

# Mhoontown Cemetery/

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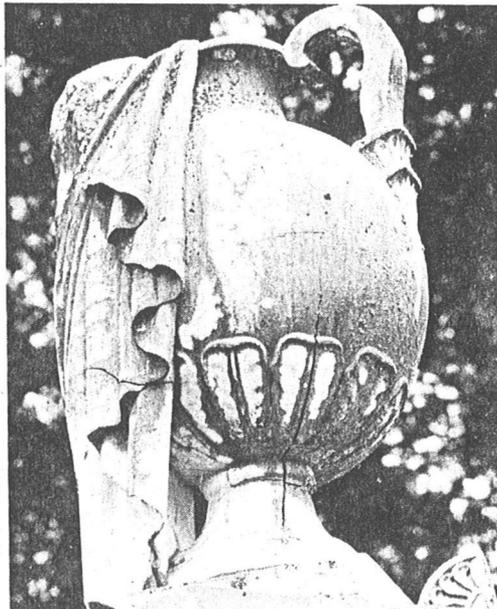
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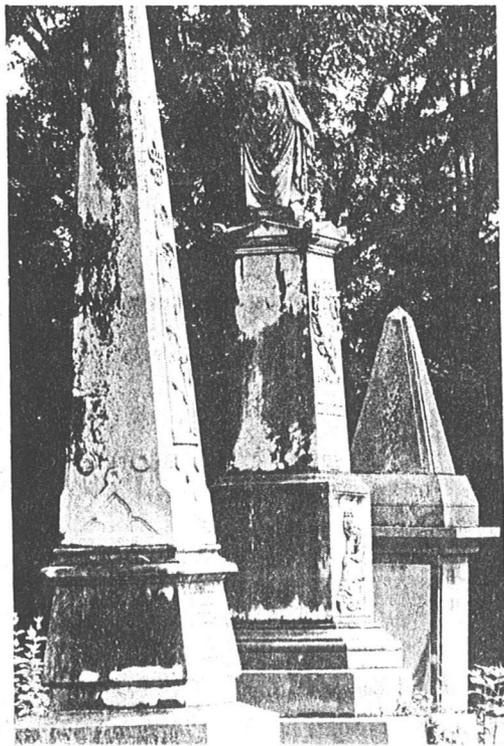
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Three Most Prominent Tombs—Lucinda, George And Mary Mhoon



Grieving Woman On Tomb Of George Mhoon

REV. WILLIAM JEFFERSON SMITH  
PASTOR CHEROKEE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH

Rev. William Jefferson Smith was born near Chickasaw, Alabama, in Franklin County (now known as Riverton, Alabama, in Colbert County) October 17, 1849. He was the son of James and Abigail Burns Smith.

Brother Smith was married September 1869, to Miss Catherine A. Taylor, the daughter of James and Christianthiam Taylor. His wife was born September 13, 1850, and died April 21, 1920. Born to this union were fourteen children, eight daughters and six sons. The first three Thomas, Charles and Elizabeth died in infancy. The others were Mary Ann who married Jim Tom Thompson, Eveline married Oscar Rickard, Sallie married Daniel Askew, James married Lela Rickard, Emma married Wheeler Mitchell, Ella married Rev. Arthur Thomason, Minnie married Silas Turberville, Will married Nana Smith, Oliver married Maggie Glover, Marvin married Maude Anderson and Katie Mae married Charles W. Collum.

Brother Smith was licensed to preach in 1882, before a Quarterly Conference with Rev. ~~Samuel N. Hosmer~~ as presiding elder. He served faithfully for 76 years. He farmed also and served charges in northwest Alabama. Conducting funeral services and marriage ceremonies were a part of a variety of services he rendered. When conducting a funeral service he could tell the congregation about preaching to three generations of the deceased person's family. He would, on most occasions, have something very special to say about their religious life and the work the families were doing for their respective churches.

