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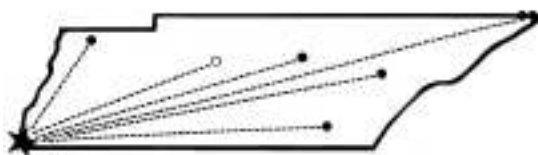
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## President's Message

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In this issue of *Ansearchin' News* be sure to check out the new additions to the Library Collection. There are seventy (70) new books that have been reprinted from The Historical Archives. Many of these books are no longer in print and contain history and genealogical information. The books cover Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee

During the next three months there will over 100 new (old) books from various states that you will want to research as well.

The Historical Archives has about 2,000 books available and while many are not of use to genealogist, there will be about 1,000 that are relevant to your research so you should check your magazine each quarter for any of these books that have been reviewed.

We have finished a great year and look forward to an even greater one with all the programs that Tina has scheduled.

Hope to see you in 2013 at the Germantown History and Genealogy Research Center.

*Byron Crain*



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## From the Editor

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Here we are well into winter now, and the holidays are upon us. I hope you all have a wonderful time.

This issue of *Ansearchin' News* contains a lot of good reading. We have an article on The Lost Town of Johnsonville, by **James K. Ingram**, and one on what you can learn if you apply genealogical research to old company envelopes, contributed by **James R. Miller**. We also have an article on how you can mess up your genealogy if you are not careful in doing your research, by **Christi Crawford-Partee**. In addition, we have continuing articles on court minutes from Henry and Moore Counties and miscellaneous records from Lincoln County, all transcribed by **Loretta Bailey**. And we have a chronology of the Bennett family of Tennessee contributed by **Tina Sansone**. Plus we have Gleanings compiled by **Sylvia Harris**, reviews of some fascinating books, done by **Loretta Bailey**, and a list of the historic books that have been newly added to the Library. I hope you find something that will either help in your current research or will give you an idea for a different direction to take.

*Janice Ingram*



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## Vice-President's Message

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*By Tina Sansone*

I am excited over the wonderful events of the past few months and the making of new friends. I'm looking forward to the new year; we have some exciting programs lined up which you can view on our website, <http://www.tngs.org>. I know some members don't live near Germantown, TN and have missed out on programs. Please feel free to email me and I will send you any handouts the speaker may bring.

Are you taking full advantage of our website, <http://www.tngs.org>? **Debbie Atchley's** "Let's Discuss It" has wonderful handouts that are posted monthly on our website starting from 2009! Take a look at the Current Member Queries and see if you might have their answer. The Tennessee Ancestry Certificate Program and its application are available for you to take advantage of. Have you ever wondered if we carry a particular book? Visit our Library section and search our Library Card Catalogue; this is a great way to see what we have before you visit us.

We recently had **Lori Thornton** speak to us for our Fall Seminar. Her lectures were on DNA, Maps, Baptist Records and Alabama/Mississippi Resources. It was great to see such a large turnout for a fun, educational event. I want to personally thank all the volunteers who came and helped make this Seminar a success! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4, 2013 for our Spring Seminar featuring **Lisa Louise Cooke**, host of the Genealogy Gems Podcast. Her topics will be Common Surnames, Newspapers, Finding Living Relatives and Google Earth. More information on this event can be found on our website.

Leading up to the Spring Seminar is our Thursday night Spring Lecture Series. They will begin on March 28 and run thru May 2, starting at 7 pm. We hope to see you there, and please feel free to bring a friend and spread the word! Some of our speakers will be **Jimmy Ogle, Carol Perel, Rick Cohen, Andy Pouncey, Carole Maynard, Willy Bearden, Tina Sansone, Darlene Sawyer, Dr. Jane Hooker** and **Debbie Atchley**.

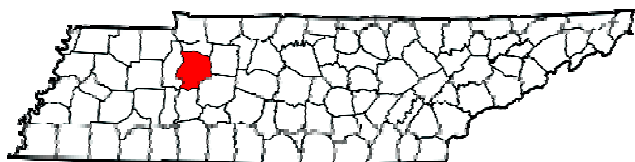
As we come to the end of a year, it's time to reflect on the past year and ponder about our future. Most of us will set goals – saving money, lose weight, exercise, spend more time with family, etc. Let us also remember to set goals in our genealogical endeavors. Make a list of short term and long term goals. My personal goal is to do a better job at citing my sources. It is very frustrating to forget where you found information, and citing the source would make that retrieval much easier and faster.

Please email me if you have something you would be interested in learning about. I'll do my best to have a lecture presented on that topic. Do you have a genealogical/historical topic you can present to our group? I would love to hear from you! We are also interested in any family stories and/or pictures you may have that have a Tennessee or surrounding area connection.

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## The Lost Town



*By James K. Ingram*

Off the beaten path in Humphreys County, three miles north of New Johnsonville and U.S. Highway 70, the abandoned site of the former town of Johnsonville beckons as if by siren's song to the curious and interested student of "what was". On the east bank of the Tennessee River's second division of the namesake state, the town was born on the winds of war and died in the interests of peace, all in the span of about 80 years.

Long before **Moses Box**, the first known white man to take up permanent residence in what we know today as Humphreys County, the site of Johnsonville was an ancient native-American river crossing point. The river was deep and navigable from its Ohio River mouth all the way to Muscle Shoals, Alabama, but there were shallows in this vicinity which were known to later river boatmen as the Reynoldsburg Shallows. This crossing, some



*Reynoldsburg Courthouse*

78 miles west of the Fort Nashborough forerunner of today's Nashville, was later incorporated into the Lower Harpeth and West Tennessee Trail, a western migration road that by 1787 was known as **Glover's** Trace. The Trace ran down the valley of Trace Creek and crossed the Tennessee River near the Johnsonville site at what came to be known as **Knott's** Landing.

Nearby was the Reynoldsburg settlement, which in 1812 became the county seat of the new Humphreys County. The first court proceedings were held in the home of **Samuel Parker** on the Trace Creek. Reynoldsburg was also the half-way station on the Nashville-Memphis Stage Line during the 1820s-1830s, boasting a two-story brick courthouse and a log jail. Reynoldsburg narrowly failed becoming the Tennessee state capital in 1812, falling short by a mere three votes. Following devastating floods in 1832 and 1837, the courthouse and thus the county seat were moved eleven miles east to Waverly. The brick courthouse building at Reynoldsburg was then subsequently sold to Mr. **Thomas Wyly** for the sum of \$50, with most of the town's homes either being dismantled or suffering the indignity of abandonment. In 1858 Mr. **Wyly** bequeathed his former courthouse residence to his son-in-law, **John G. Lucas**, who then re-named **Knott's** Landing as **Lucas** Landing.

According to Goodspeed's 1886 "History of Tennessee", Reynoldsburg and the nearby Tennessee River "Big Bottom" vicinity was populated by "strong-armed men who knew how to wield a chopping axe. They hewed out poplar log barns, split fence rails, and built double-log houses out of oak or poplar with open halls or breezeways between end rooms, and zig-zag rail fences of the stake and rider type enclosing crop and pasture lands." It is interesting to note that with a



boom in westward migration following the discovery of gold in California in 1849, many “forty-niners” moving west bought corn, hay, meat, meal, milk, cheese, eggs, and vegetables from local **Lucas** Landing and surrounding “Big Bottom” residents. Corn was grown as the main crop of the “Big Bottom” until the TVA inundation, the rich alluvial soil producing an average of 75 bushels per acre.

All of this *antebellum* background sets the stage for the secession of Tennessee from the Union, the last state to join the Confederate States of America in 1861. Johnsonville grew out of war-time necessity from its **Lucas** Landing predecessor. A major shipping point for corn before the Civil War, Johnsonville, named for himself by future U.S. President **Andrew Johnson** during his term as the military governor of Tennessee, was a key Federal steamboat-to-railroad transfer facility and supply depot during the latter part of the war, as Tennessee fell into Union hands by the end of 1862. Supplies from Johnsonville proceeded to Nashville over the Federal-controlled N&NW Railroad (U. S. Military Railroad) for further distribution to the Union Army on the battlefield.

One of the more interesting yet lesser known actions of the entire Civil War took place in November 1864, when Confederate General **Nathan Bedford Forrest** and his cavalry not only commandeered several Federal gunboats for a while, the first and only time this was ever accomplished, but his artillery across the river atop Pilot Knob shelled unloading steamboats at Johnsonville, setting them ablaze, with the flames quickly spreading to the warehouses ashore. The ensuing conflagration left Johnsonville a smoldering ruin, and stories passed down by my own ancestors who farmed that area across the river near Pilot Knob said that General **Forrest** withdrew his troopers the night following the

battle by the light of the Johnsonville flames. The hulls of the steamboats burned and sunk by **Forrest**'s troopers could be clearly seen during periods of low water before the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) created Kentucky Lake in 1945. There has been an ongoing effort over the years to raise these sunken steamboats and various artifacts from them, as well as items from the old Johnsonville warehouses and other sites still on land.

Just after the Civil War, the Nashville and Northwestern Railroad (N&NW), a predecessor of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway (NC&StL), built a bridge across the Tennessee River in 1867, to connect its river terminus at Johnsonville with a segment of the line under construction on the opposite shore building toward Hickman, Kentucky. This railroad and bridge, combined with Tennessee River steamboat commerce, would then serve as the means for Johnsonville's continued existence. The first bridge was designed and constructed under the direction of Brigadier General **William P. Innis**, Superintendent of the N&NW for the U.S. Military Railroad and, after the war, N&NW Chief Engineer until 1872, when the line was acquired by the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad (N&C). General **Innis** was one of a select few Federal men to be held in such high esteem by his southern colleagues. As originally built, the bridge was a wooden Howe truss type in seven fixed spans of 165 feet, the eighth span nearest the west shore a rotating swing bridge to facilitate the passage of river steamboats. The bridge spans were placed upon nine hand-hewn limestone masonry piers, built on wooden cribs resting on the river bottom, about twelve feet below low water, protected with rip-rap. The so-called draw span was supported on a large round masonry

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## The Lost Town, cont.

“pedestal” pier. The N&NW also constructed a 300-foot wooden approach trestle on the western bank of the river, in order to raise the track to bridge level, as the western side of the river was considerably lower than the Johnsonville side and prone to rather significant annual flooding. Shortly after the combined N&C and N&NW became the NC&StL in 1873, the bridge was re-built as a combination bridge consisting of wooden compression and iron tension members, and the length of the draw span was increased to 232 feet. During this rebuild, the famous outlaw **Jesse James** was employed under the name **John D. Howard** in one of the construction gangs while evading the law.



*Second Link Farmhouse*

**James**, or Mr. **Howard** as he was known locally, lived in the Johnsonville area for about two years. He rented a farm from **W. H. Link** in 1877, was considered to be a good farmer by local people, and worked as a section hand for the NC&StL Railway during the rebuild of the Tennessee River bridge. None of the local people had any idea of his shocking past. Besides being a good farmer he was also a horse racer. His favorite horse was named Red Fox and was entered in local races which he almost always won. The original house lived in by **Jesse James** is long since gone, but a somewhat

newer two-story home was built on the foundation of the original **Link** farmhouse, constructed with boards from the original as well as **James'** horse barn. At one time there were two small graves in what was then the back yard. The grave stones are believed to have been carved by **James** and have been identified as being for his twin sons **Gould** and **Monty**, who are believed to have been about a week old when they sadly passed away. The grave stones and soil, containing infant clothing remains, were relocated to **James'** Clay County, Missouri, burial site in 2003.

Before the TVA's inundation of Kentucky Lake in 1945, the current in this area of the Tennessee River was known to be quite swift. As a result of the bridge piers, the current between the piers was even further accelerated, which scoured out the gravel that comprised the riverbed to a depth of forty-four feet on the downstream side of the piers, all the way down to solid rock. This caused the round swing bridge pier to shift, making it very difficult to open the bridge for steamboat traffic. The U.S. Government filed complaints not only about the condition of the drawbridge, but also the fact that the drawbridge openings were too small for safe navigation. The entire length of the draw



*1937 Flood Scene*





span at this time was 232 feet; when rotated open the gaps for the steamboats to clear were less than 110 feet in width. The decision was made to rebuild the swing bridge out of steel, and also raise the entire structure four and one-half feet. The new steel draw span was 397 feet long, replacing the old draw span and one 165 foot fixed span, with the work completed in 1893. The remaining fixed spans were re-built with steel in 1900.

The bridge was subjected to the full fury of Mother Nature's wrath. In 1888, a tornado came down the river and picked up spans 3 and 5, and carried one of them nearly a quarter of a mile down the river, yet somehow leaving span 4 in place and intact. A fire, the result of a locomotive cinder, burned span 1 in 1891. In 1897, annual high water reached the rails, four and one-half feet above the previous record. Had the bridge not been raised, the entire structure would likely have been swept away. Incredibly, houses and other buildings frequently floated intact down the river and struck the bridge. In 1886, a log house floated free of its foundation on a farm along the Duck River, and then proceeded to drift on down that stream into the Tennessee, ultimately lodging itself against the bridge. A drove of hogs had been taken to the second floor of the house before it floated free, and all of them were successfully landed on the bridge, directly from the log house, to walk safely ashore on wood planks.

River Pilot and Captain **Thomas Mitchell** passed down the following tale from May of 1908, when as a passenger he was aboard the St. Louis & Tennessee River steamboat *Kentucky*, heading downstream at night and making an approach to the bridge. As usual, the *Kentucky* whistled for the swing span to open so the boat could move through. But it didn't move; the pilot kept seeing what he thought were the span's red navigation lights, which were not readily visible from the river when the

span was swung open. Confusion reigned in the pilothouse, and soon the boat had gone far out into a big, bottomland cornfield that was flooded in the annual high water. All hands were on deck when the *Kentucky's* Captain rushed up to the pilot and told him that the swing span was wide open. The pilot was seeing the red taillights of a waiting passenger train ashore, which he thought were the span's navigation signals, and he had best "get back into that river, quick...and say nothing about the mistake!" He did, and all was well.

At the end of the Civil War, the "sleepy hollow" burg that was Johnsonville was composed primarily of structures left standing following **Forrest's** destructive campaign of 1864 which were later joined by several other buildings, all for the most part centered along the east-west NC&StL Railway tracks and the north-south Cherry



*Palmer/McKelvy Store*

Street. A Union Army officer from the garrison of the Army's Johnsonville Depot, Major **Juni Palmer**, stayed on after the war, operating a drug store and the Johnsonville U.S. Post Office in a two-story brick building on the south side of the tracks along Railroad Avenue, later operated by **E. E. Martin** and the **McKelvy** family. Further

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### *Johnsonville Depot*

west from **Palmer's** brick two-story was the wood-frame **Bumpus** store, where the first and only automobile gasoline pumps in Johnsonville were later located. West from there was the NC&StL's Johnsonville depot, a 24-hour telegraph facility with a water tank for thirsty steam locomotives and an ash pit where locomotive firemen could rake the fire and dump clinkers while taking on water. Railroad Avenue was the main road into town from the east, effectively ending at the NC&StL depot before angling off from there as an access road southwest to the river, continuing on south to U.S. Highway 70 in later years. Cherry Street ran north from the tracks out of town past the Johnsonville Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the **Chris Young** home toward Reynoldsburg. North of and east to west along



*Parker House Hotel*

the tracks was a Civil War-vintage two-story wood structure known as the **Parker** House Hotel, named for an old Humphreys County family, within which was located the **A. Gossett** General Store. A novel feature of the **Gossett** store was a roll-up projection screen and open-reel projector which were set up on occasion to show first-run movies brought in by NC&StL trains. Across Cherry Street, another Civil War two-story wood building was located; it was actually used by the Union Army as a barracks and bought following hostilities from the government by ex-Confederate Captain **John Matthews** and his brother. For years after it was known as the **Waggoner** Hotel. NC&StL spur tracks curved around north toward the river, where the **T. H. Herbert** Company operated a transfer elevator and further north, the San-Gravel Company maintained facilities for the transfer of sand and gravel to river barges.

The NC&StL's Johnsonville bridge was the primary means across the Tennessee River for most of middle and western Tennessee in this region. The closest other bridges, and the only others in west Tennessee at this time, were the L&N's draw bridge at Danville, Tennessee, 30 miles north, and the Hickman-



***Waggoner Hotel***

Lockhart U.S. Highway 70 bridge which opened in 1931. The choices facing those desiring to “cross-over” were threefold – the bridge, boat, or swim. One summer afternoon in 1934, the year before they all graduated from high school, my father, **James F. Ingram**, and his first cousin and best friend **William G. “Bill” Latham**, along with a number of other cousins living at Eva on the western bank of the river, decided to walk over the Tennessee River bridge to Johnsonville, “where the girls were”. Johnsonville was considerably larger than Eva, and offered much more in the way of entertainment, including the makeshift general store movie theater. The railway timetables, as read within the Eva depot, showed no trains – passenger or freight – for the next couple of hours.

