a letter to his sons saying they should never “work in the mines.” One, Conda, ignored this admonition and died in the CMM. On December 19, Alonzo Wood and Eugene Ault, the last two miners, were found dead behind a barricade. The farewell message from Ault found with his body read, "Air is not much now. All be good and I aim to pray to God to save me and all of you. Tell Clarence (his brother) to wear out my clothes. Give Bessie Robbins (his girlfriend) a stickpin of mine. Tell her goodbye."

As noted earlier in this article, The Commercial Appeal on Sunday, December 10, 1911 reported that the body of Taylor Little, killed in the CMM explosion, had been recovered. In none of the several published lists that I have reviewed is this name included. The Bureau of Mines gives the number killed as eighty-four. With some corrections and additions from various sources, I accepted the following list of eighty-four names, with burial sites, from Wikipedia as accurate.

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Below are the names of those survivors who were entombed.

**Henderson, William**, 55-year old father
**Henderson, Milton**, 22-year old son

**Irish, Theodore (Dore)** “Although badly burned, he will recover.”

**Scott, Arthur**
**Smith, Irving** (later killed in a Ducktown, TN Copper Mine)

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Compiled by L.E. Johnson and his daughter Carolyn. Fred & June gave information we never knew. From the papers donated by Helen Tice.

John Wesley was born Sept. 16th 1836. (Census states TN as birth place) The first place he was found was in Lewis County, TN in the home of Nancy Rose. Nancy’s father was also in the home of Joseph Stubbins, Jr., now 70 years old. (This was information from the 1850 Lewis County, TN census) We have not found out for sure why John W. was away from the family, but he married Nancy’s niece, Mary A. F. Leigh, daughter of Ewell and Elizabeth Stubbins Leigh of Lewis County. They were married Nov. 14th, 1855 in Columbia, TN. Mary had one son in 1852, John William Lee that became an M.D. and Rev. He married Nancy J. Seaton in the late 1870s, and lived in Hardin Co., TN and Water Lou, Alabama until his death in 1935. He is buried in Water Lou, AL with his wife and son, Ben Lee. He has a grandson, Ben Jr. in Florence, AL and a granddaughter in Nashville, TN, Mary Scott.

The first of the children of John Wesley and Mary was Elizabeth, born in 1856 in Lewis Co., TN (She was on the census with them in 1860), but no more information on her, except my half brother, Fate Lawrence told his son Edward that Elizabeth had married a Rufus Jay. This we do not know for sure, but she was not on the census with them in 1870. Their second child was James Wesley and he was born March the 8th, 1858 in Lewis County, TN. Married the first time, Feb. 1, 1882 to Elizabeth Jane Qualls, the oldest daughter of James C. and Rebecca Huggins Qualls. They had one son, James Wesley, Jr., called Jim, born 1885, married Ollie Kirby 19 Sept., 1900. They were both 15 years old. Jim died 11th Dec., 1909, leaving Ollie with 3 small children, two boys and one girl. The grandchildren live in Jackson, TN.

James Wesley, Sr. married second to Addie Luticie Bowen. All the children are not known, but they had a daughter, Mary Carolyn, born Jan. 20th, 1911. She married Sam Duncan. They are both living in Savannah, TN. Another daughter, Melissa Gertrude is in a nursing home. William (Little Willie) died at about 7 years, and James Andrew was killed in a saw mill accident in 1972 in Savannah, TN. James Wesley, Sr. died 17th June, 1934 in Savannah, and his wife Addie died in Dec. 1940.

The third child of John Wesley and Mary is only known by M. J. and was on the census of 1870, being born in 1862, 8 years old. The 4th child Leonidas Edward, born 1863, Lewis
Co. TN. was on the 1870 census, Lewis Co., TN. and in the 1880 census in Hardin Co. TN. as 17 years old, married in 1884 to Amanda Hopson. He died around 1894/95. We have not found any children as yet. The 5th child born to J. W. and Mary was George Mitchel. This is my father, born the 18th day of April in 1865. Only 3 days after Abe Lincoln was shot and killed. Daddy was born in Streeter, IL, and he may have been the only child born in Illinois to J. W. and Mary. George Mitchel was married first to Martha (Mattie) Haynes in 1885. There were supposed to be 5 children, but we only have found one, George Sidney, born Sept. 24, 1889. His mother must have died shortly after. George Mitchel married 2nd to Martha Qualls, a younger sister of Elizabeth, the wife of his brother James Wesley.

Daddy and Martha started with Addie May, born Aug. 22nd, 1891, died 13th Dec., 1974, Little Rock, AR. 2nd was Commodore Tom, born Sept. 1, 1893, Olive Hill, TN, just out of Savannah, died Oct. 2nd, 1944 in Little Rock, AR. 3rd was Fate Lawrence born July 10th, 1895, Olive Hill, TN., died Feb. 26th, 1958 in Water Valley, MS. He was married to Gertie Mae Shepard. They had 10 children. 4th was Lula, born Aug. 28, 1898, died May 30th, 1967; 4 children, all girls. 5th was Faggan, born May 6th, 1900, died Nov. 6th, 1900. 6th was George Mitchel, Jr, born Oct. 27th, 1905, died 17th Dec., 1975. Married to Beulah Thompson, one daughter by first marriage to George Mitchel, Sr., married for the third time to Annie Thompson of Clarendon, AR on the 3rd on Aug. 1907, but this marriage did not last long. I never found a divorce, but she had some property and she would have thought of that.

George Mitchel stayed single until he married my mother Nov. 14, 1909 in Pine Bluff, AR. Mother’s family was living in Tucker, AR, and daddy was living in Tomberlin, AR. when they were married. William Wesley was born almost a year later on Nov. 1, 1910 in Sherrrell, AR. He married Velma Lee Holley Oct. 4th, 1931, and was married the second time to Regina Allene Hopper. William and Velma had two sons, Earl Wesley in 1934 and Carl Thomas in 1939. William and Velma were farmers before they moved to Memphis in 1944, and he went to work for Firestone Tire Co. He stayed with them until he could retire in 1974.

The second son of George Mitchel and Callie Lou Putnam Johnson was Frank, born April 24, 1913 in Paducah, KY. He died in 1914 at the age of 18 mos. The third child was Woodrow Wilson born April 24, 1915 in Palistine, AR. He married Carleen Foster and they had five children,
William Foster (Jack) born Oct. 5th, 1937 in Water Valley, MS. Jack had two children, the 2nd was Francis, born to Woodrow & Carleen on Jan. 30th, 1938. Their third child Callie Ruth was killed in a car. The fourth was Bobby. He died of leukemia. The fifth was Leona Jean (Sissy) born Oct. 17th, 1945, a little over 2 months before her father was killed by a hunter. The next child of George Mitchel & Callie was Claude, born Dec. 26th, 1918 in Water Valley, MS. Claude married Patsy Louise White, and they had three sons, Harrel born in Paris, MS. Sept. 9th, 1944, Charles born July 6th, 1949 in Memphis, TN. Then came Bobby born Feb 15th, 1952 in Memphis, TN. The fifth child of G. M. & Callie was Ola Mae, born May 24th, 1921 in Scoby, MS. and she married John David Ellis (J.D.). They had two children, Betty Lou, born in Courtland, MS. Aug. 12th, 1938 and Jimmie, a son born around 1941. He died in Gladwater, TX Nov. 3rd, 1944. The sixth child of G. M and Callie was Roszella, born Feb. 24th, 1924 in Little Rock, AR, and married Bill Simmons. They had three children, Betty Jean, then Edith Mae, and last was Johnny born in 1944. The seventh child of G. M. and Callie was Margaret Junita born Aug. 2nd, 1926 in Little Rock, AR, married 1st to Lloyd Simmons, 2nd to James Starks and third to Edgar Rowe. She had one son, James Richard Starks by James, the second husband. The 8th child was Fred Richard, born May 26th, 1928 in Little Rock, AR, married 1st to Margaret Ruby Jordan (marriage annulled) 2nd Junie Beatrice Rhea in Holly Springs, MS Dec. 18th, 1951, the daughter of Roy V. & Ethel Marie Houchins Rhea, one son James Stanley, born Apr. 26, 1948 in Holly Springs, MS. He married Sept. 21st, 1968 to Colleen Yvonne Hall and they have two sons, James Bradley, born June 1st, 1979 and Brian Keith, born May 20th, 1973. The ninth child of G. M. & Callie was Annie Marie, born Dec. 6th, 1932 in Libourn, MO, died in 1934 in MS. Their last child was named Harry, but he was stillborn. This brings us up to date on George Mitchel and his four wives. There are only two of us left, No. 7 and No. 8 and my time is spent trying to find out as much as records will permit. There has been a block on my grandfather, John Wesley Johnson. The first time he is found was the 1850 census in Lewis Co., and we have not been able to go back any further.
The Owen Family