It is no wonder that folks would seek his company. He could converse easily, and his talk was always sprinkled with humor. He was a born storyteller and would hold his guests enthralled with tales of his early boyhood days near Chickasaw, and about his Indian friends. He would sing a little Indian song (the words of which no one could understand because it was in Chickasaw language) to children in homes where he visited. He would sing the song with great gusto, patting his feet and clapping his hands as he sang. My father, (George W. Lair, 1861-1946) often invited Brother Smith, years after his ministry here at Cherokee, to our house to eat dinner when he was filling in for the preacher here. We all remember when he preached he never put a time limit on his sermons. Sometimes it took him a good while after twelve noon to complete his sermon. He had a good strong voice. I have heard my Dad and others who had heard him preach when he was a younger man, speak of what a clear, loud voice he had, even when there were the bush arbor meetings held in the country communities where there were no churches. The neighbors would tell how far they lived from the bush arbor meetings, some of whom lived quite a distance from these meeting places, but were still able to hear Brother Smith preaching.

Rev. Smith and my Father had some enjoyable afternoons sitting on our front porch, and telling humorous stories of their experiences when they were young men growing up. He could tell some very interesting stories about his ministry. I remember Brother Smith as a tall lank figure of a man, who looked like my Grandpa John Mitchell Lair (1837-1920). His snow white beard fell in a gentle spray from his chin and his eyes had the twinkle of youth and the wisdom of age.

REV. WILLIAM JEFFERSON SMITH - Contd.

My wife and I attended his birthday party when he reached the century mark, which was Sunday October 16, 1949, instead of the 17th, so that everyone would be able to attend. Brother Smith had said that he did not want his friends and relatives to have to neglect their work in order to attend his birthday celebration. There were many loyal friends and the family group from Mississippi, Tennessee, and many cities throughout the State of Alabama, who came to celebrate this remarkable man's 100th birthday. He was living with his daughter, the late Mrs. D. W. Askew. The frame house was located on a pretty country road on a little hill in Mhoontown, just around the bend from the church, which was first erected during Rev. Smith's pastorship in 1882. Before the first Mhoontown church was built, Rev. Smith delivered his sermons to a congregation which gathered under the large oak trees on the church site. He put the first ax in the hugh oak tree which was used in the beginning of the building of the church there at Mhoontown.

The first reunion and birthday dinner of the Smith family was in 1911, and they continued this celebration each year until Brother Smith's death December 29, 1950. He had celebrated his 101st birthday, October 17, 1950, and had the distinction of being the oldest citizen living in Colbert County at the time. This man had seen, and been a part of 101 years of development in northwest Alabama. Can you imagine what he had experienced in changes that took place over the span of his lifetime.

All of his life Rev. Smith and his family conducted evening prayer in the home. His career was a fruitful one, in both his family and his religious life. Not only had he preached in the Methodist ministry for 76 years, but he also was instrumental in organizing many churches in this area.

There are not many of our Cherokee United Methodist Church members living today who attended church services during Brother Smith's ministry here. There have been many preachers to serve our Methodist Church at Cherokee and who no doubt had some very interesting history that could have been written about them too, but we just did not have the information available. We chose Rev. William Jefferson Smith because there was more history available on his life.

In searching the Quarterly Conference reports of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, I find the following churches; Pine Grove, Mountain Mill, Mhoontown, Riverton, Margerum, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Zion, Barton, Mt. Pleasant (now Mt. Hester) and Cherokee, all in Colbert County. Did I miss any? There were churches across the river in Lauderdale County in which he preached, but I do not know all of them. I have found Rev. W. J. Smith, in charge of Colbert Missions. I do not know how many of these churches he served as pastor, but I do know that he preached many sermons in each of them. There are a lot of people living today who have heard Brother Smith preach. We who knew him marveled at this outstanding man who lived to be 101 years old. "He was old and ripe for the Kingdom of Heaven."

We are indebted to Manard Askew, the grandson of Brother Smith, for the information he has furnished us about his grandfather.