After hiking the rails and crossing an open deck 300-foot concrete trestle – still visible in Kentucky Lake today – the boys came to the most adventurous part of the trip – all 1,320 feet of the bridge itself. If fortunate enough to miss a train, another adventure would ensue should the bridge tender open the swing span for a passing barge tow or steamboat. And last but not least, there were no walkways or guardrails, and virtually no clearance to the side of the tracks either, as the width of the single-track bridge provided just enough clearance for the train. It was crossties and occasional planks on top of open steel cross members all the way. With any luck they would

make it over, spend the evening with the girls, and perhaps even take in a movie.

It was not to be. At about the mid-point in their journey, the whistle of an ill-timed “extra” afternoon freight announced imminent danger. To a man, they immediately decided to skedaddle back across the bridge to Eva! They hadn't gone far when the speeding locomotive entered the bridge structure. The engineer, seeing the annoying young fellows on the bridge ahead of his train, began “laying it down” on the whistle. My father and Cousin **Bill** pulled up the rear of the group, now running flat-out. Upon realizing the futility in attempting to outrun the train, the two made a leap outside the rails to the side of the bridge itself, clinging to the girders of the steel superstructure as the train rumbled by. As **Bill Latham** related the story, “the engineer of that steam locomotive shook a mean fist at us as he rode past, and I'll never forget him”. The other fellows made it to the Eva end of the bridge in the nick of time, running out of harm's way at the last possible second. There was no thought given to a second attempt at visiting Johnsonville that day.

And so, for 80 years, very little changed in Johnsonville. But in 1945, everything was to change with the coming of Kentucky Lake, which would permanently raise water levels higher than any previous flood event, making it necessary for the NC&StL to construct a new bridge in another location. With the demands of World War II in full swing, and with the line only now recovering from losses sustained during the 1930s Great Depression, there was no way the NC&StL could bear the economic burden of relocating ten miles of main-line and the construction of a new bridge. The TVA then resolved the dilemma. With

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*1939 Aerial Photograph of Bridge*

federal government financing, the NC&StL moved its Tennessee River crossing three miles to the south, relocating and reducing curves in ten miles of main-line track between Nashville and Memphis in the process. The entire town of Johnsonville was moved to that location, to become New Johnsonville. The Illinois Central Railroad (IC) played a vital role in all of this, as that line's Tennessee River crossing in southern Kentucky was relocated to directly atop Kentucky Dam itself. This freed up their modern steel vertical-lift draw bridge and its associated fixed spans, which were moved upstream by barge from Kentucky and re-erected at New Johnsonville; the bridge is still in service and utilized by CSX today. The low-lying lands on the western shore, so prone to annual high water, were inundated once and for all. All of the buildings within old Johnsonville were burned or otherwise razed, leaving foundations that can still be seen during periods of low water, and several cemeteries were relocated.

Gone forever in the NC&StL's relocation were the depots and agencies at Johnsonville and Eva, and so too the railway's crossing of the Tennessee River so rich in history. Much can still be seen to this day, however, of the NC&StL's former presence. From atop Pilot Knob the 300-foot concrete approach trestle

near the western shore can still be seen, rising somewhat eerily from the Kentucky Lake depths and accessible now only by boat. Across Kentucky Lake from Eva, at the continuation of **N. B. Forrest** State Park three miles north of New Johnsonville, the abandoned main-line rail bed, spurs, and the approach embankment to the old bridge can still be seen, along with the foundations of the NC&StL Johnsonville depot and water tank. This is also the site of the old Johnsonville army warehouses from the Civil War, some of which is still on dry land following the formation of Kentucky Lake.



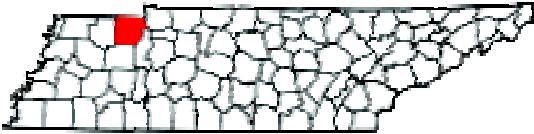
*Abandoned Railroad Pier*

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# Henry County Circuit Court Minutes



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*Henry County Circuit Court Minutes Vol: 1-2  
May 1834-Sep. 1850 Roll No. 1  
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The Grand Jurors elected, empaneled, sworn and charged to enquire for the State of Tennessee and body of the County of Henry this day returned again into Court and presented a bill of indictment

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against **David Brunson** for Petit Larceny, endorsed thereon, a true bill and retired.

**John Berry** )

vs. ) Trespass

**John Gibbs** )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon an affidavit by consent of the parties. It is considered by the Court that the further proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

**Francis Estes & Ralph** )  
**L. Waller, Admr.** )  
of **David Estes** )

vs. ) Case

**Samuel Smith** )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon by consent of parties as upon affidavit of the defendant filed. It is considered by the Court that all further proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

**John A. Newland** )  
Guardian &c. )

vs. ) Covenant

**John K. Callahan &** )  
**John J. Erwin** )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit, **Jesse Jolly, Edward Barnhill, John N. Jackson, Willie B. Barfield, Zeno Wilson, John Peel, William Stofle, Daniel Hendricks, Bartlett Hinchey, Benjamin Powell, John Morgan** and **Richard Manly** who being elected, empaneled, tried and sworn, the truth to speak upon the issue joined upon their oaths do say that they find the issue in favour of the plaintiff and that they assess his damage by reason of the non performance of the Covenant in the declaration up to the rendition of the judgment in the Court below at one hundred and six dollars and that the judgment of the Court below is correct. It is therefore considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover of the defendants and on motion that he recover of **Thomas M. Jones**, the defendants security in the appeal, the said sum of one hundred and six dollars damages aforesaid in form aforesaid, assessed together with five dollars and thirty cents damages thereon, it being twelve and one half per cent

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## Henry County Circuit Court Minutes, cont.

interest thereon from the rendition of the judgement in the Court below up to this time, besides the costs in this behalf expended and the defendant in mercy &c.

**Dudley S. Jennings** )

vs. ) Debt

**John D. Love** )

This day came the parties by their attornies and thereupon came the jury of good and lawful men to wit, **Jesse Jolly, Edward Barnhill, John N. Jackson, Willie B. Barfield, Zeno Wilson, John Peel, William Stofle, Daniel Hendricks, Bartlett Hinchey, Benjamin Powell, John Morgan, and Richard Manly** who being elected, impanneled, tried and sworn, the truth to speak upon the issue joined upon their oaths do say that they find the issue in favor of the plaintiff and that they assess the plaintiffs damage by reason of the non performance of the conditions in the pleadings mentioned at one hundred and eighty six dollars and that the judgement of the Court below was correct. It is therefore considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover of the defendant, and on motion that he recover of **William Lyon & John Brooks**, the defendants securities in the appeal the sum of three hundred dollars, the debt in the declaration mentioned, but to be discharged by the payment of one hundred and eighty six dollars the damages aforesaid by the jurors aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed together with nine dollars and twenty five cents damages thereon, it being twelve and one half per cent interest thereon from the rendition of the judgment in the Court below up to this time, besides the costs in this behalf expended and the defendant in mercy &c.

**Catherine Ann McCorkle** by her )  
guardian **Lewis McCorkle** )

vs. ) Case

**Benjamin H. Diggs** )

This day came the parties by their attornies and thereupon by consent of the parties and upon affidavit of the defendant filed, It is considered by the Court that all further proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

**Alexander Klutts & als** )

vs. )

**Abraham Newton** )

This day came the parties by their attornies and thereupon by the consent of the parties, It is considered by the Court that all further proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

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**Alexander Klutts & als** )

vs. ) Case

**John Newton** )

This day came the parties by their attornies and thereupon by the consent of the parties, It is considered by the Court that all further proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

**William A. Wooldridge &** )  
**James D. Porter** )

vs. ) Debt



**William Atcherson &** )  
**John H. Warrin** )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit, **Jesse Jolly, Edward Barnhill, John N. Jackson, Willie B. Barfield, Zeno Wilson, John Peel, William Stofle, Daniel Hendricks, Bartlett Hinchey, Benjamin Powell, John Morgan and Richard Manly** who being elected, empaneled, tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the issue joined upon their oaths do say that they find the issues in favour of the plaintiffs and that they find for the plaintiffs the sum of One hundred and eighteen dollars eighty seven and one half cents debt and that the damages thereon up to the rendition of the judgment in the Court below was eight dollars and sixty cents and that the Court below was correct. It is therefore considered by the Court that the plaintiffs recover of the defendant and on motion that they recover of **William Porter** the defendants security in the appeal the said sum of one hundred and eighteen dollars eighty seven and one half cents debt and eight dollars and sixty cents damages aforesaid in form aforesaid, assessed together with two dollars and fifty five cents damages thereon, It being twelve and one half per cent interest thereon from the rendition of the judgement in the Court below up to this time, besides their cost by them about their Suit in this behalf expended and the defendants in mercy &c.

**William Staple** )

vs. ) Appeal from  
Justice

**Abner Stith, Exor &c.** )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon by consent of parties It is considered by the Court that all further

proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

**Benjamin S. Williamson** )

vs. ) Appeal from  
Justice

**Andrew Hart** )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon an affidavit of the defendants attorney filed It is considered by the Court that all further proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

**Andrew Hart** )

vs. ) Case

**Benjamin S. Williamson** )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit, **Samuel Nelson, William Caldwell, John S. Gainer, William Bevill, Daniel Airy, Johnson Martin, Martin B. Prem, James Watkins, James M. Gowen, William Jackson, John Klutts and William Lyon** who being elected, impaneled, tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the issue joined upon their oaths do say that they find the issues in favour of the defendant. It is therefore considered by the Court that the defendant go hence without day and that he recover of the plaintiff his cost by him about his defense in this behalf expended & that he be in mercy &c.

**Robert Searcy** )

vs. ) Appeal from Justice

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**John N. Jackson** )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit, **Hezekiah Darr, William Dillahunt, Jesse Jolly, Edward Barnhill, Willie B. Barfield, Zeno Wilson, John Peel, William Stofle, Daniel Henderson, Bartlett Hinchey, John Morgan and Richard Manly** who being elected, impaneled, tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the matters in dispute upon their oaths do say that they find for the defendant the sum of one dollar. It is therefore considered by the Court that the defendant recover of the plaintiff the said sum of one dollar, together with his cost about his suit in this behalf expended and that he be in mercy &c.

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**William O. Beatty** )

vs. ) Appeal from Justice

**Thomas B. Altom & )  
Archibald Bailey )**

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon on motion of the plaintiff, It is ordered by the Court that the Justice who issued the warrant in this case be permitted to amend the warrant by inserting the christian names of the parties at length, and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit, **Berry Thomason, Brantly G. Clark, Aaron Crisenberry, Julian Frazier, Johnston Martin, William Cheairs, Major Bevell, William Bevell, James Dinwiddie, Jr., Vachel T. Cheairs, John A. Winfrey and Soloman Williams** who being elected, impaneled, tried and sworn the truth to speak upon the issues in dispute upon their oaths do say that they find for the plaintiff the sum of fourteen dollars twelve and one half cents, and that the judgment of the

Justice was correct. It is therefore considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover of the defendants and on motion that he recover of **Edward Stephens** the defendants security in the appeal the said sum of fourteen dollars twelve and one half cents, the amount of the judgment rendered by the Justice and twenty eight cents damages thereon, it being twelve and a half per cent interest, thereon from the rendition of the Judgment before the Justices up to this time, together with the cost of them about their suit in this behalf expended and the defendants in mercy &c.

**Ariana Stith** )

vs. ) Detinent

**Abner Stith** )

This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon by consent of the parties, It is considered by the Court that the further proceedings of and upon the premises of this case be continued until the next term of this Court.

**Ariana Stith** )

vs. ) Case

**Abner Stith** )

This day Came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon by consent of the parties, It is considered by the Court that all further proceedings of and upon the premises of this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

**William R. Trustee** )

vs. ) Appeal from  
Justice



**Alexander Brightwell** )

This day this cause having been regularly reached upon the docket and neither party appearing either in proper person or by attorney, It is ordered by the Court that all further proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

Court adjourned till tomorrow morning 8 oclock.

**L. M. Bramlett**

Friday May 29th 1835

Court met according to adjournment, present the honorable **Lansford M. Bramlett**, Judge &c.

**Dudley S. Jennings** )

vs. ) Debt

**John D. Love** )

This day came the parties and thereupon the plaintiffs demurrer to three of the defendants pleas being argued and due deliberation thereupon had, It seems to the Court that the defendants pleas and the matters therein contained are not sufficient in law to bar the

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plaintiffs action thereof against the defendant and that the plaintiffs demurrer be sustained therein.

State )

vs. ) Malicious Stabbing

**Micajah Hogan** )

This day came **George W. Terrill** Solicitor General who prosecutes on behalf of the State and the defendant by his attorney and thereupon the Solicitor General who prosecutes on behalf of the State with the assent of the Court says he is unwilling further to prosecute the said defendant and thereupon came **Benjamin Rogers** by his attorney **William R. Harris** and offered to pay all the costs. thereon considered by the Court that the defendant be hence discharged without day and that the State recover of the said **Benjamin Rogers** the costs in this behalf expended.

State )

vs. ) Scire facias

**Benjamin Rogers** )

This day came **George W. Terrell**, Solicitor General who prosecutes on behalf of the State and the defendant by his attorney and thereupon the Solicitor General with the assent of the Court says he is unwilling further to prosecute this action thereof against said defendant and thereupon came **Benjamin Rogers** by his attorney **William R. Harris** and assumed to pay all the costs. It is therefore considered by the Court that the judgment heretofore entered in this case be set aside and for nothing held and that the State recover of the defendant the costs in this behalf expended and that he be in mercy &c.

Ordered by the Court that the fine heretofore entered against **William Newton** for non attendance as a State's juror be set aside.

Ordered by the Court that the fine heretofore entered against **Henry Brown** for non attendance as a states juror to this term be set

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aside and for nothing held upon the payment of the costs and that the State recover of the said **Henry Brown** the costs in this behalf expended and the defendant in mercy &c.

**Enoch A. Poor** )

vs., ) Cert

**Edward N. Cason** )

This day came the defendant by his attorney and thereupon upon petition filed and sworn to in open Court, It is Ordered by the Court that Certiorari and Supercedias issue agreeably to the prayer of said petition upon the petitioner giving bond and security according to law.

**Henry Brown** )

vs. ) Appeal from Justice

**Thomas Frazier** )

This day came the parties by their attornies and thereupon the defendants motion being heard and due deliberation thereupon had, It is considered by the court that a new trial be had in this cause at the next term of this Court and that the plaintiff recover of the defendant the cost at this term in this behalf expended and that all further proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

**John Klutts** )

vs. ) Case

**John Newton** )

This day came the parties by their attornies and thereupon on affidavit of the defendant filed, It is considered by the Court that all further

proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

**Tobias Klutts** )

vs. ) Case

**John Newton** )

This day came the parties by their attornies and thereupon on affidavit of the defendant filed, It is considered by the Court that all further proceedings of and upon the premises in this cause be continued until the next term of this Court.

State )

vs. ) Petit Larceny

**David Brunson** )

This day came **George W. Terrill**, Solicitor General who prosecutes on behalf of the State and the defendant was again led to the bar in custody of the Sheriff and thereupon it being demanded of him if anything for himself he had or knew to say why the Court here to Judgment and execution of on the premises should not proceed, he said he had nothing but what he had said before, Therefore it is considered by the Court that the defendant be confined at hard labor in the jail

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and Penitentiary house of this State at Nashville for the term of two years and that he be rendered infamous and that the State recover of the defendant the costs in this behalf expended and that the Sheriff of this County deliver the said **David Brunson** to



the keeper of the Jail and Penitentiary house of this State at Nashville forthwith and It is further considered by the Court that **James Gray** recover of the said defendant the sum of one dollar, the amount of the property stolen assessed by the jurors aforesaid in form aforesaid assessed & that execution issue to collect the same. Whereupon the defendant was remanded to the County jail for this County.

State )

vs. ) Assault with intent to  
kill

**Henry Dortch** )

This day came **George W. Terrell**, Solicitor General who prosecutes on behalf of the State and the defendant in proper person and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit, **William H. Howard, John Allman, Perry Thomason, William Cross, Thomas Frazier, Henry C. Mences, William Wright, James Greer, Elijah Renshaw, James Oakley, John Gibbs** and **William Cheairs** upon their oaths do say that this jury agree that the said **Henry Dortch** is guilty in manner and form as charged in the bill of indictment & sentence him to imprisonment at hard labour in the Jail and Penitentiary house of this state for the term of three years and recommended him to the Clemency of the Executive whereupon the defendant was remanded to the common jail for this County and thereupon the defendant by his attorney moved the Court for liberty to show cause why a new trial should be granted him in this case.