(From donated papers by Julia Owen Vantrease Mestemacher. Author unknown)

About 1690 an Owen (first name unknown) was born and lived in Sussex County, Virginia. He had four children: Robert, John, Benjamin and David Owen. Benjamin Owen was born about 1730. He and his wife Elizabeth had five children:

Edmon Owen, b. May 4, 1762
Urban b. Aug. 4, 1795
Dorothy Clark b. Oct. 13, 1796
Peter b. Jan. 28, 1800 in Davidson County, TN. d. April 13, 1850
Williamson County, TN m. Matilda Brooks, b. Dec. 5, 1815 Williamson County, TN d. Sept. 17, 1901, Rutherford County, TN.
Jesse M. b. Mar. 13, 1807, d. July 4, 1864, m. Sarah Atkinson, b. 1810, d. 1862
Richard Carter b. Dec. 22, 1809
Greenberry R. b. July 1, 1812

Judith

III. Benjamin Owen, b. March 9, 1765
IV. James Owen, b June 8, 1768.
V. Sally Owen, b. March 6, 1771.

Greenberry Rives Owen, a successful farmer and manufacturer of tobacco of the Eagleville community, was born July 1st, 1812. His father, Robert Owen, was born January 22, 1764 in Sussex County, Virginia. His mother, Charlotte Rives Owen, was born November 13, 1774 in Prince George County, VA. They moved to Davidson County, Tennessee around 1800 and purchased Mill Creek. They eventually settled at Owen Hill in Williamson County, Tennessee where he died in 1840 and she in 1841. While at Mill Creek, he joined the Mill Creek Primitive Baptist Church, then moved his membership to Wilson Creek Primitive Baptist Church at Triune, Tennessee.

Greenberry married Mary E. Tennison, who was born October 11, 1814, and on October 18th, 1853 they purchased 125 acres of land from J. D. Gillespie. It was located on the Mt. Vernon road near Eagleville, and is now owned by Jim Boyce. At the time it was purchased, it was in Williamson County. They had no children but reared Mary Catherine (Kitty) Rieves (originally spelled Rives), who later became the wife of John H. Hay. As related by Greenberry Hay, a son of Mary C. Rieves Hay, a first cousin of Greenberry, and half brother of Mary. As they were ready to get in the buggy to leave, Greenberry asked Peter to let him have one of his children. Peter told him to pick one, and he chose the pretty little girl, named Mary Catherine (Kitty). Her mother Emily Anne Owen Rieves, died when she was about three years old. Kitty had three bothers and one sister. Her father remarried and she had eight half-brothers and five half-sisters.

Greenberry continued to purchase adjoining tracts of land, and at the time of his death, July 18, 1881, he owned approximately 685 acres, which was divided after his wife’s death, August 10, 1883, between three of his nephews, Dr.
Urban, Robert and John Green Owen, and Mary C. Rieves Hay a foster daughter. The land was divided between the four legatees by William A. McCord and Joseph F. Brittain, who were selected by Chesley Williams, the Executor of his will. They valued each share at $3,600.00. John Green Owen received the home place, and moved his family from Flat Creek in Williamson County, Tennessee to Eagleville, where he lived until his death. He was a son of Jesse M. Owen and Sarah Atkinson Owen, and was born at Owen Hill in Williamson County, Tennessee April 24, 1835. He married Frances Chrisman September 13, 1855. To this union five sons and two daughters were born, one son died in infancy. His wife, Frances, the mother of his children died August 19, 1908. He was married to Nannie Sheffield July 18, 1909. He was a consistent member of the Eagleville Primitive Baptist Church for forty years. His war record is as follows: John G. Owen, Sergeant, Company C, 11th Holman’s Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate States Army, enlisted September 30, 1862 at Chapel Hill, Tennessee, age 25 years. Captured December 12, 1863 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, received December 17, 1863 at Military Prison, Louisville, Kentucky, forwarded December 21, 1863 to Rock Island, Illinois, where he was released May 18, 1865 under order of May 9, 1865. Muster roll for January 1 to June 30, 1864, last roll on file, shows him absent, captured by the enemy December 12, 1863. He was a successful farmer and was very active until his death February 22, 1927. His children are as follows: Urbane J. Owen, b. July 21, 1856, d. Nov. 3, 1926, m. Fannie Brittain. No children. James P. Owen b. Aug. 28, 1858, d. Nov. 11, 1913, m. Laura M. Smith, January 14, 1885. Issue: Will G., Samuel R., Maude, Mattie, Jennie Mai Owen. James P. and family moved to Nashville around 1910. William B. Owen, b. Oct. 3, 1860, d. Aug. 20, 1861. John R. Owen, b. June 13, 1863, d. Dec. 5, 1940, m. Loula Mosley, Sept. 12, 1888. Their children were: Annie, Carl, Albert, Willie, Jean, Frances and Mabel Owen. John R. Owen and his family moved to Williamson County, Tennessee. Alice P. Owen, b. Sept. 12, 1866, d. Aug. 15, 1910, m. James M. Gillespie Feb. 14, 1884. Issue: Myrtle, m. Will Mosley; Anise, m. Tom Derryberry; Robert Owen Gillespie m. Annie McKillian; Clarence Alfred (Jack); Roy U., m. Annie Pearl Dies; Jessie Lee, m. Gifford Cooper; Allene, m. Webb Vaughan. Ross F. and Lewis Mosley, the only surviving sons of Myrtle G. Mosley reside near Eagleville on the Eagleville-Chapel Hill Road. Clarence (Jack) Gillespie and wife Dollye Ferguson live in Eagleville. Their daughter, Ruby Lee, married Wash Bowers, Jr. and is postmaster at Rockvale. Another daughter, Beth married W. C. Arnold and is a beautician in Eagleville. Their youngest daughter, Dorothy, married J. W. McClaran and is a secretary at Eagleville High School. Mary Anne Owen b. Feb. 19, 1871, d. May 18, 1915, m. Alfred P. Elmore Feb. 19, 1889. Issue: Jessie Virginia m. C.B. (Continued on page 34)
Meek Dec. 19, 1920 and had Marianna and Virginia Elmore Meek. Jessie and Marianna Meek reside in Eagleville. Alfred P. Elmore, Jr. m. Ruth Floyd Sept. 24, 1924 and had Alfred P. Elmore, III and Jean Elmore. A. P. Elmore, Jr. and wife Ruth reside in Eagleville. A. P. Elmore III, his wife, Cornelia Alexander Elmore and son, Keith also live in Eagleville and he is an employee of Samsonite Corp. Urbane R. Elmore m. Martha Luther. They had no children. Urbane became principal of Eagleville High School the fall of 1946 and was principal until his death Feb. 16, 1967.

Jesse Milton Owen b. Sept. 1, 1873, d. Feb. 28, 1961, m. Margaret R. Holt July 14, 1926. Lived in Eagleville from about twelve years of age until his death. He was a farmer and member of the Eagleville Primitive Baptist Church.

Jesse Atkinson Owen, a brother of John Greer Owen, was born Feb. 9, 1840. He married Sallie Green and lived in Eagleville from time to time. He was a professor of music for forty years and traveled extensively conducting singing schools. His children were musical and traveled with him performing as a band. He has two grandchildren, Tom Bennett and Eve Bennett Scott, who reside in Eagleville at the present.