Written by Wm. E. Lair, Chairman  
Historical Committee  
Cherokee United Methodist Church

CLAUDE HILL

One other fellow I thought was unusual was Claude. He had worked around sawed lumber so long at the Pocahontas Lumber Company that Doud Hampton managed. He could look at a truck load of lumber and tell you how many board-feet was in it. He would go ahead and measure the lumber and write it down but he wouldn't miss the guess by very little if any. He had two sons. LeRoy was the name of one but I can't recall the other's name.



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### ONE UNUSUAL HAPPENING

One unusual thing that happened in Cherokee was when Mrs. Ramah Carter - ("Rebecca") and their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Carter, died within hours of one another. That was a double tragedy and loss. Mr. Carter was the mayor of Cherokee for about twenty years, I believe.

Mayor Carter always seemed to like me. He would often select me to draw the lucky ticket number for the cash prize given out on each Saturday. The merchants sponsored this giveaway as a means to draw people into town on Saturdays.

### JOHN WESLEY MORGAN

The Wesley Morgan family lived across the street from the Methodist Church. Wesley retired from the Safety Department of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Colbert Steam Plant at Pride. The family moved to Florence, Alabama, where he and wife still live. It wasn't until after retirement that Wesley took up the art of painting. His paintings were offered for sale and the business was a success from the beginning. In recent months his health has prevented him from further pursuing the craft. I think I have most all of his paintings, my favorite being the one of the Cherokee Depot. Following are four representations of his many great paintings.

PROBATE MINUTE BOOK A, COLBERT COUNTY AL ( CONTINUED )

9 Nov 1868 - James DOUTHET, dec'd. Continued to 16th Inst. (p. 60)

9 Nov 1868 - Genjamin GLEADALL, dec'd Estate. Mrs. Cornelia GLEADALL, widow of dec'd granted Administration. Appraisers: Felix G. NORMAN, Wm. WEAVER, J. D. INMAN, Wm. CHALLEN and John BAXTER. (pp. 60, 61)

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WILL OF MARY MHOON

CONTRIBUTED BY: Mrs. Corinne K. MURPHY.

Mary MHOON b 5 Oct 1758 Bertie Co NC d 16 Oct 1838 Tuscumbia AL buried Mhoontown Cemetery, Colbert County AL.

In the name of God Amen. I Mary MHOON of the County of Bertie and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory (blessed be God) do make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (viz) First I give and bequeath unto my son James G. MHOON and his heirs forever the three following negroes slaves (viz) Grace, London & Lilah, and one bed bedstead and furniture. I also give my said son James G. MHOON the sum of fifty dollars with interest from the 17th day of May 1825 and the further sum of one hundred and seventy dollars with interest from the 16th day of May 1824 the two sums being the amount of two notes I have against him my said son James.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John B. MHOON and his heirs forever one negro by name Demps, also the sum of one hundred and ten dollars with interest from the first day of January 1823, it being the amount of a note I have against my said son ~~John~~ William S. MHOON

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William S. MHOON and his heirs forever the land and plantation whereon I now live including all my lands whether of real or mixed estate also my brandy still and all the cyder casks, also I give my said son William S. MHOON the sum of six hundred dollars with interest from the first day of March 1826 it being the amount of a note I have against him my said son William

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally FOLK one bed bedstead and furniture

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Mary Ann PUGH upon conditions herein after mentioned one negro girl by name Betty and her future increase if any

WILL OF MARY MHOON ( CONTINUED )

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John P. RAPOR(?) upon conditions herein after named the sum of two hundred dollars with interest from the 2nd day of March 1826 it being the amount of one note I have against my son William S. MHOON My will and desire is that my executors herein after named shall have the controle of the above named negro Betty and money given conditionally to my Grandchildren Mary Ann and John P. and keep for their benifet until they arrive to the ages of twenty-one years respectively, and should either of them die before that time having no legitimate issue then the property devised to him or her ~~shall~~ so dying shall go to and belong to the surviving one and should they both die before they arrive to the ages of twenty-one years having no legitimate issue then the property that would have been his hers or theirs shall be equally divided between all my children and their heirs the children of the deceased shall represent their father or mother as the case may be and my executors shall retain said negro Betty under their controle until all expenses for her support (if any) is paid to them by the said Grandchildren their guardian or friend - -