**John Dunlap** of the )  
President of trustees )  
of the University of )  
Nashville )

vs. ) Ejectment

**James Dollarhite &** )  
**Joshua Hale** )

This day came the parties by their attorney and thereupon the defendants motion for a new trial being heard and due deliberation thereupon had, It is considered by the Court that he take nothing by his motion and thereupon the defendant moved the Court to enjoin the issuance of the writ of possession in this case and upon argument and due deliberation thereupon and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Chancery Court had rendered decree in favour of the land mentioned in the plaintiffs declaration had, It is considered by the Court that the issuance of the writ of possession in this case can be enjoined until the further order of this Court.

**Hezikiah Darr** )

vs. ) Appeal from  
Justice

**William O. Beatty** )

This day came the parties by their attorney and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit, **Henry Brown, Jesse Acock, Obadiah Hinson, William Randle, John Wall, Jr., Benjamin H. Diggs, John Atkins, Charles P. Wafford, William L. Phelps, William Newton, James Dinwiddie, Jr., Spencer Hill** who being elected, impaneled, tried sworn, well and truly to try the matter in dispute, upon their oaths do say that they find for the plaintiff the sum of nineteen dollars and thirty one cents and that the Judgment of the Justice was correct. It is therefore considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover of the

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defendant and on motion against **John J. Erwin** the defendants security in the appeal the said sum of nineteen dollars and thirty one cents, the amount of the Judgment rendered by the Justice together with seventy nine cents damages thereon, it being twelve and one half percent interest thereon rendition of the judgement before the Justice up to this time, besides his cost by him about his suit in this behalf expended and the defendant in mercy &c.

State )

vs. ) Lewdness

**Abraham Newton & )**

**Dica Wand )**

This day came **George W. Terrill**, Solicitor

General who prosecutes on behalf of the State and the defendant in proper person and being charged plead Not Guilty to the indictment and for their trial puts themselves upon the country and the Solicitor General doth the like and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit, **Simeon Walton, William Copeland, Martin Baker, Benjamin Cheairs, Samuel Swearingen, Elijah Etheridge, John K. Campbell, Warham Easley, Jeremiah Morgan, William Dillahunty, John Winfrey and Daniel Hendricks** who being elected impaneled tried and sworn, well and truly to try the issue of traverse between the State of Tennessee and said defendants were respited from rendering their verdict untill tomorrow morning.



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## Family 1

**John Ellerton** was a land owner of Albemarle Co., VA, since at least 1771 from the land records found. **John Ellerton** had three children: **Richard**, **Micajah** and **Prudence**. **John Ellerton's** wife was still living in 1800 and 1810 according to the censuses of these years. This wife (female of the appropriate age) did not appear in **John Ellerton's** home in 1820, and his will did not name a wife (or widow), so it is presumed she died between 1810-1820.

A will in Albermarle Co., VA for **John Moran** dated September 23, 1776 and proven in court November 1776 named among his children, a daughter of his, **Ann Eleton**. This was the wife of **John Ellerton** and mother to his three children including my ancestor **Richard**. These two families, among others, were close neighbors, and their names appeared frequently on court records for one another for marriages, deeds, and other records of court. Other records found which pertain to **John Moran** indicate his own wife and the likely mother of his children including **Ann**, was **Sarah Smith**. She was still living in 1766 when **John Moran** passed.

**John Ellerton** died in Albemarle Co., VA, in 1821. His will (VA Will Book 7, page 112, written 12 May 1821, & proven 4 June 1821) named his sons, **Richard** & **Micajah**, and his married daughter, **Prudence Napier**. His will also named one of his grandsons, the son of **Richard**, his namesake **John Ellerton** whom he also left land to. This young grandson later was **John Ellington**, who grew up and married **Elizabeth Williams** in Madison Co., TN, in 1838.

**Richard Ellerton** appeared as a head of household in Albemarle Co., in 1810 and 1820.

In 1810 he is living next door to his father **John Ellerton**. **John Ellerton** has a wife and his older son **Micajah** still living in his home in 1810. **Richard Ellerton's** marriage bond record appears in Albemarle Co., VA, to **Elizabeth Graves**, on 4 Jan 1808, daughter of **John Graves**. Bondsman was **Micajah Ellerton**. We know from the 1850 Madison Co. TN census that **Richard** was born c.1790. This makes him the youngest of **John Ellerton's** children. In 1820, **Richard's** surname looks like **Littleton** on the 1820 census, but he is living next door to his brother **Micajah**, whose own surname in 1820 looks like **Elison**. **Richard's** household fits with the profile of **Richard Ellington** of Madison Co., with a wife, 8 children, and one man over the age of 45 (his father **John Ellerton** who states in his will of 1821 that his son **Richard** took care of him in his last year of life). **Richard's** mother apparently died between the 1810-1820 censuses. Her name was **Ann Moran** as per her father **John Moran's** will.

**Micajah Ellerton** married **Mary Ann Strange** on 1 Jan. 1816 in Albemarle Co. VA, and he died in 1821, just months after his father **John** died. **Micajah's** will can be found in VA Will book 7, page 151, proven on 28 Aug 1821. His year of birth, given when he first appeared on the tax rolls as a 16 year old white male, and compared to his age group in 1810 & 1820, would be c.1780-1784.

**Prudence Ellerton Napier** (**Richard's** only sister) remained in VA, where she raised her family with her husband, **Fortunatus Napier**. Her marriage bond to **Fortunatus Napier** is dated in Albemarle Co., VA as 7 Aug 1799. Her age in 1850 is shown to be age 70 years old, giving her a birth year of c. 1780.

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**Richard Ellerton** migrated to Madison Co., TN, between 1825-28, with his wife and children. Once he arrived in Madison Co., his name began to appear in census and court records as **Ellington**. I believe this occurred because **Richard** moved close to a man named **Chasteen Ellington** who was already living in Madison Co. TN at that time, and **Richard** doesn't appear to have had the ability to read or write. The local census and court recorders likely confused his surname to be the same as that of his neighbor, and so the spelling was duplicated and it stuck. His children all later used this spelling; however back in Albemarle Co., the spelling of the name most frequently found on the records of marriage and wills was **Ellerton**. It was also seen in records in Albemarle Co. as **Elleton**, **Elliton**, **Ellison** and once mistakenly in a census in 1820 as **Littleton**.

Here is a list of **Richard Ellerton/Ellington's** wives in the order he was married to them and his children as well as their birth order and mother; I am showing the surname the way it was spelled in the records most often seen on each. **Richard Ellerton** married **Elizabeth Graves** on 4 Jan 1808 in Albemarle Co., VA. Their 10 children together were:

- (1) **Samuel Ellington**, b. 1808 in VA, married **Martha Hoppers**.
- (2) **Mary Ellerton**, b. 1810 in VA, married **Robert Toms** in Albemarle Co., VA, in 1822 and both died between 1841-1850, likely in TN, or TX. She and **Robert Toms** had two children: **Juliana Toms**, b. 1835 and **Joseph R. Toms**, b. 1841, both born in TN. These two children were living in Panola Co., TX with their aunt **Sophia Ellington Cook** by 1850.
- (3) **William H. Ellington**, b. 1814 in VA, married 1st **Nancy J. Hoppers**, 2nd to **Nancy B. Lane**.
- (4) **Sophia Ellington**, b. 1815 in VA, married 1st **Milton Cook** in 1838 in Madison Co., TN, 2nd to Unknown **Odom**, in Texas between

1850-1854. She died after 1860 in TX.

(5) **Mary Ann Ellington**, b. 1817 in VA, married **Edward Davis** on 25 Dec 1835.

(6) **Malinda Ellington**, b. 1819 in VA, married **William E. Moore**.

(7) **John Ellington**, b. 1820 in VA, married **Elizabeth Williams** on 17 May 1838. Died 6 Apr 1865, likely in White Co., AR. These are the father and mother of **James Edward "Ned" Ellington**, (my line).

(8) **Angeline Ellington**, b. 1820 in VA (likely a twin to **John**), married **Bill Freano** abt. 1839.

(9) **Winston Ellington**, b. between 1817-1825 in VA, (most likely in March 1825) Married 1st to **Elizabeth Jackson**, 2nd to **Mary Jane Young**, 3rd to **Emily Johnson**, 4th to **Ophelia Williams**.

(10) **Sophronia Ellington**, b. 1828 in Madison Co., TN, married **Newton Williams** on 17 Dec 1850.

**Elizabeth Graves Ellerton** died between 1828 when **Sophronia** was born and 1830 when **Richard Ellington** appeared on the 1830 Madison Co., TN, census without a wife. She may have died in childbirth with **Sophronia** or from complications resulting from her 10th childbirth following the long migration from VA to TN, likely while pregnant.

**Richard Ellington** married a 2nd time in 1835 in Gibson Co., TN to **Ruthy Watson**. They had at least 7 children together according to the 1840-1850 censuses. One child who appeared living in their home in 1840 did not appear in 1850 and was not old enough yet to have likely married. This child was shown to be a male in 1840, and it is presumed this child died between 1840-1850. **Richard Ellington's** seven children by 2nd wife **Ruthy Watson** were:

- (1) **James Milton Ellington**, b. 1836 in TN, married abt. 1854 to **Mansina Norvell**, his step-sister, a daughter of **Richard's** 3rd wife. **James Milton** served in TN's B





Company, 13th Calvary, for the Union Army and died at Andersonville Prison.

(2) Unknown Male son, b. 1837 in TN, apparently died before 1850.

(3) **Martha Ann Ellington**, b. 1838 in TN. No other information has yet been found on her after she appeared living in her father's home in 1850.

(4) **Richard Ellington Jr.**, b. 1840 in TN, Served in TN's B Co., 13th Cavalry, for the Union Army and apparently died during the war. No other records are found on him after the war.

(5) **Henry C. Ellington**, b. 1842 in TN. Served in TN's G Co., 27th Cavalry, for the Confederate Army. He too appears to have died in the Civil War.

(6) **Ephraim Ellington**, b. 1844 in TN. Served in TN's G Co., 27th Cavalry, for the Confederate Army. He did survive, and later married **Elizabeth M. Tucker Curtis**, a widow. I find records on **Ephraim** up to 1888 in Crockett Co. He and **Elizabeth** have two children buried at the Alamo City Cemetery named **Alonzo** and **Daisie Ellington**. I don't believe they had other children together, who lived to adulthood.

(7) **Zachariah Ellington**, b. 1847 in TN, Served in TN's B Co., 13th Cavalry, for the Union Army. He too appears to have died during the Civil War.

As you can see, **Richard**'s children were quite divided during the war, with half serving for the North and half for the South. Also, **Richard** had grandsons who served in the Civil War:

**James Edward "Ned" Ellington**, served in TN's 7th, Co. F, for the Confederate Army, as did **Newton D. Ellington**, Ned's brother.

**Fleming Wood Ellington**, Ned and **Newton**'s younger brother served in the 10th Arkansas Infantry, for the Confederate Army, as he had moved to AR with his parents just before 1860.

**James R. Freano**, the son of **Angeline Ellington** and **Bill Freano**, served in the same company as **Ned** and **Newton Ellington**.

**Ruthy**, (Richard's 2nd wife) died sometime bwt. the birth of **Zachariah** in 1847 and 1849 when Richard married a 3rd time to a widow named **Louisa Norvell**. Her birth surname is unknown; only her name by her previous husband which was her name when she married **Richard** is known. The census information shows that she and at least her two older children were all born in NC, so she did not move to TN, until at least after the birth of her second **Norvell** child. Her **Norvell** husband was likely also from NC and migrated with **Louisa** and their first children to TN. The four children which **Louisa Norvell** brought into her marriage to **Richard Ellington** in late 1849 were named:

(1) **Elizabeth "Betsy" J. Norvell**

(2) **Mansina Norvell** - later married her step-brother **James Milton Ellington**.

(3) **Thopolis H. Norvell** - the only known son of **Louisa**.

(4) **Emily Susan Norvell**

**Louisa** was found, after **Richard**'s death in Dec 1853, living with her daughter **Mansina** and son-in-law (also her step-son), **James Milton Ellington** in the 1860 Haywood Co., TN census. I don't find her after this. **John Ellerton** was my 5th great-grandfather, his son **Richard** my 4th great-grandfather, his son **John** my 3rd great-grandfather, his son **James Edward "Ned"** my 3rd great-grandfather, his daughter **Minnie Lee Ellington** my great-grandmother, and her daughter **Lorene Christie** my grandmother and namesake. Her son is my father.

### *Family 2*

**Richard Ellington**, who was the son of **John Ellerton** of Albemarle Co., VA, moved from Albemarle Co., VA, to Madison Co., TN., between 1825-1828. It was likely in 1825 after he sold 43 acres to one of the **Moran** family members (one of his cousins)

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in 1824. This land was left to **Richard's** son, **John** (who was a baby when his grandfather died and left this land to him in his will). **Richard** is first found in Madison Co. on the 1828 tax rolls and then on the 1830 census, as well as the 1840 and 1850 censuses in Madison Co., TN.

There was a **Richard N. Ellington** (not **Ellerton**) who was born in Nottoway Co. VA, and who was found enumerated as a head of household in Nottoway Co. VA, on the 1820 census, living next door to a woman named **Milly Ellington**. Our **Richard Ellington** was a head of household at the very same time, but living in Albemarle Co. VA, in 1820. His surname on that census was miswritten as **Littleton**. He is living next door to his brother **Micajah** (whose surname is shown as **Elison**). In **Richard's** home at that time was his father **John**, who was in poor health. (Even **John's** will stated that his son **Richard** was to be given his home and land as he had taken care of him in his last days of ill health).

A few doors down is the home of **Fortunatus Napier** who was the husband of **Prudence Ellerton** (**John's** daughter and sister to **Richard**). So, we all need to compare and see that **Richard Ellerton** whose name was shown in various records in Albemarle Co. as **Ellerton**, **Elleton**, **Elliton**, and once as **Littleton**, was in fact our ancestor who moved to Madison Co., TN, at which point his surname began appearing as **Ellington** and which remained so from that point on as did it for his children and descendants.

The man known as **Richard N. Ellington** was born in Nottoway Co. VA and remained in Nottoway Co. VA, at least up to 1860 which was the last census I found him on. His name was consistent in its spelling as **Ellington**. He was also found on the 1820, 1840, 1850 and 1860 censuses in Nottoway, while our **Richard** was

found in Madison Co., TN, on the 1830, 1840 and 1850 census. Our **Richard** died in Dec. 1853 in Madison Co. TN, while **Richard N. Ellington** was still living in Nottoway Co. VA, at least up until 1860.

In 1850 living not far off are **John F. Ellington**, age 56 (born c. 1794), with wife and family, all born in Nottoway Co. VA, and two door down from him was **John P. Ellington** age 29 with family. Living between them was **Francis R. Wills** (female) age 30 with a 24 yr old **Julia Wills** and 1 yr old **Othelia B. Wills**. **John P. Ellington** was shown by the census recorder to be living on the **Wills** land. He also named a daughter **Frances**, so it's likely **Francis Wills** was a married sister or other relation.

**Richard N. Ellington** was living in Nottoway Co. VA, next door in 1850 to a man named **Thucker Ellington** who at that time was shown to be 46. **Thuck** or **Thack Ellington** was shown in 1860 in same county to be 60, and **Ric'd (N) Ellington** was living next door to him again in 1860, but now shown to be age 75 (born c. 1785) and shown born in VA. In 1860 **Rich'd (N) Ellington** was not with wife, nor did I see any evidence of one prior. He did have two persons living in his household in 1820, but was alone in 1840. In 1850 **Richard (N)** had two slaves, a 70 year old female and a 14 year old male. In 1860 **Rich'd (N) Ellington** had a 45 year old black female named **Milly Ragsdale** living in his home as well as her 5 year old Mulatto daughter named **Hedlen** or **Helen**. (quite likely an **Ellington** child but perhaps not **Richard's**). Given that in 1820 **Richard N. Ellington** was living next door to a **Milly Ellington**, it's not inconceivable that **Milly Ragsdale** was a child of a slave from this **Ellington** family, named for **Milly Ellington**, whose surname may have once been **Ragsdale**, and this black woman



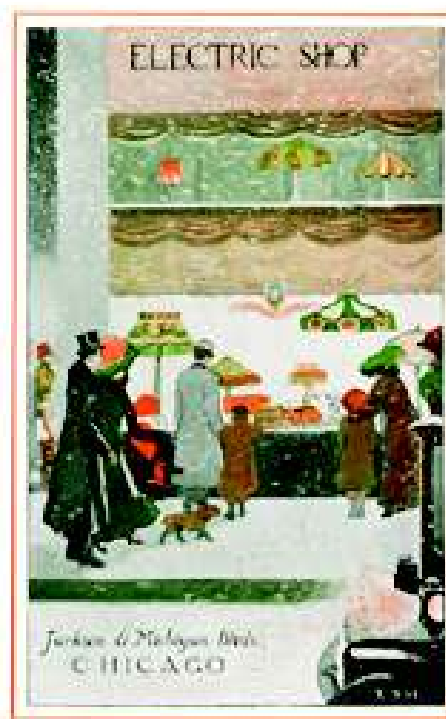
perhaps was given the surname of the mistress of the home if her people came with **Milly** when she married the **Ellington** man. The fact that **Milly Ragdale** is shown to be enumerated in the home and not as a Slave, may imply that she was **Richard's** half sister and her child, his half niece. This part is speculation of course.