Richard Carter Owen, a brother of Greenberry Rives Owen, moved with his family to Eagleville at the same time as Greenberry and his wife came, around 1853. He was born Dec. 22, 1809 and married his first cousin, Henrietta Fields Rives (called Harriett) who was born May 22, 1810. He purchased land at the head of Harpeth River and was also a successful farmer and tobacco manufacturer until his death April 17, 1860. His wife followed him in death Sept. 8, 1868. Their children include: Dr. Urbane Owen, a general practitioner who lived at Owen Hill and College Grove in Williamson County, Tennessee.

Mary (Molly) Owen Fagan, who resided in Williamson County, Tenn.


Robert Greenberry Owen was a farmer and tobacco manufacturer as was his father.

Martha Owen Russell lived in Eagleville until after the death of her first husband, Tom Russell. She then moved to Nashville after she remarried. Her two children by her first husband, Tom Russell and Willie Belle Russell Holton lived at Eagleville with their families.

Joseph Owen, b. Mar. 31, 1849, d. Nov. 24, 1920, m. K. Elizabeth Bennett. They had the following children: R. C. Owen, S. J. Owen, Evelyn Owen Scott, Henrietta Owen Pope, Sussie Owen Ogilvie, Martha Owen Ray and J. P. Owen. He owed a farm near the Vernon Church and he and his family lived in the dwelling where Robert Garrett Bennett now resides. He was a farmer and tobacco manufacturer and lived on his farm in Eagleville until his death.
Eagleville, Tennessee

Alice P. Brown, daughter of Robert S. Brown became post master and served until 1932 when she again took office, this time as Mrs. Alice Brown Ralston. Since that time the following men have served: Walker Carlton, 1934-1935; Hollis K. Stephenson 1935-1948; and Harry M. Patillo 1949-1972. In 1971 the Post Office gave Mr. Patillo a case award and a certificate of superior accomplishment.

Rural free Delivery began out of Eagleville Post Office in 1904. At first there were four routes serving a wide territory from Rover to Versailles to Rockvale. About the time a post office was established at Rockvale, roads had become better, and post men had shifted from horseback or buggies to automobiles. The four routes had gradually been cut down to the present day one. The first four postmen were Finis Tucker, Freeland Jackson, S. A. (Buck) Scot, and Norman N. Dryden. Since their service, the mail has been carried by Walter Shelton, R. K. Stephenson and Herbert Crick.

Tobacco Factories

It seems that tobacco has always been manufactured at Eagleville. One hears of family-type operations here and there. Once there was a factory where Smithson-Lamb garage is. Just in the edge of Eagleville on the Allisons Road, Pinkney Elmore had a factory. The women of the family made the bags necessary for packaging. The two establishments which best deserve to be designated as “factories” were owned by Bob Owen and J. J. Owen. The Bob Owen factory was located on the Murfreesboro road, just west of the old Grover Jackson home. He did a thriving business with his

“drummers” following such routes as Shelbyville, Tullahoma, Fayetteville, Huntsville, down the river to Decatur, north through Pulaski and Lewisburg and back home. All this trip was made in a wagon carrying tobacco products or in a buggy carrying samples. Three forms of tobacco were produced: plug, twist, and smoking tobacco. The official name of this factory was R. G. Owen and Son (R. C. Owen) Tobacco Manufacturing Company. This company had its beginnings at Owen Hill (near Allisons) before the Civil War. R. G. Owen’s grandfather, Richard C. Owen of that place farmed and manufactured tobacco there until his death in 1860. In 1904 this firm moved to Hartsville. In 1931 it moved to Gallatin where it still exists as the R. C. Owen Tobacco Company.

The other tobacco factory of note was owned by a cousin of R. G. Owen. It is located on the Murfreesboro Pike at the edge of Eagleville beside Cheatham Spring Creek and was called the Owen Tobacco Works. It began operation about 1896 under the ownership of J. J. Owen. He continued to manufacture tobacco here until his death November 3, 1926. After Mr. Owen’s death, the plant was sold to Leslie Cheek and Associates of Nashville. Three years later several Eagleville citizens formed a stock company and bought the factory from Mr. Cheek. This company continued to operate the factory until 1936 when it was sold to R. C. Owen Tobacco Company of Gallatin. In addition to the stock and equipment, the R. C. Owen Company bought the right to use the company’s brand name. The best known “Our Pride” smoking tobacco is still produced in Gallatin.
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‘Jackson County’ addresses the fact that Samuel Williams was known as the “Father of Chattanooga.”

The marriage of Tempe and George Washington Williams was recorded perhaps in several places, but is found in McNairy Co., TN records – shown as a marriage document for William Steadman and Margaret Turvin which was proven by a witness, James T. Thornton, in the April 1824 term of court.

There were three Hickman brothers out of TN, but only Thomas, a Methodist minister, settled in the Paint Rock Valley along the line between Franklin Co., TN and Jackson Co., AL.

W.W. Thompson, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, studied at Lebanon, TN.

The Bouldin children were well educated. Those attending Winchester Normal School in TN: the eldest girl (no name given), the second child, Virgil, also attended Lebanon College for a law degree, Mary Elizabeth ‘Betty,’ Martha ‘Mattie,’ George Washington, and Terrill Bunyan ‘Bun,’

Paint Rock Valley people who stopped in TN long enough for children to be born there were mostly in Franklin, Moore, Giles and other nearby TN counties.

A Jackson Co., AL deed shows that Farnefield F. Green sold land to William Floyd Bostick and perhaps went back to Franklin Co., TN to live. The compiler wonders if perhaps he lived in Franklin Co., TN and just owned land in Jackson Co., AL. Green appears on census records in Franklin Co., TN, and as a pauper there in his later life. The Arkansas Family Historian Vol 48 #2 ‘A Novel Entertainment’ where elderly ladies were honored at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Johnson in June 1879 in Dardanelle, AR. Present, those with TN birth: Mrs. Evans, known as Aunt Hannah b 1820, Mrs. Gault, mother of the hostess, b 1821, Mrs. Johnson, mother of the host, b 1825, Mrs. Varnell b 1826, Mrs. Howell b 1828, Mrs. Robinson b 1830, Mrs. Hayden b 1831, Mrs. Jacoway b 1838.

Calhoun County Notaries’ includes a reprint of a 1907 issue. Rev. J. D. James was b TN 12 Oct 1839. From TN he went to AL then Calhoun Co., AR and just before his death moved to Warren, Bradley Co., AR. He died at the home of his son, W. A. James, 16 Feb 1907.

‘Arkansas Queries’ asks who are the parents and wife of John Robert ‘Bob’ Adams b c1824 TN? Bryan David Adams, bryadams@sbcglobal.net

Need information on John B and Mary McCollum who lived Old Austin, Lonoke Co., AR in late 1800s. She was b 17 Apr 1857 TN. Billie J. Dougherty, blisdou@aol.com

Seeking descendants of Jesse J. Turner and Malvina Buck who mar. 1855 Shelby Co., TN Bob Edwards, bobandcarolyn@suddenlike.net.

