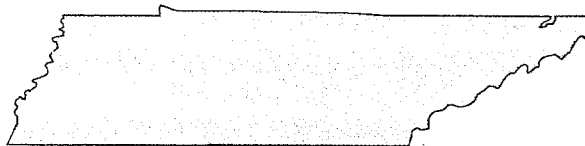

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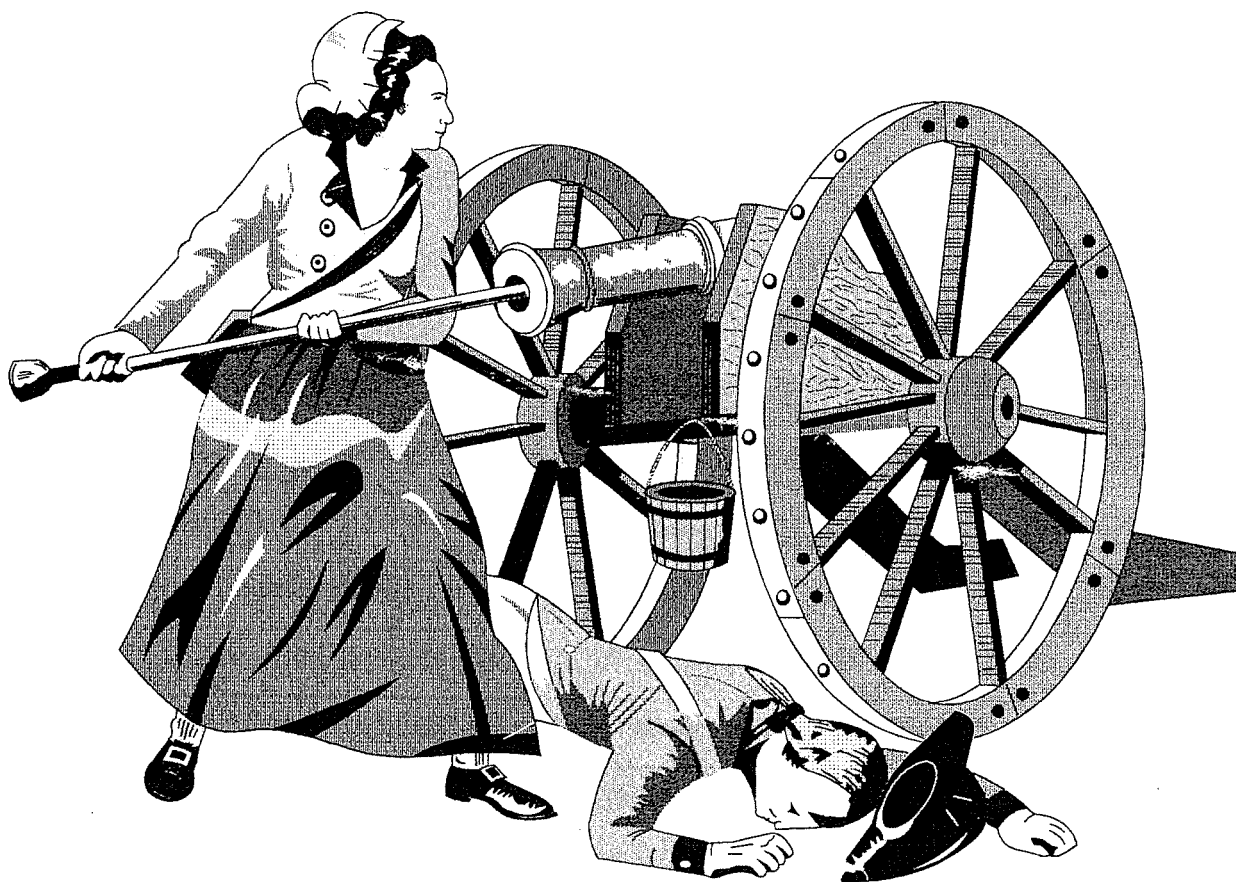


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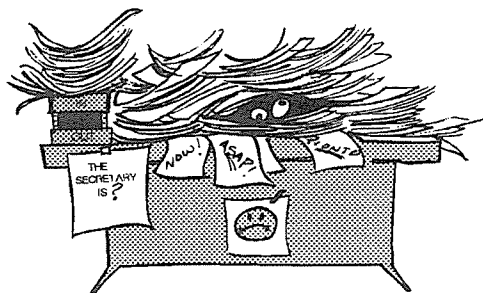
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The Editorial Viewpoint/by Dorothy Marr Roberson

One of my leisure-time (ha!) pleasures is to scan other editors' output ... not only genealogical journals but newsletters as well. A lot of good stuff is out there ... much of it helpful. My problem is that I don't write down everything I read, and then a few weeks later -- it seldom fails -- that uncopied something surfaces in the old brain and suddenly becomes a simply great idea that needs passing along. Why-oh-why didn't I write down who wrote it? My

dilemma then becomes: should I just ignore it or should I share it with my readers and hope its originator will forgive me for not acknowledging him or her. I've decided on the latter course, and, if I enrage someone, it will not be a unique experience for me.

Someone somewhere wrote recently that it's a good practice when you're reading a census or a tax list to check 10 pages back and 10 pages beyond where you found your ancestor's name. That way you may run across some other relatives since most families moved together and settled together. The suggestion tied in with my experience in another way: in two separate lines I found that the census-taker had misspelled my family surnames, tacking an "s" on the end of Daniel and corrupting "Marr" into "Morrow." The two variations changed the Soundex code numbers, and if I hadn't kept turning the crank on the microfilm reader (mainly out of frustration), I might've thought my relatives had gone to Texas or Kalamazoo instead of remaining here in Tennessee where they were supposed to be. Most of my genealogical finds have been that way: not by design but by accident. (Just don't have the smarts of some folks.)



Dr. Lloyd Bockstruck, Dallas librarian and genealogist of note, recently stressed to the Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois the importance of having a good understanding of the laws that were in effect during the time frame you're researching. For instance, he noted that laws governing property tax varied from year to year. In some states, parents put land in their children's names to avoid paying taxes on it. (Bet you thought that was a 20th Century tax evasion ploy!) In Colonial Virginia, an infant could own land ... and in some colonies, a certain age made the resident exempt from paying taxes. It's also important to know the lingo of the day, too. Some of the words our ancestors used didn't mean what you think either. The term "trusty friend" usually referred to someone who was a relative outside the immediate blood line. "Loving son" or "trusty son" most often referred to a son-in-law. In trying to figure out the approximate age of your ancestors when they married, remember that under English common law it was legal for boys to marry at 14 and girls at 12. And just because your ancestors witnessed a legal document, don't assume they were 21. Witnesses on legal documents could be any age, Bockstruck pointed out.



Nowadays it seems that more and more folks are turning nouns into verbs. You hear it on television almost constantly. So imagine my surprise when I came across this little gem in the *Paris, Tenn., Weekly Intelligencer* of 19 Feb 1874: "Gus Clayton and George E. Sims, gamblers, revolvered each other at Macon, Texas, recently. The former was mortally wounded." So perhaps was the English language!



Thanks to volunteers from four local D.A.R. chapters, the Tennessee Genealogical Society's Library is now open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The helping hands are extended by the Watauga, Chief Piomingo, Chucalissa, and River City chapters. With TGS volunteers staffing the check-out desk during the same hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, that makes the library open three days a week now. Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. If you haven't visited our new location at the historic Davies Plantation, check it out *soon!*



A Chilling Word to Townspeople In the Early 1800's & Later

Opposed only by bucket brigades and rug-beaters, fires raged through a number of Tennessee towns in the early 1800's ... frequently consuming entire business sections with their closely spaced wooden structures and also eating up homes and their furnishings. Newspaper accounts of these calamities provide numerous names and in some instances describe the location of stores and houses in such detail that readers can get a pretty fair idea of how the town was laid out. For instance, Murfreesboro in Rutherford County was the scene of one such fire on 24 Feb 1814. Here's how it was reported in *The Murfreesboro Courier* and reprinted in *The Knoxville*

Register of 10 Mar 1814:

"About daylight on the morning of the 24th inst. a fire broke out in that part of **Mr. Barfield's** row of buildings on the northeast side of the public square in this town, occupied by **Mr. J. M. Lewis** as a tavern. All houses on the side of the square from the corner of the square and Main Street to **Mr. J. D. Smith's** nearly down to Lytle Street were entirely consumed. The loss to individuals was very great. **Messrs. N. and J. M. Tilford's** storehouse, **Mr. Barfield's** row of white buildings occupied by **Mr. Lewis** as a tavern and by **Mr. B. Randolph, Mr. D. Wendell, and Mr. J. G. Haskell,** merchants, the new house of **Mr. Henry** occupied by **Dr. J. Clopper** as a store and dwelling, and **Mr. J. D. Smith's** house occupied by himself as a store and jewelry were entirely consumed. The whole loss ... is immense and will require the labour of many years to place this square of the town on the same footing of improvement to which it had just arrived."

Nashville was hit by a blazing inferno just a month later. *The Clarion* declared it the most destructive fire ever experienced in the Western country, and described it in the 15 Mar 1814 issue in this manner:

"On Friday night last about 10 o'clock, citizens of this town were alarmed by the cry of *fire!* Proceeds from the hay-loft of **William W. Cooke, Esq.,** near **Mr. Woods'** warehouse had gained such ascendancy and the buildings were so combustible that the utmost exertions of citizens could not save a large adjoining warehouse filled with consignments to **Joseph Woods, Esq.,** commission merchant; the bindery, dwelling house, and bookstore of **Mr. Duncan Robertson;** the tavern house of **Robert Rentfro;** the framed house of **John Anderson, esq.;** the house occupied by **Ernest Benoit,** baker; the shop of **Messrs. E. and G. Hewlett,** saddlers, above; the dwelling house of **William W. Cooke, Esq.;** the dwelling house occupied by **Mr. S. V. Stout;** the warehouse of **Messrs. Read and Washington,** army contractors, and their office; the shop and dwelling house of **Mr. D. C. Snow,** tin plate worker, below; the dwelling house of **Joseph T. Ellison** and his silversmith shop; the dwelling house of the editor of the *Clarion* and his printing office; the house lately occupied by **William M. Wallace** as a shoemaker's shop; the house occupied by **Joseph Sumner,** the property of **Mr. John Young,** the office of the *Nashville Whig;* the hatter's shop of **Mr. Joshua Picher;** the brick storehouse occupied by **W. Tannehill, esq.,** above on the east side of Market Street and all the buildings on the same side opposite to the bank alley, making on the whole the most destructive fire ever experienced in the western country. No language can paint the distress of many of the sufferers who were left without bread, meat, dishes or plates or a covering except the heavens. In the whole range of the fire, we are, however, gratified that no lives were lost. It is impossible at present to form any estimate of the immense loss sustained. Nearly half of the buildings that were in town are in ashes, and much furniture and other valuable property was lost to flames."

FIRES (continued)

Over the next few decades, the larger towns organized firefighters into what were called "fire companies"... and while they succeeded in checking numerous blazes and considerably reducing property damage, fires remained a serious threat. Memphis, for example, had several fire companies in place when it was hit by a major fire on 5 Jan 1859. One person was killed, and property damage was estimated in excess of \$200,000. Older citizens said the fire covered a larger area than any previously burned in the city. The fire was discovered in a boarding house next to **James Whitsitt's** ten-pin alley by Police Officer **Rose** who slept in the nearby jail. Because the fire broke out about 3:30 a.m. -- "an hour when people usually sleep their soundest" -- three or four tenement houses were destroyed before the means of checking the fire was in complete operation. Making matters worse was a brisk breeze from the South that carried sparks and masses of fire to adjacent roofs as far as the Navy Yard and twice caught the cupola of the Exchange Building on fire. *The Appeal* said the flames were extinguished by the vigorous efforts of the fire companies which confined the conflagration to houses between Adam and Washington streets and the alley and Front Row. The paper also noted that Mayor **R. D. Baugh**, City Register **L. R. Richards**, and City Collector **John Newsom** were "conspicuous in rendering good service and keeping order."

James Brewerton, a newcomer to the city, was killed instantly when struck by falling material from the House of Egan which fell into an alley where he was sitting on a pile of lumber. **William Swann**, who was inside the building when it fell, narrowly escaped. At Worsham House and four others in the vicinity, the boarders were said to have "left their beds in terror and frightened women shrieked for protection." Ten buildings were destroyed on Front Row including two owned by **Judge Burke** of Kentucky; one owned by **K. J. B. L. Winn** and insured for \$1,000; six owned by **John Trigg**, whose \$15,000 loss was partially offset by \$10,000 in insurance. On Adams Street, 15 tenements were destroyed -- most of them three or four stories high and running clear back to the alley. The brick house of **V. Bacigalupo** (commonly known as **Vincent**) was left standing. Vincent, who operated a liquor saloon and restaurant in the upper floor and lived in the premises below, lost part of his stock and had some furniture broken. Many fine knives and plated forks were stolen, and Vincent himself was injured by water. His loss was estimated at \$500. Vincent was reported to have been so gratified by the fine work of the fire company that he offered a \$100 bonus to each fireman. *The Appeal* also reported:

"The tenement south of Vincent's, occupied by **Mrs. Griffin's** bar and boarding house and **Thomas Bilbow's** variety store, was partly damaged by fire and flooded by water. Although the neighboring tenement was entirely destroyed, **John F. Flaherty** saved most of the furniture in his bar and boarding house, but **Behr & Bro.'s** clothing store stock was almost entirely destroyed. **Mrs. Murray**, who had one of the few boarding houses on the square without a bar, had only a moderate quantity of her goods saved. The vacant boarding house next to her, owned by **Joseph Lenow**, was destroyed. Also lost was the building housing a grocery run by **Charles McLean**, who had a fine stock and was doing an extensive business. He sustained a large loss and had only \$200 insurance. Over his store was the office of cotton broker **William Park**, whose damage was estimated at \$8,000. The next house at the corner of the alley running from Front to Main was occupied by **Sturgis & Son** who lost grocery stock valued at \$8,000. Over their store was **John D. Baugh & Co.**, cotton factors and commission merchants, who lost all their books and papers. In the same building, the shop of **A. Gerrar**, fancy boxmaker, also was destroyed. **Forsyth & Jamieson** lost a \$30,000 stock of groceries, a quantity of jewelry, and many private papers of considerable value. **Gibbs & Bryan**, cotton factors in part of the upper portion of the building, lost everything and had no insurance. The tenement was the property of **Jno. M. Lea** of Nashville. **O. P. Newby**, who kept a livery stable in the rear of the grocery, lost 10 buggies worth \$150 each, and his horses were turned loose in the street."

FIRES (continued)

Rose's lager bier saloon and small boarding house suffered a \$700 loss, and **Whitsitt's** bar and bowling saloon, opened only three weeks earlier, were totally destroyed. Also lost were **D. Durrer's** bar and boarding house along with \$800 he had drawn from the bank the day before; **O'Brien & Flannery's** bar and boarding house in the same tenement; **Mr. Nalty's** boarding house; and **Tucker's** liquor saloon and restaurant on Adams Street. **D. Moriarty**, saddler, had \$6,000 worth of stock consumed, and little was saved from **Gustave Miller's** bar and boarding house. Next to Tucker's Exchange and fronting on Adams Street was **Teufel's** extensive boarding house and restaurant. The building was new as were the furniture, fixtures, and cooking apparatus bought only nine months before. He also had machinery for manufacture of mineral water. His loss was only partially covered by \$6,500 in insurance. Next to Teufel's was a new house belonging to **Michael Egan**. As the wind blew the flames in the opposite direction, many women and children found refuge there. **Mr. Hinkle**, on watchful duty as a fireman, discovered that the west wall of **Teufel's** house was about to fall on **Egan's** and he succeeded in clearing the place of human beings. Shortly before the wall fell, a considerable amount of fine marble work in the marble yard of **Jno. White** was said to have been "entirely overwhelmed."