The reason I am adding this long comment regarding this man **Richard N. Ellington** whose age in 1850 gave him the same birth year of c1790 as our **Richard Ellerton/Ellington's** birth year as c. 1790, also taken from the 1850 census but in Madison Co., TN, is to show that they were in fact two different men. We cannot continue to imply they were one and the same and then to go off and show the ancestry of **Richard N. Ellington** as that of our **Richard Ellerton/Ellington**. I would like to add how important, in fact vital, it is that we stop assuming that any tree we find on Ancestry.com or anywhere else online is correct and then simply 'adding' to our own as the correct and proven facts. I have now found over 20 trees there showing **Richard N. Ellington** as the man who married **Elizabeth Graves** in Albemarle Co. VA and moved to Madison Co. TN, and it all came about because of one person's wrong information.

There was a **John C. Ellington** who lived in AR, but he was not my **John Ellerton/Ellington** who was married to **Elizabeth Williams**. My **John** did move briefly to White Co., AR between 1850-1860 and then he died in April 1865, at the end of the Civil War. His widow **Elizabeth** was found living back in Madison Co., TN in 1870. **John Ellington's** death was recorded by hand at the time it occurred in the **Freano** family Bible (**John's** sister **Angeline** married **Bill Freano**). I have a copy of that bible record. It does not say where he died, but it

also has the date of death for his wife **Elizabeth** who died much later and is buried at the old **Williams** Family Cemetery which backs up to the land once owned by my gg.grandfather, **James Edward 'Ned' Ellington** who was their son.

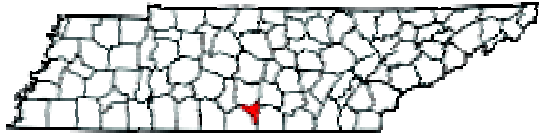
I ask, please, that we keep our ancestors' memories, names, and histories as accurate as possible. We can only do this by checking all sources before accepting online trees that we find, and before we add them as our own. I don't believe that my ancestor, **Richard Ellington**, who had three wives and seventeen known children, would want to be confused with a man who did not have any known wives or children, and who was the son of a different man altogether – all because this other **Richard 'N' Ellington** was born about the same year and same state as mine was a few months later.



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# Moore County Probate Records



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*Moore County Probate Records (County or Chancery Court) Wills, Vol: A Dec. 1872-Sep. 1961*

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Monday Nov. 7th, 1892

Last Will and Testament of **Joseph Broughton**,  
Dec'd Charity, Tenn. June 19th 1889

State of Tennessee, Moore County – In the name of God Amen. I **Joseph Broughton** of the State and County aforesaid. Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being of sound mind and memory I do hereby make and Execute this my last will and Testament.

1st. After Committing my Soul to God I will that my body be decently but plainly burried at some place to be Selected by my wife **Jane Broughton** if she be there living or any place she may designate before her death.

2nd. I will that all my property that I may be possessed of at my death, real and personal, go to my wife **Jane Broughton** to be her Sole and individual property used and disposed of as she may choose. That She if living be my Sole Administrator to pay all my Just debts and to manage according to her Judgment whether She remains a widow or chooses to marry.

3rd. It is known and agreed that the property afore mentioned in the above will consists of one half interest in the land where I am now living and also one half interest in all the

personal property known to belong to and owned by **Joseph** and **Benjamin Broughton**.

In witness here of I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in presence of Witnesses

**W. H. Jackson**

**Ben Broughton**

**Joseph Broughton**

**A. H. Langston**

State of Tennessee, Moore County

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I **W. J. Morris**, Clerk of the County Court of Said State and county hereby certify that the foregoing will was probated in open court on the 7th day of November 1892 on Page 284 of Minute Book 4 by the Subscribing Witnesses **Benjamin Broughton** and **J. T. Graham & J. T. Richardson** who testified to the Signatures as the last will and Testament of **Joseph Broughton**, Dec'd. Witness my hand at office the 7th day of Nov. 1892. **W. J. Morris**, Clerk

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Last Will and Testament of **T. M. Leftwich**,  
Dec'd

I **Thomas M. Leftwich** being of Sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, And being especially desirous to direct the Settlement of my business, and the management and distribution of my property, both Personal and real, do make and publish this as my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void any and all others at any time by me made.

First – I direct that all of my property whatsoever kind both real and personal shall immediately or as soon as possible after my



death be taken charge of by my Executors and by them disposed of as herein after directed.

Second – I direct that my funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors.

Third – I direct that all my personal property of all sorts Except what is hereinafter Excepted or otherwise set apart Shall be sold by my Executors Either at public Sale or privately as he or they may think best and the proceeds applied to the payment of my debts first paying off any mortgage or liens that may Exist against me, then all my other debts. I also direct that my lands be rented out to the best advantage and the proceeds of Such rentals Except the part hereinafter Set apart be also applied to the Satisfaction of my just debts from year to year until all just debts against me have been paid. After which Said proceeds Shall go to the use and benefit of my wife and three children as hereinafter directed. It being my desire to pay all my just debts and save to my wife and said children my home.

Fourth – I direct that a Sufficiency of my effects to maintain my Said wife and three children be set apart

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from year to year for that purpose out of the rents of the place. I also direct that all the household and kitchen furniture be Set apart for my Said wife and children and one milch cow and a Sufficient number of hogs to make meat for the family. And also that they, my Said wife and children be and remain in possession of my Dwelling house and out buildings, barns and So forth, and orchard and such truck patches as may be necessary to their well being, but no more than is actually necessary be taken for said purposes till all of my debts be paid. It being my desire that all of Said Debts be paid as early as

possible. And when that has been done, all the proceeds or increase from Said lands which includes all lands that I may die possessed of Shall then be received by my Said wife from my Executors for the use of herself and my children until my three children, **Thomas Eddie** and **Maggie** and **Alice Arenia** become of lawful age, that is to say the youngest is 18 years old, at which time all of my said lands shall be sold by my Executors who is hereby empowered to make Said Sale and Execute all necessary deeds of Conveyance for the Same Which Shall vest the purchaser with a good title, Except a certain part which is hereinafter Set a part for my wife so long as she live Subject to the conditions mentioned, and after she Shall die or otherwise forfeit her claims and right as herein given, then that part Shall also be sold as above and the proceeds of all of Said Sales Shall be equally divided between my Said three children provided, that if before my death or within lawful time thereafter there Should be born unto me by my wife one or more other children, that they Shall Share

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Equal with the three who is herein named. All property of whatsoever kind that belongs to my wife **Emma**, that She has or owned when her and myself was married be altogether left to her own Seperate use and control. And that She Shall Enjoy the full control of my house and effects, rents of land and every thing as hereinafter mentioned provided She keep and raise my children so long as her natural life may last or So long as She remains my widow. After which all shall go to the use of my Said children as herein before Stated. But if from any cause She Shall put my children off or refuse or neglect to properly care for them, then She Shall hereby forfeit any and all claim to any of my

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lands or use or rents of the same, for it is my intention to Set apart what is left after paying any debts for the raising and educating my children.

Now for the special use of my wife **Emma** I will and direct that when my children arrives at the age of maturity as above Stated the youngest eighteen years old, there Shall be measured off thirty acres of land including the borus and spring and spring lot to near the Shop and Extending down the hollow to **W. G. Wagsters** land and East far enough to make said amount of thirty Acres which she, my Said wife **Emma** Shall hold during her natural life, provided She Shall occupy the Same and keep my three children together and raise them till they come of age as above Stated and at her death let that occur when it may. I desire that said thirty acres be sold and the proceeds divided as above between my children, giving Each an Equal Share or if She Shall abandon them or otherwise forfeit her rights to any of my land I desire that the Same

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be applied to the use of my children. And if at her (my wifes) death there remains any of my personal effects with her I desire that the Same be sold and the proceeds divided as the other marries is between my children.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife **Emma** and **Jas. M. Prosser** my Executors without bond being required of them.

In witness whereof I do to this my last will Set my hand on this the 24th day of April A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and ninety three (1893)  
**T. M. Leftwich**

This document was Signed and published in our presents and we have Subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the Testator, this the 24th day of April 1893.

**J. L. Steelman**

**J. F. Prosser**

State of Tennessee, Moore County – I **W. J. Morris**, Clerk of the County Court in and for Said State and County hereby certify that the foregoing Will was probated in open Court on the 22nd day of May, 1893 on page 332 of Minute book 4 by the Subscribing witnesses **J. L. Steelman** and **J. F. Prosser** as the last will and Testament of **T. M. Leftwich**, Dec'd. Witness my hand at office this the 22nd day of May 1893.  
**W. J. Morris**, Clerk

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Last Will and Testament of **N. C. Curry**, Dec'd.

I, **N. C. Curry** of a sound mind and good memory do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others heretofore made by me at any time.

First I direct that my Funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Second My will is that **Hannah Spencer** is to have one gray horse of mine.

Third I will to **Sallie McGhee** one black colt.

Fourth and lastly I do hereby appoint **Hannah Spencer** my Executor in witness whereof I do Set my hand and Seal this May the 3rd 1893.

Witness:

**J. W. Counts**

his

**J. L. Codie**

**N. C. X Curry**

**J. J. Walker**

mark



State of Tennessee, Moore County – I, **W. J. Morris**, Clerk of the County Court in and for Said State and County hereby certify that the foregoing was probated in open Court on the 8th day of Aug. 1893, on Page 351 of Minute book 4 by the Subscribing witnesses **J. J. Walker** and **J. L. Codie** as the last will and Testament of **N. C. Curry**, Dec'd. Witness my hand at office this 8th day of August 1893.  
**W. J. Morris**, Clerk

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**Noah Smiths** Will – State of Tennessee, Moore County – I **Noah Smith** of the State and County aforesaid knowing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of Death being of Sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament. At the same time utterly revoking all former wills made by me at any time, declaring this to be my last will and Testament.

1st I desire that all my just debts and Funeral Expenses be paid by my Executor out of any money I may die possessed of or that may first come into his hands and if there is not enough effects coming in to pay all my just debts and Funeral Expenses I desire that Executor Shall sell enough of my personal property to pay the Same to Sell for cash or on time publicly or privately as he may think best for my family, and apply the proceeds as directed above, and all the remainder of all my personal property of every description I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, **Hannah Smith** for her own use and benefit and at her own disposal as she may think best as long as she lives, And at her death all of the Same that remain I will and bequeath to my Daughter **Caldonia Smith** as her share of my Estate.

Next I will and bequeath to my Son **Marion J. Smith** the piece of land of about thirteen acres lying on the north of my tract which I bought of **John Warren** Said lot of land when

purchased was paid for with his means, though the title was vested in me. I have always considered it his land, I now will it to him. I also will and bequeath to the Said **Marion J. Smith** a Small lot of land about two acres more or less all that

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portions of my tract on which I now live lying on the North Side of the main branch and East of the branch on which **John Warren** Once lived being the North East corner of my tract on which I now live. And I desire that Soon after my death he take possession of the Same without any further process whatever.

All the remainder of my land I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife **Hannah Smith** to have and to use as She may think best for her use and benefit during her natural life and after her death I desire that my Executor Shall advertise and sell the Same to the highest bidder on the following terms: One third cash, one third due in one year, and one third in two years, taking notes with two good Securities and retaining a lien on Said land till all the purchase money is paid and when Said purchase money is collected I desire the Same to be divided Equally between my Sons **James S. Smith, Joseph Smith, Marion J. Smith, Benjamin D. Smith, Argile M. Smith** And I hereby authorize and Empower my Executor to make the above Sale and division without any order or decree of any Court whatever. And further I hereby disinherit from any share or part in my estate whatever the following: **Robert Smith** heirs, **Elizabeth Jones** or her heirs, **Emily J. Price** and her heirs and **John W. Smith** and his heirs. I do not disinherit the above for lack of affection but from the fact that I think they have

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already had their part of my effects, therefore I do not propose to give them any thing more.

Lastly having full confidence in the honesty and integrity of **Marion J. Smith**, I hereby appoint him Executor to this my last will and Testament and hereby release him from giving bond and Security and hereby authorize

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him to do and perform all the above requirements as fully and with the Same effect as if I had done the Same myself. In testimony whereof I herewith Set my hand this Feby. the 12th 1892.

Attest:

**S. K. Farriss**                      his  
   **Noah X Smith**  
**H. G. Ray**                        mark

**W. B. Ray**

State of Tennessee, Moore County – I, **W. J. Morris**, Clerk of the County Court in and for Said State and County hereby certify that the foregoing will was probated in open Court on the 13th day of January 1894 on Page 388 of Minute Book 4 by the Subscribing witnesses **S. K. Farriss** and **A. G. Ray** as the last will and Testament of **Noah Smith**, Dec'd. Witness my hand at office this the 13th day of January 1894.  
**W. J. Morris**, Clerk

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Wednesday March 21, 1894 – Will of **D. P. C. Allen**, Dec'd I, **D. P. C. Allen** do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

1st I direct that my Funeral Expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible

out of any monies that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

2nd Second I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife **Evaline Allen** all the property that I die possessed of to have and to hold the Same her life time to use as She sees proper.

3rd Thirdly – After the death of my beloved wife **Evaline Allen** I want what property is left to be equally divided between my children. My Executor Shall have full power to Sell privately or publicly and make deeds to the land if Sold or divided.

4th Fourthly – I further will that any of my children kicks at this will, they Shall have \$10.00 Ten Dollars and no more.

Lastly – I do hereby nominate and appoint my Son **J. D. Allen** my Executor without bond and I further will that he take reasonable pay out of the property for his trouble.

In witness whereof I do this and will Set my hand this January 30th 1893.  
Witness:

**D. P. C. Allen**

**J. W. Counts**  
**J. M. Arnold**

State of Tennessee, Moore County – I, **W. J. Morris**, Clerk of the County Court in and for Said State and County hereby certify that the foregoing was probated in open Court on the 21st day of March 1894

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on page 402 of Minute book 4 by the Subscribing witnesses **J. W. Counts** and **J. M. Arnold** as the last will and Testament of



**D. P. C. Allen**, Dec'd. Witness my hand at office this 21st day of March 1894.  
**W. J. Morris**, Clerk

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Will of **A. C. Cobble** – I **Alexander Cannon Cobble**, Citizen of Moore County Tennessee knowing the certainty of death and uncertainty of life and being desirous of arranging my Earthly affairs while I am of Sound mind and dispensing memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

1st I direct my Executor to pay my funeral Expenses and Dr. bills.

2nd He will pay my just debts and liabilities out of any Monies left at my death or that may come into his hands as Such.

3rd Being anxious to make ample provisions for all the wants and necessities of my aged and beloved wife **Annie Muriah Cobble** whose labor and Economical habits have enabled me to accumulate what I have, I direct, will and devise unto her for her natural life our Homestead of 93 Acres whereon we are now living. She is to have the rents and proffits thereof and to be entitled to the use and occupation of the house and out buildings and appertenances thereunto, the Said land to be rented out by my Executor who is also to keep up all necessary repairs consistent with the comfortable occupation by my Said wife, as well as pay all Taxes thereon.

I further devise unto her One Mare, Side Saddle & Bridle or Should there not be a Mare on hand at my death One hundred dollars to purchase one. All the Household and Kitchen furniture I may leave. One Cow and calf and as much corn, meat, provender and other provisions as She may need or designate for

her own family use & benefit. The Said 93 Acres as Set out in the Pilot made for me by **J. W. Bedford** Co. Surveyor.