Item. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Mary BATES one large blue dovetailed chest given me by her father my son Henry BATES dec'd. —

Item. My will and desire is that all the rest of my property not already disposed of above shall be sold at the discretion of my executors and after paying all my debts funeral and burial expenses be divided into four equal parts one part to be paid unto my son Humphrey BATES if he be living if dead to his children one part to be paid ~~to be paid~~ to my daughter Sally FOIK if she be living if dead to her children one part to be paid to the children of my deceased son Henry BATES and the remaining fourth part to be held in trust by my executors and paid at their discretion (as to times and amounts) to the children of my deceased daughter Elizabeth CRUTCH. —

Lastly I nominate and appoint my two sons James G. MHOON and William S. MHOON Executors to this my last Will and testament hereby revoking and disallowing all former wills and codicils by me heretofore made. In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of August 1832 —

In presence of

Mary MHOON (SEAL)

Th. RUFFIN

Dilly <sup>her</sup> PRITCHARD  
mark

State of N Carolina }  
Bertie County Court }

Feby Term 1839 —

This last will and testament of Mary MHOON dec'd was proved in open Court by the oaths of Thomas RUFFIN & Dilley PRITCHARD the subscribing witnesses thereto & the said Thos RUFFIN further maketh oath that he saw Dilley PRITCHARD make her mark which was done in his presence & that the sd Dilly either saw the testatrix sign the said will or heard her acknowledge it — ordered that the same be recorded

Sol. CHERRY Clk

[FROM: Bertie County NC Wills (Loose, original), 1814-1876 (C.R. 10.802.7, NC Dept. of Archives & History.)]

Bob Mingo TX  
Arlington TX

# Family Group Sheet

1 Known sister  
Edee

Husband's Full Name

Mhoon John

Husband's Data	Day Month Year	City	County	State	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	12-11-1761		Bertie or Mareno	NC	Arrived in Alabama about 1801
Chr'nd					
Marr.	8-2-1790			NC	
Death	4-3-1816				
Burial					

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His Father

Mhoon, Josiah

Mother's Maiden Name

mourning

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Spirey, Mary

Wife's Data	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	5-10-1758		Bertie	NC	Sons Henry Bates & Humphry Bates
Chr'nd					
Death	16-10-1838	Tusculum	Colbert	ala	
Burial	Mhoontown Cem. Cherokee		"	ala	

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Spirey, Moses

Mother's Maiden Name

Jemima

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day Month Year	City	County	State	Add. info. on Children
M	James George	22-4-1792		Bertie		NC	Lucinda
	Full Name of Spouse						
	Lucinda Branbery L.W.	15-1-1853		Franklin		AL	5-31-1798
		Burial		Mhoontown Cem	Colbert	AL	Aug 10 1862
M	William Spirey	25-12-1801		Bertie		NC	
	Full Name of Spouse						
	Lucinda	26-12-1841		Franklin		AL	
		Burial		Mhoontown Cem	Colbert	AL	
M	John B						
	Full Name of Spouse						
		Birth					
		Marr.					
		Death					
		Burial					
F	Dolly						
	Full Name of Spouse						
	Folk						
		Birth					
		Marr.					
		Death					
		Burial					
F	Elizabeth						
	Full Name of Spouse						
	Crutch		bef. 1838				
		Birth					
		Marr.					
		Death					
		Burial					
M	6						
	Full Name of Spouse						
		Birth					
		Marr.					
		Death					
		Burial					
M	7						
	Full Name of Spouse						
		Birth					
		Marr.					
		Death					
		Burial					
F	Mary						
	Full Name of Spouse						
		Birth	5-10-1858				
		Marr.					
		Death	11-11-1861				
		Burial	Mhoontown Cem				

Compiler

Notes

Address

Lucinda W. Branbery

City, State, Zip

born 31-5-1798 died 10-8-1862

Date

Bates  
?  
?