In mid-February 1874, a third of the business section of the town of Trenton was destroyed by a fire that started about nine o'clock in the evening. *The Trenton Gazette*¹ reported that flames were first seen issuing from the garret window of the Star drug store of **Mr. J. O. Burgess**. "[It] rapidly extended south along the colonnade building until the entire block was consumed, burning up the News office, press, and stock. **A. T. Levy's** book store under the same roof shared the same fate. The fire then extended east to **D.C. Senter's** hardware store, then to the dry goods stores of **Mr. Oppenheimer & Son** and **J. Ebert's**. By this time, almost the entire male population of the town and vicinity had flocked to the terrible scene but seemed paralyzed by the grand and terrific spectacle and did but little to arrest the flames. Only a few seemed to work heroically or with judgment, every one striving to save his own property."

With an alley separating Ebert's from **C. F. Smith's** stove store, Trenton business leaders hoped the fire's further spread might be arrested. The flames, however, soon leaped across the alley and consumed Smith's store with part of his stock. **Cook & Rogers'** wholesale candy factory, under the same roof, was also destroyed. *The Gazette* eloquently described the setting in these words:

"At this stage of the conflagration, the scene was grand and terrific beyond description. Goods which had been thrown in heaps in the street took fire and were consumed. So intense was the heat that no one could approach near enough to recover them. With a southerly wind prevailing, the flames soon leaped across Lexington Street and burned up **Mr. Freed's** store, then **Mrs. McLean's** and **J. W. Tiner's** shoe store, also the residence of **Mrs. Doubleday** and the shoe shop occupied by a colored man. These being all old wood tenements were soon consumed."

Adjoining Tiner's shoe store was a brick block owned by **W. E. Pybass** and **W. M. Hall** which was occupied by **Pybass'** grocery and by **William Baugh's** drinking saloon, with the town hall above. Covered with tin, the building resisted the fire for some time but the heat was so great that it, too, succumbed to the hungry flames. *The Gazette* credited the townspeople's "superhuman efforts" with not allowing the fire to spread beyond this block, which was separated from the other buildings by an alley.

¹ The story was reprinted in the 19 Feb 1874 issue of *The Paris Intelligencer*, which is available on microfilm.

FIRES (continued)

Arson also was suspected in a fire that destroyed 27 homes and two business squares in Bolivar (Hardeman County) on 12 Dec 1876, dealing residents a total \$250,000 loss. *The Bolivar Bulletin* said it was believed that an incendiary torch was applied to the rear of **Jake Osborne's** saloon on the northwest corner of the town square about 1 o'clock Friday morning. "The town bell summoned citizens to the rescue," the paper reported, "and a large number promptly responded and worked to exhaustion to stay the ravages of the flames and to save all the perishable property possible." Within an hour, however, the fire had consumed **Osborne's** and **Alvin Warren's** saloons and "was wrapping within its withering folds" **Neely & Fentress Harrington's** wooden building occupied by **T.A. Osborne's** saddlery establishment and **Gen. Neely's** private railroad office. "So dry and combustible was the material -- due to no rain of any consequence in this section for two months -- that the structure soon yielded to the devouring elements," the *Bulletin* stated. "Nothing could be saved." Detailing the resulting damage, the paper continued:

"The fire passed onward and **Mrs. James Pybass'** millinery store was the next victim. Then the large mercantile establishment of **Adams, Wellons & Company**. Clerk **George Adams**, who was sleeping in the store, was unable to open the safe. The postoffice, which was in front of the store, was consumed with all its contents, including last week's *Bulletin*. Postmaster **Tom Joyner** secured a drawer of stamps and stamped envelopes. In the adjoining building which housed the new large and handsome drug store of **Dr. E. D. Moore**, clerk **Wade Harvey** -- who was sleeping in the store -- managed to escape. The cotton storehouse occupied by **Ramsey & Harris** is in ruins. Over the drug store, the law offices of **Gen. J. J. Dupuy** and **Frank Williams** and the dental office of **Dr. J. W. Nelson** surrendered to the flames as did **M. D. McNeely's** dry goods store. The fire reached the corner where **Kuhn Bro.** kept a large and rare assortment of dry goods and, in the rear, the large jewelry establishment of **R. L. Lightfoot & Co.** The fire swept on and devoured in turn the offices of **Dr. P. T. Jones**, attorney **C. A. Miller**, and **Dr. J. J. Neely**."

Meanwhile, an immense volume of sparks floated over and fired the stores on the opposite side. Some floated further off and lodged on the roof of the old **Pitser Miller** residence then owned by **Mrs. McKenney**, burning the house and adjoining buildings including the groceries of **J. W. Tate and Coates & Lewis**, **John Johnson's** stove and tin store, **Dr. A. A. Coleman's** office and building, part of which was used by **Z. Stevens** as a jewelry store. The large brick store of **Harkins & Durrett** at the corner was threatened, but the building being fireproof, according to *The Bulletin*, escaped damage. At the rear of the store, a large lot of cotton in which **Mr. Willoughby Dorion** owned a substantial interest, was badly damaged. The timely efforts of friends was credited with saving the residents of **Mrs. Thomas R. Smith** and **Pitser Miller**, but the Old Methodist Church building owned by **Mr. James Pankey** was destroyed. *The Bulletin* concluded: "Within a few hours that morning, two entire squares presented a saddening sight - blackened walls, tall-shooting chimneys, and smouldering debris. Citizens worked manfully to stop the progress of the flames but in vain as there were no fire extinguishing facilities in town."

The Knoxville Daily Chronicle of March 15, 1877, reported that Pulaski in Giles County was the scene of a "most destructive conflagration" the previous Sunday night which laid two hotel buildings (the Jackson and the Alamo) in ashes. The fire was said to have originated in the kitchen of the Alamo hotel. According to a story in *The Nashville American*, Pulaski had been hit by so many fires in the 12-year interval since the war that every building on the square except for two small one-story frames had been replaced. About the same time that Pulaski was suffering its fire loss, Lebanon in Wilson County was hit by "a lively blaze" that was called the most destructive in the town's history up to that point. A whole block was totally destroyed including the Second National Bank and nine or ten business houses. Both towns were without fire engines or any kind of fire-fighting apparatus, according to the Knoxville paper.

FIRE (continued)

Before the year was out, Knoxville itself would be hit by fire. The blaze broke out at 11:30 a.m. on August 10 in a small frame building on the west side of Gay Street that was owned by **John S. Van Gilden** and occupied by **Peter Ricardi's** confectionary shop in one end and by **H. Bradow's** tailor shop in the other. Bradow had a fire to keep his irons hot, and the blaze originated from a defective flue. Within a few minutes, flames had consumed the small building and spread to the adjoining structure on the corner. Fire Company #3, which only a few minutes before had been practicing on Market Square and had just put up its engine, promptly rolled its steamer to the cistern on the square. For some cause, however, the steam could not be raised for some 20 minutes. Once the firemen got the apparatus working and the water directed to the right place, the destructive flames were quenched in a short time. *The Whig & Chronicle* reported:

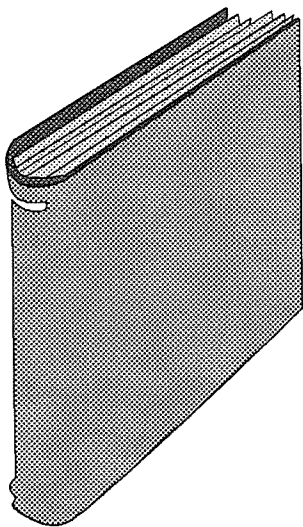
"The corner building, owned by **A. B. Johnson**, was part wood and part brick. The first floor of the wooden part was occupied by **A. Lobenstein's** clothing store and **Joseph Wood's** jewelry shop, and two families [unidentified in the paper] lived in the upper story. The brick part of the building, back on Asylum Street, was considerably damaged by fire. The lower floor was occupied by "**Bawly**" **O'Dell's** saloon, and the upper story by **Justice Brooks** and **W. F. Yardley, Esq.**, as offices."

With tongue in cheek, the paper commented: "Friends were very accommodating in assisting Bawly in getting out the 'red licker' and many of them were so afraid of glass vessels breaking that they took pains to empty a good lot of it into 'leathern jugs' before taking it out." The editor also took the occasion to state that Knoxville was badly in need of increased facilities for putting out fires, stressing the need for some means of systematizing operations at the fires and keeping down "crowding around, confusion, and uproar." The greatest need, he stressed, was for a system of waterworks by which water could be more easily obtained.

Gallatin was visited by a \$20,000 fire in mid-April 1880, the *Murfreesboro Free Press* reported. The blaze originated in the grocery store of **T. J. Nicholson** about 3:30 on a Tuesday morning. The fire was believed to have been the work of an incendiary who apparently robbed the building first and then ignited it.

On May 3, 1883, fire swept through the business section of Tullahoma in Coffee County, leaving only four brick stores untouched. The entire north side of Lincoln Street from **Capt. J. W. Harton's** brick store to the railroad was said to have been wrapped in flames. The blaze started in a building owned by **Dr. William Farris** which was occupied by the **Rutledge Bros.** merchandise store on the first floor and by the Masonic Hall on the second. When the fire reached the **Maynard** store on Atlantic Street, a coal oil tank exploded shooting flames several hundred feet in the air and this, followed by the explosion of gun powder, kept residents on edge. Among structures destroyed: the railroad freight depot, the **Misses Baillett's** millinery shop, **S. J. McLemore's** grocery, **G. A. Hawkins'** grocery, **Riley Wilson's** merchandise store, **R. H. Mitchell's** saloon, **Bomar's** saloon, and buildings owned by Mayor **J. G. Aydelott** and **I. F. Maynard**. Some buildings on the south side of Lincoln Street caught on fire, but men stationed on the roofs with buckets of water held it in check. In less than two weeks, the mayor and alderman enacted a law creating a fire district and forbidding the erection of any wooden structures within its boundaries. ■

Genealogical Abstracts Carroll County Wills 1822-32



(Abstracted from microfilm at Memphis/Shelby County Public Library; film produced by Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville. Unless stated otherwise, all wills in this period were registered by County Court Clerk **Edward Gwin**.)

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JOHN COX - Will dated 4 Feb 1822. Witnessed by **Samuel G. Sayle**, **William Robison**. Proved in county court September 1822 term. Executor not named.

Wife - **Purity Cox**
Sons - **William, James**
Daughters - **Sally Cox, Sally Culp, Rhoda Barnhart**
Son-in-law - **Robert Culp**
Niece - **Nancy McMakin**

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DAVID CLARK - Will dated 11 Mar 1824. Witnessed by **Enoch Enochs**, **Isaac Harlin**, **Clark Woodstrain**. Proved in county court June 1824 term.

Executors - wife and **Isaac Harlin**.

Wife - **Hannah**

Children - mentioned but not named

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DAVID GEE - Will dated 11 Sep 1823. Witnessed by **John Dougherty**, **Levy Charlton**, **Delphia Charlton**. Proved in county court September 1824 term. Executors - sons **Henry Gee**, **David Gee**

Wife - **Agness Gee**

Children - **Polly Malugins**, **Susannah Gee**, **Ervin Gee**, **Edmond Gee**, **Thomas Gee**, **Henry Gee**,
Betsey Seals, **David Gee**, **Nancey Camble**

PAGES 3-5

WILLIAM SUITER¹ - Will dated 25 Nov 1824. Witnessed by **William L. Butler**, **Thomas Finley**. Proved in county court March 1825 session. Executors - son **Leonard Sooter**, **Thomas Hamilton**.

Wife - **Elizabeth**

Children - **Permely**, **Leonard**, **William**, **Berry**, **Niecy** (daughter), **Edward**, **Sally**, and **Ely** (last three designated as youngest children)

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BENJAMIN BUSEY - Will dated 30 May 1822. Witnessed by **Elias A. Calvert**, **Elvia Morse**. Proved county court June 1825 term. Executors - son **Edward Busey**, **Henry Wheeler**.

Wife - **Lucey**

Children - **Edward Busey**, **Sally Crow**, **Zilpha Bethell**, **Nancy Wheeler**, **Lucy Kirkwood**, **Fanny Gilbert**
Granddaughter - **Agnes Lamberson**

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BARTHOLEMW WHITE - Will dated 28 May 1825. Witnessed by **Robert Armour**, **Jackson White**, **John Pinckley**. Proved in county court September 1825 term. Executors - wife, **Levi McWhorter**

Wife - **Elizabeth**

Sons - **Bartholemew**, **Bryan**, **Jackson**, **Solomon**, **William**

Daughters - **Elizabeth**, **Marian**

¹Surname is also spelled "Sooter" in some places in the will.

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JOHN MARTIN - Will dated 17 Oct 1825. Witnessed by **Richard Green, Bradford Edward, Hiram Edward**. Proved county court December 1825 term.

Executor - son **William Martin**.

Wife - **Nancy**

Children - **Polly Jones, Jane Green, William Martin, Jacob Martin, Deliatha Martin, Thomas Martin**, youngest son **James**

Martin

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STOKELY H. ENOCHS - Will dated 15 Nov 1826. Witnessed by **Robert Nicholson, Jopee Walker, Amos Dildy**. Date of probate not shown. Executors - wife **Jane** and **Thompson Enochs**

Wife - **Jane**

Heirs (relationship not stated) - **Miles J. , Thomas T., and Marjory Enochs**

Negro girl - **Mariah**

PAGES 8-9

BENJAMIN LADD - Will dated 14 Jan 1827. Witnessed by **Mathias Bigham, S. Y. Bigham**. Proved in county court 21 Jan 1827. **William Patton**, Justice of the Peace. Executors -- **Elisha Ladd, William H. Bigham**

Wife -- **Sarah Ladd**

Son -- **Elijah Ladd**

Daughter -- **Martha**

Others mentioned (relationship not stated) -- **Susannah Isom, Nancy Cammel, David Ladd,**

Edward B. Ladd

Negro man -- **Lewis**

Negro girls -- **Mary Ann, Mowning, Susannah**

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SAMUEL ALLIN - Will dated 15 May 1827. Witnessed by **R. Green Allin, John M. Hammett**. Date of probate not shown. Executor -- son **Levi**

Wife -- **Mary**

Children -- **Isaac Allin, Levi Allin, John Allin, Fanny Allin, Thomas Allin, Elizabeth Allin, Polly Allin, Nancy Allin, Hannah Allin, Purity Allin, Sary Allin, Dolly Harris Allin.**

PAGES 11-12

ARON GREEN - Will dated 16 Oct 1827. Witnessed by **Richard Green, Loyd Rowland**. Date of probate not shown.

Executors -- wife **Elizabeth** and son **Needham**

Wife -- **Elizabeth**

Children -- **Needham Green, Patty Allin, Polly Sipes (?), Minty Rodgers, Rowland Green, Elizabeth Cox, Aron Green, Thomas Green, Sarah Green, Edy Pickler, Nancy Green, Susannah Green**

Negroes -- **Sena, Tony, Ned, Jack, Bob, Wilson**

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LYDDY/LIDDY JARRETT² - Noncupative will made ca. 25 Jul 1827, a few days before she died. Proved in Carroll County open court during December 1827 term by **James Tarpley** and **Elizabeth Hicks**.