My Executor will collect of the various beneficiaries herein after mentioned not less than twenty five Dollars each for per annum rents for the lands hereto fore deeded to them by me,

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and as much additional up to the fair rental value of the Said lands as may be necessary to amply Satisfy all wants of my Said wife for all of which I have made provisions in the deeds mentioned.

My Executor will further retain in his hands the Sum of five hundred dollars out of my Estate to be by him used if necessary for the benefit of my Said wife as She may from time to time need the Same.

4th I devise to my Sons **Ephraim Alexander Cobble**, **A. W. Cobble** and Daughters **Marilda Smith**, **Nancy Hasty** and **Josie Wood** their heirs and representatives an Equal Share in my Estate. Such as may be left at my death & the death of My Said wife, on the following basis viz: I have heretofore Deeded lands to my Son **E. A. Cobble** to the estimated value of Three Thousand Two hundred dollars, being in three parcels valued respectively \$1,250.00, \$1,000.00 & \$950.00 & hereby bequeath to him 2 notes I now hold on him aggregating \$171.00 making a total of (\$3371.00) Thirty Three hundred and Seventy one dollars so far advanced him. I have heretofore by deeds advanced my Son **A. W. Cobble** 3 pieces of land valued respectively at One thousand & Twelve hundred and fifty and Nine hundred and four dollars making \$3154.00 together

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with the three notes now held by me on him including interest to date amounting to the Sum of two hundred Sixty Seven & 10/100 Dollars total (\$3421.10) Thirty four hundred twenty one & 10/100 dollars.

To my daughter **Marilda Smith** I have advanced by deeds two tracts of land, One valued at \$2450.00, Twenty four hundred and fifty dollars. One at three hundred dollars making in land \$2750.00 and given her one mare, an account of \$100.00, One cow \$200.00 One note on her husband **Jake Smith** in the Sum of \$30.00 and paid **J. H. Holman** attorney a fee for \$17.50 given her one mill valued at \$50.00, paid for Set of teeth for her \$25.00, paid two Judgments against her husband one to **J. L. Bryant & Co.** \$84.60

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One to Same and Dr. **Dance** \$13.00 and interest on 1 apr \$5.05 and also bequeath her the following notes now held by me, one on her and her husband for \$35.00, One given by them for a young gray horse for \$65.00, another for Same Due 12 Months after date in Sum of \$67.50 and another given for a mule \$85.00, making total real and personal advanced to date (\$3376.50) Thirty three Seventy Six & 50 cts.

I have advanced to my Daughter **Nancy Hasty** by Deeds three pieces of land valued respectively at \$930.00, \$850.00 & \$900.00 aggregating \$2680.00 and further bequeath her two notes I now hold on her husband, and one on her acct. him both aggregating principal and interest to date the Sum of \$157.52 and her note given for a Mare \$75.00 and I have given to her husband cash, clover seed and paid on Judgment and acts for him the sum of \$108.50 inclusive of interest, total personal received by her to date (\$341.02. Three forty one dollars & 02 cents, real and personal Thirty hundred twenty one & 02 dollars.

To my Daughter **Josie Wood** I have deeded land valued at \$2975.00 and further lumber & cash \$160.00 Total real and personal (\$3135.00) Thirty one hundred Thirty five dollars.

To my Daughter **Mary Tiffis**, wife of **Lee Tiffis** in her lifetime I gave by deeds land to the value of \$1750.00, a Mare valued at \$150.00, paid her funeral expenses, Dr. bills & \$73.00 and money and Supplies &c. To the amount of about \$2500.00 and I herein Expressly Say that no other or further payments of any part of my Estate are to be made to any of her family, heirs or children, they being Expressly Excluded from further participation in my Estate, Either as legatees or devisees.

5th I direct that my Execution will Equalize the Shares of my two Sons **E. A.** and **A. W. Cobble** & 3 Daughters **Marilda Smith**, **Nancy Hasty** and **Josie Wood** as herein before Set out.

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and I hereby direct that these are all the items of charge I hold against them and in the event any have been overlooked I now direct they Shall not be held against any of them for any matters prior to this date.

6th I further direct that my 2 Sons and 3 Daughters above Specified will pay to my Executor \$25.00 each for annual rents or any additional Sum not more than the fair rental of the lands deeded to them in which Said deeds I reserved this right for the purpose of maintenance of my wife during her lifetime and to affect this I devise to my Executor or his Successors all my reserved rights to Said rents in the respective deeds. In case of failure of Either the above named beneficiaries paying Said rents, then my



Executor will deduct the proper amount out of any monies going to the Share of the one making default.

7th I hereby empower my Executor to Sell all my personal property not herein disposed of on a credit of twelve months, taking good Security and further that he will also Sell all my lands belonging to my Estate not herein disposed of on a credit of one or two years and that this be done by him without any decrees of Court & to Enable him to do So I hereby devise and bequeath and vest in him all the right and title I have or may have in and to any real Estate at my death, with the right to possession thereof Subject to any charges I may have made thereon in this my will.

8th I direct that at the death of my Said Wife all the personal property herein devised to her She may leave, be sold by my Executor on 12 months time. Also the 93 acres of land our homestead will be Sold on one and two years credit and the proceeds when collected he will divide equally among my two Sons **E. A. & A. W. Cobble**, 3 Daughters

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**Marilda Smith, Nancy Hasty and Josie Wood**, their heirs and representatives, any of my children dying before a final distribution of my Estate, then and in that Event the children of the one So dying or their privies to take such part or fraction as would have gone to their Parents if living, provided they are all Equal, if not they shall be Made so.

I hereby nominate and appoint as my Executor of this my last will my friend **R. A. Parks** of Lynchburg, Tennessee And direct that he be allowed a fair and reasonable compensation for his Services as well as any Counsel fees he may have to pay in carrying out the terms and directions of my will. Given under my hand this the 10th day of November 1893.

**A. C. Cobble** (Seal)

Attested by us at the request of Testator & Signed by him in our presence this November 10th 1893.

**L. M. Bobo**

**R. L. Bedford**

**Ben Tolley**

State of Tennessee, Moore County – **I W. J. Morris**, Clerk of the County Court in and for Said State and County hereby certify that the foregoing Will was probated in open Court on the 7th day of May 1894 on page 422 of Minute Book No. 4 by the Subscribing witness **R. L. Bedford** and **L. M. Bobo** as the last Will and Testament of **Alexander Cannon Cobble**, Dec'd. Witness my hand at office on this the 7th day of May 1894.  
**W. J. Morris**, Clerk



*Vintage Advertisement*



# 1861 Tennessee Workplace Envelopes

By James R. Miller

Old envelopes can help us imagine our ancestors at work. This article presents six envelopes mailed from Memphis and Nashville workplaces in 1861. Senders and recipients are identified in a U.S. census, city directory, or similar source. Figures 1-5 have provisional postmaster's stamps issued June-October 1861 before Confederate States of America (CSA) stamps were available, and Figure 6 has a CSA stamp. Four of the workplaces offered or provided goods or services to the CSA government. These envelopes and their stamps also show the work of three engravers and the name of a postmaster. As with any source of genealogical information, old envelopes must be studied in combination with other sources before reaching a conclusion. The envelopes are from stamp auction catalogs from which *Philgen.org* (<http://philgen.org>), the philatelic genealogy website and database, has permission to use photographs.<sup>1</sup> All locations are in Tennessee, except where noted.

“**Watt. C. Bradford**, Union Foundry & Machine Shop” of Memphis sent an envelope postmarked 12 November 1861 to **John W. Campbell** in Jackson. [Figure 1] A **W. C. Bradford** is in Memphis in the 1860 U.S. census, and his occupation is shown as millstones in the 1850 U.S. census.<sup>2</sup> An 1844 Mississippi valley business directory describes his millstone factory.<sup>3</sup> An online family tree



Figure 1

shows his name as **Watt Charles Bradford**.<sup>4</sup> The envelope shows a steam engine(?) and has “Saw Mills, Gin & Mill Gearing, Boiler Making, Sheet Iron & Copper Works.” The envelope engraver's name, “**W. Eaves, NY**,” is in the lower right corner of the illustration. **William Eaves**, envelope maker, living in New Jersey, is in an 1861 New York City directory, and he is shown as a stationer living in New Jersey in the 1860 U.S. census.<sup>5</sup> **John W. Campbell**, a “gentleman,” is in Jackson in the 1860 U.S. census, with an apparent son-in-law, **Robert Sterling**, shown as a civil engineer.<sup>6</sup>



Figure 2

“**J. D. Morton & Co.**” of Memphis sent an envelope postmarked 9 August 1861 to Mrs. **C. Lacroze** in Natchez, Mississippi. [Figure 2] **J. D. Morton** was a member of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce in 1861, and a **J. D. Morton** is shown as a principal of “**Goyer, Morton & Co., Pork and Beef Packers**” in an 1862 Memphis newspaper.<sup>7</sup> Both listings refer to the *Eclipse* Wharfboat. The envelope has “City Wharf Boat” and shows a steamboat. **J. D. Morton** and Company proposed the use of the *Eclipse* as a floating battery at Fort Pillow to Confederate General **Leonidas Polk**.<sup>8</sup> The envelope engraver's name, “**Nesbitt & Co. N.Y.**,” is printed vertically on the left-side of the envelope. **George F. Nesbitt**, printer, is in New York City in the 1850 U.S. census,





and he is shown as an envelope maker in an 1861 New York City directory.<sup>9</sup> Mrs. **C. Lacroze** is in Natchez in the 1860 U.S. census.<sup>10</sup>



Figure 3

“**Meacham & Galbreath, Wholesale Grocers**” of Memphis sent an envelope postmarked 28 November 1861 to **John Oyler** in Lynchburg, Virginia. [Figure 3] An **M. L. Meacham**, wholesale grocer, is in Memphis, in the 1860 U.S. census, and he is shown as **Major L. Meacham** in the 1880 U.S. census and he may be the same person as **M. L. “Mecham,”** cotton dealer, in an 1865 Memphis directory.<sup>11</sup> A **W. B. Galbreath**, merchant, is in Memphis in the 1860 U.S. census, and he is shown as **William B. Galbreath** in an 1878 Memphis directory.<sup>12</sup> **Meacham and Galbreath** sold flour, pork, and candles to the CSA government in 1861.<sup>13</sup> A **John Oyler**, tobacconist, is in Lynchburg, Virginia in the 1860 U.S. census.<sup>14</sup>



Figure 4

“**Morgan & Co., Importers and Dealers in Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods**” of Nashville sent an envelope postmarked 22 September 1861 to **Thomas H. “Caldwell”** in Shelbyville. [Figure 4] A **Samuel D. Morgan**, merchant, is in Nashville in the 1860 U.S. census.<sup>15</sup> “**Irby Morgan and Co.**” of Nashville sold cloth and saltpeter to the CSA Quartermaster and Ordnance Departments in 1861.<sup>16</sup> The envelope shows the front of the four-story **Morgan & Co.** building, workers, and two-wheel horse-drawn carts. The letters SSE(?) appear at the lower left of the illustration and may be the engraver's initials. The postage stamp was engraved by **Daniel Adams**, and he is shown as an engraver in an 1860 Nashville directory and the 1860 U.S. census.<sup>17</sup> The stamp includes “**W. D. McNish, P. M.,**” and **William D. McNish** was the Nashville Postmaster, who is listed as a principal postal clerk in an 1860 Nashville directory and as a clerk in the 1850 U.S. census.<sup>18</sup> **T. H. “Caldwell,”** attorney, is in Shelbyville in the 1860 U.S. census, and he is shown as **Thomas H. Coldwell**, Tennessee Attorney General, in the 1870 U.S. census.<sup>19</sup> **William G. Brownlow**, Governor of Tennessee in 1865-1869, appointed **Thomas H. Coldwell** as Tennessee Attorney General.<sup>20</sup>

“**Terrass Brothers, Wholesale Grocers**” of Nashville sent an envelope postmarked August 1861 to **Thomas B. Cooper** in Centre, Alabama. [Figure 5] **John W. Terrass**, grocer, is in Nashville in the 1860 U.S. census, and he and his apparent brother **F. Terrass**, both merchants, are in Nashville in the 1850 U.S. census.<sup>21</sup> The envelope text includes “**Dealers in Fine & Domestic Liquors, Segars, Tobacco, Iron, Nails, &c.**” The auction catalog states that **William Eaves** engraved the envelope, as well as Figure 1, and that the handwritten note reads

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**Figure 5**

“Notice they had mailed my letter to **Wm. Drew**.<sup>22</sup> **Terrass Brothers** sold bacon, coffee, ham, candles, soap, sugar, and salt to the CSA Quartermaster.<sup>23</sup> A **Thomas B. Cooper**, lawyer, is in Centre in the 1860 U.S. census.<sup>24</sup>

“**Maxwell, Saulpaw & Co., Bridge Builders**” of Nashville sent an envelope to **John L. Moses** in Knoxville postmarked 7 December 1861.[Figure 6] An **A. L. Maxwell**, bridge builder, is in Nashville, in the 1860 U.S. census.<sup>25</sup> He is listed



**Figure 6**

as **A. L. Maxwell, Jr.** in an 1860 Nashville directory, and as **Anthony L. Maxwell**, bridge builder, in the 1870 U.S. census.<sup>26</sup> **G. W. Saulpaw**, railroad contractor(?), is in Decaturville in the 1860 U.S. census, and he is shown as **George W. Saulpaw**, railroad contractor, in the 1870 U.S. census.<sup>27</sup> **A. L. Maxwell, Jr.** presented multiple vouchers to the CSA government for bridge building.<sup>28</sup> The

envelope has a CSA stamp showing **Jefferson Davis**. **John L. Moses**, banker, is in Knoxville in the 1860 U.S. census, and an online family tree shows that he served as superintendent of the Knoxville and Kentucky Railroad.<sup>29</sup>

This article shows how old envelopes illustrate our ancestors' lives at work and add detail to occupations shown in the census simply as merchant or grocer. While workplace owners are identified in this article, these images let us glimpse the life of every employee of these companies. Postal historians refer to these envelopes as advertising covers, and published references show hundreds of other examples.<sup>30</sup> In addition to life at work, old envelopes and postcards can reveal an immigrant's home village before coming to the U.S., military service details, social and political interests, and even family photographs on a real photo postcard.<sup>31</sup> Please contact the author if you have an envelope or postcard that you would like to add to *Philgen.org*, or have additional or alternative information on a sender or recipient. Data provided by readers will be credited to the person and/or their genealogical, historical, or philatelic association.

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## Dye – Bonner

Seeking parents and ancestors of **Elizabeth H. Dye**, b. 17 June 1827 in Alabama (one census reads TN). Married **Alfred Redditt Bonner** in Shelby Co., TN on 9 Oct. 1845; 1850 – 1871 lived in Phillips/Lee Co. AR. Died 15 Aug. 1871.  
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## Cantrill/Cantrell

**Christopher Cantrill/Cantrell** – b. ca 1750 in Frederick, VA according to deed recorded in 1785 in Nardy, VA, mentioned wife **Susan**. 1794 he was located in Randolph, VA. 1800 Census he was located in Montgomery, Ky. 1820 Census has him in Green, OH. Any info. would be appreciated.  
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Confederate Pension Applications -- Crisp County, Georgia

**Bailey, Joseph W.**

Record was transferred from Forsyth County, GA, in 1906. Applicant has lived in GA since birth - 1834. He enlisted in Company F, 38<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Regiment and was wounded (shot through the left thigh) on 7 Apr 1862, at the Battle of Shiloh.

**Bolin, Maggie F.**

Death Certificate

Mrs. **Maggie F. Bolin** of 310 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cordele, GA, died on 2 Sep 1935, and cause of death -- Pelegra, afe -- 83 years, 4 months, 13 days. She was born in AL and is the daughter of **Geo. C. White**, who was born in TN, and **Sarah Taswell**. Deceased was buried in Sunnyside Cemetery in Cordele, GA.

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Cass County

**Jos. Bledsoe** Dead

Over at the ex-Confederate Home at Higginsville, "the muffled drum's sad roll has beat the soldier's last tattoo," for **Jos. C. Bledsoe**, old time citizen of Pleasant Hill and late member of Co. F, Fourth Tennessee Cavalry, Confederate States Army.

*The History of St. Clair County - 1883*

**Thomas J. Amlin** was born 17 Nov 1841, in Franklin Co., TN, his parents being **John M.** and **Mary A. (Childs) Amlin**, the former of OH, born 4 Jul 1811, and the latter of TN, born 25 Jul 1812.