1860 Santa Clara Co., CA Census’ lists ?. ?. Overton? 29 male wheelwright TN

Great Register Kern Co., CA 1880 lists Scott Richardson 49 TN miner Linn’s Valley (residence) registered 26 Aug 1878; William Shaw 60 TN minister Woody

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(residence) registered 9 Jan 1882; Scott Richardson 53 TN miner Linn’s Valley (residence) registered 1 Jul 1882.
Kern-Gen (CA) Vol 47 #2
‘The Norris Family of Bakersfield and Kern Co – Their Journey Westward’ chronicles the brothers John III (1750-1845) and Abner Norris (1758-1861) who settled in TN. The Hickman County Historical Society News Journal (KY) June 2010
‘Obadiah Moore’ was on the 1830 Henry Co., TN Census.
‘Marriage Register’ lists birthplace of groom, John Blake, 47, widower, as Gibson Co., TN.
‘Obituary ‘ of Grady William Thompson, Sr. 98 of Clinton, KY lists as survivors, two daughters, Kathryn Deloach of Jackson, TN and Barbara Dodge of Oakland, TN and a son G.W. Thompson, Jr. of Beech Bluff, TN.
‘Aubrey Roper’ article includes Ernest Goodrich who married Lillian Jackson. When Mr. Goodrich died Lillian moved from Lake Co., TN to Hickman Co., KY. Genealogical Gazette (GA) Vol 28 #2
‘1900 Dougherty County, GA Census, 620th Dist. Ga Militia, Enumeration Dist 42’ reports David Allen B male b Dec 1831 TN TN 68 with wife and children.
-George Roberson, son B male Apr 1887 GA SC TN 13
Moussy Roberson, dau B female Oct 1890 GA SC TN 9
Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal Vol 30 #2
‘Alumnae of Howard – Payne College, Fayette, MO 1849-1907’ in 1901 in English, Mental and Moral Philosophy, Minerva A. Clyce from Nashville, TN (Mrs. McCullough); in 1902 in English, Science and Mental and Moral Philosophy, Clara Gordon Byum from Memphis TN (Mrs. Archer); in 1906 in Exp. Eng. & Science Ethel Haskin from Nashville, TN.
Platt Co., Missouri Historical & Genealogical Society Bulletin Vol 63 #2
-Ann Holland Jones was b 7 Oct 1823 Robertson, TN d 7 Sep 1907 Dearborn, MO. Her father was John James Holland b 1797 Knoxville, TN d 1821 Dearborn, MO. Mary Killgore Tyrrell, mary.tyrrell@starband.net Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly Vol 42 #2
‘Faces from the Past’ presents a photograph of Fannie Willis Davenport of Alexander Co., IL. Fannie is on the 1900 Memphis, Shelby Co., TN Census with husband Dr. F.P. Davenport (Doctor of Divinity.) Kentucky Family Records Vol 34 Summer 2010
'Rev. James Fielden Bible Record’ records that the book was published in 1883 in Nashville, TN. Notes by Mrs. A.D. Kirk state that Rev. Fielden was a son of James Fielden and Lettie Casey of Grainger Co., TN. The Rev. lived in Grainger, Jefferson, and Anderson Co., TN. He married 25 Sep 1845 Knox Co., TN Zilpha Turner. The Rev was a licensed Baptist minister in 1853 in Anderson Co., TN at the Zion Hill (Continued on page 38)
Church.

Green County Historical and Genealogical Society (AR) Vol 23 #2

‘The Austin Family – Green County Pioneers’ relates how the Stephen and Ransom Austin families journeyed from SC to McNairy Co., TN. Stephen Austin’s wife, Martha, was born 1810 TN. Their son, Joseph, was born 1830 TN. By 1880 Martha, age 70, is living in the household of George W. Austin. One of Ransom’s children was born TN: ‘Sally’ Sarah 1831. A son, A. James Austin mar 1897 Lula Garner who was born 15 Aug 1881 TN. ‘The Tedder Family’ reports that sons of Sarah (Harmon) and Benjamin Tedder: James W. Tedder d 1847 Benton Co., TN; Joel E. Tedder d Camden, Benton Co., TN & he mar Nancy Lewis (location not given.) Joel and Lucinda Tedder ‘s children (with Camden, Benton Co., TN connections where not noted) have the following information.

Martha Ann Tedder 25 Aug 1828, mar Andrew Jackson Smith 6 Aug 1846. He was b c1818 TN d 1880; Elizabeth ‘Bettie’ Ann Tedder b c1831, mar Jackson Hatley 27 Mar 1845 Their dau., Rebecca Ann Hatley, b 5 Jan 1862 TN d 3 Oct 1957 AR. She mar Alvin Washington ‘Dick’ Jackson 19 Sep 1885 Dunklin Co, TN. He was b 4 Aug 1861 TN; Anna Mariah Tedder b 16 Jul 1834, mar Wesley Hatley 14 Mar 1850. He was b 6 Sep 1831 d 18 Oct 1905. They were buried in Cedar Grove Ceme.; Edwin M. Tedder mar Malinda Yates 3 Jan 1843. She was b 24 Jul 1844 TN. Edwin’s and Malinda’s children: Horace M. Tedder b May 1862, mar Martha H. Langley 9 Jan 1881. She was b 14 Jan 1867; Cordus ‘Cord’ Tedder b May 1866; Thomas ‘Tom’ Tedder b 12 Aug 1867, mar Frances Yates 13 Mar 1889. She was b 1871 TN. Tom remarried Ernmer Elizabeth Doughty 1894, Green Co., AR. Tom and Ernmer Tedder’s child, Verlie mar Mary Ella Clark who d 29 Apr 1999 Natural Health Care Center, Murfreesboro, TN. Verlie’s and Mary Ella’s son, Billie Tedder d 21 Jul 1992 VA Hospital, Nashville, TN and was buried in Middle TN Veterans Ceme., Nashville, TN. Another descendant, Pamela Joyce Tedder mar Thomas Holt ‘Tom’ Scott 23 Jun 1984 Memphis, TN.

Northeast Alabama Settlers Vol 49 #2

‘1917-1918 Gadsden Times Obituaries’ includes in issue 2 Jan 1918: Dorothy M. Rogers, 5 yr. old dau of Mr. & Mrs. F.O. Rogers, who d at home on Forrest Ave. Remains to be sent to Dayton, TN for burial. ‘Etowah County Military – Some Civil War Soldiers in Etowah County’ lists these persons who filed for pension in named county: Samuel Houston Newkirk b 13 Oct 1847 TN; Samuel W. Smith enlisted as Pvt in Co. I, 8th TN Cav.

‘Alphabetical List of Revolutionary Soldiers in AL’ includes Alexander Goggans who emigrated to Lincoln Co., TN from SC in 1819, then moved to Lawrence Co., AL.

The Tree Tracers (OK) Vol 34 #4

In the ‘Duncan Banner’ of Stephens Co., OK is an item in the 4 Dec 1903 issue. Elijah Peters age 83 died at the home of his son, Tom. Elijah was b TN and moved to Fannin Co., TX 1849. He leaves a wife and three boys and six girls.

Grayson Co., TX 14 Nov 1869. Priscilla Brown is buried Frederick Ceme., Tillman Co., OK 20 Dec 1930. Other family info is given.

‘Centennial Sketches’ includes William C. Moore who descends from one of the prominent old families of TN. His paternal grandfather, Cleon Moore, was owner of the Red Ridge Farm on the Houston River. One of Cleon’s sons, John C., was brought up in TN. William C. was b 4 Feb 1855 Hawkins Co., TN. Mrs. Moore’s (Rhonda Armstrong) father, John Armstrong, moved from TN to TX early in his life.

-Porter Norton, M.D. was the son of John and Margaret (Ramsey) Norton. John was b TN, lived AR until after his marriage.

-H. Hancock was b 3 Jan 1878 TN, the son of Christopher C. and Priscilla J. (Donnell) Hancock who were both b TN and mar there. Christopher’s father, John, was a NC native and a planter and slave owner who settled in TN. John d TN before the Civil War. Christopher served in the Civil War attached to Gen. Forrest’s cavalry.

‘Cotton County Inventors’ reports that Jesse A. Hales was b 23 Jan 1823 TN. More family info is included.

-Lemuel Beasley was b 1800-1810 TN, mar Harriet W. ____. She was b 1813 TN. Harriet 2 mar William Winstead 11 Mar 1849. William was b 1825 TN.

‘The Ryan Leader’ issue 13 Aug 1909 in the Ryan Record: Mr. C.M. Hailey of Jackson, TN returned home Sunday after visiting his nephew J.H. Hailey.

‘Commanche County Marriage Records’:

George W. Smith 21 TN & Effie Scarlett 20 TN mar 26 Dec 1908 Lawton, OK.