## COLBERT COUNTY, ALABAMA CEMETERIES

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from the W.P.A. listing in the 1930's.  
Contributed By Steve Nicklas April 26, 1997

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died in Franklin Co., AL .Dec, 26 1841. Age 43 years.

Mhoon, William Spivey - Was the son of John Mhoon and Mary his wife.

John was born in Marine Co., NC Nov 12, 1761 and died

March 4, 1816. He was the son of Josiah Mhoon and Mourning his wife.

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Mose Spivey and Jemima, his wife. Moses S. was born Oct 19, 1729

and died Aug 2, 1771 and was the son of Joshua Spivey and Alie his wife.

Jemima the mother was born Nov 4, 1734 and was the daughter of

Jonathan Stanley and Margaret his wife. Mary was married to

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X Mhoon, Mary daughter Jas. E. and Mary A. Mhoon -

born Oct 5, 1858 - Died Nov 11, 1861

Fraser, John W. M. and Lucy W. Sacred to the memory of .

Born Mar 12, 1821 and died Jan 20, 1841 in 23 years of his age. JW MF.

Granbery, Letitia Cotton - Sacred to the Memory of Letitia Cotton, Daughter of

John and Lucy Bishop born in Halifax Co., NC April 9, 1775, died Sept 3, 1849. she married William Granbery by whom she had five children. John, Lucy, William, Josiah, and Langley. William Granbery the husband died Aug 21, 1808. Lewis Cotton her last husband died Feb 8, 1817. She came to this co. with her daughter Lucy the wife of James G. Moon June 1837.

James, W.C. - born Feb 24, 1836, d. Oct 10, 1895

Too good for earth, God called him home.

James, T.S. - born July 16, 1871 died Feb 21, 1890 Son W.C. and M.E. James

We will meet again.

James, D.F., - born Jan 22, 1879 died April 30, 1914 God called thee home,

He thought best.

James, G.W. - born July 20, 1890 died Nov 20, 1915 A precious one from us has gone.

James, Julie A. - 2/18/1870, 5/27/1926 Gone to a bright home where grief cannot come.

Bennett, Ella M. Cook b. Aug 9, 1857 d. Age 31 years. Wife J. J. Bennett

Blessed are they who walk in the fear of God.

Bennett, Sam M. - d. Nov 4, 1897 Age 8 years. Death in the crown of life

Lee, Ruben Jr. B&D Oct 26, 1926. Son of R. and Bessie Lee :Gone to be and angel."

Miles, Thelma

James, Mrs. Mary E.

Davis Charles

Pride, Hugh

Mhoon, James E. son of J.G. and A. Mhoon b. April 6, 1821 d. Feb. 16, 1868

46 years, 10 months, 10 days

Borex (Rorex?), Little Sue b. Nov. 13, 1884 died Feb 19, 1890

Daughter of L.A. and Jackie Borex

Benson, Sallie Lou b. May 5, 1870 d. Sept 1, 1873

She budded on earth to bloom in heaven.

Benson, Lucy daughter of J. S.H. Benson B. Oct 27, 1876 d Oct 20, 1886

Beautiful, Lovely she was but given a fair bud to earth to bloom in heaven.

Benson, John - b. Aug. 24, 1850, d. Feb 3, 1879

Benson, James F. b. Nov 4, 1867 d. Mar 2, 1890 Son of J. and S.H. Benson

his last words: I have crossed the river, Meet me in heaven."

Benson, John Calvin - d. Jan 5, 1930 Age 62 years, 10 months, 14 days.