*Itawamba Settlers*

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p. 115 **Alexander Hodges** born in September 1828 in Tn, son of **William Hodges** and **Elizabeth Bibey Hodges** and grandson of **Able Hodges** and **Sarah Wood Hodges** who lived in Franklin Co. TN. In the 1840's several members of the **Hodges** family left Tennessee to settle in Itawamba County, MS.

Pp 132- 144 1880 Itawamba County State (not Federal) Census, Enumeration of Females over 21, District 2

**Boren, Mascie (Massy)** age 57 white born in TN

**Barrett, Fannie** age 26 white born in TN

**Barker, Sallie** age 24 white born in TN

**Brooks, L. J.** age 47 white born in TN

**Carver, M. J.** age 22 white born in TN

**Cooley, Bettie** age 45 white born in TN

**Cunningham, M. A.** age 38 white born in TN

**Farras, S. A.** age 25 white born in TN

**Garnson, N. V.** age 41 white born in TN

**Gillespie, A. D.** age 41 white born in TN

**Heflin, Fannie** age 34 white born in TN

**Huddleston, H. A.** age 60 white born in TN

**Hankins, Minnie** age 66 white born in TN

**Jones, Bettie** age 51 white born in TN

**Livingston, A.** age 61 white born in TN

**Leight, Pauline** age 54 white born in TN

**McMillian, Mattie** age 28 white born in TN

**McDaniel, Vino** age 40 white born in TN

**Phillips, Minnie** age 38 white born in TN

**Pearce, Susan** age 48 white born in TN

**Stephens, Annie** age 58 white born in TN

**Tabler, M. J.** age 39 white born in TN

**Tackett, F. M.** age 75 white born in TN

**Underwood, Bettie** age 57 white born in TN

**Whit, M. H.** age 65 white born in TN

**Walton, M. D.** age 50 white born in TN

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The Wayside Hospital Registry in High Point,  
Part 8

#3537 **Luck, John** Ajt 1st TN Status: right  
shoulder; Complaint; Vulnus Sclopeticum  
Admitted: Aug. 25 Discharged: Aug. 26

#3555 - **Dain, Jos** Sargt. 13th TN Company D  
Status-in right hand Complaint: Vulnus  
Sclopeticum Admitted: Aug. 28 Discharged  
Aug. 29

#3677 - **Bettis, W. T.** Pri. 22nd TN Company G  
Status: in the neck Complaint: Vulnus  
Sclopeticum Admitted: Sept. 6 Discharged:  
Sept. 7

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**Mattie F. Coffman** was born 1875 in Ohio. She  
married **Robert Warren** 18 Oct 1900 in Greene  
Co. He was born July 1878 in TN.

**Ophelia Nellie R. Coffman** was born about  
1894 in AR and died before 1920. She married  
**Newton Ausburn Ellington** 18 Jan 1914 in  
Greene Co. **Newton** was born about 1885 in  
TN.

**Florence Marguerite Coffman** was born 12  
Feb 1901 in AR. She married **Luther Chunn** in  
1921 in Greene Co. He was born about 1901 in  
TN.

**Nolder Ross "Jack" Caudle** was born about  
1902 in AR. In the 1930 census he was living in  
Memphis.

P. 91 **John Ratton** born about 1819 in KY and  
died before 1860. He married **Martha A. Curtis**  
11 Dec 1844 in Crittenden County, AR. **Martha**  
was born about 1829 in TN and died before  
1870.

P. 95 Child of **Alpha** and **Robert Barnett**:

**Sherrod Arnold Barnett** born about 1910 in  
AR. On 13 Jan 1942 **Sherrod Arnold  
Barnett** of Memphis married Mrs.  
**Josephine Micholak Mokey** in Crittenden  
Co., AR. **Sherrod** worked for Marx &  
Bensdorf in Memphis.

p. 96 **William Magness** was born about  
1813 in TN.

p. 107 The **Little** Family, Pioneers of Greene  
County, AR.

**Hepsey**, maiden name unknown, born about  
1806 in NC. Married an unknown **Little**. He  
was born in NC and died before 1850. In  
1850 **Hepsey Little** lived in Hardeman Co,  
TN. In 1855, she and her son **John Little**  
bought 85 acres of land from **Robert Box** in  
Hardeman Co., TN.

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p. 149 Illinois Civil War Soldiers  
**McDill, Andrew T.** - b. 2 Jul 1837 at  
Biggsville, Henderson Co., IL. Sgt. Co. G  
84th IL Inf. Wid. **Elizabeth E. McDill**; d. 29  
Jan 1914 at Nashville, TN; bur. Nashville  
Natl. Cem., Davidson Co., TN.

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p. 126  
The Life of **Jourdon Anderson**, who  
dictated a letter to his "old Master" in 1865  
by **Curt Dalton**.

**Jourdan Anderson** was born in December  
1825, someplace in TN. He became a slave  
of General **Paulding Anderson**, of Big



Spring, Wilson Co., TN sometime around 1833, when he was 7 or 8 years old. General **Anderson** was a somewhat famous man in Wilson County, having once served in the state legislature.

Over the years **Amanda** had 11 children. The ones born in TN seem to have been **Matilda**, **Catherine**, **Mildred** (known as **Milly**) circa 1848, **Jane** circa 1851 and **Felis Grundy**, born on 14 Mar 1859.

**Jourdan** and his family left Colonel **Anderson** sometime in 1864, with **Jourdon** receiving his free papers from the Provost Marshall General of the Department of Nashville, TN.

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p. 25 **William Holmes** was born between 1832 and 1837 in TN. He was married on 30 December 1855 in Alexander Co., IL to **Susanna Barnett**. He died after 1880 in Alexander Co. IL.

**Riley Henderson** was born about 1813 in TN, the son of **James** and **Sarah** \_\_\_\_\_ - **Henderson**. He was married about 1839 to **Nancy Dunning**. He died after 1880 in Alexander Co., IL.

Pp. 34-43 1880 Mortality Schedule of Johnson County, Illinois

New Burnside Town Ed53, page 1  
#154 - **Hohn, Jno.** 23 MW Single TN TN TN Day Laborer 16 Sep Rheumatism 17  
(?) - **Emery, Jos.** 24 MW Single TN - TN farming 16 Apr '79 Pneumonia  
#106- **Lane, Mary** 1 FW Single IL TN KY 10 May Measles  
(?) - **Colbeth, N.** 35 FW Widowed IL KY TN housekeeper 11 Jun '80 Consumption  
#311 - **Dill, B. F.** 5/12 FW Single IL TN KY 16

Feb. '80 Pneumonia

Burnside Township ED 53, page 2  
#458 - **Marplin, M. L. L.** 15 MW Single TN TN KY Labors 20 Nov. '79 fever  
#579 - **Williams, C. M.** 19 FW Single IL TN TN house work 20 Mar. '80  
#605 - **Sharp, S.** 21 FW Single IL TN KY housekeeper 10 Jan. '80  
#509 - **Harper, Jos.** 71 MW Widowed TN TN TN farmer 10 Sep. '79 Paralysis

Elvira ED 54  
#408 - **Russel, Sarah** 70 FW single TN TN TN Jul. congestion stomach

Goreville T. ED54 page 1  
#34 - **Peterman, Wm.** 22 MW Single IL TN TN Servant Feb. congestion of bowels  
#34 - **Peterman, Wesley** 19 MW Single IL TN TN Farm laborer Feb. Typhoid Fever  
#35 - **Malaer, Freddie** 4/12 MW Single IL IL TN Jun. Inflammation Brain  
# ?? - **Hufstoller, Wm.** 3/12 MW Single IL TN IL Apr Hives  
#141 - **Adams, Cora** 1 FW Single IL TN KY Apr Unknown  
#169 - **Miller, Robert** 8/30 MW Single IL TN IL Sep. Unknown  
#222 - **Smith, George** 2 MW Single IL IL TN Nov. Remittent Fever  
#258 - **Collins, Lucinda** 34 FW Married NC GA TN Keeping house Nov. Unknown  
#261 - **Ozment, Nancy** 1 FW Single IL TN TN Jun Remitting Fever  
#364 - **Venible, Wm.** 19 MW Single TN TN TN Farm laborer Feb. Typhoid Fever  
#364 - **Venible, Archibald** 11 MW Single IL TN TN Farm Laborer Feb. Typhoid Fever

Bloomfield Township ED 55, Page 1  
#24 - **Hames, Rubin** 31 MW Married IL TN KY Farmer Jan. Pneumonia  
#23 - **Claton, Crecy** 10 FW Single AR TN IL Jun. Pneumonia

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#177 - **Evans, Ellen** 1/12 FW Single IL TN TN  
Jan Dysentery

Tunnel Hill Prec. ED 55, Page 1

#1 - **Carson, Hiram** 59 MW Married IL TN TN  
farmer Jan. Paralysis of heart

#7 - **Webb, Ann** 2 FW Single IL TN IL Apr.  
Croup

#23 - **Allbright, Letha** 53 FW Married IL TN  
TN keeping house Sep. Disease of Bowls (sic)

#30 - **Williams, John** 6/12 MW Single IL TN  
IL Aug. Disease of lungs

#33 - **Bruff, Ellis** 1 FW Single IL KY TN Oct.  
Desintary (sic)

#46 - **Parks**, not named SB MM Single IL KY  
TN Feb. Stillborn

#180 - **Casey**, not named SB MW Single IL IL  
TN Aug Stillborn

#208 - **Lennon**, not named SB MW Single IL  
TN IL Jan. Stillborn

## - **Harris(?) Ruben** 31 MW Married IL TN  
KY Farmer Jan. Pneumonia

## - **Claton(?), Cresy** 10 FW Single AR TN IL  
May Pneumonia

Grantsburg TN Ed 56, page 1

#7 - **Ramsy, J. N.** 1 MW Single MO TN TN  
Dec. Dentition

#8 - **Rooles, R. T.** 2 MW Single TN TN TN  
Sep. Cholera Infantum

#15 - **Guan, W. H.** 2 MW Single MO TN TN  
Dec. Dropsy

#85 - **Stephens, B.** 3/24 MW Single TN NC IL  
May Debility

#99 - **Hight, R. D.** 60 MW Married TN NC NC  
Farmer Mar. Paralysis

#114 - **Walker, Flora** 1 FW Single IL IL TN  
Sep. Consumption

#166- **Forsyth, R.** 5 MW Single TN LA TN  
Oct. Conjestive chill

#178 - **Robins, W. A.** 1 MW Single IL TN IL  
Nov. Pneumonia 1

#192 - **White, J. T.** 28 MW Single IL TN KY  
Farmer Mar Consumption

#225 - **Ragains**, 25 FW Married TN Keeping  
house Jan Consumption

Vienna ED 57, page 1

#18 - **Hutson, John H.** 1 MB Single TN  
Feb. Effect of burn

#55 - **Hamby, Saml. N.** 2 MW Single IL KY  
TN Jul. Nonia

#59 - **Roberts, Saml. B.** 56 MW Married TN  
TN Carpenter Jul. Malarial Fever

#62 - **Clymore**, 1/30 MW Single IL TN IL  
Nov. Stillborn

#77 - **Russell, M. J.** 45 FW Married TN  
Keeping house Jul Gastritis

#77 - **Russell, Wesley** 4 MW Single IL KY  
TN at home Jul. Conj. Chills

#79 - **Pickens, Hannah** 1 FW Single IL IL  
TN at home Oct. Conj. Of Bowels

#113 - **Perry**, 2 MW Single IL TN IL at  
home Sep. Typho fever

#191 - **Robinson, Thomas** 20 MB Single TN  
Laborer Jul. Pneumonia

#227 - **Sanders, Julia** 1/30 FW Single IL TN  
TN Aug. Thrush

#257 - **Gillespie, P.** 18 FW Single IL TN TN  
Mar. Pneumonia

Cashe ED 58, page 1

#288 - **Bowers, Larkin** 55 MW Married TN  
KY KY Clergyman Nov. Pneumonia

#208 - **Golithy, H** 18 FW Married IL TN TN  
H. Keeping Apr. Puerperal Fev

#99 - **Dunn, W. R.** 18 MW Single TN TN IL  
Farming Oct. Conj Chills

#243- **Fain, Esibell** 50 FW Married TN TN  
TN H. K. Jan. Tyfoid Fever

#256 - **Thompson, Martha** 5 FW Single TX  
TN IL Sep. Malarial Fever

#68 - **Smith, Samel** (sic) 3 MW Single IL TN  
NC Apr Parlisad(?)

#224 - **Lowery, Eddia** 47 FW Married TN  
TN TN Feb. Pnemonia (sic)





*Reviewed by Loretta Bailey*

***Over the Misty Blue Hills, The Story of Cocke County, Tennessee***, by **Ruth Webb O'Cell**, 369 pp., 9 x 6, hard cover cc 1982, New Material by Rev. **Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr.**, Full Name Index by **Ella E. Lee Sheffield** and **Pauling Shields Walker**. Cost: \$50.00 plus s&h. Order from Southern Historical Press, Inc. (See further ordering information at end of reviews)

Some of the topics covered by this history of Cocke County, Tennessee are the political history, early settlers family histories, the religious history, industrial development, civic, educational and social development, the establishment and development of negro schools, notables of Cocke County, war records of former Cocke County soldiers, Indians and an appendix with other topics such as military history, Confederate and Union soldiers, War of 1812 and much more.

The surnames of some of the early settlers are: **Allen, Ball, Boydston, Clark, Dawson, Denton, Fine, Gillett, Hopkins, Huff, Inman, Jobe, Jonnes, Lee, Lilliard, McKay, O'dell, Palmer, Peck, Roadman, Smith, Stanberry, Stokely, Susong, Whitson & Wood.**

Anyone with ancestors in Cocke County should have this history.

***Leaves From the Family Tree*** by **Penelope Johnson Allen**, 372 pp. 8 ½ x 11, hard cover, cc 1982 by the Rev. **Silas Emmett Lucas, Jr.**, Rept. 2010. Cost: \$75.00 plus s&h Order from: Southern Historical Press, Inc. (See further ordering information at end of reviews.)

This volume is filled to overflowing with family histories in Tennessee. Much of the history in this book would have been lost without Mrs. **Allen's** discovery of many

deteriorating early public documents. With the assistance of the Tennessee DAR and the WPA work program the records filled 1500 volumes, this one among them. Some of the counties where some of these families were found are: McMinn, Sullivan, Bledsoe, Greene, Miegs, Hamilton, Knox, Davidson, Anderson, Roane, Hardin, Bradley and Rhea, and that was in the first forty pages. All the surnames and family histories contained in this book are way too many to mention, but just a few are: **Anderson, Butler, Campbell, Donahoo, Edwards, Foust, Gillespie, Igau, Julian, Leeper, Mayberry, Patterson, Ramsey, Stewart, Tate, Van Dyke, Whiteside** and **Yarnell.**

The histories of various other counties, Tennessee Revolutionary War Patriots & graves, Tennessee soldier's pensions and much more are included. So many family histories are hard to find in one book which makes this book one that anyone would like to own.

***Polk County, Georgia, The First One Hundred Years*** by **Larry D. Carter**, 8 ½ x 11, 1003 pp., indexed, film laminated hard cover, cc 2012, Price: \$75.00 per book, includes shipping. Make check payable to **Larry D. Carter**, 305 Watersedge Rd., Greenwood, SC 29649, Phone: (864-223-4901)

Mr. **Carter**, the author of this book, lived for some time in Cedartown, Georgia and worked with the Polk County Historical Society for many years, serving as President for two years. He began this book while living in Cedartown, and it has just been published.

Although the title of this book shows just Polk County, it could easily be an early

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history of Georgia. Chapter One is a pre-history pointing out the elevation of the land and the danger of living in the area that became Polk County. This section also includes the first people who lived in the area including the Indian tribes. It later tells about the nationalities of the people who settled there.

Chapter Two tells of the Removal of the Cherokee and the events preceding the 'Trail of Tears' and the people involved.

Chapter Three names early settlers (Beginning in 1832) Indian agents assessed the three Cherokee settlements, with the value of property and names of the Indian Head of Household. This chapter also covers the 1832 land lottery and the 1838, 1840 and 1850 Paulding County Census with names of heads of households and number of people in each household. Paulding County was the original county from which Polk County was formed. The 1850 Census shows the names of all persons living there. Lists of teachers and preachers are also named. Early Slavery in Paulding County is covered. Polk County's first Census was in 1860. Schools and churches in Paulding County are also covered. A short biography of **Linton Walthall, Hampton Whatley** and **Asa Prior** appear in this chapter.

Chapter Four covers the creation of Polk County in 1851. Georgia has 159 counties, but at one time it had 161 counties; throughout this period counties were added or changed quite frequently. This paragraph covers how the county was named and gives information about President **James Knox Polk**. Cedar Town was selected as the County Seat, and numerous postmasters, commissioners and other officials are named.