Heir -- **Malinda Christian**, also known as **Malinda Carmack**, who was raised from childhood by Liddy

²Given name is listed as "Lydia" in will book index

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DANIEL BAGBY - Will dated 19 Aug 1828. Witnessed by **John C. Smith, Thomas Hamilton**. Date of probate not stated. Executors: eldest son **William** and **George Bagby**.

Wife -- **Lucy H. Bagby**

Daughter -- **Harriett Gilliam**

Other children -- **William H. Bagby, George H. Bagby, Ballard C. Bagby, Mary L. Bagby, Thomas H. Bagby, Daniel L. Bagby**

Negro girl -- **Jennicy**

Negro man -- **Wilson**

PAGES 15-16

NATHAN NESBITT - Will dated 20 Sep 1827. Witnessed by **Robert Nicholson, Samuel Benton**. Proved in county court December 1828 term. . Executors -- wife **Ann**, sons **Samuel** and **Wilson Nesbitt**.

Wife -- **Ann**

Sons -- **Samuel J. Nesbitt, Wilson Nesbitt**, twin sons **Robert** and **Nathan Nesbitt**

Other children -- **Benjamin H. Nesbitt, Sarah P. Nesbitt, Angelina Nesbitt, John Nesbitt, William C. Nesbitt, Thomas J. Nesbitt**

PAGES 16-17

JAMES BAKER - Will dated 12 Jan 1829. Witnessed by **Elijah Wheelis, Abram White**. Proved in county court March 1829 term. Executors -- sons **Robert Baker, James Baker**, and son-in-law **John Simmons**

Wife -- **Mary Baker**

Sons -- **Thomas C. Baker, John Baker, Robert Baker, Porter Baker, James Baker**

Daughters -- **Happy Baker** (unmarried), married daughters not listed

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PHILLIP BURROW -- Will dated 16 Mar 1829. Witnessed by **John J. Burrow, Banks M. Burrow**. Proved in county court December 1829 term. Recorded 28 Jan 1830. Clk. Executor -- son **Banks M. Burrow**

Wife - Not mentioned

Sons - **Ishmael Burrow, James Burrow, Sterling Burrow, Ephraim Burrow, Phillip Burrow, Banks M. Burrow**

Son-in-law - **Robert Wood**

Daughters - **Patsey Cobb, Polly Burrow**

Grandchildren - **Frances Wood's** four children (not named)

PAGES 19-20

JAMES M'CONNELL/M'CONNEL -- Will dated 22 Sep 1830. Witnessed by **John Weathers, H. B. Lawrence**. Proved in county court December 1830 term. Recorded 19 Dec 1830. Executor **John Davis**.

Wife -- **Nancey**

Sons -- **Thomas M'Connell** of Hickman Co., Ky., **Archibald M'Connell**

Daughters -- **Pheba Davis, Mary Brown**

Sons-in-law -- **John Davis** who married my daughter, **Pheba**; and **Isaac Brown** who married daughter **Mary**

PAGES 20-21

JONATHAN WILEY -- Will dated 1 Oct 1830. Witnessed by **William Stacey, Polly Stacey**. Proved in county court March 1831 term. Recorded 9 June 1831. Executors - **John Johnson, Amos Joiner, Sr.**

Wife -- **Ruthey**

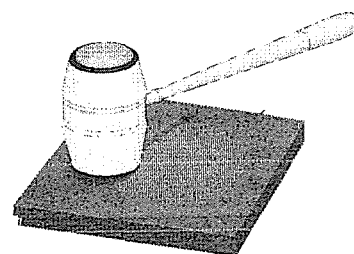
Son -- **John Gaston**

Daughters -- **Ibby Ann, Polly, Caroline**

Refers to father living in Dickson County, but does not name him.

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JAMES M. HENDERSON -- Will dated 16 Jul 1831. Witnessed by **R. L.W. Hogg, J. M. Jennings, William Gwin**. Proved in county court September 1831 term. Securities: **Barrie Gillispie, Samuel Benton**. Recorded 25 Oct 1831. Executors - father **Pleasant Henderson**, brothers **Tippo Saib Henderson & Mark M. Henderson**, and friend, **James H. Gee**



Wife - deceased, his parents to be guardians of his children

Daughter -- **Margaret Henderson**

Sons -- **James Martin, Pleasant, William Henry Frederick, and Marion** (youngest son)

Stepdaughter -- **Sarah Ann Stone**

Negroes - **Andrew** and wife **Betty** and their children; boy - **Henry**; family Negroes **Lewis and George** in title of **Alexander Henderson**

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JAMES HAMILTON -- Will dated 27 Feb 1826. Witnessed by **Robert Wilson, Thomas Latimere**. Proved in county court September 1831 term. Recorded 9 Feb 1832. Executors - **James Latimere, Thomas Hamilton**.

Wife -- **Jane**

Son -- **John**

Grandchildren -- Children of **Jacob** and **Betsy McKee**, deceased (Betsy was his deceased daughter); and grandson, **Thomas Hamilton**, living with him when will was written

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WILLIAM WOODS -- Will dated 12 Nov 1831. Witnessed by **C. M. Hodge, Louis Huddleston, Burrell Robertson**. Proved in county court December 1831 term. Recorded 10 Feb 1832. Executors - brother **John Woods**, nephew **L. (Levi) S. Woods**, nephew **W.W. Herron**.

Wife -- **Nancy**

Brother -- **John Woods, Oliver Woods**

Brothers-in-law -- **Thomas Black, John Holmes**

Nephews -- John Woods' son **William Woods**, John Holmes' son **William Holmes**, **Samuel Black's** son **William Black, William W. Herron**

Nieces -- L.S. Woods' daughter **Nancy Woods** (L.S. Woods appears to be John Woods' son), **Dysant Woods'** daughter **Nancy Rachel Woods**, John Woods' daughter **Margaret Woods**

Sister -- **Martha**

Others mentioned but relationship not indicated -- **Nancy Herron**, wife of **John Herron**; **John Steel** who married **Nelly Black**; **Hervy Woods**

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THOMAS COOK - Will dated 18 Aug 1829. Witnessed by **John Holmes, Green Utly**. Proved in county court March 1832 term. Registered 26 Jul 1832. Executors - **Joseph Cook, John Holmes**

Wife -- **Ann**

Youngest son -- **Joseph Cook**

Negro man -- **Ben**

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SUSANNAH TAYLOR - Will dated 18 Feb 1830. Witnessed by **James Barker, George Barker**. Proved in county court March 1832 term. Recorded 26 Jul 1832. Executor - **James Barker**

Brother-in-law -- **James Barker**

Uncle -- **John Barker** in Caswell Co., N.C.

Niece -- **Jane Barker**■

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FROM HERE 'N THERE

Mentions of Tennessees
~In Our Exchanges~

MEMPHIAN Eli Driver and his family are mentioned in an 1854 Madison Co., Ala., chancery court record abstracted in *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 31, No. 1. The record, dated 4 Nov 1854, shows Eli died in September 1851. He left a widow, **Julia S. Driver**, and four children, **Elizabeth** (wife of **Wm. R. Hunt** of Mississippi, who was then residing with her parents in Memphis), **Mary S. 15**, **William 12**, and **Julia M. 7**.

STILL ANOTHER Memphian, **Mrs. M. K. Patrick**, is buried in Cahaba's New Cemetery near Orrville, Alabama. The Central Alabama Genealogical Society quarterly (Vol. 22, No. 2) reports that many refugees came to Cahaba during the Civil War because their homes were in the path of military action. Mrs. Patrick is believed to have been one such refugee.

THIRTY-THREE former Tennesseans were among Missouri veterans examined by **Dr. George W. Taylor** for increased pensions in the years from 1901 to 1904, according to the Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal (Vol. XVI, No. 3). Most of the men were Civil War veterans. Tennessee-born veterans living in Missouri at the time of their examination were: **John Wood**, 63, and **James Wood**, 60, both of Gainesville, Mo., and **Thos. J. Mallonee**, 58, Pontiac, Mo., all three born in Washington Co., Tenn.; **John Hutchinson**, 55, Isabella, Mo., born in Grainger Co., Tenn.; **John H. Harris**, 55, Sweden, Mo., born in Roane Co., Tenn.; **John Walker**, 62, Vera Cruz, Mo., born in Campbell Co., Tenn.; **Stokely R. Edmison**, 62, Sharp, Mo., born in Jackson Co., Tenn.; **Wiley Ellison**, 58, Bakersfield, Mo., born in Claiborne Co., Tenn.; **Virgil L. Johnson**, 56, Ava, Mo., born in Dyer Co.,

Tenn.; **Hezekiah J. Inman**, 73, Roosevelt, Mo., born in Lincoln Co., Tenn.; **James I. Holt**, 69, Theodosia, Mo., born in Rutherford Co., Tenn.; **James E. Bunyard**, 57, Smallette, Mo., **James P. Marritt**, 58, Longrun, Mo., and **Samuel A. Farmer**, 58, Gainesville, Mo., all three born in Bradley Co., Tenn.; **Jesse Herd**, 58, Dugginsville, Mo., born in DeKalb Co., Tenn.; **James W. Russell**, 53, Toccoa, Mo., and **Isham D. Grimsley**, 63, Bakersfield, Mo., both born in Tennessee; **Elisha H. Wicker**, 65, Bakersfield, Mo., born in Marshall Co., Tenn.; **John Heard**, 64, Vera Cruz, Mo., **Josiah H. Elliott**, 67, Sweden, Mo., and **James M. Robertson**, Ava, Mo., all three born in Marion Co., Tenn.; **Janes D. Smallwood**, 59, Omaba, Mo., born in Polk Co., Tenn.; **William Hendricks**, 66, Smallette, Mo., born in East Tennessee; **Alfred S. Beard**, 61, Bakersfield, Mo., born in Jonesborough, Tenn.; **William Hitchcock**, 59, Girdner, Mo., and **John M. Lewis**, 69, Smallett, Mo., both born in White Co., Tenn.; **Richard M. Dobbs**, 64, Dora, Mo., born in Bedford Co., Tenn.; **Newton Dobbs**, 52, Blanche, Mo., born in Bradford (?) Co., Tenn.; and **Isaac B. Hoggatt**, 58, Moody, Mo., born in Jefferson Co., Tenn. Also examined were the following men from Mountain Home, Ark.: **William F. Shelly**, 72, born in Carter Co., Tenn.; **John G. Deatherage**, 62, born in Bledsoe Co., Tenn.; **William A. Studdard**, 58, born in McMinn Co., Tenn.; and **Charles R. Gower**, 64, born in Tennessee.

PIONEER LIFE in Lawrence Co., Tenn., is described in the family quarterly called *The Fountain ...Welch-Welsh-Walsh* (Vol. 13, No. 4). **George K. Welch** of Navasota, Tex., was born near West Point, Tenn., on 11 May 1843, the son of **John L.** and **Rachel Archer Welch**. His father, born in South Carolina in 1800, came with his parents to Tennessee in about 1804 and settled on Chisholm Fork. He often told about 'clearing a patch,' building a cabin, marrying at 18, and taking his wife on his horse behind

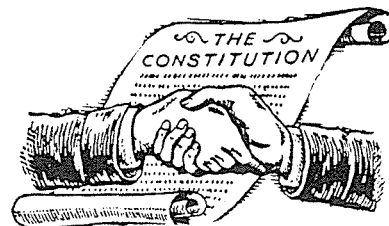
him (she with her bed and clothing in her lap) and going to housekeeping. Their furniture consisted of items he made. A dressed 'possum skin stretched over a hoop with small holes punched in it answered very well for a cornmeal sifter. James was killed by a horse at age 75. George volunteered for service in the Confederacy and was in battles from Shiloh to Appomattox. He was never sick, never missed a scrap, and never received a scratch. He returned home in May 1865, attended school at Lawrenceburg, and served as deputy county clerk under **S. A. Carrell**. George married **Maggie E. Shannon**, daughter of **Gazaway** and **Jane Shannon**. They later moved to Texas.

THE BIRTH of **Grove Sharp** in North Carolina in 1763 marks the seventh generation of Sharps to be born in America. In 1781 Grove married **Mary Fulghum** in Wayne Co., N. C., and some time between 1820 and 1830 they moved to McNairy Co., Tenn. Two of their sons, **John Arthur Sharp** (born in 1804) and **Henry Raiford Sharp** (born in 1809) purchased land in Corinth, Miss., in 1838 and later in the vicinity of Iuka in Tishomingo Co., Miss. The family's story is told in *Chronicles & Epitaphs* (Vol. 1, Issue 3), published by the Tishomingo County Historical & Genealogical Society, Iuka.

THREE TENNESSEANS turn up in a story about the late San Angelo, Tex., physician, **Dr. Thomas Peter Early**, which ran in *Stalkin' Kin*, Vol. XXIV, No. 2, published by the San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society. It seems that Dr. Early's wife, **Mary Scott Redding**, was the daughter of **William Redding** of Nashville and **Margaret Elizabeth Williamson**, who was born 21 Oct 1853 in Tennessee. Mary Scott married Dr. Early in Bastrop Co., Tex., on 19 Jan 1871. They had two daughters, **Scottie N.** and **Edgar Poe Early**, and two sons, **William F.** and **Thomas P. Early**. ■

Bio Information On Framers of State's Second Constitution Provided by 1834 Newspaper

In its issue of 27 Aug 1834, *The Nashville Whig* ran a list of the men who participated in Tennessee's second Constitutional Convention, saying the list was "politely furnished" at its request with facts relating to the men's birthplaces, ages, the year those who were not native citizens emigrated to the state, and their occupations.¹ Thirty-three of the men were farmers (reflecting the major occupation of the day), 14 were lawyers, five merchants, three medical doctors, and two ministers.



- W. [William] B. Carter** (President) - Resident of Carter Co., born 21 Oct 1791 at the place where he now resides. Occupation: farmer.
- Robert Allen** - Resident of Smith Co., born 19 June 1778 in Cumberland Co., Pa., emigrated to Virginia in infancy and to Tennessee in 1797. Occupation: merchant and farmer.
- Hugh C. Armstrong** - Resident of Overton Co., born 4 Jan 1794 in Surry Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1800. Occupation: farmer.
- Adam R. Alexander** - Resident of Shelby Co., born 15 Nov 1788 in Washington Co., Va., emigrated to Tennessee in 1791. Occupation: farmer.
- Richard Bradshaw** - Resident of Jefferson Co., born 15 Jan 1788 in Greene Co., then lived in North Carolina, now Jefferson Co. Occupation: farmer.
- Robert M. Burton** - Resident of Wilson Co., born 20 Nov 1800 in Granville Co., N.C., educated at Chapel Hill, N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1823. Occupation: lawyer.
- Willie Blount** - Resident of Montgomery Co., born 18 Apr 1769 in Pitt Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1791. Formerly judge and afterwards governor of Tennessee. Occupation: farmer.
- Newton Cannon** - Resident of Williamson Co., born 22 May 1781 in Guilford Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1799. Occupation: farmer.
- William G. Childress** - Resident of Williamson Co., born 31 Mar 1798 in North Carolina, emigrated to Tennessee in 1807. Occupation: lawyer.
- Terry H. Cahal** - Resident of Maury Co., born 25 Dec 1790 in Louisa Co., Va., emigrated to Tennessee in 1814. Occupation: lawyer.
- Maclin Cross** - Resident of McNairy County, born 31 Mar 1803 in Overton Co. Occupation: lawyer.
- Burchett Douglass** - Resident of Wilson Co., born 6 Oct 1793 in Sumner Co. Occupation: farmer.
- James Fulton** - Resident of Lincoln Co., born 18 Dec 1797 in Washington Co., Va., emigrated to Tennessee in 1819. Occupation: lawyer.
- James I. Green** - Resident of Blount Co., born in Prince Edward Co., Va., in 1781, emigrated to Tennessee in October 1803. Occupation: farmer and merchant²
- James Gray** - Resident of Stewart Co., born 6 Nov 1788 in Montgomery Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1809. Occupation: farmer.
- Callaway Hodges** - Resident of Jefferson Co., born in Greene Co., Tenn., on 11 Oct 1784. Occupation: farmer.
- Isaac Hill** - Resident of Warren Co., born 20 Dec 1797 in Edgecomb Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1805. Occupation: farmer.
- Adam Huntsman** - Resident of Madison Co., born 11 Feb 1786 in Charlotte Co., Va., emigrated to Tennessee in 1809. Occupation: lawyer.
- West H. Humphreys** - Resident of Fayette Co., born in Montgomery Co. on 26 Aug 1806. Occupation: lawyer.
- Nelson I. Hess** - Resident of Gibson Co., born 29 Mar 1795 in Madison Co., Ky., emigrated to Tennessee in March 1804. Occupation: doctor of medicine and minister of Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
- John Kelly** - Resident of Marion Co., born 2 Jun 1779 in Greenbrier Co., Va., emigrated to Tennessee in 1781. Occupation: farmer.