-Ollie O. Hunt 17 TN & Walter A. Nance mar 10 Jan 1909 Walters, OK

-Henry L. Williams 36 TN & Mrs. Mary L. Evans mar 10 Jan 1909 Lawton, OK

-Willie Harvey 25 TN & Mammie Long mar 9 Jan 1909 Lawton, OK

-Harle Nease 23 TN & Ida Burkett mar 17 Jan 1909 Holliday, OK

-G.W. Curtis (black) 31 TN & Nellie Randall (black) mar 2 Feb 1909 Lawton, OK

Texarkana USA Journal (TX) Vol 7 #1

‘Family Group Sheets’ for Cyrus Piert Meador include Thomas Meador d 7 Jan 1844 Ft. Pickering, TN; David Robert Rogers d aft 5 Jan 1813 Rutherford Co., TN; Robert Franklin Rogers mar 6 Jan 1817 Sumner Co., TN.

-Ancestors of Linnie Edna Johnson:


-Ancestors of Daniel Webster Gilly:


-Ancestors of Ozella Dodd:

-Sarah Jane Brown b c1850 NC or TN.

Eswau Huppeday (NC) Vol 30 #3

‘State of North Carolina Dept. of Archives & History Supreme Court Original Cases 1800-1909’ records Mr. Charles D. Conner 23 Dec 1817 at the House of John Simonton in the Court of Murray and state of TN taking a deposition of Mary Simonton.

Deep South Genealogical Quarterly (AL) Vol 47 #3

‘Transcriptions from the Mobile Daily Register’ reports in a 1 Mar 1928 issue that Mrs. C. B. Sellers, 60 yr. old, a native of Lebanon, TN, and a resident of the MS Gulf Coast three years died today. She leaves a husband, a daughter, and seven sons and was buried Evergreen Ceme.

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‘Transcriptions from the Mobile Evening News’ announces on 21 Apr 1862 that Cpl. John H. Anderson was killed at the Battle of Shiloh. He was of Capt. Gage’s Battery. The South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research Vol 38 #3

‘Marriage and Death Notices from the Southern Christian Sentinel’ includes in the issue of 11 May 1839 this announcement about Major H. Cartmell of Nashville, TN who mar Mrs. Mary A. Crosby of Charleston, SC in Washington, TX.

‘The Revolutionary War Pension Application of Daniel Carroll’ allows that he transferred from NC to West TN 24 Jul 1833 and that notice was sent to him in care of Davis Estland, Fayetteville, TN on same day.

-George Jones, clerk of County Court, State of TN, Lincoln Co. certifies that Daniel Carroll, deceased, was a Rev. pensioner of the US from the State of TN and was pensioned at the rate of $96.00 per annum and he said Daniel Carroll died 20 Apr 1837 TN and left a widow, Hannah, who also died TN 12 Apr 1840 Fayetteville, TN.

-State of TN, Lincoln Co., certifies that desponent, Ebenezer Pickett, is a resident of county and state 26 Jul 1841.

-Benjamin Couch, resident of Lincoln Co, TN 2 Aug 1841 makes a declaration for Hannah Carroll, widow of Daniel Carroll, deceased, that Daniel was a Revolutionary pensioner from the State of TN and that he (Benjamin) is administrator of the estate of Hannah Carroll, deceased. He further declares that Hannah Insco and Daniel Carroll were married SC 11 Nov 1793 – (record enclosed) and that her husband d 20 Apr 1837 and Hannah d 12 Apr 1840 with no children.

-Ebenezer Pickett, originally from SC now a resident of Lincoln Co., TN, aged 79 affirmed the date of Daniel’s and Hannah’s marriage and that Daniel was a Revolutionary pensioner of the U.S.

-Elliot H. Fletcher of Lincoln Co., TN, justice of the peace, certified that Daniel Carroll swore before him and Rebecca M. Couch, of same county who is well acquainted with Daniel, that Daniel resided in Lauderdale Co., AL for fourteen years.

-C.L. Blanton, Justice of the Peace for Franklin Co., TN, certified that Ebenezer Pickett’s information was correct and that after Hannah’s & Daniel’s marriage they moved to TN.

-On 30 Sep 1845 Sarah Couch gave deposition in Lincoln Co., TN that she was acquainted with the Carroll couple before and since their marriage in 1793.

Piedmont Lineages (VA) August 2010
‘A Statement About the Dodson Family’ presents Charles Dodson of Fauquier Co., VA and the move South in 1766 to Halifax & Pittsylvania Counties. The compiler notes that Dodson preachers went south and to the ‘Western Country’ early on and were some of the early inhabitants of TN.

‘Here and There’ Mar 1894 notes that Nicholas Lawson Wade died. He mar Margaret A. Howard of Giles Co., TN 1850.

-Dec 1903 finds that John Ward Adkins died in Clinton, TN. He had disappeared twelve years prior to 1903 after shooting his uncle, Caleb Adkins.

The Saga of Southern Illinois Vol 37 #2
It is stated in ‘Evidence of a Marriage, Rhoda Abney’s Fight for Justice’ that Rhoda (Norman) and Paul Abney had eleven children, seven born in Anderson Co. TN 1795-1811. Both some Norman families and this Abney family were in Anderson and Dickson Counties, TN before moving on to Franklin Co., IL. Rhoda’s brothers, Isaac and Henry Norman, and her parents, Eli Norman and Sarah (Green) Norman, died in Anderson Co., TN (today Jackson Co.,)
in 1811 and she in 1806. Four of Rhoda’s grandchildren were born in Dickson Co., TN 1814-1821 before she and Paul moved to IL in 1825.

‘1880 Mortality Schedule of Clay Co., IL’ lists in Okaloosa Township, T4 R5:

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‘Alexander Co., IL abandoned Cemetery Cleanup – A Boy Scout Project’ records

Rebecca C. Cole (N 37 degrees 17.039’ W 89 degrees 21.572’) dau of Christopher and Rebecca A. Cole d 8 Mar 1856, age 1 yr, 19 days. There are other Cole and Clutts burials. The 1870 Alexander Co., IL Census lists on p122 Samuel Clutts 50 SC and Rebecca 39 TN with two children born IL. The 1860 Alexander Co., IL Census lists on p95 Caroline Cole 28 housekeeper TN with three children.

Itawamba Settlers (MS) Vol 30 #2

On the cover is a photo of ‘Constantine Curry Shannon’ who was born 31 May 1811 Davidson Co., TN. He was the son of Samuel Shannon, and Constantine mar Catherine Montheral 10 Dec 1800 (sic) in Davidson Co., TN.

‘Itawamba County Post Offices; 1850’ explains that the postmaster in 1850 in Fulton was D.N. Cayce and he appears in Dist. 6 on the 1850 Itawamba Co., MS Census as age 37 TN with children, James 17 TN, Mary Ann 11 TN, Isabella 10 TN, Shadrack N. 6 MS, and with Joel A. Cayce 35, TN, grocer; G.B. Gaither, 27, TN, merchant; William M. Gaither, 24, TN, clerk.

Van Buren, on the west bank of the Tombigbee River, had postmaster, George W. Winters, who appeared on the 1850 census of Itawamba Co., MS as age 40, TN tailor, Martha 39, GA, James M. 17 TN and 6 children born MS.

‘Presbyterian Missionaries Among the Chickasaws’ includes information on Bells Mission Station in West TN where the Rev. Israel Pickens was employed.