Brown, Infant son of R.M. and M.S. Brown Died 1879

Brown, Infant daughter of R.M. and M.S. Brown Died 1886

Brown, Maggie L. - b. July 10, 1892 d. July 19, 1896 Gone but not forgotten

House, J.T. - born Jan 13, 1853, d June 1, 1885

Messer, Ada M. Beloved wife of F.M. Messer - Died April 10, 1883 Aged 22 years

Brown, Robert - Apr 25, 1858 d Feb 7, 1887

"Since thou can no longer stay to cheer me with the love

I hope to meet thee again in yonder bright world above"

Askew, Elizabeth M. - Feb. 26, 1804 died July 12, 1884 Wife of L.B. Askew

Here lies a sinner saved by grace

Brown, S.A. Askew b. July 11, 1833 d. Jan 10, 1883

Married to W. I. Brown on Mar 1, 1868. She was a good wife.

Brown, W. I. - b. Feb 15, 1836 - April 2, 1911 May he rest in peace.

Askew, W.T. - b. Feb. 7, 1835 - d May 15, 1925

Askew, Sarah A. - b. April 25, 1887 - d. Mar 22, 1905

Brown, Nora L. b. Apr 25, 1887 - July 18, 1888 Daughter. W. M. and S. F. Brown

McCaig, Infant daughter of J.F. and K.L. McCaig - d. Jan 19, 1911

- Mhoon, James George erected to the Memory of -  
     b. in Bertie Co., NC April 22, 1792 d. in Franklin Co., AL Jan 15, 1853
- Mhoon, Lucinda W. - May 31, 1798 - Aug 10, 1862 Wife of James G. Mhoon  
 Gibbs, J.H. - b. May 12, 1862 d. Feb 18, 1929 Erected by Woodmen of the World  
 Dill, Freddie W. b. Feb 24, 1904 d. Oct 29, 1905 son of T.J. and Alice Dill  
 McCaig, Bessie b. Nov. 17, 1888 d. Oct 16, 1905  
     Daughter of W.E. and Annie McCaig  
 McCaig, Jimmie Lee - b. July 16, 1898 d. Nov 10, 1902  
     Daughter W.E. and Annie McCaig W.E. b. May 29, 1849  
 McCaig, Annie - b. Oct 14, 1858 - d. Feb. 19, 1929  
 Beard, Ellen - Jan 19, 1829 d. Jan 10, 1913 Wife of G.S. Beard  
 Beard, G.S. - Nov 8. 1825 - d. Feb 23, 1910  
 Beard, F.M. - b. Sept 13, 1864 d. May 7, 1895  
 McCaig, George W. - b. Jan 16, 1893 d. Nov 11, 1898  
     Son of W. E. and Annie McCaig
- Wadkins, Mae P. b. May 9, 1920 d. Feb 22, 1923  
     daughter Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Wadkins
- Hearn, infant son of L.W. and E.M. Hearn b&d Jan 13, 1917  
 Elliot, Inf dau of W.L. and F.V. Elliot b&d Jan 13, 1917  
 Elliot, Inf son of W.L. and F.V. Elliot b May 3, 1926 d. May 17, 1926  
 Watson, Wiley - b. Feb 14, 1852 - d. Jan 18, 1920  
 Watson, William - b. Mar. 4, 1919 d. Apr 3, 1919  
 Mitchell, Inf dau of M and M R.D Mitchell, b&d Dec 22, 1920  
 Thompson, John S. - b. Apr 6, 1893 d. Oct 7, 1923  
 Allison, Estes - b. Mar 20, 1912 - d. mar 6, 1925  
 Clark, Ernest M. - b. Sept 9, 1899 d. Feb 20, 1921  
 Sherrod, John H. - b. May 12, 1877 - d. Mar 21, 1926  
 Sherrod, L.A. - Wife of J.H. Sherrod - Jan 20, 1913 Aged 31 years  
 Barret, A.W. - b. Nov 25, 1852 - Jan 14, 1921  
 Boonett, Mrs Mary - Feb 10, 1933 Aged 83 years  
 Nicholas, Inf dau of S.O. and R.P. Nicholas - b&d Dec. 6, 1926  
 Dill, E. - b. Mar 10, 1859 - d. Oct 2, 1926  
 Thompson, Inf of Mr and Mrs. J.W. Thompson - bad July 29, 1917  
 Thompson, James H. b. Aug 11, 1910 d. Mar 21, 1913  
     Son of M&M J. W. Thompson  
 Dill, M.J. - b. Dec. 7, 1907, d Feb 12, 1908 dau of E. and J. Dill  
 Dill, Jessie b. Nov 17, 1876, d. Dec 26, 1912 Wife of Elijah Dill  
 Dill, L.M. - Nov. 25, 1972, d. Aug 28, 1918 Son of E and J Dill \*(dates incorrect?)  
 Dill, W.E. - b. Mar 2, 1906 - d. July 19, 1921 Son E and J Dill  
 Walston, James Stevenson, b. Jan 12, 1876 d. Feb 5, 1876  
 Walston, Delula Jane - Jan 22, 1879  
 Benson, John Calvin - Jan 5, 1930 Aged 62 years  
 Benson, James F. - b. Nov 4, 1867 d. Mar 2, 1890 son J. and S.H. Benson  
 Bayless, Mary L. - b. Dec 6, 1870, d. Jan 5, 1887  
     Daughter W.B. and M.D. Bayless  
 Bayless, Martha D. - b. April 4, 1853 d. July 7, 1886  
     Wife Rev. W.B. Bayless  
 Bayless, Annie E. - July 11, 1883 Aged 25 days  
     Dau W.B. and M. D. Bayless  
 Bayless, Emma J. b Sept 20, 1880 d. Oct 17, 1881