¹ *The Tennessee Gazetteer*, which carried a list of men who drew up the state constitution, did not include James Gray of Stewart. It listed Robert L. Cobbs of Maury County and Bolling Gordon, neither of whom was mentioned in *The Whig*.

² *Tennessee Gazetteer* lists Green as being from Roane County

CONSTITUTION (continued)

- Andrew A. Kincannon** - Resident of Lincoln Co., born 1 Dec 1797 in Surry Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1818. Occupation: farmer.
- Joseph Kincaid** - Resident of Bedford Co., born 5 May 1794 in Madison Co., Ky., emigrated to Tennessee in 1818. Occupation: doctor of medicine.
- Peter Kendall** - Resident of Henry Co., born 29 July 1778 in Montgomery Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1804. Occupation: farmer.
- Bradley Kimbrough** - Resident of Monroe Co., born 3 Nov 1799 in Jefferson Co., Tenn. Occupation: lawyer, more recently minister in the Baptist Church.
- William Ledbetter** - Resident of Rutherford Co., born 12 Feb 1800 in Brunswick Co., Va., emigrated to Tennessee in 1814. Occupation: farmer.
- William H. Loving** - Resident Haywood Co., born 21 Nov 1803 in Nelson Co., Va., emigrated to Tennessee in 1826. Occupation: lawyer.
- Abram McClellan** - Resident of Sullivan Co., born 29 June 1788 in Sullivan Co., then to North Carolina, now Tennessee. Occupation: farmer.
- Robert J. McKinney** - Resident of Hawkins Co., born 25 Nov 1781 in County of Tyrone, Ireland. Emigrated to United States in September 1799 to Pennsylvania, to Tennessee in 1805. Occupation: lawyer.
- Joseph A. Mabry** - Resident of Knox Co., born 19 Mar 1798 in Virginia, emigrated to Tennessee in infancy. Occupation: farmer.
- John McGaughey** - Resident of Greene Co., born 12 July 1792 in Sevier Co. Occupation: farmer.
- John Montgomery** - Resident of Charlotte, Dickson Co., born 13 Feb 1794 in Sumner Co. Occupation: lawyer.
- George W. L. Marr** - Resident of Obion Co., born in Henry Co., Va., on 25 May 1779, emigrated to Tennessee in 1799. Occupation: lawyer, more recently farmer.
- John Neal** - Resident of McMinn Co., born 10 Dec 1783 in Washington Co., Tenn. Occupation: farmer.
- Richard Nelson** - resident of White Co., born 2 Apr 1800 in Greene Co. Occupation: lawyer.
- Thomas C. Porter** - resident of Giles Co., born 20 Jul 1787 in Davidson Co. Occupation: farmer.
- John Purdy** - resident of Henderson Co., born 16 Apr 1798 in Mifflin Co., Pa., emigrated to Tennessee in 1819. Occupation: farmer.
- William C. Roydman [Roadman]** - Resident of Cocke Co., born 6 Oct 1784 in Williamsburg, Va., emigrated to Tennessee in 1808. Occupation: merchant and farmer.
- George W. Richardson** - Resident of Franklin Co., born in Roane Co. on 28 Apr 1798. Occupation: farmer.
- Henry Ridley** - Resident of Rutherford Co., born 29 May 1794 in Davidson Co. Occupation: farmer.
- Julius C. N. Robertson** - Resident of Hardeman Co., born 20 Feb 1792 in Washington Co. Occupation: farmer.
- Matthew Stephenson** - Resident of Washington Co., born 7 Feb 1777 in Rockingham Co., Va., emigrated to Tennessee in infancy. Occupation: farmer, land surveyor, merchant.
- William T. Senter** - Resident of Rhea Co., born 12 May 1801 in Hawkins Co. Occupation: merchant and minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
- James W. Smith** - Resident of Beech Hill, Jackson Co.; born 18 May 1770 in Granville Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1811. Occupation: farmer.
- William C. Smartt** - Resident of Warren Co., born 13 Nov 1785 in Mechlenberg Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1797. Occupation: farmer.
- Henry Sharp** - Resident of Lawrence Co., born 24 Sep 1779 in South Hampton Co., Va., emigrated to Tennessee in 1803. Occupation: farmer.
- James Scott** - Resident of Hardin Co., born 22 Jul 1804 in Clarke Co., Ga., emigrated to Tennessee in 1825. Occupation: lawyer.
- Ennis Ury** - Resident of Carroll Co., born 15 Mar 1799 in Davidson Co. Occupation: merchant.
- John Whitson** - Resident of Anderson Co., born 20 Feb 1796 in Washington Co. Occupation: farmer.
- Isaac Walton** - Resident of Sumner Co., born 1 Feb 1764 in Gates Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in 1786. Occupation: farmer.
- John J. White** - Resident of Sumner Co., born 3 Apr 1798 in Hampshire Co., Mass., emigrated to the West in 1810 and to Tennessee in 1814. Occupation: lawyer.
- Jonathan Webster** - Resident of Bedford Co., born 19 Mar 1779 in Spottsylvania Co., Va., emigrated to Tennessee in 1808. Occupation: farmer.

CONSTITUTION (continued)

- Robert Weakley** - Resident of Davidson Co., born 2 Jul 1764 in Halifax Co., Va., emigrated to North Carolina in the fall of 1782 and to Tennessee in the fall of 1783. Occupation: land surveyor and farmer.
- William K. Hill** (Secretary to the Convention) - Resident of Maury Co., born 18 Mar 1793 in Duplin Co., N.C., emigrated to Tennessee in March 1812. Occupation: farmer.
- William L. L. Morrow** (Assistant Secretary) - Resident of Monroe Co., born 27 Nov 1802 in Jefferson Co. Occupation: doctor of medicine.
- James McDowell** (Doorkeeper) - Resident of Rutherford Co. Born in Greene Co., then lived in North Carolina, moved to Tennessee in 1787. Emigrated to Kentucky in 1808, again to Tennessee, then to Rutherford Co. in 1816. Occupation: carpenter.
- Alfred C. Robertson** (Assistant Doorkeeper) - Resident of Overton Co., born 8 Feb 1801 in Washington Co. Occupation: tanner. ■



Tombstone In Museum May Provide A Helpful Clue

In the Memphis Pink Palace Museum is a small white marble tombstone that might be of interest to some genealogist. Beautifully carved in its surface is the following:

*Ann J.
wife of
Peter Transou
born
at Salem N.C.
Dec. 17, 1789
Died
June 7, 1858*

Another genealogical "find" in the Memphis museum is a Bible dated 1808. Opened to the Family Records/Deaths, it reads as follows:

*Lewis Collins died
February the 8th 1815*

*Elizabeth Collins
wife of Lewis Collins
Senr died March 1797
aged 69 years*

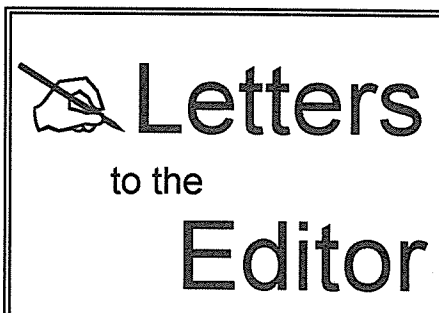
*Wiley Collins
a son of Lewis Collins
died May the 13th 1816*

*Charlotte Collins
wife of Lewis Collins
died the 25th of
November 1842*

According to the museum's data card, the tombstone was found stacked with three others along a fence row near Jackson (Madison County), Tenn. It apparently came from a cemetery which was plowed into a farm field in the 1930s.

The property owner wanted to restore the cemetery but, not knowing its exact location, donated the tombstone to the museum so it would be preserved.

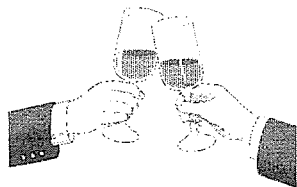
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Editor, *Ansearchin' News*

For the past several years, I have been compiling information and research on the ancestry and descendants of **Rev. Henry Cato Horton**, a lay minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church, born in 1794 in Lancaster Co., S.C. Rev. Horton was in the cotton business in Memphis and died there after the Civil War. He was married to **Elizabeth Elliott Kennedy** (1796-1863), born in Fairfield Co., S. C., and had 14 children. There are many descendants of this family living in Tennessee. Just recently I have started a newsletter with the intent to eventually print a genealogy and history on this family. If anyone is interested in this family, please contact me at 823 Calhoun St., Columbia, SC 29201, telephone 803-256-7777, FAX 803-252-0703.

William R. Bauer

IN SUMNER COUNTY...

Gallatin Hosts Enthusiastic Crowd

(Based on an article from the 13 Jul 1835 issue of *The Union*, Nashville, Tenn.)

In 1835, the town of Gallatin, Tenn., was bursting at the seams with the largest assemblage of people ever gathered in Sumner County up to that time. The occasion was a Fourth of July celebration that drew "upwards of 1500" citizens. The date also may have marked the largest number of toasts ever drunk at one sitting in Gallatin -- or perhaps any where else, for that matter. The total: 68. Thirteen of them were called "regular," apparently meaning those that were planned as part of the program, and the other 55 were volunteer or spontaneous. Several in the crowd volunteered more than once.

With the 1836 presidential election looming just ahead, many of the toasts were political in tone -- strongly endorsing such men as President Andrew Jackson, Vice President Martin Van Buren, Senator Hugh Lawson White, and others. **Isaac Moore**, who rose to give the afternoon's 60th toast, defended Van Buren saying "Only three charges brought against him have been sustained, to-wit: that he is a little man, a bald-headed man, and a Dutchman."

If any women were in the crowd, **J. Y. Blythe** no doubt scored with them when he toasted, "A Lady -- when intelligent, amiable, and beautiful -- an invaluable jewel!"

And **Jesse Skeen** offered a patriotic plea, "May the fair daughters of America breed none but republicans."¹

The proceedings opened in a public church with an "eloquent and fervent" prayer by **Dr. W. P. Rowles**. **The Rev. H. M. Cryer** read the Declaration of Independence, and **O. F. Bledsoe** delivered the day's oration. The Union editor praised Bledsoe for "saying about as much as should be said and leaving nothing to be supplied." After the opening ceremony, the citizens repaired to the Grove where they partook of a sumptuous "Barbacue" and various refreshments prepared by **Mr. Joel H. Daughtery**. After the cloth was removed, **Gen. William Hall** acted as president of the day and was assisted by **Gen. Robert Desha** and **Col. John/George Elliott**.²

The crowd imbibed the 13 planned toasts, and then bent elbows in response to tributes volunteered by: **Gen. William Hall**, **Gen. Desha**, **Gen. Elliott**, **Dr. J. H. Peyton**, **Thomas Wethers**, **Maj. Sam'l Cockran** (a soldier of the Revolution), **O. F. Bledsoe**, **H. L. Dinwiddie**, **Rev. H. M. Cryer**, **Thomas T. Smiley**, **Dr. Blackmore**, **Wm. C. Beck**, **Seaton H. Turner, Esq.**, **Josiah Walton, Esq.**, **Col. Jo. C. Guild**, **Gen. Robert Desha**, **Capt. Jno. H. Dew**, **Thomas A. Baber**, **Thomas Barry**, **William C. Beck**, **Eli Odam**, **Major Young N. Douglass**, **Dr. J. J. Franklin**, **G. M. M'Whirter**, **F. B. Wilson**, **William R. Elliston**, **H. H. Wethers**, **Dr. Jos. H. Peyton**, **Jo. C. Guild, Esq.**, **William C. Beck**, **Col. J. Thompson**, **William M. Blackmore, Esq.**, **Elijah Boddie, Esq.**, **N. Prince**, **Jno. B. Howard**, **Meredith Hodges, Esq.**, **E. L. Payne**, **Jno. Tompkins**, **S. M. Blythe**, **George W. Allen, Esq.**, **Thomas T. Smily, Esq.**, **James Dabbs**, **Richard Alexander**, **Charles Morgan, Esq.**, **F. L. M'Daniel**, **James Roney**, **Thomas Barry**, **A. M. Tompkins**, **Jas. L. M'Koin, Esq.**, **D. C. Gaskill, Esq.**, **Gen. R. Desha**, **James Stewart**, **Col. A. R. Wynne**, **William M. Blackmore, Esq.**, **George Love**, **James Dabbs**, **Jno. Hutchison**, **William White**, and **J. C. Guild**. ■

¹ Organization of the Republican Party did not come until some two decades later, hence the editor of the Union was correct in using a lowercase "r."

² The newspaper account refers to Elliott as "George" in one place and "John" in another.

Missing **Puzzle** Pieces

❖ WHO WAS R. DEARBON?

The body of a drowned man was found floating among some drifted wood at our landing on Monday evening last. It was clothed with a white Marseills vest, red flannel under shirt and white muslin over shirt with linen collar and wristbands, muslin drawers, blue woolen socks, and a white muslin cravat with "**R. Dearbon**" worked in one corner with black or blue silk. He was a thick set man about five feet eight or ten inches high and had been in the water for eight or ten days. A jury of inquest was held but without giving any specific cause as to his death. There was an old scar under his right shoulder five or six inches long, and another close behind resembling that of a bullet. The steamboat Tuscahoma reported a murder having taken place in a flat boat at the Iron Banks a few days since which suggests the idea that this may be the unfortunate victim.

(From the Randolph, Tenn., Recorder quoted in the 8 May 1835 issue of the Nashville, Tenn., Union.)

❖ DRUMMOND MISSING FROM NASHVILLE HOME

Information is wanted of **Francis Drummond**, a young man aged about 19 years who left this city in July last and has not been heard from. He had worked a short time at the printing business previously to his leaving this place. Any information respecting him would be thankfully received by his aged father. - **J. Drummond**

(From the 11 May 1835 issue of the Nashville, Tenn., Union)

❖ FOUR FUGATE CHILDREN LOST

On the first of last March my brother **Noah** left Jefferson Co., Ark., for Bourbon Co., Ky., in company with my four children, where they have not yet arrived, neither have they been heard of since they took shipping at the mouth of White river. The names of the children are **Paine, Joseph, Napoleon, and Hosea**. - **Joseph Fugate**, 24 Oct 1834

Editors of papers between this and Louisville will confer a great favor upon the disconsolate parent and may perhaps be the means of the father finding his motherless children by giving publicity to the above.