Kentucky Ancestors Vol 45 #3

‘Queries’ asks about Andrew Thompson who mar Elizabeth Jane Cummings (Cummins) in 1826. She was b TN 1811 daughter of David Cummings. Phyllis Bickley, pwbnj@comcast.net
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I am looking for Haywood Exton June 1874 SC Dec 1965 TN who mar Mary ______. Please help locate them.
*Catherine Wilson, 3840 Brandy Ave.,
Memphis, TN 38128-6722*

Black – Webb – Burroughs – Alston
Need the 1st wife of James Withrow Black, both are 23 in 1830 Haywood Co., TN Census. Children: Sarah L. mar Rev. Monroe Webb (Methodist Minister;)
Sterling Monroe mar Eugenia Burroughs. He was in 1st Co. 12th Cav., CSA; James mar 2nd Nancy Comer Alston b 1848 Fayette Co., TN d 1861. Where did Sarah & Sterling die?
*Margaret Norvell Sinclair, 4984 Welchshire Ave., Memphis, TN 38117-5647, (901) 767-5101.*

Wall – Tharp – Clifton – Baker
I need burial place of Nelson Wall, CSA, son of Frederick and Ann (Clifton) Wall from Franklin Co., NC to Fayette Co., TN in 1840s. Is there any evidence of an accident in Bartlett, TN in 1890s? Nelson’s wife, Susan Tharp, is dau of Gilliam (William on 1850 Census) and Tempy (Baker) Tharp. Went on to TX and buried there. Glad to exchange info.
*Margaret Norvell Sinclair, 4984 Welchshire Ave. Memphis, TN 38117-5647, (901) 767-5101*

Bell – Lancaster/Lavender – Scruggs
Who were parents of Howard Bell 1913-1966 from Fayette Co., TN? He was raised by Leon & Evie Lancaster (Lavender on 1930 Census.) Howard’s birth & death certificate lists parents: Jim and Mattie (Scruggs) Bell. I can’t find them in Fayette Co., TN records, but they are buried in Perry Cemetery.
P. Darlene Sawyer, 8484 Loften Cv., Cordova, TN 38018

Parker – McBride
Karen Angus, Germantown, TN 38138,
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If you could meet your ancestors,
All standing in a row;
Would you be proud of them?
Or don’t you know?
Some strange discoveries are made,
When Climbing Family Trees.
And some of them you know
Do not exactly please.
But Here’s another question
Which requires a different view.
If you could meet your ancestors
Would they be proud of you?
Author Unknown
The following tombstone inscriptions were copied from the Browns Springs Baptist Church Cemetery located about three quarters of a mile North-east of Mosheim, Greene County, Tenn. and on the head of Grassy Creek branch of Lick Creek. Copied by Charles M. Bennett, Jonesboro, Tenn. May 19, 1963.


Brown (Dr. Isaac B.), Dec. 25, 1860--April 9, 1937.

Masonic Emblem (Sarah L. Bible, Oct. 30, 1868--April 15, 1942.


Lewis Brown, June 15, 1836----Feb. 15, 1900.


Hull (John M., Sept. 28, 1868---Feb. 6, 1950.

One Stone (Delia, Jan. 22, 1875---Nov. 12, 1956.


John Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Potter, May 6, 1932---Oct. 29, 1933.

Hull (Isaac B. Hull, March 19, 1843---July 13, 1877

One (his wife)

Stone (Margaret E. Hull, Nov. 26, 1848---Dec. 13, 1922.

Fannie Poe, 1874-1900 (concrete marker)

Susie Carter Zimmerman – (concrete marker – no dates)


Kathleen Raines, 1921 (concrete marker)

Ethel Raines, 1899-1937.

Dale U., son of Horace and Bessie Wood, May 12, 1924--- Oct. 6, 1924.

Henry Poe, March 12, 1828---Feb. 21, 1912.


Pauline, daughter of Perry and Nan Poe, June 12, 1912---Jan. 23, 1917.

Burton Poe, Feb. 18, 1896---Nov. 15, 1913.


Infant Cruey, 1943 (concrete marker)


John McAbee 1869-1944.

Susan McAbee, Aug. 3, 1844---July 18, 1915.

T. L. McAbee, 1840-1909. A brave soldier, CSA (Private marker)

Lewis L. Gentry, 1837-1919, Corp.1 Co.
L., 13th Tn. Cav. USA (private marker)
Pilma, son of I. B. and Vertie Sexton, May 18, 1906 (concrete marker)
Elmer, son of I. B. and Vertie Sexton, July 12, 1905 (concrete marker)
Homer, son of W. M. and Addie Knight, June 27, 1897—Oct. 6, 1914.
William M. Knight, Dec. 10, 1869—Sept. 8, 1929.
Addie A. Pearce, wife of Wm. M. Knight, March 19, 1873—April 18, 1945.
Mary D., daughter of J. D. and Mollie Blanton, Feb. 11, 1922—April 25, 1922.
Ezra Cash, Feb. 15, 1853—March 15, 1912.
Dona Cash, 1865-1930.
Infant daughter of Will and Ida Cash, born and died Dec. 16, 1918.
Infant daughter of Will and Ida Cash, born and died June 13, 1908.
Infant daughter of Will and Ida Cash, born and died Nov. 14, 1914.
Charlie Cash, 1898-1922.
One Stone (Sarah J. Beck, March 25, 1864—Sept. 11, 1925.
“Brown” (W. A. Brown, May 21, 1849—April 27, 1917.
One Stone (Mary Brown, May 10, 1850—March 1, 1929.
Stone (Emma C. Brown, April 29, 1858—March 14, 1934.
“Brown” (Calvin F., Jan. 29, 1872—Sept. 6, 1944.
One Stone (Eliza Carter, Sept. 17, 1877—May 14, 1940.
One Stone (Zula Brown, 1880-1953.
One Stone (Albert Blanton, April 22, 1914-March 22, 1924.
One Stone (Josie Cordelia, Aug.6, 1881-last date not cut in stone.
The preceding stones were on the East or left side of church. The following stones

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were in the West or right side of the church.

“Hull” Raymond J Hull, July 11, 1906-April 24, 1929.


Infant, C. C. Wood 1960 (concrete marker)

“Poe” (Enoch P., Sept. 21, 1875-June 21, 1948.

One stone (Nora Belle Jones, June 1, 1883-Oct. 18, 1961.

“Blanton” (wife, Grace Baker (no dates)

One large stone, “Father” (Dr. Martin Asbury, June 26, 1873-Dec. 17, 1947. (Mason)

“Mother” (Elza Alice Bullington, July 18, 1871-Sept. 19, 1922.

“Sister” (Sarah Luella, Aug. 9, 1881- (last date not cut in stone.

A blank stone, no inscription, grave lately filled.


One stone (Moses Lloyd Brown, March 14, 1867-Sept. 9, 1949.

“Lewis” (John C. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lewis, July 6, 1908-Jan. 6, 1937, Ward Master, U. S. Hospital, Washington, D. C.

“Lewis” (Wiley L. Lewis, June 7, 1869-Sept. 23, 1940.

One stone (Margaret Graybeal, July 2, 1875-May 26, 1956.


“McDonald” (Alvin C. McDonald, “Doc”, Nov. 24, 1879-June 29, 1956.)

“Knight” (George W., March 19, 1873-July 22, 1948.

One stone (Pearl McGuffin, Oct. 15, 1891-Last date not cut in stone.

“Hurst” Thomas Edison Hurst, July 9, 1910-Dec. 8, 1955.

“Patton” (Margaret Ann McGuffin, 1860-1940 wife of Wm. B. Patton.

Donnie Fulton, 1943-1973 (concrete marker)

“Brown” (Martha M. Hayes, July 4, 1874-Oct. 7 1948.

One stone (James J., July 10, 1867-Nov. 14, 1937.

“Honeycutt” (W. H. Honeycutt, March 16, 1873-March 4, 1944.

One stone (Sidney McMurtry, April 6, 1870-Dec.15, 1944.


W. H. Young, 1971-1944 (concrete marker)

Robert Fulton, 1912-1946 (concrete marker)

Billy Joe Fulton, 1940-1961 (concrete marker)

Ralph Edward, son of Elmer and Viola Johnson, June 28, 1953.


(concrete marker)

Larry Wayne Swatzell, 1956 (concrete marker)

Danny Ray Swatzell, 1954. (concrete
Kathy Lynn Swatzell, 1953. (concrete marker)

“Bible” (John Adams 1882-1940.
One stone (Addie Blanton, 1883 Last date not cut in stone.

Dana J. Murdock, 1946 (concrete marker)


One stone (Virginia E., Aug. 20, 1876-Last date not cut in stone.

“Bullis” (Cecil B., April 17, 1884-Sept. 24, 1960
One stone (Anna Brown, Sept. 29, 1896-Last date not cut in stone.