Daughter W.B. and M. D. Bayless

Bayless, Bishop Marvin b. June 18, 1878 - d. Aug 4, 1879

Bayless, Fannie - b. Mar 14, 1874 - d. Mar 30, 1874

Collum, Charles Jr. b. Jan 13, 1926, d. Jan 19, 1929

Son C.W. and K.M. Collum

Medford, Lucile Wellington, Sept 22, 1913 d. Oct 30, 1930

Wife Dewey Medford

Cansbee, Sarah Francies - b July 2, 1844 - d. Nov 27, 1924

Ogletree, inf. Daughter of M and M Robert Ogletree - June 20, 1918

Turbville, Louise, b. Feb 17, 1920 d Oct 13, 1921 dau S. R. and M. L. Turbville

Smith, Katherine, b. Sept. 13, 1850 d, Apr 21, 1920 Wife Rev J. B. Smith

Askew, Edna Earl, b. Jan 15, 1909, d. June 10, 1922

daughter D. W. and Sallie Askew

Anderson, Lucy, Died Nov 11, 1911 Age 63 years Wife C.A. Anderson

Glover, Inf son of Sam and Bertie Glover b & d. Aug 21, 1917

Smith, James T. Feb 17 - Nov 26, 1919 Son Marvin and Maud Smith

Smith, Vernon C. - b. Oct 3, 1920 d. Feb 16, 1922

Son Marvin and Maud Smith

Smith, Inf son of M.S. and M.L. Smith - bad Feb 27, 1925

Glover, Velma V. B. Sept 5, 1923, d. Aug. 21, 1924

Daughter W.J. and E.L. Glover

Allison, H. B. - Aug 12, 1846 d. Jan 8, 1920 Husband of Mary E. Allison

Adams, Altemont, b. Mar 4, 1900 d. May 16, 1910 Son R.O. and M. Adams

Adams, Mattie - Aug 23, 1969 d. Aug 28, 1916 Wife of R.O. Adams

Bordon, Plina - b. Sept 17, 1881 d. Sept 2, 1928 Wife J.E. Borden

Borden, Inf son of J.E. & P.S. Borden b. Feb 1, 1920 d. Mar 11, 1920

Collum, J.T. - b. Dec 28, 1844 - d. July 3, 1924

Collum, Amanda M. - b. Dec 28, 1844 - d. July 3, 1924

Collum, Ed Died Aug 5, 1932 Aged 51 years

Leegeorce, Lora - b. Nov 25, 1886 May 7. 1887

George, Paul Talmage, Son of J.D. and M.A. George

June 23, 1894 Age 8 days

George, Fred - son of James and Mary George

b. May 22, 1896, d. July 26, 1899

Pallon, N.W. - Jan 17, 1810 - d. Oct 17, 1887

Brown, W.M. - b Feb 4, 1851 d. Dec 8, 1887

Miller, Francis O. - Jan 15, 1896 , d. June 25, 1900

daughter R. A. and W.J Miller

Odle, Monroe C., - b Feb 26, 1885 d. Mar 19, 1899

Son of J. O. & S. J. Odle

Patrick, John - Died Feb 25, 1930, Age 65 Years

Warsham, J.T. - b. Oct. 7. 1863 - Sept 8, 1923

Gilbert, Clara Allen - b. Oct 14, 1903 - d. Oct 3, 1918

Age 14 years 11 months 20 days

Smith, Oliver - b. April 7, 1884, d. Dec 24, 1921

Hall, T. S. - b. Jan 13, 1851, d Apr 24, 1913

Glover, William b. May 17, 1857 - d. Dec 30, 1922

Ogletree, R. W. - b. Feb 2, 1863, d. Mar 31, 1923

Adams, Glen b. July 17, 1909, d. Sept 9, 1918

Son R. O. and M. H. Adams

Thompson, Carl S. b. Nov 16, 1921, d. Aug 15, 1923  
Thompson, F. A., b. July 14, 1912, d. Jan 31, 1929  
Thompson, James T., b. Aug 29, 1853, d. Sept 30, 1929  
Wallace, Inf son of A.M. Wallace b & d July 22, 1929  
Cochran, Robert F. b. Jan 22, 1863, d. Jan 27, 1927  