(From the 7 Nov 1834 issue of the Randolph, Tenn., Recorder)

❖ INGLE IS RUNAWAY

Notice: Ran away from the subscriber on the 22d June last, a bound boy named **Bluford Ingle** between 18 and 19 years old, small for his age, light-coloured hair. I will give one dollar reward to any person who will return him to me -- living on Potters Creek three miles north of Warrensburg. - **Christopher Haun** (12 July 1824)

(From the American Economist & East Tennessee Statesman, Greenville, Tenn.)

❖ STINNETT MISSING FOR EIGHT YEARS

My son **George W. Stinnett** left home some 10 years ago; when last heard from was on his way to New Orleans about eight years ago from Waterloo in Alabama. I will thank edi-tors to insert this notice and I will be greatly obliged to any person knowing anything of his whereabouts to write me at Knoxville, Tenn. - **John Stinnett** (23 Nov 1853)

-Western Weekly Review, Franklin, Tenn.

Stewart County Sheriff Issues Delinquent Tax List for 1819

James Mallory, sheriff and public tax collector for Stewart County, submitted a long list of delinquent taxpayers to the county court in its February 1820 term. The property owners were subject to double taxes for failing to pay assessments due in 1819. The notice, published 30 June 1820 in a supplement to the *Murfreesborough Courier*, was signed by Robert Cooper, court clerk..

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>PROPERTY</u>
William Alston	4,000 a. on Loose Hatchey R.
Martin Armstrong	5,000 a. on Obien River
Martin Armstrong	5,000 a. on Mississippi River
Martin Armstrong	5,000 a. on Mississippi River
Thomas Con	1,000 a. on north fork of Forked Deer River
John Rice	5,000 a. on Chickasaw Bluff at mouth of Wolf River
London Carter	Tract of land on Harris' fork of Obien River
Benjamin Shepherd	1,000 a. on Indian Creek of Tenn. River, 600 whereof is unsold
Benjamin Shepherd	Tract on north side of Tenn. River on Hay's Creek, 701 a. unsold
Thomas Polk	5,000 a. on waters of Loose Hatchey River
London Carter	600 a. on Harris' fork of Obien R.
London Carter	300 a. on Long Fork
Alexander M'Kee	1,000 a. on Grove Creek
London Carter	400 a. on north side of west fork of Obien River
London Carter	640 a. on Harris' fork of Obien R.
George Dohertie	1,000 a. on north side of Loose Hatchey
London Carter	500 a. on Harris' fork of Obien R.
William Alston	2,000 a. on south side of Loose Hatchey River
London Carter	500 a. on east side of Harris' Fork of Obien River
Edward Harris	1,000 a. on west fork of Obien R.
London Carter	500 a. on north side of Obien R.
William Dobyms	250 a. on south side of Tenn. R.
Robert Martin	5,000 a. on Obien River
William Dobyms	5,000 a. on Mississippi River
William Dobyms	250 a. on Tennessee River
Joseph Porterfield	5,000 a. on Mississippi River at Yellow Bluff
John Carter	1,000 a. on Forked Deer River
John Steed	1,055 a. on Big Hatchy River
Robert Holmes	5,000 a. on Rutherford's Fork at the Obien River
Thomas Davidson	5,000 a. on Obien River
James Dougen	5,000 a. on south side of Obien R.
John Wright	5,000 a. on Harris' Creek
Suaderick Hargess	2,100 a. on Loose Hatchey River
John Johnson and } M. Lewis }	5,000 a. 14 miles from Mississippi River on the east side
Richard Blackledge	5,000 a. on Wolf River
Shaderick Miller	4,000 a. on Reelfoot River
Isaac Roberts	5,000 a. on south side of Obien R.

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>PROPERTY</u>
James Dunn	1,000 a. on Rutherford's fork of Obien River
Philomel Hawkins	4,000 a. on Indian Creek of Big Hatchey River
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	2,000 a. on Obien River
Thomas Talbot	1,000 a. on both sides of Loose Hatchey River
Henry Bowyers	5,000 a. on Reelfoot of Mississippi River
David Shelton	3,000 a. on north side of southeast fork of Forked Deer River
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	1,000 a. on both sides of creek running into Indian Creek of Big Bickalin on south side about 2 miles above mouth of said creek
Edward Harris	1,000 a. on both sides of Richard Creek of Obien River
Edward Harris	1,000 a. on both sides of Obien Creek
Edward Harris	1,000 a. on both sides of Clover Lick Creek of Obien R.
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	1,000 a. on south branch of Indian Creek
The same	1,000 a. on both sides of lick creek of Obien River
The same	1,000 a. on south fork of Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on south side of Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on both sides of Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on both sides of Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on south side of Loose Hatchey River
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	1,000 a. on south side of Obien R.
Mathew Ramsey	3,300 a. on south side of Obien R.
Benjamin Smith	5,000 a. on south fork of Forked Deer River
The same	2,000 a. on south fork of Forked Deer River
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	1,000 a. on north side of Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on west side Obien River
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	1,000 a. on south side of Obien R.
Thomas Dillon	1,000 a. below mouth of Duck River on south side of the Tenn.
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	1,000 a. on north side of north fork of Obien R.
Thomas Dillon	3,000 a. on south side of Tenn. opposite mouth of Duck River
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	1,000 a. on Obien River
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	3,000 a. on south side of Forked Deer
Benjamin Smith	1,000 a. on north side of north fork of Obien R.
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	1,000 a. on Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on south side of Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on south side of Obien R.
John Gray and } Thomas Blount }	1,000 a. on north fork of Obien River
Benjamin Smith	3,000 a. on south fork of Forked Deer

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<u>OWNER</u>	<u>PROPERTY</u>
The same	5,000 a. on south fork Forked Deer
The same	5,000 a. (no location given)
Edward Harris	1,000 a. on Clover Lick Creek
John Stokes	2,000 a. on north fork Forked Deer
Charles Galloway	5,000 a. on the Mississippi
William T. Lewis	1,490 a. on south fork Forked Deer
Benjamin Smith	5,000 a. on Forked Deer River
John Baliss	5,000 a. on south side of Obien R.
James Cox	1,000 a. on north fork Forked Deer
Hardy Murfree	5,000 a. on south side of Obien and north side of Forked Deer
Thomas Cox	1,000 a. on west fork Forked Deer
The same	1,000 a. on north fork Forked Deer
The same	1,000 a. on north fork Forked Deer
The same	1,000 a. on north fork Forked Deer
The same	1,000 a. on north fork Forked Deer
William T. Lewis	1,000 a. on both sides Forked Deer
William Polk	5,000 a. on Indian Creek of Big Hatchey river
John Gray and) Thomas Blount)	3,000 a. on Rutherford's creek of Obien river
The same	1,000 a. on south side of Obien river
Benjamin Smith	5,000 a. on south side of south fork of Forked Deer
The same	5,000 a. on south fork Forked Deer
The same	1,600 a. on south waters of south fork of Forked Deer
John Gray and) Thomas Blount)	1,000 a. on Obien River
Micajah G. Lewis	1,000 a. on south side of south fork of Forked Deer
William T. Lewis	1,000 a. on north fork Forked Deer
Thomas Coor	1,000 a. on north fork Forked Deer
James Coor	1,000 a. on north fork Forked Deer
Thomas Rees Sharp	1,000 a. on Long Fork
Alexander M'Kee	1,000 a. (no location given)
William Polk	2,000 a. on south fork Forked Deer
Amelia Johnson	1,000 a. on Big Hatchey
William T. Lewis	1,500 a. on both sides of south fork of Forked Deer
The same	1,000 a. on north fork Forked Deer
The same	1,000 a. on Reelfoot river
Abner Nash	2,000 a. on south side of Loose Hatchey river
William Polk	3,000 a. on Mississippi River below mouth of Forked Deer
Benjamin Smith	1,000 a. on south fork Forked Deer
John Stokes	2,500 a. on south side of north fork of Forked Deer
William Alston	1,000 a. on south fork Obien River
The same	1,000 a. on south fork Obien River
James Patterson	5,000 a. on Mississippi River
James Hull	2,000 a. on south side Indian Creek of Big Hatchey
Thomas R. Sharp	1,000 a. on Long Fork
Jacob Blount	5,000 a. on south side Big Hatchey
John Gray and) Thomas Blount)	2,500 a. on Mississippi River
Tolefanor Lewis	2,500 a. on Tennessee River
John Gray and) Thomas Blount)	2,000 a. both sides of Obien River

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>PROPERTY</u>
John Childress	2,000 a. on third creek above mouth of Duck River
George Cathey	1,130 a. on Rutherford's fork Obien r.
John Dougan	2,165 a. on both sides Obien river
John Gray and) Thomas Blount)	1,000 a. (no location given)
George Doherty	1,500 a. on north side of Loose Hatchey river
Mension Hunt	5,000 a. on Secona large creek that empties into Tenn. R. on south side below mouth of Duck River
Anthony Sharp	6,500 a. on north fork Forked Deer
William Davidson	2,000 a. on south side Rutherford's creek of Obien river
Jesse Steed	1,500 a. on south side Loose Hatchey r.
John Childress	5,000 a. on Tennessee R. above mouth of Duck River
William Hawkins	3,500 a. on south fork Forked Deer
Joseph Ross	1,000 a. on a fork of the Obien River
Alex. & David Greer	2,000 a. on Big Hatchey
M. Davidson	2,000 a. on Obien River
David Hart	2,250 a. on north side Big Hatchey
William Hewlit	5,000 a. on east side Mississippi R.
William Moore	1,320 a. on Big Hatchey R.
Robertson Murmfords	5,000 a. on east side Mississippi R.
William Hughlett	5,000 a. on south fork Forked Deer
Thomas M'Chollon	3,470 a. on south side of Tenn. R. about 1 mile below mouth of Duck R.
Henry Clark	5,000 a. on south side Obien R.
Adam Boyd	5,000 a. on south side Forked Deer
Obediah Baker	1,000 a. on south side Tenn. R.
Jhon Childress	5,000 a. on south side Tenn. R.
John Gray and) Thomas Blount)	1,000 a. on Rutherford's fork of Obien R.
Menecian Hunt	5,000 a. on north fork of Obien R.
Menecian Hunt	5,000 a. on north fork of Obien R.
George Doherty	2,000 a. (no location given)
James Davidson	1,000 a. on Rutherford's fork of Obien R.
Robert Patterson	tract on Rutherford's fork of Obien River (acreage not given)
John Windson	1,000 a. on Big Hatch
Abner Nash	1,000 a. on north fork Obien R.
Abner Nash	1,000 a. on both sides Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on north fork Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on north fork Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on both sides Grove Creek
The same	1,000 acres on south side Obien R.
The same	tract on north side Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on south fork Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on north fork of Obien R.
The same	1,000 a. on north fork of Obien R.
John Gray and) Thomas Blount)	1,000 a. on Grove Creek
The same	1,000 a. on Grove Creek
The same	1,000 a. on Reel Foot river
The same	1,000 a. on Reel Foot river
The same	1,000 a. on Reel Foot river

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Cannon County Land Sold For Unpaid Taxes In 1869

In a notice dated 19 March 1869 and published in *The Shelbyville Republican*, Cannon County tax collector **Jesse H. Gilley** announced the following land would be sold at the courthouse door in Woodbury on the first Monday in July for unpaid 1867 and 1868 taxes:

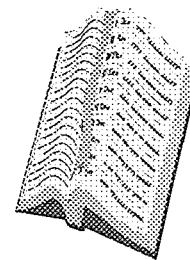
<u>OWNER</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
T. J. Hunt	67	1
Mary Pollock	50	5
R. Q. Qualls, Adm. of Morton	200	5
Dr. Rutherford	293	5
Byram	200	5
A. F. Jones	800	6
James Thompson	19	6
James Allen	40	7
J.R. & J. A. Hammonds	65	7
William Moore	300	7
Mary Starr heirs	200	7
James Thompson	75	7
Edmund Vaughn	51	7
Henry Justice	140	8
Thomas Merritt	30	8
George McCane	150	8
Mary Manus	48	8
Andrew Sullivan	63	3
J. H. Boyett	200	5
Earthman & Travis	640	5
J. W. Hopkins	50	5
James Orick	50	5
Caroline Saunders	300	8
Robert Arnold	25	9
William West heirs	600	8
William West, No. 2	300	8
William West, No. 3	51	8
G. T. Barren	100	9
Nephale Blue	50	9
Rufus Simpson	9	9

(one town lot in Mechanicsville)

D. S. Ford	120	10
Zachariah Thomason	5,000	10
Elizabeth Bogle	35	11
David Smithson	50	10
L. P. Cooper	80	11
Henry Dougherty, adm. of L. M. Allison, dec'd	160	11
Ann Landsden	93	11
P. G. Leach	200	11
Anthony Owen	150	11
Z. Smith's heirs	84	11
Bank's heirs	50	12
Simon Keykendall	100	5
James Whetlock	90	11
P. G. Leach for 1867	250	11

Perry-Dixon Bible

The following information was taken from a Bible now in the possession of Biffie Owen, 2948 Pangbourne Cove, Germantown, TN 38138. Written on the inside cover are the words, "To Mrs. M. A. Perry from Her Husband 1869." The Bible, containing both the Old and New Testaments, was published by the American Bible Society, New York, in 1864.



FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

James Perry & Mary Angeline Kerr were married by Rev. Arthur Davis December 11th 1850.

Augustus M. Dixon & Mary A. Perry were married by Rev. W. T. Harriss D.D. April 11th 1880.

BIRTHS.

James Perry was born in Smith County, Tennessee October 26th 1819. Professed religion and joined the Church in the spring of 1839 -- was Licenced to preach and received into the Memphis Conference in the fall of 1843.

Mary Angeline Perry was born in Giles County Tenn. January 18th 1827.

Susan Ann Perry Daughter of Jas. & M. A. Perry was born October 12th 1851, was Baptized by Rev. A. Davis Nov. 30th 1851.

Mary Adaline Perry, Daughter of Jas. & M. A. Perry was born August 30th 1854. And Baptized by Rev. R. V. Taylor December 29th 1854.

Hugh P. Dixon was born July 17th 1881 -- Was Baptized by Rev. Henry C. Morrison June 13th 1882.

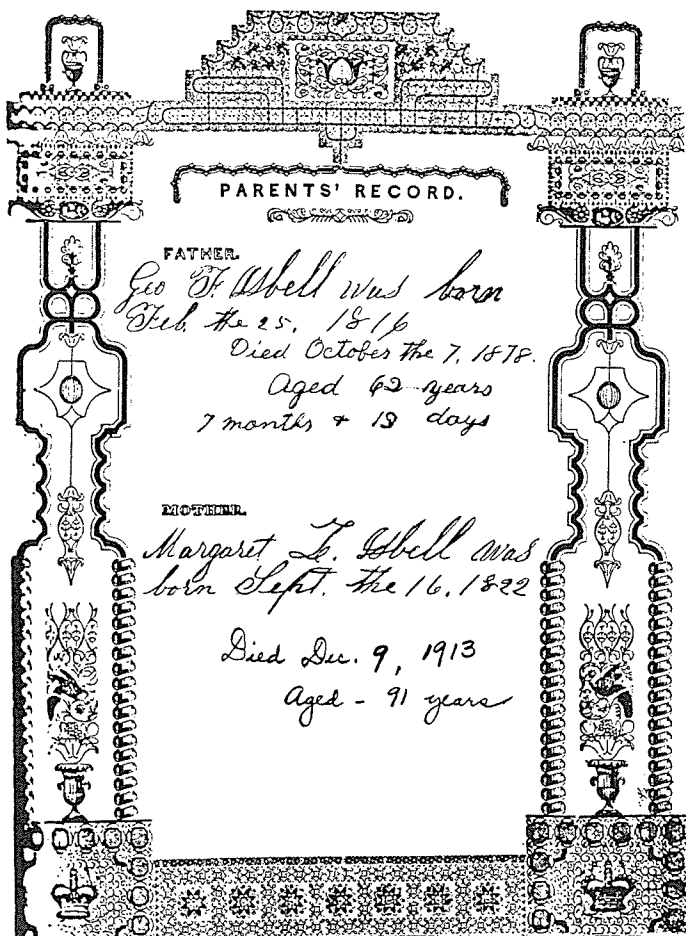
DEATHS.