Ira D. Butler, April 15, 1880-June 11, 1945.

“Lamon” (Robert S., April 28, 1901-April 2, 1955.
One stone (Frankie Pates, Jan. 11, 1898-Last date not cut in stone.

“Lamon” (Herman Decatur, May 24 1874-Jan. 2, 1959.
One stone (Martha Ann Laws, Dec. 6, 1879-May 1, 1958.

One stone (Nancy Louise Lamon, Sept. 10, 1898-April 16, 1936.

“Rudder” (Minnie B., 1874-1944.
One stone (John S., 1867-1936.

“McDonald” (John H., 1873-1937.

One stone (Ida H., 1874-1952.


One stone (Ottia Henard, 1881-Last date not cut in stone.

One stone (Belle Brown Harrison, March 21, 1878-May 6, 1954.

“Cobble” (Ernest Cobble, April 29, 1888-Last date not cut in stone.
One stone (Mae Cobble, July 9, 1891-May 8, 1947.

“McAmis” (Charles E. McAmis, Nov. 17, 1882-Dec. 23, 1952,
Infant son of R. F. and Theresa Knight, June 7, 1944.

“Miller” (Stewart Miller, June 1, 1911-Last date not cut in stone.
One his wife
Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Miller, July 8, 1937-July 11, 1937.

Mary Miller, 1940 (concrete marker)
Wednesday, April 3, 1878

E. L. Drake of Fayetteville, TN and A. Holbrook, of Pine Bluff AR were registered at the Cotton Exchange rooms today.

Announcements of candidates for office:
A. E. Harris, Criminal Court Clerk
J. S. Galloway, Circuit Court Clerk
Felix M. Jones, Clerk of Bartlett Circuit Court
R. J. Black, County Court Clerk
G. W. Gordon, Office of Atty. General of Criminal Court
Leland Leatherman, Judge of Criminal Court, Shelby County

Thursday, April 4, 1878

Thomas Green and Madison Volner, charged with larceny, were declared not guilty at Criminal court this morning.

Mr. George M. Murphy was bound over by Recorder Quigley this forenoon for “falsely impersonating an officer.” He arrested Charles Untrain, pretending to be a United States detective.

Yesterday afternoon about 3 o’clock, Louis P. Beurer shot Con Rogers, an old Irishman with whom he was quarreling. Dr. Ess gave the opinion the wound was not of dangerous character. Beurer was arrested by Policeman Daly. He was released on bail of $2,000 and an investigation has been set for next Saturday.

New Spring millinery goods are offered by F. Lavigne at 250 Main street.

Friday, April 5, 1878

The bondsmen of J. H. Stratten, charged with a murder several years ago, surrendered him to Sheriff Anderson at Collierville. Stratton was brought to this city this forenoon and lodged at the city jail.

The residence of Sam Schloss was entered last night and robbed of a gold watch and chain and $18 in currency.

Mr. Levi will open a roller skating rink at the Exposition Building tonight. The grand opening tonight will be in charge of a floor committee of the following: Sir Peter Tracy; E. Howard Martin, C. K. Haight, W. Alvis Sneed, Jas Flaherty, Robert G. Pillow, Jas. Speed, W. T. Hannah, and Harry Allen.

Peabody Hotel arrivals - R. H. Jones, W. J. Davis, Grenada, MS; Miss Sallie Graham, Middleton; S. R. Satta (?Latta) Dyersburg, M. G. Schwea and wife, Macon.


W. R. Jones was appointed guardian of Ida V. Bell by Judge Ray this forenoon. Nobby Sanders, colored, was committed to jail by Recorder Quigley this morning for the larceny of twenty-five cents worth of cigars from Mr. A. Schwab, a merchant doing business on Beale street.

Mr. N. G. Ingram, the Constable of the 13th District has resigned his position on account of having removed out of the District.

Mr. R. C. Brinkley yesterday made his first payment to the city of $25,000 in bonds on his indebtedness on M&C railroad stock.

W. H. Teague, of Bell’s station on the Memphis & Louisville railroad, was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Pillsburg for embezzlement of $11.20 from the post office at Bell’s depot, where he was acting postmaster.

Matrimonial - The following marriage licenses were issued by the County Court Clerk James Reilly, during the present week:

Whites - Eugene W. Holley to Miss Fannie M. Cavey; R. B. Ward to Miss Eva M. Grigg; M. Hammer to Miss Augusta Rothchild.

Colored - Frank Hilliard to Miss Mary Young; Cornelius Dozier to Miss Betsy Palmer; Walter Dandridge to Miss Lottie Halcolm; Martin Holly to Miss Martha Sweeney; F. W. Brown to Miss Letsy Lee; James White to Miss Julia Johnson; Scott Walker to Miss Esther Carter; Thomas Shafers to Miss Effie Mosby; Jos. Brooks to Miss Caroline Love.

Mortuary Report Saturday, April 6:

Colored: William Spellman, 2 ½; John Scruggs 63; Henry Alexander 23; Matthew Jones 59; Sackett M. Robbins 62; Patsy Price 78.

Whites - Sarah M. North 32; Frederick Hollister 2; Minnie S. Piney 2; Elva Balfour James 10 days.

Monday, April 8, 1878

R. D. Wilson and G. G. Mitchell of Gibson county, this morning filed their petition to be adjudicated bankrupt with the Clerk of the District Court to this city.

Fred Volmer, who lives 2 ½ miles out on the Louisville railroad, brought to the station yesterday a safe drawer left in his field, which bears marks of having been rifled.

Forgers Frederick Marker and John Dale, who attempted to swindle the German National Bank in Memphis were arrested in Cincinnati, OH.

Saturday afternoon a fire destroyed the large manufactory of James Roosa and
Co. on Jefferson street. The firm consists of Henry James, James Roosa and W. C. Graham and was started in 1863.


European Hotel Arrivals - R. L. Hardin, J. S. Grider, Marion, AR; E. F. Drishell, Oakland, MS; H. A. Ferguson, Shelby depot.


Tuesday, April 9, 1878

Alexander Hyndman of Tipton Co., has filed his petition in bankruptcy with the Clerk of the U.S. District Court.

Honorable A. A. C. Rogers, ex-member of Congress from the 2nd District of Arkansas, is in the City at the European Hotel.

Deputy United States Marshall Murphy this forenoon arrested and lodged in jail Art Carter and Anthony Carthay, whom he arrested in Henderson Co. for illicit distilling.

Board of Education meeting last night: Mrs. Mary Hampton resigned her position as teacher in the Chelsea schools, creating a vacancy to be filled by Miss Florence Hadley. Miss Jennie Long was nominated for assistant teacher.

Wednesday, April 10, 1878

Deputy U.S. Marshall A. J. Harris returned last night from a successful raid on moonshiners in Henry Co. Two stills owned by John A. Burton and Bud Wynn were destroyed. Three prisoners, A. L. Roberts, J. F. Roberts, and Wash McGehee were brought in.

Thursday, April 11, 1878

Mr. J. H. Wells, an estimable gentleman who resides near Germantown, met with a severe accident yesterday afternoon. A loaded wagon overturned and fell on him, breaking three ribs.

The credit for having planned the raid into Henry Co. for the illicit distilleries should be to Colonel R. F. Patterson, the Internal Revenue Collector of this district.

Last Tuesday night the residence of Mr. C. M. Black of Lucy Station, TN was robbed of $208 in currency and a valuable gold watch while the family was sleeping.

Mr. Harry Weibold, a prominent merchant of Little Rock, is in the city visiting many friends.

J. A. Signago & Co. are selling Lake Erie Salmon @ 6 ½ cents per pound at 278 Second street.

Peabody Hotel Arrivals - C. H. Campbell, Winona, MS; J. R. McKinnie and wife, Miss Hancock, Miss Mary Hancock, Hickory Valley; Francis Fentress, Bolivar; E. Sayle, Oakland; J. R. Sinclair, Como.

European Hotel - William Conner, Ripley, TN; C. C. Chamberlain, Helena, AR; W. R. Mullins, Sardis, MS.