Cochran, Mary Rosie, b. Oct 8, 1864, d. Aug 24, 1923  
    wife R. F. Cochran  
Cornelious, Mary Lillian, b. Oct , 1895, d July 10, 1925  
    Wife T. M. Cornelious  
Turner, Edward D. Dec 7, 1881  
Turner, A.P. - b. June 27, 1847 - d. April 10, 1906  
Lang, Gussie May b. July 30, 1902 d. Feb 27, 1905  
    Daughter O. E. and M. B. Lang

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Martha, this is one of the MANY documents available - FREE - through the BLM website.  
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Hope this helps you in your quest.

Bob

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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**CERTIFICATE**  
*8.11.609*

**To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS** *David George Mhoon of Franklin County, Missouri*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a certificate of the **REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE** at *Keosauqua* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *David George Mhoon*

according to the provisions of the several Treaties with the **CHICKASAW INDIANS**, dated October 20th, 1832, and May 24th, 1834, the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," and the several Acts of Congress supplemental thereto, for the *West half of Section Three in Township 18 North, of Range 10 East, West of the meridian, being in the District of Missouri, subject to the Act of Session Missouri, containing the land and section one and seven hundredths of an acre*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**, which said tract has been purchased by the said *David George Mhoon*

**NOW KNOW YE**, that the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED**, and by these presents **DO GIVE AND GRANT**, unto the said *David George Mhoon*

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: **TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said *David George Mhoon* and to his heirs and assigns forever.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I, *A. M. L. S.*  
**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, have caused these Letters to be made **PATENT**, and the **SEAL** of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

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**GIVEN** under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON**, the *fourth* day of *November* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty three* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the Sixty-*fourth*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:** *A. M. L. S.*

By *A. M. L. S.* Sec'y  
*W. H. Mhoon* Recorder of the General Land Office.

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