Susan Ann Perry Daughter of Jas. & W. A. Perry Died January 27th 1860, in Tippah Co. Mississippi aged 8 years 3 months & 15 Days. ■

STEWART CO. TAX LIST

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London Carter	640 a. on Harrisses' fork of Obien R.
William Dobyns	tract on Tennessee R.
Augustine Harvey	2,000 a. on Reel Foot
William Sharp	tract on south side Obien River
George Doherty	2,000 a. on south side Loose Hatchy river
James Davidson	2,000 a. on both sides Obien river
John Gray and) Thomas Blount)	2,000 a. on Rutherford's fork of Obien river
Richard Blackbage	2,000 a. on Caw Creek
John Gray and) Thomas Blount)	5,000 a. on Big Hatchy
Thomas Talbot	1,000 a. on first fork of Loose Hatchy river
Samuel Morris	5,000 a. on north fork of Loose Hatchy river ■



Isbell Family Bible

This New Testament, now in possession of Frances Paessler, Union City, Tenn., was stereotyped by E. White of New York, date unknown. It originally was the property of George and Margaret Isbell

PARENTS' RECORD

FATHER.

Geo F. Isbell was born Feb. the 25, 1816
Died October the 7, 1878.
Aged 62 years
7 months & 18 days

MOTHER.

Margaret L. Isbell was born Sept. the 16, 1822
Died Dec. 9, 1913
Aged - 91 years

BIRTHS.

Wm. D. Isbell¹ was born Jan the 30, 1847
Mary E. Isbell² was born April the 11, 1848
Geo W.³ L. Isbell was born July the 17, 1849
Sarah F. Isbell⁴ was born June 13, 1851
Rachael E. Isbell⁵ was born July 7, 1853

¹ His full name was William Daniel Isbell. He married Mollie Kirby.

² Her full name was Mary Elizabeth, and she was called "Lizzie."

³ The Geo W. in his name stood for George Washington.

⁴ Her full name was Sarah Frances "Sallie" Isbell. She married Calvin Clay Naylor.

⁵ Rachael's middle name was Eunice and she was called "Achie." She

Margaret A. Isbell⁶ was born April 1, 1855
Henry C. Isbell⁷ was born Dec. the 9, 1857
John T. Isbell⁸ was born May the 20, 1860
Charley T. Isbell was born October the 30, 1862

DEATHS

Margaret A. Isbell died December the 7th 1861
Mary E. Isbell died January 23, 1892
William D. Isbell died October 10, 1893
George W. Isbell died July 15th 1905
George F. Isbell died October 7, 1878

SCOTT FAMILY RECORD

This record, given to Unice/Eunice Scott by her son John T. Scott, was found in the Isbell Bible. It was glued on the edge of the Bible nearest the spine at the parents' page. Over the years, tape had been used so that a good readable copy could not be made. The original, however, was easily readable and Jane Paessler typed off a copy. Unice was the daughter of John Reed (1746-1804) and his wife Levina Williams (1756-1804) who removed from Rowan Co., N.C., to Williamson/Davidson Co., Tenn., between 1795 and 1800. On 9 Dec 1819 Unice married William Scott, a transplanted South Carolinian, in Williamson County. She is buried at Union City, Tenn.

PARENTS

William Scott ... born November 17th, 1786
Unice Scott ... born November 10th, 1791

CHILDREN

John T. Scott born October 14th, 1820
Margaret L.⁹ Scott ... born September 16th, 1822
William S. Scott¹⁰ born December 16th, 1823
Elizabeth A. Scott ... born September 14th, 1825
James R. Scott¹¹ born December 16th, 1826
Sarah J. Scott¹² born May 13th, 1828
Charles A. J. Scott¹³ ... born December 2nd, 1829
Mary E. Scott¹⁴ born November 9th, 1831
Martha E. Scott¹⁵ born August 11th, 1835

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William Scott died Feb. 8th, 1848
Eunice Scott died Oct. 11, 1856

married Thomas Edward Gardner

⁶ Her nickname was "Maggie."

⁷ Henry's middle name was Clay. He married Charlotte McConnel Murphy

⁸ His full name was John Thomas Isbell, and he was called "Jack."

⁹ Margaret's middle name was Lavinia. She was the great-great grandmother of TGS member Frank Paessler of Memphis.

¹⁰ William, whose middle name was Samuel, married Mary Eugenia Harris and died in 1899.

¹¹ James died in 1893.

¹² Her full name was Sarah Jane. She died in 1902 and never married.

¹³ His full name was Charles Andrew Jackson Scott. He also died in 1902.

¹⁴ Mary, who married John Thompson, died in 1910.

¹⁵ Her full name was Martha Ellen Scott. She died 15 Sep 1864. Never married. ■

Meriwether Lewis: *His Last Days on the Natchez Trace*

By

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This is but a part of the story of Meriwether Lewis, leader and hero of the Lewis-Clark expedition, personal friend and private secretary to President Thomas Jefferson, and territorial governor of Upper Louisiana. Born 18 Aug 1774 in Albemarle Co., Va., about seven miles west of Charlottesville, Lewis died 11 Oct 1809 at Griner's Stand, Tenn., on the Natchez Trace some 70 miles southwest of Nashville in what is now Lewis County. He died a bachelor, although there is evidence he was interested in several young ladies in Virginia after his return from the Pacific. Whatever happened to him is of historical significance to Tennessee and much can be learned about the times from the last few days in the life of this individual who achieved so much in so short a period in our history.



Meriwether Lewis

Lewis' final travels began in the late summer of 1809 in St. Louis. He was headed to Washington City (later Washington, D. C.) to meet with various Madison administration officials to explain his financial dealings as territorial governor. Of particular concern were his vouchers for public expenditures which had been rejected by the War Department. Lewis was upset to the point that he thought his personal attendance was required to settle the matter. His personal finances, as well, were not on solid footing. He left St. Louis by boat and headed downstream, traveling on the Mississippi initially to obtain passage in New Orleans by sail to continue on to Washington.

Along the way, Lewis became ill. His malady may have been an initial occurrence of some bacterial or viral infection unknown at the time or a relapse of something that had afflicted him earlier. We may never know. Observers have commented that Lewis showed signs of delirium and depression, and of not being within his faculties. He apparently was in this state upon arriving at Fort Pickering, which was located at the junction of the fourth Chickasaw Bluff and the Mississippi River on the site now known as Memphis. Fort Pickering was not new to Lewis as he had been posted there in 1797 in the earlier part of his military career. He and his party arrived at 2 p.m. on 15 Sep 1809 and, needing provisions for the remainder of their trip, went ashore. It was then that the fort commander, Capt. Gilbert C. Russell, determined Lewis needed rest and recuperation. He and his party remained there for 14 days while he gradually recovered -- at least in part -- from whatever afflicted him.

During this time, Lewis changed his travel plans drastically and decided to travel overland to Washington instead of proceeding via New Orleans. The reason was that he feared the British might intercept his passage at sea, not only placing his treasured Lewis and Clark journals in harm's way but also endangering the vouchers and other paper documents that he hoped would bring an end to his financial woes and

the challenges to his office. At the time, the British and Americans were not seeing eye to eye on a variety of issues. Lewis apparently made his decision in view of the risks involved in taking either route. On one hand were the at-sea risks earlier described, and on the other were the dangers involved in traveling the primitive roads of the West: Indians, highway bandits, and the wilderness. One theory has it that he wanted to avoid Gen. James Wilkinson in New Orleans, having information about Wilkinson's corrupt land dealings in the Upper Louisiana Territory. He may not have desired to share his true reason with Major Amos Stoddard, the person to whom he was to address his last letter. Once Lewis made his decision, he dispatched a letter to Stoddard at Fort Adams in the Mississippi Territory, advising him of the change in his travel itinerary. He also asked Stoddard to forward to him in Washington the \$200 which the major was holding for him.

Lewis' final letter is worthy of close examination. Scholars have examined its content in great detail. What may be missing is an examination of the postal significance of the letter, the postal regulations in effect at the time, and Lewis' ability to apply these rules in posting his letter. Such an analysis may provide an insight into Lewis' state of mind at the time and may help researchers in either defending or rejecting any theory about him suffering mental afflictions. These considerations are important as scholars flock to two opposite theories about the cause of death, one being suicide and the other murder.

Lewis' letter to Major Stoddard was datelined Fort Pickering, Chickasaw Bluffs, Sept. 22, 1809. Since the city of Memphis was not even chartered at the time, there was no official post office at Fort Pickering. The letter had to be sent to the Chickasaw Nation post office in the Mississippi Territory to be postmarked. It bears a primary manuscript postmark of Chickasaw Nation, Sept. 15, 1809. This is three days after Lewis wrote it. A manuscript postmark such as this is common for the period because the volume of mail at many post offices was so small that the Post Office Department would not purchase a circular date stamp for the office. The postmaster simply wrote the name of the post office and the date posted on the outside of the folded letter sheet, usually in the upper lefthand corner. These items of postal history, common through the mid-1850s, are known as stampless covers.¹

Lewis' Letter

Dear Major Stoddard:

I must acknowledge myself remiss in not writing you in answer to several friendly epistles which I have received from you since my return from the Pacific Ocean. My continued occupation in the immediate discharge of the duties of a public station will I trust in some measure plead my apology.

I am now on my way to the City of Washington and had contemplated taking Fort Adams and Orleans in my route, but my indisposition has induced me to change my route and shall now pass through Tennessee and Virginia. The protest of some bills which I have lately drawn on public account form the principal inducement for my going forward at this moment. An explanation is all that is necessary I am sensible to put all matters right. In the mean time this protest of a draught however just, has drawn down upon me at one moment all my private debts which have excessively embarrassed me. I hope you will therefore pardon me for asking you to remit as soon as is convenient the sum of \$200 which you have informed me you hold for me. -- I calculated on having the pleasure to see you at Fort Adams as I passed, but am informed by Capt. Russel the commanding officer of this place that you are stationed on the West side of the Mississippi. You will direct to me at the City of Washington untill the last of December after which I expect I shall be on my return to Ft. Adams.

Your sincere friend & Obt.
Servt.

Meriwether Lewis

¹ For additional information on stampless covers, see Henry Hudson's article in the Spring 1996 issue of The Tennessee Genealogical Magazine ("Ansearchin" News).

The manuscript postmark for Fort Adams, which appears as a secondary mark, is especially interesting since a straight-line, hand-held town/date stamp was known to be in use as early as 1805 in Fort Adams. The letter was sent to Stoddard in Fort Adams as Lewis addressed it. The rate of postage was 20 cents, which was calculated at the Chickasaw Nation post office based on the distance from Chickasaw Nation to Fort Adams, Mississippi Territory. The Fort Adams manuscript postmark of Oct. 4, 1809, indicates the letter was forwarded to Washington on that date. Thus it was reposted at Fort Adams and noted as a "Forw'd" (forwarded) letter with additional postage of 25 cents noted on the letter. At Fort Adams, the original 20-cent rate was marked out and it appears that the postmaster recalculated the rate to 50 cents, using a 25-cent forwarding fee he added to the "25" in the original posting date of Sept. 25, 1809, for a total rate of 50 cents. However, the correct rate for this letter should have been an initial 20 cents, plus an additional 25 cents from Fort Adams to Washington for a total of 45 cents.

At the time, pre-payment of postage was not required and the rates that appear on this letter are all "due rates" to be paid by the recipient of the letter at its destination. It is important to note that Lewis had no role whatsoever in all of this except to address the letter. All of the rate marks, forwarding marks, post offices shown, and the word "Mail" were added after the letter was sealed and addressed by Lewis. These marks are a reflection on the postmasters involved. As was a common practice in the times, Lewis paid no money in postage to have this letter sent.

Meriwether Lewis was a U. S. territorial governor at the time. His position was indeed a high one within the ranks of federal service. Why did he not use the privilege of "free franking" his letter? Why not invoke a possible benefit of his office to send this letter without cost to either the sender or the recipient? He probably could have marked his letter "Free" or "On Public Service" and it would have easily passed through the mail. Quite possibly, Lewis fully realized that the letter's content was strictly personal and contained nothing related to his office as governor. In this regard, he must have realized that franking his letter to avoid postage would be but another hint of impropriety and he purposely wanted to avoid any hint of wrong-doing, especially at this point. His ability to sort out the use of the appropriate postal regulations of the time, the error-free nature of the letter itself, and his avoidance of any hint or abuse of office in posting this letter may be but another indicator that Meriwether Lewis was well within his faculties (at least at this time) and not suffering some mental affliction as many have postulated.

The postal rates in effect at the time of Lewis' letter were the result of a re-enactment of the following rates for single letters as provided by the Act of May 8, 1794: 17 cents for letters sent 150-300 miles, 20 cents for those 300-500 miles, and 25 cents for those going over 500 miles. The distance from Chickasaw Nation to Fort Adams is extremely close to 300 miles; therefore, the initial rate of 20 cents is correct. The postmaster at Fort Adams, however, recomputed the rate at 25 cents (over 500 miles) which was an error on his part. Recall that he marked through the 20-cent rate and used the "25" for the day of the month as the recomputed rate. His 25-cent fee to forward the letter to Washington from Fort Adams was correct as the distance is well over 500 miles. Now, following both the letter and its author: Lewis and his party set out overland from Fort Pickering on Sept. 29. In the party were Lewis' servant Pernier, James Neelly, Indian agent for the Chickasaws, and Neelly's servant. Key to Neelly's appointment as Indian agent was the influence of Gen. James Wilkinson.

MERIWETHER LEWIS (continued)

Lewis carried two trunks containing his Pacific expedition papers, Gen. William Clark's land warrant, a portfolio, a pocketbook memo book and notebook, and numerous public and private papers. He had two horses, saddles, bridles, pistols, a tomahawk, dirk, and \$220 including a \$98.58 treasury check on the U.S. Bank of New Orleans. From Fort Pickering the party proceeded in a southeastwardly direction some 100 miles to the Chickasaw Agency which was located about six miles north of what is now Houston, Miss., arriving there Oct 4. It was at this point that they intercepted the Natchez Trace. On Oct. 6 after a two-day layover, they left the Chickasaw Agency and turned northeastwardly towards Nashville. Three days later on Oct. 9 they crossed the Tennessee River. Five days out from the Chickasaw Agency -- on Oct. 11 -- Lewis met his death.