Friday, April 12, 1878

Following are the officers of lately organized Memphis Rifle Club of about thirty members: J. B. Campbell, V.P.; James Reilly, Treas.; W. J. McDermott, Sec.; S. F. Walker, Field Capt.
T. B. Micou, Esq., sitting as Special Chancellor in the case of McClelland vs. estate of Wm. Jones, rendered his opinion this morning.

County Court Clerk James Reilly received this morning from Governor Porter commissions for the following gentlemen as notary public: Alex Jones, James E. Temple, R. G. Brown, Herbert Rhett, A. O. Otis, S. M. Robinson and George W. Murphy.

At 3 o’clock yesterday afternoon, a fire broke out at the residence of Mr S. E. Ridgley, No. 343 Jefferson street extended, damage amounting to about $250

Col. John H. Savage will address citizens of Memphis tomorrow evening at Cockran Hall on the financial condition of the State and low taxes.

Mr. Samuel S. Wassell, attorney, of the firm of Randolph, Hammond and Wassell, was married at Little Rock, AR on the 8th to Miss Bettie McConaughley.

Mr. M. Marx, of the firm of Marx and Bensdorf, departs tonight for New York where he will depart on the steamer Lessing on a tour of Europe.

Saturday, April 13, 1878

Chancellor Morgan yesterday granted the divorce petition of Katie C. Joyce from her late husband W. J. Joyce.

Rev. John Park will deliver a temperance sermon tomorrow night at Greenlaw Operahouse.

In the case of James L. Ewell by next friend A. C. Ewell vs. D. C. McDougall, slander suit, an award of $2500 was given by the court.

Marriage licenses issued this week:

Whites: Charles Finne and Josephine Lillie; Frank H. Mang and Elizabeth Helverick; J. J. Herbert and Fannie Brotbeck.

Colored: Edmund Baker and Eliza Taylor; Harry Peoples and Millie Patterson; Joe Campbell and Laura King; Albert Scruggs and Victoria Johnson; Claiborne Lumpkins and Lizzie Turner; Henry Wilson and Lydia Marshall; Alexander Hicks and Rosa Ecklan; Henry Johnson and Sarah Bango; Frank Kimble and Manda Lee; Shelby Morton and Lavinia Warner; Chas. Douglas and Margaret Harris.

Mortuary Report week ending April 13:

R. M. Scott, 65 F-C; Scott Tolliver, 16 M-C; Gus Howard, 5 M-C; Mollie Watlow, 35 F-C; M. E. Hill, 42 F-W; Infant J. H. Carter, 8 Da F-C; Mary Franklin, 3 Wk, F-W; Margaret Dergis, 18 Mo, F-W; Infant J. H. Carter, Stillborn M-C; Lucien Henderson, 27 M-C; Child of Jennie Owen, 2 Wks F-C; P. Williams, 25 M-C; Jno Basquil, 22 M-C; Lucy Warren, 50 F-C; Infant Child of Wm. Lee, Stillborn F-C; Wm. Partee, 35 M-C; Elizabeth Hediger, 61 F-W; Ben Taylor, 60 M-C; Peter Holz, 50-M-W; Daisey Stanley, 3 12 F-C; Minnie Strother, 1 ½ -C; Wm. H. Murphy, 49 M-C.

Announced today in the Herald the name of J. A. Forrest for the position of Criminal Court Clerk.

C. L. Stafer has just completed improvements to his elegant ice cream parlor.
A warrant was issued by Esq. Martin Tuesday night, upon affidavit of  ________________Williams, charging J. O. Sheck with having stolen sum of money from his pocket before an officer could be found; however, Sheck left for parts unknown. We understand he stole $18 from another one of our citizens some weeks ago who recovered $10 of the amount, and was promised the remainder in week. Sheck originally came to this place from Washington City as part time workman, carpenter ___________g his trade. We give him this public introduction in order that the next community in which he locates may be in ______as to how to receive him.

Messrs, Young & Sheffner of Shelbyville gave our farmers an opportunity of witnessing the working of the “Harder Thresher and Cleaner” and “Two-horse Radify Power” on our Public Square last Tuesday. Quite a number were present, and all expressed themselves highly pleased with the result of the _____. ______________ claimed that it produces more power with less elevation and slower movement of stone than any other railway machine, the rate of travel being only about one and a half to two miles per hour when doing a fair business, which is from 250 to 500 bushels of oats a day, or half the quantity of wheat or rye, according to circumstances and condition of grain. They can furnish either railway or lever power with the thresher and cleaner, or thresher and cleaner or either if that tribunal will view the case with different eye-glasses than have been used before.

The New Cemetery

We publish below the number and location of the lots already disposed of in the Mason and Odd Fellows Cemetery at this place, and the name of the owner of each. We have heard a number of these gentlemen say they intended to enclose their lots with a neat curbing, and otherwise improve and beautify them. We hope all will do so, and thus make this a beautiful burying ground. There are numbers of choice lots not yet selected, and every citizen who expects to make Lynchburg and vicinity his home should at once purchase one. The following lots have been selected:

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**Death In The Waves**

A dispatch from London dated April 8, says the steamship Schider, which sailed from New York on April 28, for Hamburg was wrecked off the Sicily Islands. It is reported that 200 persons have perished. The accident occurred at 10 o’clock on the night of the 7th at which hour the steamship struck on the dangerous ledges near Bishop’s Rock. The disaster was owing to a dense fog, which

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prevented either of the Scilly lights being seen. The crew numbered about 120, and the passengers 240. She had on board $300,000 in (specie?) and a cargo of merchandise valued at $150,000.

**Notice To Contractors**
Sealed proposals to build the Jail for Moore county, at Lynchburg, Tenn., will be received until 10 o’clock on the 29th of May 1875. The plans and specifications can be found at the office of County Clerk. The county will require a good and sufficient bond from the contractor, and reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The bids to be left with the chairman or either of the committee if more convenient.

**M. L. McDowell**, Chairman  
**J. E. Spencer**  
**J. L. Holt**  
**A. C. Cobbel**  
**B. F. Womach**
May 3, 1875  Committee

**D. E. McCants vs R. W. Brown**
By virtue of two writs of venditioni exponas to me directed from the Circuit Court of Moore county, Tenn., at its February term, 1875. I will offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, before the Courthouse door in the town of Lynchburg, Tenn., on Saturday, May 8, 1875 all the right, title, claim and interest that **R. W. Brown** has in and to a tract of land lying in district No. 7 of Moore county, Tenn., and bounded as follows: on the east and south by the lands of **Dave Allen**; on the north by the lands of **Wm. Woodard**; and on the west by the lands of **John Williams**; levied on as the property of **R. W. Brown** to satisfy two executions in favor of **D. E. McCants**, one for $300.33 and costs and the other for $400.40 and costs. Sale in lawful hours.

**J. A. Norman**

**Newton Whitaker vs Sampson Smith**
By virtue of three writs of venditioni exponas to me directed from the honorable Circuit Court of Moore county, Tenn., at its February term, 1875. I will offer for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, before the Courthouse door in the town of Lynchburg, Tenn., on Saturday, May 8, 1875 all the right, title, claim and interest that **Sampson Smith** has in and to a tract of land lying in Civil district No. 4 of Moore county, Tenn., and bonded as follows: on the north by the lands of **William Brazier**; on the south by the lands of **S. Foster**; on the east by the lands of **S. Lackey**; on the west by the lands of **J. B. Eslick**, containing 31 ¾ acres levied on as the property of **Sampson Smith** to satisfy on three executions in favor of **Newton Whitaker** – one for 52.74; one for 101.25 and one for 101.11 together with costs. Sale in lawful homes.

**J. A. Norman**
April 7, 1875  (8)  Sheriff

**E. S. N. Bobo**, Attorney at Law  
Lynchburg, Tennessee

Insolvent notice. The insolvency of the estate of **W. J. Smith**, deceased, having been suggested in the County Court for Moore county, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to appear and file the same authenticated in the manner prescribed by law, on or before the 10th day of October next.

This 10th day of April, 1875

**R. B. Parks**, Administrator
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