Chapter Five covers the Civil War (1861-1865) with the names of the officers of each unit. There were more than 175 engagements listed in this chapter and pictures of some involved

are included.

Chapter Six concerns Early Industrialization (1866-1900) Many business owners are listed in this chapter along with the types of business conducted. Many cemeteries are included in this chapter with names of those buried there.

Chapter Seven (1901-1925 covers, among other topics, the history of the modern age which includes the Great Depression and World War II and the arrival of Goodyear. Some of the other information contained in these chapters are all Polk County soldiers who perished in every war from the Civil War to Vietnam; all county Judges, representatives and other government officials are included. A collection of biographical narratives and historical stories by other authors as well can be found, and early marriage records are included. There is probably as much information not mentioned in this review. as is mentioned. A few of the surnames in the biographical narratives are: **Abbott, Barber, Blanchard, Campbell, Carmichael, Cummings, Dunaway, Everett, Featherston, Hightower, Holloway, Leake, Ledbetter, Long, Mundy, Parker, Philpot, Powell, Purks, Walker, Williamson, Wright**, and many more. All the information is well documented with many pictures, maps and documents included.

This tremendous volume contains a goldmine of information for any researcher in Georgia, and every library should have a copy.

***My Melungeon Heritage, A Story of Life on Newman's Ridge** by Mattie Ruth Johnson, 160 pp, 6 x 9, soft cover, Pub. 1997. Order No. BQ 18. Cost: \$13.00 plus s&h. Order from Southern Historical Press, Inc. (For*



*more ordering information, see end of reviews)*

Who are the Melungeons? As a small child, the author was told that she was related to the Melungeons. Later in her life her research showed that her family were descendants of more Melungeons than any other family. Several ancestors were listed among the first settlers in the area and the early census takers used (FC) and as far as she could determine that meant "Free Persons of Color". Later the same people were listed as "White". In most instances the Melungeons were dark skinned. She found that some of the ancestors came from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky, and they claim Scotch-Irish, English, Spanish, Portuguese and Cherokee ancestry.

This book is the story of the author's family life on top of Newman's Ridge from about 1940 to

1957. Some of the chapter titles are Growing Up on the Mountain, Harvest Time, Meetings on the Mountain, Color Doesn't Matter, Prospect School, Sayings, People and Special Times, Bits and Pieces, and Meanderings. Pictures of some of the people and their homes and activities are included.

The book also contains the genealogy of ancestral lines of **Massingill, Mullins, Gibson, Goins, Loven, Bunch, Johnson** and three branches of **Collins**.

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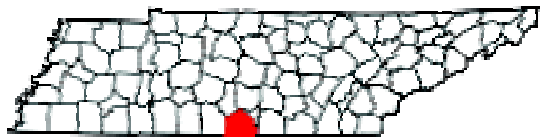
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# Lincoln County Miscellaneous Records



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*Lincoln County (Miscellaneous Records) Ac.  
#513-2*

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Buckeye Primitive Baptist Church – Aug. 1848-  
Sept. 1926

Members

(A)

**William Anderson** – Sep. 1859

Miss **Adelia Anderson**, Oct. 18, 1866

**Amanda Anderson** 1867

**Martha Anderson** Excluded Mar. 1869

**Francis Alexander** Joined Mar. 1867

**Tillman Anderson**, Joined Aug. 1887

**G. J. Alexander**, Joined Sep. 1873

**G. J. Alexander**, Joined July 1894

**Mary L. Alexander**, joined July 1894

**O. S. Stewart**, joined 1894

**W. S. Alexander**, joined Sep. 1890

**Ednur M. Alexander**, joined Sep. 1890

**Cecil C. Alexander**, joined Aug. 1893

(B)

**Winnie Brooks**, Oct 1855

**William Brown**, Aug. 1856

Mrs. **Brown**, Aug. 1856

**N. A. Bailey**, Aug. 1859

**Ann B. Bailey**, Jan. 1859

**George Bunn**, joined Sep. 1890

(C)

**W. P. Cheik**, Oct. 1857

Mrs. **W. P. Cheik**, Oct. 1857

**Jas. Conway**, Oct. 1853, Exc. Dec. 1855

**Julia A. Cowan**, Aug. 1856

**Geo. R. Cowan**, Sep. 1858, Exc. June 1859

**Benjamin Carty**, Sep. 1858, Died 1858

(D)

**W. C. Diemor**, 1855, Dism. May 1861

**Henrietta Dunston**, 1867

Mrs. **Mulley Davis**, July 11, 1891

Miss **Vallez C. Evans**, Aug. 1893

(F)

**Lewis M. Fleming**, Aug. 1848, Exc. Oct. 1867

**Salina R. Fleming**, June 1855, Exc. 1867

(G)

**Daniel Gibson**, Sep. 1848

**Arabian Graves**, Oct. 1851, Dism. 1851

**Jas. D. Grisard**, June 1855, died 1866

**Ami Grisard**, June 1855, Dism. Feb. 1867

**Jane Grisard**, Exc. 1857

**M. F. Grisard**, Dism. Feb. 1867

(H)

**Mary Hester**, Aug. 5, 1848

**Isaac Hister**, Aug. 1848, Dism. Oct. 1851

**Nancy Holman**, 1848

**E. L. Hister**, Apr. 1852, Dism. Oct. 1860

**W. W. Hister**, Oct. 1853, Dism. Sep. 1858

**Ann B. Hister**, Oct. 1855, Dis. Jan. 1858

**John Harris**, Apr. 1857, Dism. Sep. 1857

**Harriet Hister**, Apr. 1857, Dis. Sep. 1857

**Ostin Harris**, July 1857

**M. A. Hister**, Aug. 1858, Dis. Oct. 1860

**Thos. D. Harris**, Sep. 1859, died May 20, 1860

(J)

**W. E. Jewell**, Oct. 1852, Dis Mar. 5, 1853

Mrs. **W. E. Jewell**, Oct. 1852

**Joseph Jenn**, Oct. 1853, Exc. Oct. 1855

**Wm. J. Jones**, Oct. 1853, Exc. Nov. 1858

**Thomas Jean**, Oct. 1853, Exc. Oct. 1855

**Mary Jones**, Sep. 1856

Mrs. **W. M. Jones**, 1856, Dism. Nov. 1858

**Wm. H. Jones**, Sep. 1858

**Mary C. Jones**, Apr. 1867





(M)

**Margaret Moyers**, Aug. 1848  
**John Moyers**, Oct. 1853  
**Elijah Majors**, Oct. 1853, Dism. April 1857  
**Mrs. Majors** Oct. 1853, Dism. Apr. 1857  
**John McNabb**, Nov. 1853, Exc. May 1858  
**Ann McNabb**, Nov. 1853, Exc. June 1858  
**Samuel McNabb**, Oct 1855, Exc. June 1858  
**Parthena Marshall**  
**Hannah Marshall**, (colrd) July 1857  
**Dr. W. B. Martin**, Sep. 1858  
**J. T. McCauley**, April 1861  
**Mary E. McKinney**  
**Lavina A. Martin**  
**Smith Morgan**, Sep. 1868  
**Mary Morgan**, Sep. 1868  
**Abigail Morgan**, Sep. 1868  
**Marthy Morgan**, Sep. 1868  
**Lizzie McKinney** Aug. 1893

(N)

Miss **Elizabeth Niece**, Apr. 1858  
**R. J. Newsom**, Aug. 1818

(P)

**W. A. Pitts**, Aug. 5, 1848  
**Nancy Pitts**, Aug. 5, 1848  
**Pitts, John B.**, Nov. 1st 1848  
**Calvin Pomeroy**  
**Miss Pamplin**, Oct. 1853  
**Cynthia Pitts**, Oct. 1853  
**Miss Pitts**, Oct. 1853  
**Rebecca Pitts**, Oct. 1853  
**Henry P. Pitts**, April, 1858  
**Harriet C. Pitts**, Apr. 1858  
**James Pitts**, May 1858  
**Joel A. Pitts**, Sep. 1858  
**Miss Rachel Pitts**, Oct. 18th 1866  
**Fannie Pitts**, Oct. 18th, 1866  
**Mattie L. Pitts**, Oct. 1890  
**F. M. Pamplin**, Aug. 1893  
**Joel Panks**, Aug. 1893  
**Catin Pitts**, Aug. 1893

(R)

**W. B. Rhea**, Aug. 5th 1848, Exc. June 1857  
**Nancy Rhea**, Aug. 1848 died Aug 1865  
**Susannah Rowlin** Aug. 1857  
**Emily Russel**, Aug. 8, 1848, Dism. 1857  
**Sarah H. Rhea**, Sep. 1st 1848  
**Martha Roach**, Oct. 1853  
**Andrew B. Rhea**, Oct. 1853, Exc. April 1857  
**John J. Rhea**, Oct. 1853  
**Phillis Rhea** (colrd) Oct. 1853  
**Julia Rhea** (colrd) Sep. 1858  
**Mary Rhea** (colrd) Sep. 1858  
**Catherine Rhea**

(S)

**W. C. Soloman**, Aug. 5th 1848  
**Lucinda Soloman**, Aug. 5th, 1848  
**Andrew J. Soloman**, Sep. 1848 Dis. July 1858  
**Art. C. Soloman**, Aug. 7, 1848, Exc. 1856  
**B. F. Soloman**, Sep. 1st 1848, Dism Oct. 1851  
**Lavina Solomon** Sep. 1st 1848, m.  
**W. B. Martin**  
**Samuel Soloman**, Sep. 1st 1848  
**Mrs. Soloman**, wife of **Saml.**  
**Mary E. Smith**, 1849, Dism. Apr. 1853  
**C. E. Smith**, July 1849, Exc. 1857  
**Margaret Moyers**  
**Joseph Soloman**, Sep. 1848, Exc. 1857  
**George Summers**, Sep. 1858  
**Sarah Soloman**, Sep. 1858  
**Lucinda Soloman**, Sept. 1858  
**Fannie Soloman** Oct. 8th, 1856. m.  
**Julia Pitts** 1866  
**Rev. S. L. Sanford**, Jan. 1867  
**Mrs. Nancy L. Summerford**, Jan. 1867  
**J. M. Stewart**, Aug. 1893

(T)

**Martha Thomison**, Oct. 1853, Dism. Nov. 1858

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**Wm. C. Thomison**, Oct. 1853  
**Francis Thurman**, Oct. 1853, Exc. Apr. 1857  
**Mary Thomison**, Oct. 1855  
**M. J. V. McKinney**  
**Hugh Thomison**, Oct. 1855  
**Mrs. Thomison**, Oct. 20, 1855  
**Elanora Thomison**, Aug. 1856  
**Elias Thurman**, Sep. 1858, Dism. 1860  
**Dallie Thurman**, Sep. 1858, Dism. Oct. 1860  
**Mrs. Mary Thomison**, Sep. 1858  
**Martha Thurman**, Sep. 1858, Dis. 1860  
**Mat Thomison** (colrd) 1858  
**Jane Thurman**, Oct. 1859, Dis. Oct. 1860  
**Sallie F. Thomison**, Oct. 18th 1866  
**Ida M. Thomison**, Aug. 1856,  
**G. J. Alexander**  
**W. C. Tucker**, Sep. 1890  
**Addy Tucker**, Sep. 1890

(W)

**William H. Webb**  
**Hartwell Webb**, April 1862  
**Nancy Webb**, Apr. 1862  
**Frank Weaver**, Oct. 1853  
**Robert M. Weaver**, Oct. 1855, Dism. Feb. 1867  
**Mrs. Weaver** 1855  
**Charlotte Weaver**, Aug. 1856  
**Miss Catherine Ward**, Jul. 1858 m.  
**J. J. Rhea**  
**John P. Weaver**, Sep. 1858, Dism. Feb. 1867  
**Susanah Weaver**, Sep. 1859, Dis. 1867  
**Margaret Wiley**, Sep. 1859  
**Sarah Wiley**, Oct. 1859  
**Elizabeth Williamson**

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1848 The Baptist Church at Norris Creek was constituted the 5th day of August 1848 being the Saturday before the 1st Sunday of Said Month. The presbytery was composed of

Brethren **John Harris**, **Jas. D. Cole**, Elders and Deacons **J. J. Whitaker**. This was one arm of the Mulberry Church and was supplied by Elder **John Harris** monthly until the date above mentioned when it was constituted into a Separate body to be known by the above name.

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The following named members then desires their names to be enrolled as members of this Church. August 5th 1848 – **W. C. Soloman** and **Lucinda** his wife, **William A. Pitts** and **Nancy** his wife, **Lewis Fleming**, **W. B. Rhea** and **Nancy** his wife, **Susanah Rowlin**, **Margaret Moyers** and **Mary Hister**. The Church appointed **W. R. Rhea** Clerk Pro tem. After which the church sat in conference the door being opened for the reception of members. **Isaac Hister** came forward as a candidate for membership. And after a Short but Satisfactory relation of his experience was received as a candidate for Baptism. After dismission of the Congregation repairing to the waters side and the ordinance of baptism was administered to Bro. **Isaac Hister** and Sister **Margaret Moyers** who had joined the Ministry Church previously.  
**W. B. Rhea**, Clke.

August 7th, 1848 The meeting being protracted, the Church met in conference on Monday the 7th of August, the door being opened for the reception of members **Augustus M. Soloman** and **Nancy Holman** presented themselves for admission and after a short but Satisfactory relation of their experience were received as candidates for baptism.  
**W. B. Rhea**, Clerk

**John Harris**, Pastor – On Tuesday the 8th



the Church again met in conference. The doors being opened for the reception of members. **Emily Russell** came forward and after giving a Short but Satisfactory relation of her experience was Rec'd for Baptism after service was dismissed.

**W. B. Rhea**, Clerk

Saturday before the first Sabbath in September the Church met according to appointment. Services by Bro. **B. Kimbro**. Doors were opened for the reception of members and **Daniel Gibson** came and gave a satisfactory relation of his experience, was received into fellowship for Baptism. This meeting was protracted until Monday night following. During the time, **And. J. Soloman** was received into fellowship and the ordinance of Baptism administered to Brethren **Gibson** and **Soloman**, Brethren **L. Fleming**, **W. C. Soloman** and **W. B. Rhea** was appointed delegates to bear a letter of Petition to the Liberty Association to converse with the Enm. Church in Ala. The Clerk was appointed to write said letter. One dollar for Minutes and Five Dollars for Missionary purposes was collected and sent up to the Association.

**W. B. Rhea**, Clerk

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Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in Oct. the Church met according to appointment. Services by pastor. After which sat in conference, Bro. **Isaac Histor** having made his arrangements to leave the neighborhood asked the Church for a letter of dismission which was granted unanimously. No further business being presented was dismissed.

**W. B. Rhea**, Clerk

1st Sunday in Oct. The Church again met in conference after Sermon by pastor, the door

being opened for members when **Benjamin F. Joseph** and **Lavina Soloman**, **Sarah H. Rhea**, **Samuel Soloman** and wife came and was received by letter after which was dismissed.

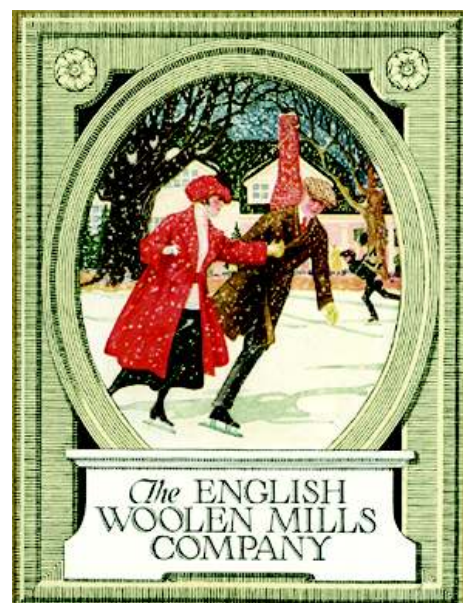
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Sept. 1849

The following are the Statistics of the Church at Norris Creek up to this date. **Wm. A. Pitts** & wife, **Wm. C. Coloman** & wife. **Mary Hister**, **Wm. H. Webb**, **John B. Pitts**, **Daniel Gibson**, **Emily Russell**, **Margaret Moyers**, **B. F. Soloman**, **A. M. Soloman**, **Joseph H. Soloman**, **Lavina Soloman**, **And. J. Soloman**, **Sam'l Soloman**, **C. E. Smith**, **Mary E. Smith**, **W. B. Rhea**, **Nancy Rhea**, **Sarah H. Rhea**, **Nancy Holman**, **Lewis Fleming**, **S. Robin**, **Mrs. Sam'l Soloman**. Total No. Members 25  
**W. B. Rhea**, Clerk Pro tem





# The Bennett Family

By Tina Sansone

In April 2012, I was asked to assist in locating descendants of **Richmond Bennett**, a black slave who joined his master in the Tennessee Army, March 5, 1862, and came home with his former owner in 1865. In "Turns Again Home" by Ellen Davies Rodgers", page 197 of the 9th chapter, "Back Porch Court" we read:

*At the time when **James Baxter Davies** (Great Uncle **Jim**) volunteered as a soldier to serve in the Civil War, he took with him a faithful helper from Davies Plantation. **Richmond Bennett** was taken as his bodyguard. They served together until the end of the War and were in several battles. **Richmond Bennett** was buried in Morning Grove Churchyard. Annually, on July 4, for many years Dr. **William Little Davies**, son of Uncle **Jim**, placed a flag on his grave".*

***James Baxter Davies** was born June 9, 1826 in Maury County and died at Davies Plantation June 17, 1904. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1862 as a private on March 5th. Joined the 38th TN infantry. Discharged in May, 1865. Fought at the following battle sites: New Peachtree Creek, Jonesboro, Perryville, the Second Battle of Atlanta and Lookout Mountain.*

**Richmond Bennett** was married and had many children. My goal was to find descendants so we could let them know about this brave ancestor that as a slave served in the Civil War. All who knew him spoke of his wonderful character, and he was admired by many until his death. One thing I noted was that both the **Davies** and **Bennett** families had a practice of using the same names for their children, which shows the relationship these families had with each other.