Lewis' letter to Major Stoddard was forwarded from Fort Adams, Mississippi Territory, in the next postal pouch leaving after Oct. 4. The letter was on its way to Washington via Nashville and other points along the Natchez Trace. At this point, the letter and its author are several hundred miles apart. Lewis' death will soon change all that. Did this letter cross Lewis' path before or after his death? What an ironic situation. Given the postal schedule, the distance from Fort Adams to Chickasaw Nation is about 300 miles and to Nashville, another 170 miles or so. As Griner's Stand is 70 miles from Nashville, the letter probably passed the stand within a day or two of Oct 13. It went from Fort Adams to Natchez, then north on the Natchez Trace. From Natchez, the mail left at 6 a.m. on Friday and arrived at the Chickasaw Nation or McIntosh's, as it was sometimes called, in 6-1/2 days or at 5 p.m. the following Thursday. From Chickasaw Nation, it headed north on the Natchez Trace, crossing into Tennessee past various stands to Nashville.

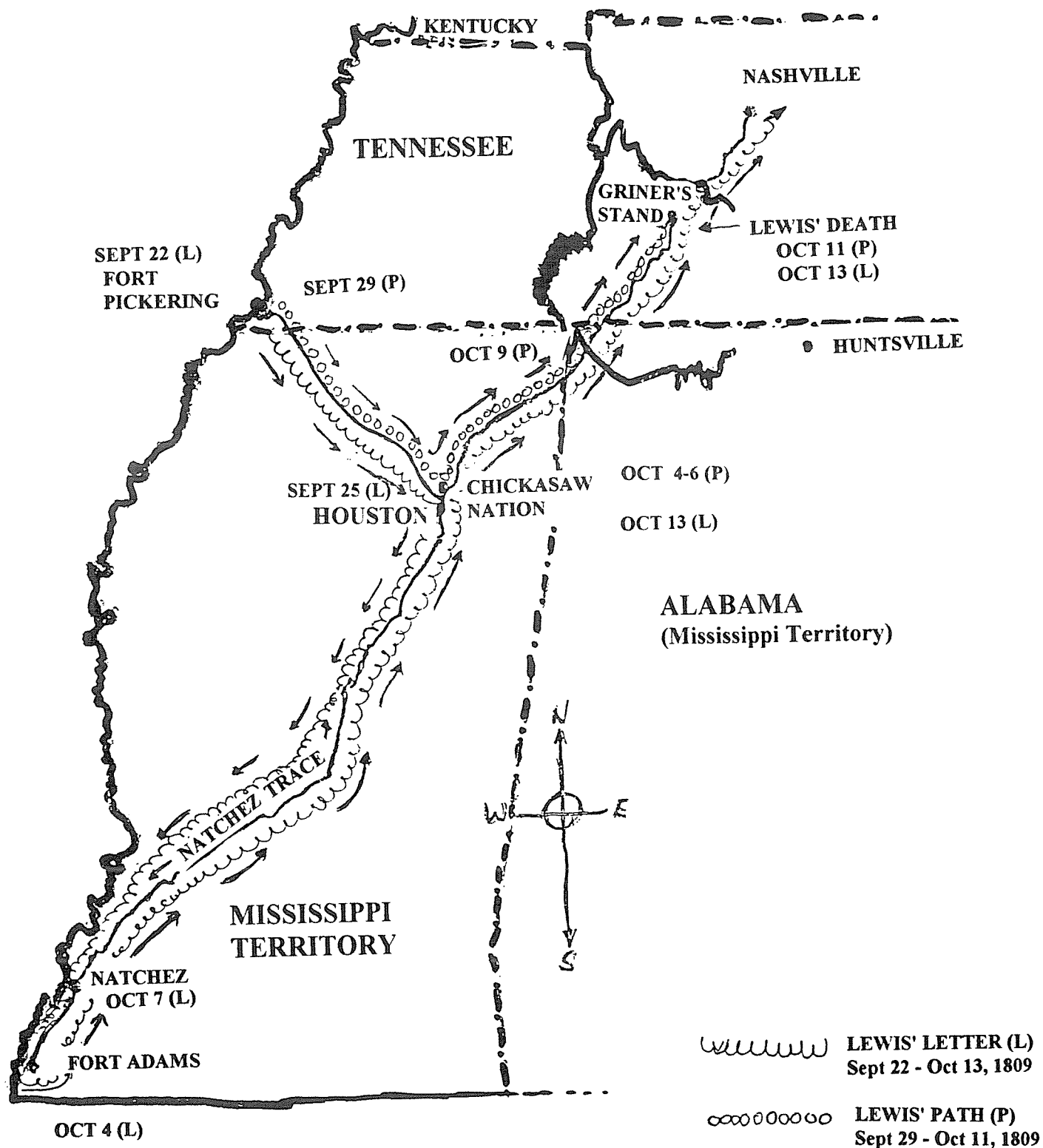
Lewis had not followed his intended path and neither did his letter. They both converged, probably within a day of each other, on the same road at a place called Griner's Stand. Although we will not solve this mystery by looking at the mail, it is even more ironic to find that James Neelly, the Indian agent traveling with Lewis, was appointed postmaster for the Chickasaw Nation post office on July 1, 1810 less than seven months after Lewis' death. Neelly's role in the Lewis affair, what brought him to Fort Pickering, the patronage involved, and the possible link to Lewis' death make for very interesting reading and study. The case is far from closed.

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GENEALOGICALLY SPEAKING ... The first Lewis to come to America is said to have been Robert Lewis, a Welshman and British army officer, who arrived in 1635 with a royal grant for 33,333 acres of Virginia land. Among his numerous progeny was Colonel Robert Lewis, who lived in Albemarle County in the 18th century. The colonel accumulated enough wealth to leave substantial plantations to all of his nine children. His fifth son, William, born in 1738, married his 22-year old cousin Lucy Meriwether in 1769. She was the daughter of Col. Nicholas Meriwether. Both families lived near Charlottesville, and both were Welsh and land-rich. William and Lucy's first child, born in 1770, was a daughter whom they named Jane. Meriwether Lewis was born in 1774, and a second son, Reuben, was born in 1777. William, a first lieutenant in the Continental Line, died of pneumonia in 1779. Six months later Lucy married Capt. John Marks. They had two children, John Hastings Marks born in 1785 and Mary Garland Marks born in 1788. ■

ROUTES TAKEN BY LEWIS AND HIS LETTER



West Tennessee, Mississippi Territory and
The Natchez Trace- 1809

Shelby County Naturalization Docket 1858

(From microfilm at Memphis/Shelby County Public Library)

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NAME	NATIVE LAND	COURT ORDER
Derrick Paulirsere	Prussia	Declaration of intention , Feb. 10
Henry Koch	Prussia	Declation of intention, Feb. 10
Patrick Ryan	Ireland	Naturalization decree, Feb. 23
Darril Cusek	Ireland	Naturalization decree, Feb. 23
Edward Marsden	England	Declaration of intention, Feb. 21
J. G. Schermann	Saxon, Germany	Declaration of intention, Feb. 22
A_(?) Herman Sangberri	Saxy-Coburg, Ger.	Declaration of intention Feb. 27
G. A. Schafer	Saxy-Coberg, Ger.	Declaration of intention, Feb. 27

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Owen Mann) ¹	Ireland	Declaration of intention, March 2
Hugh Cauly)	Ireland	Declaration of intention, March 2
Damen R. Rausher	France	Declaration of intention, March 3
Owen/Oren Morgan	Ireland	Declaration of intention, March 12
Louis Jehl	France	Naturalization decree, March 16
Isaac Bomberger	Bavaria	Naturalization decree, March 20
B. Walker	Bavaria	Naturalization decree, March 22
Hugh Hone	Ireland or England	Naturalization decree, April 7

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John Sobey	Ireland or England	Naturalization decree, April 13
J. Fergusen	Ireland	Naturalization decree, April 14
John P. Beyer	Bavaria	Naturalizaiton decree, April 16
Isaac Strauss	Baden	Naturalization decree, April 17
Michael Pendergrast	Ireland	Naturalization decree, April 18

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Thomas Kelley	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 9
Frederick J. Atwood	England or Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 10
Daniel O'Connell	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 11
James Anner	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 11
Jacob Ginsman	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 19
Patrick McMahon	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 22
Solomon McMahon	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 22
John McMahon	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 22

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Louis Sollheim	Hessen, Germany	Declaration of intention, June 11
Edward Hally	Ireland	Declaration of intention, June 13
Lawrence McNamara	Ireland	Declaration of intention, June 22
Thomas Maline	Ireland	Declaration of intention, June 24
Jacob Brinkley	Wittenburg	Declaration of intention, June 24
Joseph Frey	Wittenburg	Declaration of intention, July 24
William Costigan	Ireland	Declaration of intention, July 8
Thomas G. Mahony	Ireland	Declaration of intention, July 8



¹ The names of Owen Mann and Hugh Cauly are both marked through with word "Error" written in

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Patrick Brady	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 22
John Welsh	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 22
James Brignardille	Sardinia (Italy)	Naturalization decree, June 22
Joseph Harper	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 23
J. F. Roedel	Bavaria	Naturalization decree, June 24
Haver Lenfel	Baden	Naturalization decree, June 24
Valentine Neviseky	Poland	Naturalization decree, June 24
John Loomey	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 24
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Thomas E. Bolger	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 29
John Stokes	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 1st
Andrew Damin(?)	Italy	Naturalization decree, July 15
Thos. McGrath	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 18
J. L. G. Bennwald	Germany	Declaration of intention, July 13
M. Hesse	France	Declaration of intention, July 13
Christian Hastler	Switzerland	Declaration of intention, July 13
Jacob Lery (?)	Germany	Declaration of intention, July 14

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NATIVE LAND</u>	<u>COURT ORDER</u>
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Patrick Wuitter(?)	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 17
Vincent J. Barbro	?	Naturalization decree, July 17
Sofanio Rocco	Sardinia (Italy)	Naturalization decree, July 17
William James Clemens	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 17
William Silberberg	Russia	Declaration of intention, July 17
Terence Maguire	Ireland	Declaration of intention, July 21
Carl Paumann(?)	Prussia	Naturalization decree, July 21
Joseph Botto	Sardinia (Italy)	Naturalization decree, July 21

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Louis Warbraund	Darnistadt	Naturalization decree, July 21
Samuel Schan	Switzerland	Naturalization decree, July 24
Edward Mahoney	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 24
Michael Fitzpatrick	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 24
James Pendergrass	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 24
William Burke	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 24
Peter Hug	Switzerland	Naturalization decree, July 24
Henry Rice	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 24

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Joseph Donlon	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 24
John Williams	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 24
John Landregan	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 23
Ambrose G. Oberet (minor)	Switzerland	Naturalization decree, July 24
George Staehlen (minor)	Wertemburg, Ger.	Naturalization decree, July 24
Patrick Haley	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 24
William Kane	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 24
Thomas (?) Ford	Ireland	Naturalization decree, July 24

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>NATIVE LAND</u>	<u>COURT ORDER</u>
David Dolch	Wertemburg, Ger.	Naturalization decree, June 23
Thomas Marshall	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 23
John H. Kelly	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 23
William Barin	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 23
Edmund Kating	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 23
Patrick Campbell	Ireland	Declaration of intention, June 24
Alexander Tysan	Norway	Declaration of intention, June 24
Denis Lynch	Ireland	Declaration of intention, June 24

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David McFarley	Ireland	Declaration of intention, June 25
George Johnson	Ireland	Declaration of intention, June 25
William Cowdow	Ireland	Declaration of intention, June 26
Patrick O'Donnell	Ireland	Naturalization decree, June 28
John Seiber	Baden, Ger.	Declaration of intention, June 28
John Wegassen	Germany	Declaration of intention, June 28
Martin Lautergack	Bavaria	Naturalization decree, July 6
Naslin Carroll	Ireland	

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Christian Beeker	Saxony	Naturalization decree, July 12
John McMahon	Ireland	Declaration of intention, July 12
Robert Cook	Ireland	Declaration of intention, July 12
F. Rubenstein	Prussia	Naturalization decree, July 19

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Richard Parker	Great Britain	Declaration of intention, Oct 26
Edward P. Citz	Prussia	Declaration of intention, Oct. 26
John Cavance	Ireland	Declaration of intention, Oct. 19
Richard Dunn	Ireland	Declaration of intention, Oct. 19
G. A. Junkerman	Prussia	Declaration of intention, Oct. 29
G. A. Kulm	Prussia	Declaration of intention, Oct. 29
G. A. Wolff	Prussia	Declaration of intention, Nov. 2
Augustin Plischky	Prussia	Naturalization decree, Nov. 3

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John Bruder	Germany	Declaration of intention, Nov. 4
William Stuart	Ireland	Naturalization decree, Nov. 11
Jacob Sikler	Wirtemberg	Declaration of intention, Nov. 15
J.G.W. Horsler	Germany	Declaration of intention, Nov. 16
William Terer	Wirtemberg	Naturalization decree, Nov.16
Michael Glyson	Ireland	Naturalization decree, Nov. 29
Michael Joyce	Ireland	Naturalization decree, Dec. 4
James McSweeney	Ireland	Naturalization decree, Dec. 6

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Peter S. Turm	Prussia	Declaration of intention, Dec. 9■
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Pioneer Recalls Migrating to Tennessee in 1792

When **Conrad Girdner** died at his home in Greene County's 9th District on 12 May 1882, he had attained the age of 95 years, 2 months, and 22 days. That's an impressive age even today ... and certainly a rare achievement more than a century ago. His death was attributed to "old age and a consuming sore." Before he died, Girdner was interviewed by **J. S. Warner** who later put the facts he had extracted from the old man into a story which ran in the *Greeneville Herald*. Of German lineage, Girdner was born in Hedrick Township, Northampton Co., Pa., on 20 Feb 1787. His parents were **Micheal**, who also was born in Northampton, and **Huldah (Beach) Girdner**. Conrad was the second of nine children born to the couple. His siblings were: **David, Joseph, Christena, Micheal, Charlotte, George, Mary, and Nancy**. Here's how Conrad Girdner described the family's migration to Tennessee:

"I was five years old when my parents, with the oldest and two younger than I, left Pennsylvania for the wilds of Tennessee with two horses and a wagon. We were accompanied by two brothers-in-law, one named Myers and the other Cook, and their families. I walked all the way from our old home to Flag Branch in Greene County where my father settled on 100 acres, which he later added to by purchase. The distance we traveled was 700 miles and I well remember every step of the journey. We left in February of 1792 and were fully seven weeks on the way. When we arrived, there was just a little cabin on the property which is now owned and occupied by the widow Perman.

"When we came, the Indians were still in possession of parts of East Tennessee and continued to annoy the white settlers till 1805 when the treaty impelled them to go elsewhere. During one of the Indian wars, Charles O'Neal, an Irishman, taught school in our neighborhood and I attended for three months. He said he had taught 1300 different scholars and I was the very quickest to learn. But our facilities for schooling were very limited. I learned to read, write some, and could cast accounts sufficiently for my purpose through life.

"Elder children had to get up before daylight and break flax and perform other labor before school in order to enable my mother to spin and weave cloth with which to clothe us. I lived with my father till 1807 when I married Elizabeth George, daughter of Yost George who came from Germany when he was four years of age. I was 20 when I married. Part of my father's land was set off for me and I settled down for life. My wife and I had 11 children, six daughters and five sons -- William, Catharine, John, Delilah, Luther, Eliza, Mary June, Stephen, Alexander, Nancy, and Sally.