## First Generation

1. **Richmond "Dick" Bennett** was born in 1833 in TN. He died on 15 May 1915 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. He is buried at Morning Grove Cemetery. Richmond resided in 1870 and 1880 in District 8; in 1900 in Civil District 9 (north part); and in 1910 in Civil District 8, Shelby County, TN. **Richmond** married **Sarah Jane Tucker** in 1865. **Sarah** was born in Mar 1850/1844 in TN. She resided in 1900 in Civil District 9 (north part), 1910 in Civil District 8, and in 1920 in Civil District 2, Shelby County, TN. They had the following children:

- 2F i. **Hettie Bennet** was born in Jan 1862.
- 3M ii. **John Bennet** was born in Feb 1867. He died on 1 Apr 1954.
- 4M iii. **Stephen Bennet** was born about 1869 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. He died on 3 Apr 1947 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. He is buried at Morning Grove Cemetery.
- 5M iv. **Wilcher Bennet** was born about 1872 in TN.
- 6F v. **Meta Bennet** was born about 1873 in TN.
- 7F vi. **Mary Bennett** was born in 1875 in Memphis, Shelby, TN.
- 8M vii. **Lucious Bennet** was born 2 Dec 1873 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. He died on 17 Feb, 1926 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. **Lucious** married **Gertrude Tucker** in 1906 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. **Gertrude** died before 1910 in Shelby County, TN.



- 9F viii. **Lennie Bell Bennett** was born in Jan 1881. She died on 13 Mar 1952.
- 10M ix. **Clarence Bennett** was born in Feb 1883 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. He died on 31 Aug, 1940 in Bolivar, Hardeman, TN. He resided in Bartlett, Shelby, TN. **Clarence** married **Cornado** in 1909 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. **Pink** was born in 1889 in TN.
- 11F x. **Beatrice "Bessie" Bennett** was born in Jul 1886. She died on 16 Mar 1933.
- 12F xi. **Versie Bennet** (no children?) was born about 1893 in TN. She died on 6 Jun 1952 in Shelby County, TN. She is buried at Morning Grove Cemetery. **Versie** married (1) **Henry Pittman** son of **Unknown Pittman** and **Mary Massey** on 25 Dec 1917 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. **Henry** was born about 1890 in VA or TN. He died on 4 Mar 1927 in Shelby County, TN. **Henry** resided in 1920 in Civil District 2, Shelby, TN. **Versie** married (2) **Coley Wherry**, son of **Robert (Bob) Wherry** and **Little Lida Anne Green** in 1914 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. **Coley** was born in 1884 in TN. He died on 25 Nov 1916 in Arlington, Shelby, TN. **Coley** resided in 1910 in Civil District 8, Shelby, TN.

### Second Generation

2. **Hettie Bennet** (Richmond "Dick") was born in Jan 1862 in TN. She was buried in Lenow Cemetery. **Hettie** resided in 1880 in District 8, Shelby, TN, resided in 1900 in Civil District 9 (north part), and resided in 1910 in Civil District 9, Shelby, TN. **Hettie** married (1) **Arch Miller** on 9 Jan 1896 in Shelby County, TN. **Arch** was born in Dec 1846 in VA. He died on 10 Oct 1903 in Shelby County, TN. They had the following children:

- 13M i. **Archer Miller** was born on 22 Apr 1899 in TN. He died on 21 May 1944 in Moscow, Fayette, TN. He is buried at National Cemetery. **Archer** resided in 1900 in Civil District 9 (north part), Shelby, TN. **Archer** married **Mabel**.
- 14F ii. **Irma Miller** was born in 1901 in TN.
- 15F iii. **Dollie Miller** was born in 1902 in Shelby County, TN. She died on 29 Jan 1937 in Shelby County, TN.
- 16M iv. **Leslie Miller** was born in 1904 in Shelby County, TN.

**Hettie** married (2) **Wilson Eddenborough**, son of **B. Edingborough** and **Sarah J. Edingborough**. **Wilson** was born about 1863 in TN. He died in Shelby County, TN. **Wilson** resided in 1880 in District 9, Shelby, TN. They had the following children:

- 17M v. **Alvin Eddenborough** was born in May 1884 in TN.
- 18M vi. **Louis Eddenborough** was born in Dec 1887 in TN. **Louis** married **Lizzie Roane** in 1910 in Shelby County, TN.
- 19F vii. **Linnie Jane Eddenborough** was born in 1891. She died on 6 Sep 1936.
- 20F viii. **Cora Eddenborough** was born in Jun 1894 in TN. **Cora** married **Obryant Lowry** on 26 Jan 1942 in Crittenden County, AR. **Obryant** was born on 6 Jul 1897 in TN. He died on 4 Feb 1982 in Hennepin, MN. **Obryant** resided in Sunflower, MS.
- 21F ix. **Ollie Eddenborough** was born about 1900. She died on 13 May 1944.

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3. **John Bennet** (Richmond "Dick") was born in Feb 1867 in TN. He died on 1 Apr 1954 in Fayette County, TN. John resided in 1900 in Civil District 9 (north part), Shelby, TN. John married (1) **Eddie "Edna" Phillips** daughter of **Sam Phillips** and **Lula Delwick** on 20 Dec 1906 in Shelby County, TN. **Eddie** was born in Feb 1878 in Corinth, Alcorn, MS. She died on 29 May 1948 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. **Eddie** resided in 1900 in Kossuth, Alcorn, MS. They had the following child:

22M i. **Ward McWilliams** was born in 1906 in Shelby County, TN.

John married (2) **Emma Bennet** in 1892. Emma was born in Aug 1872 in TN. She resided in 1900 in Civil District 9 (north part), Shelby, TN. They had the following children:

23M ii. **Freddy Bennet** was born in Nov 1892 in TN. He resided in 1900 in Civil District 9 (north part), Shelby, TN.

24M iii. **John Richmond Bennet** was born on 10 Aug 1897 in TN. John married **Ida Redditt** on 11 Aug 1928 in Shelby County, TN. Ida was born in 1896.

25F iv. **Menlie Bennet** was born in Dec 1899 in TN.

9. **Lennie Bell Bennett** (Richmond "Dick") was born in Jan 1881 in Shelby County, TN. She died on 13 Mar 1952 in Shelby County, TN. She is buried at Morning Grove Cemetery. Lennie married **Aaron Miller** on 28 Dec 1894 in Shelby County, TN. **Aaron** was born in Nov 1876 in TN. **Aaron** and **Lennie** had the following children:

26M i. **Aaron Miller** was born in Sep 1897 in TN. He died on 25 Dec 1928 in Shelby County, TN. He is buried at Morning Grove. No marriage record for him could be located.

27M ii. **Eddie Miller** was born on 30 Dec 1899 in Tennessee. He died on 20 Dec 1934 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. Eddie married **Annie Smith** on 27 Nov 1919 in Shelby County, TN. Annie was born in 1899 in TN.

28F iii. **Linnie M. Miller** was born in 1902.

29M iv. **Goldie Miller** was born in 1904 in TN. He died on 22 Dec 1956 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. He married **Arilla Ross** on 6 Jul 1943 in Crittenden County, AR. **Arilla** was born in 1908 in TN.

30F v. **Lottie Dell Miller** was born in 1905 in TN. She died in Feb 1914 in Shelby County, TN. She is buried at Morning Grove Cemetery.

31F vi. **Rosa Lee Miller** was born on 28 Mar 1908. She died on 8 Aug 1994.

32M vii. **Willie Nesby Miller** was born about 1911 in TN. He died on 6 Oct 1943 in Oakville, Shelby, TN. He is buried in Morning Grove Cemetery.

**Willie** married **Sam Ella "Samella" Jones** daughter of **Sam Jones** and **Annie Jones** on 18 Dec 1934 in Shelby County, TN. **Sam** was born in 1913 in TN. **Sam** resided in 1930 in District 9, Fayette County, TN.

33M viii. **Gillie Miller** was born about 1916 in TN. He resided in Benjestown, Shelby, TN. He died on 7 Jun 1936 in Benjestown, Shelby, Tennessee.

34M ix. **Thomas F. Miller** was born about 1916 in TN.

35M x. **Joe Miller** was born about 1920 in TN. **Joe** resided in 1930 in District 1, Shelby



County, TN.

- 36F xi. **Lucy B. Miller** was born about 1922 in TN. She resided in 1930 in District 1, Shelby County, TN. Lucy married **Savania "L Z" Macklin**, son of **Eldridge Elvis Macklon** and **Carolene Macklon**, on 28 Nov 1935 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. **Savania** was born in 1915 in TN.

11. **Beatrice "Bessie" Bennett** (Richmond "Dick") was born in Jul 1886 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. She died on 16 Mar 1933 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. She is buried at Morning Grove Cemetery. Beatrice married **Hugh Wherry**, son of **Robert (Bob) Wherry** and **Littie Lida Anne Green** on 5 Feb 1906 in Shelby County, TN. **Hugh** was born in 1876 in TN. He died on 8 Jan 1945 in Shelby County, TN.

They had the following children:

- 37F i. **Mattie M. Wherry** was born in Sep 1907 in TN. She died on 9 Jul 1925 in Shelby County, TN. She married **Booker T. Eddins** son of **Isiah Eddins** and **Linnie Eddins** on 28 Nov 1924 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. **Booker** was born on 2 Jun 1906 in TN. He died in Jun 1972 in Shelby County, TN.
- 38M ii. **Aubrey Wherry** was born about 1911 in TN.
- 39M iii. **Edward Wherry** was born about 1913 in TN.
- 40M iv. **Robert R. Wherry** was born about 1915 in TN.
- 41M v. **Elvin "LV" Wherry** was born about 1917 in TN. He died on 22 Jan 1955 in Memphis, Shelby, TN. The cause of death was suicide, based on his death certificate. **Elvin** resided in 1920 in Civil District 2, Shelby County, TN.
- 42M vi. **Milton Wherry** was born on 15 Apr 1920 in TN. He died in Nov 1987 in Kansas City, Wyandotte, KS. He resided in 1920 in Civil District 2, Shelby, TN. He resided in 1930 in District 1, Shelby, TN.
- 43F vii. **Ruthie Bell Wherry** was born about 1922 in TN. **Ruthie** resided in 1930 in District 1, Shelby, Tennessee and in Eads, TN. Ruthie married **George Davis Harris** on 15 Jan 1945 in Crittenden County, Arkansas, USA. **George** was born in 1924.
- 44F viii. **Alice Elizabeth Wherry** was born about 1924 in TN. Alice married **Louis Carl Yahnke** son of **Louis C. Yahnke** and **Kate Yahnke** on 29 Oct 1947 in Shelby County, TN. **Louis** was born on 7 Feb 1917 in TN. He died in Mar 1975.
- 45F ix. **Living Wherry** was born on 22 Nov 1925 in TN.

### Third Generation

19. **Linnie Jane Eddenborough** (Hettie BENNET, Richmond "Dick") was born in 1891 in Shelby County, TN. She died on 6 Sep 1936 in Shelby County, TN. She married **Joe Moore**. **Joe** was born about 1896 in TN. They had the following child:

- 46M i. **Izora Moore** was born about 1918 in TN.

21. **Ollie Eddenborough** (Hettie Bennett, Richmond "Dick") was born about 1900 in





TN. She died on 13 May 1944 in Shelby County, TN. **Ollie** married **Ralph Rone**. **Ralph** was born in 1892. **Ralph** resided in 1928 in Memphis, TN. They had the following children:

- 47M i. **Melvin Rone** was born on 6 May 1916 in TN. He died on 26 Feb 1999 in Memphis, Shelby, TN.
- 48M ii. **Ralph Rone** was born on 2 Dec 1928 in TN. He died in May 1987 in Memphis, Shelby, TN.

28. **Linnie M. Miller** (Lennie Bell Bennett, Richmond "Dick") was born in 1902 in TN. **Linnie** married **Luther Cain** on 10 Mar 1918 in Shelby County, TN. **Luther** was born in 1895. He died in 1960. They had the following children:

- 49F i. **Vernell Cain** was born about 1919. She died on 1 Aug 1982.
- 50M ii. **Living Cain** was born about 1921 in TN.
- 51M iii. **Willie B. Cain** (died single) was born on 22 Apr 1922 in Tennessee. He died on 14 May 1942 in Shelby County, TN. **Willie** resided in 1930 in District 1, Shelby, TN.
- 52M iv. **Luther Cain** was born in 1925. He died in 1982.
- 53M v. **Living Cain** was born about 1927 in TN.
- 54M vi. **Living Cain** was born about 1930 in TN.
- 55F vii. **Anastona Cain** was born on 12 Jun 1940 in Shelby County, TN. She died on 23 May 1941 in Shelby County, TN.

31. **Rosa Lee Miller** (Lennie Bell Bennett, Richmond "Dick") was born on 28 Mar 1908 in Shelby County, TN. She died on 8 Aug 1994 in Shelby County, TN.

**Rosa** married **Edward Douglas** on 19 Dec 1923 in Shelby County, TN. **Edward** was born on 1 Aug 1907. He died on 15 Aug 1988 in Shelby County, TN. They had three living children.

### Fourth Generation

49. **Vernell Cain** (Linnie M. Miller, Lennie Bell Bennett, Richmond "Dick") was born about 1919 in Tennessee. She died on 1 Aug 1982 in Shelby County, TN. She is buried at Griffin Cemetery. **Vernell** married **Ross Granderson** on 18 Dec 1935 in Shelby County, TN. **Ross** was born on 10 Jan 1912 in Tennessee. He died on 1 Jun 2005 in Shelby County, TN.

52. **Luther Cain** (Linnie M. Miller, Lennie Bell Bennett, Richmond "Dick") was born in 1925. He died in 1982. **Luther** married **Lenora Davis**. **Lenora** was born in 1924. She died in 2005.

Any additions and/or corrections to the above can be sent to Tina Sansone, [tinahsansone@gmail.com](mailto:tinahsansone@gmail.com). Thank you.

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## Tennessee Ancestry Certificate Program

The Tennessee Genealogical Society sponsors this program to recognize and honor the early settlers who helped shape the great state of Tennessee. Persons wishing to place their ancestors in this roll of honor are invited to submit an application with supporting documents or other evidence that proves their prime ancestor lived in Tennessee or the area that became Tennessee before 1880. Family charts or computer printouts are not considered to be sufficient proof.

Attractive hand-lettered certificates suitable for framing are issued to each person whose application meets program qualifications. The certificates are inscribed with the prime ancestor's name, when and where he or she settled in Tennessee, and the applicant's name.

The application form for the certificate can be printed at our website [www.tngs.org](http://www.tngs.org) or via snail mail from TNGS, P. O. Box 381824, Germantown, TN 38183-1824.



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supporting documents or other proof of your ancestor's residency, along with a \$10 application fee. Attractive certificates suitable for framing are issued to each person whose application meets program qualifications. Certificates are inscribed with the prime ancestor's name, date and place of settlement in Tennessee along with the applicant's name. Note: TNGS has published two volumes of Tennessee Settlers and Their Descendants compiled from information contained in these applications and will publish a third volume when adequate numbers of additional applications are received.

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