"Years after my father came out, my grandfather David Girdner came to Greene County with a span of horses and a wagon. Grandmother drove the team and Grandfather sat beside her. He died in the estate I now occupy on Richland Creek. I was engaged in the War of 1812 under Gen. Andrew Jackson and so was my father though he was a man well stricken in years. He died in 1814, aged 60 years. After his death, my mother married Lewis Wall."

Girdner made his last trip to town in September 1881 to prepare his pension papers. His mind was vigorous until about the following February when it as well as his body began to weaken. On 20 Feb Conrad gave a dinner party to celebrate his 95th birthday. Among those attending were his son, Dr. William Girdner, his wife, and some others.■

Book Reviews

TENNESSEE LAND ENTRIES, MILITARY BOUNTY LAND, MARTIN ARMSTRONG'S OFFICE by Dr. A.B. Pruitt. 1996. 8½"x11" softcover bound in six parts, 1,352 pp. including two-part index. \$122 (\$129 for North Carolina residents) from Bruce Pruitt, Box 815, Whitaker, NC 27891.

This monumental work, donated by the author to the TGS Library in memory of John Overton of Traveler's Rest, took some three years to compile. As a result of what must have been arduous labor, Dr. Pruitt has provided the researcher with the most thorough and comprehensive compilation to date of the Revolutionary War military bounty land warrants issued by North Carolina to former members of its regiments in the continental line. The warrants were issued free of charge to those who had served at least two years. The soldier's rank determined the number of acres he received -- ranging from 640 acres for privates to 12,000 for brigadier generals. The warrants were taken to Tennessee to determine the land's location, and a description of the location was recorded along with the warrant in the military land office in Nashville. The land was then surveyed, and the survey and original warrant were returned to Raleigh so a grant could be issued. Soldiers not wishing to move to Tennessee could assign or sell their warrant to anyone. Because some fraud was detected in issuing and selling warrants, Dr. Pruitt says a name on a warrant does not always mean the man actually served in the continental line. Some former soldiers who sold their warrants were cheated out of them. For this reason, researchers should seek additional information to confirm a soldier's military service or determine that the seller was actually a soldier's heir. Sales involving a power of attorney are especially suspect, the author warns, and some warrants issued while William White was secretary involved obvious fraud though no investigation was ever made.

Parts 1 and 2 contain abstracts of surviving sections of location books maintained in Martin Armstrong's office. The abstracts give location number, warrant number, person for whom the location was made, number of acres, general description of the land, name of person who aided in locating the land, and name of the surveyor. Only about half of Armstrong's location books have been found. Parts 3 and 4 contain information about all warrants issued while Armstrong was in charge of the military land office in Nashville. He operated the office from 1783 to 1797, and handled about 5, 117 warrants. Part 5 contains information about some 1,242 warrants issued from 1800 to 1841 while William Christmas was in charge of the office. Mentioned are the warrant number and date, the soldier's name and rank, number of acres, name of person who took the warrant from the office of the Secretary of State. Included when applicable are the name of the person who received a grant, location of the warrant and survey in North Carolina's land grant files, location of similar material in Tennessee along with abstracts, abstracts of some petitions to the North Carolina Assembly relating to the warrant, and location in land fraud papers of the opinion of the Boards of Inquiry about the legality of the warrant's issuance and sale. Part 6 contains an index of personal names followed by item (not page) numbers, plus an index of geographical names with numerical accounts of warrants, file numbers from North Carolina land grant files, and MARS computer numbers (similar to land grant file numbers). The warrants indicate numerous people who served in the military, and some who were interested in obtaining land in Tennessee during the early years of the state's existence.

NORTH CAROLINA RESEARCH: GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY, 2ND EDITION edited by Helen F. M. Leary. 1996. 8½"x11" hardcover, 626 pp. with appendix and index. \$48 postpaid from North Carolina Genealogical Society Book Sales, P.O. Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602. (North Carolina residents add 6% sales tax.)

This celebrated reference work, first published in 1980, has been out of print for a number of years now, and its newly revised and expanded edition deserves a prominent spot on any genealogist's bookshelf. While the new version admirably succeeds in the Society's original mission "to provide in a single, accurate, and conveniently organized source the information necessary for pursuing North Carolina research," it also provides valuable suggestions that should help genealogists in pursuing research in virtually any state. The first of its seven sections, for instance, gives research techniques that include evaluating data, designing strategies, using research facilities, taking notes, reading handwritten records, abstracting, mapping, writing research letters, and using computers. The other six sections deal with county, state, and federal records; private records such as family sources, cemetery and church records, newspapers, and business records; non-written records such as oral history, photographs, and artifacts. The appendices include long distance research, selected terms and abbreviations, genealogical organization and compilation, and an index. In addition, the book contains 85 illustrations of various documents. It all adds up to a book that's just about equivalent to a college course in genealogy.

Book Reviews (continued)

DIRECTORY OF FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS, 3RD EDITION by Elizabeth Petty Bentley. 1996. 8½"x11" softcover, 355 pp. \$34.95 plus \$3.40 P&H. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202. Visa and MasterCard orders: Phone 1-800-296-6687, FAX 1-410-752-8492.

The third edition of this handy publication provides information on some 6500 or more family associations across the country, based largely on data from questionnaires sent to family organizations, reunion committees, and one-name societies. Information also was obtained from standard family history journals and newsletters. Alphabetically arranged in a three-column format, the directory gives addresses, phone numbers, contact persons, and publications. It should provide major assistance in making contact with family members, sharing family history information, arranging reunions, and developing common ground between people of the same surnames. This edition includes thousands of new and amended listings, dates and locations of family reunions, and the frequency and price of family publications.

TENNESSEE FAMILIES: A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS ABOUT TENNESSEE FAMILIES by Donald M. Hehir. 1996. 5¼"x8" softcover, 196 pp., cross index to family and secondary names, \$25 postpaid from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl., Suite 300, Bowie, MD 20716, phone 1-800-398-7709.

Some 1500 surnames of families having a connection to Tennessee are listed in this bibliography. Most of the books can be found at either the Library of Congress or the Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington, or the National Genealogical Society Library in Arlington, Va. Also listed are a number of books in 15 or so historical associations and public libraries across the country. All entries are presented alphabetically by surname, with a cross-reference index to help researchers find family and secondary surnames that otherwise would remain buried within the text. A separate section lists family histories and genealogies available on microfilm at the Library of Congress by mid-1992.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN MURPHY SR., BOOK I by James I. Murphy. 1996. 8¼"x11" softcover, 114 pp. including full name index, bibliography. \$25 postpaid from Buttahatchie Publications, P.O. Box 386, Caledonia, MS 39749. (E-Mail - JMurphy@FHU.EDU)

John Murphy, Sr., a Revolutionary War soldier, was born in York Co., Pa., married Jane Love and reared a family in York Co., S.C., migrated briefly to Madison Co., Ala., and spent his last years in Lowndes Co., Mississippi. This family history begins with the arrival of John's father, James Murphy, from Ireland in 1746 and continues until shortly after the Civil War. The author blends local and regional history with specific family-related information in an attempt to put "flesh on the bones" and also includes maps, census records, land transactions, and estate matters. Branches of the family settled in West Tennessee's Hardeman County in the 1820's and their descendants can still be found in the area. Concentrations of descendants also are found in Arkansas and Texas.

ONLY THE NAMES REMAIN, Vol. 6 (Tahlequah & Skin Bayou District) by Sandi Garrett. 1995. 9x12" softcover. 169 pp. with index. \$25 postpaid from Cherokee Woman Publishing, P.O. Box 48, Spavinaw, OK 74366.

Those with Cherokee ancestry will be interested in this book which combines names of Cherokees on the Drennen Roll with those from the Guion Miller applications. The Drennen Roll, drawn up in 1851, lists Cherokees who were forced to remove from the Cherokee Nation East and the Old Settlers who voluntarily moved to the Cherokee Nation West before the forced removal. The roll was developed following the Treaty of 8 Aug 1846, under which the U.S. agreed to make a fair settlement of all monies due the Cherokees under the 1835 treaty. The Guion Miller applications of 1906-1910, numbering almost 46,000, were taken from Eastern Cherokees eligible to share in a million dollars appropriated by Congress in 1906 to settle claims. When Drennen Roll was taken, most Cherokees did not have a white name, and many did not have a last name. White names were assigned during the Civil War or when a census-taker decided a white name was needed. The author has placed an asterisk beside the name of those in the Drennen Roll who also are in the Guion Miller applications. Many had name changes. Whenever possible, the book also indicates how the Guion Miller applicant was related to the Drennen Roll family. The lists cover (1) the Tahlequah District, which basically was the area now occupied by Cherokee Co., Okla., and includes the towns of Tahlequah, Fort Gibson, Park Hill, Sequoyah, and Lost City; and (2) Skin Bayou District, which was located in Sequoyah Co., Okla., and today includes the towns of Sallisaw, Muldrow, Roland, and Brushy.

Book Reviews (continued)

MY SIXTEEN, A Self-Help Guide to Finding Your 16 Great-Great-Grandparents, by Robert W. Marlin. 1996. 5½x8½" softcover, 232 pp. including index, selected bibliography, appendix. \$14.95 plus \$3 for priority shipping from Land Yacht Press, P.O. Box 210262, Nashville, TN 37221-0262, phone 1-615-646-2186. Tennessee residents add 6.25% sales tax.

On his mother's 70th birthday, the author suddenly realized that he had no idea of who his own grandparents were. That realization changed his life forever, he says, and launched him on an extensive and successful search in which he identified all four of his grandparents, all eight of his great-grandparents, and seven of his 16 great-great grandparents. In the process, he not only learned the basics of genealogical research but developed numerous shortcuts and innovative approaches. For instance, he developed his own method for searching the federal census without Soundex. His system requires the exact street address of the person being sought and the use of streets bordering that address. The method worked for him even in a formidable place like New York City, but he says it can be used anywhere. The book is full of such research tips, and these -- combined with essential information on obtaining and understanding primary records -- make it perfect for the beginning or intermediate genealogist. It's also highly readable and enjoyable.

MARSHALL CO., MISS., PROBATE & WILL RECORDS by Betty C. Wiltshire. 1996. 5½x8½" softcover, 306 pp., with full-name index, and slave index. \$28 postpaid from Pioneer Publishing Co., P.O. Box 408, Carrollton, MS 38917.

This compilation of Marshall Co., Miss., covers probate records from 1836 (the year the county was formed) through 1862 and includes wills for the same period. When a person died, whether leaving a will or not, his or her estate had to be settled among the heirs. The probate records thus created generally give the name of the deceased, the heirs, their relationship to the deceased, and their places of residence. They also contain records of guardianships of minor children, widow's dowers, and inventory records which include the ownership of slaves, frequently giving their names and occasionally their ages and relationships. The records in this book will be especially useful to researchers seeking slave ancestors in Marshall County.

RECIPES FROM SWEET YESTERDAY VOL. 2 by Thelma Allen. 5½"x9" softcover, 224 pp., index. \$13.75 postpaid from Michael Allen, P.O. Box 111510, Nashville, TN 37222.

Reminiscings and recipes seem to go together in today's cookbook world, and this Texas-born Oklahoman manages to work memories of the pre-Depression and World War II eras into a collection of more than 250 recipes. In Depression days, she said tons of pinto beans were served without knowing of their nutritive value. She recalls that her family cooked the beans in rain caught in a washtub because this made them so much softer. Demonstrating how homemakers coped with wartime shortages, she includes a recipe for sugarless brownies. Also given are instructions for making lye soap, cracklin' bread, hog head cheese, scrapple, and other near-lost arts. The portion of the book devoted to memories also is available on cassette. This is the second cookbook published by Mrs. Allen, who is now over 81 and exhibits crafts in Oklahoma and Tennessee. Her first book went into three printings.

ANCESTRAL TRACKS TO CLERMONT - AND BEYOND compiled by Mary Ann Needham Hollifield. 1996. 8½"x11" softcover, 1,050 pp., full name index. \$51.70 postpaid from author at 1345 New Garden Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410.

For Hutchinson, Abernathy, Schade/Shade, and Needham descendants, this book may contain all you ever wanted to know about your ancestors or, like all good family histories, may whet your appetite for even more. Replete with family charts, maps, copies of documents, photographs, family stories, and newspaper clippings, it tells the history of the four families in the author's paternal line ... and how they all pioneered their way into Clermont County, Ohio. The story begins with one William Hutchinson and wife Ann Vaun/Vonn or Simpson in what is now Mercer Co., N. J., in 1740. Their grandson, Rev. Ezekiel Hutchinson, migrated to Ohio in 1804, and settled in Clermont County two years later. The author relates how she literally backtracked the Abernathy family -- who were in Clermont by 1850 -- down Route 50, from Clermont, over the mountains into Virginia and back to Pennsylvania. (She also tells of finding much sought after information in *Ansearchin' News* about one William Simpson Abernathy and his wife Mary Childress Bradley.) She traces the Needhams back through Pennsylvania's Red Stone Country to England, and the Schade/Shade line to Delaware and Pennsylvania. Concluding the history is a fascinating article by the author entitled "Reminisce and Wisdom Bits" in which she recalls her own childhood. In the modern idiom, "it's a good read" even if you can't claim kin. ■

Land in Giles County On Block For Unpaid 1813 Property Taxes

(From the Nashville Clarion & State Gazette, 2 August 1814)

GILES COUNTY COURT - MARCH SESSION 1814

James Buford, Esq., sheriff and collector of the public and county tax for the year 1813, reports to this court that taxes remain due and unpaid for the following tracts of land for 1813 and he cannot find in his county any goods and chattels belonging to the owners thereof whereon he can destrain for the same, to-wit:

<u>Reputed Owner</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Situation</u>
John Baldrige	160	Elk River
John Childress	4,700	Richland Creek
John Childress	1,000	Elk River
Francis Childs	3,000	Richland (Warrant #695)
Joseph East	200	Pigeon Roost Creek
Richard Hightour	640	Richland
Richard Hightour	230	Bradshaw's Creek
Hightour & Haywood	110	Robertson's Creek
Robert Lanier	500	West of Elk R.(Grant 1995)
Robert Lanier	100	Elk River
Hightour & Haywood	500	Richland Creek
James Lewis	400	Saved out of a 2000-acre entry
William B. Lewis	300	South side of Elk River
James Morrison	200	Entry waters Buchanan's Creek
John M'Donald	227	Buchanan's Creek
J. C. & D.W. M'Ree	840	Robertson Creek
Estate of H. Murphey	640	(no location given)
Estate of H. Murphey	427	(no location given)
William Neal	100	Richland Creek
Isaac Price	1,000	Mouth of Richland Creek
Jacob Perkins	4,000	Richland Creek
Thomas Whitson	140	Elk River
James Temple	300	Elk River
James Temple	39	Reynold's Creek
James Temple	26	Reynold's Creek
James Temple	86	Sinking Creek
James Read, Jr.	4,657	Richland 1 white poll and 1 black
Edward Thursby	10	Part of an old grant to S. Donaldson
John Wilson	5,000	Blue Creek

It is therefore ordered that judgment be entered up against the owners of said tracts ... and that said tracts (or as much of as will be sufficient to satisfy the taxes, costs, and charges due) be sold at the courthouse in Pulaski on the first Monday in November next.

(Signed) **Gorman Lester**, Court Clerk

Obituaries

DIED - On Saturday evening last, **Mrs. Marcia F. M'Lean**, consort of **Mr. Charles D. M'Lean**, senior editor of the *Nashville Whig*. She had not numbered 19 years; was a few days since in health, blooming as a rose, had every flattering prospect of enjoying many years of felicity with an affectionate husband, lispng little ones, a tender mother, and a numerous circle of acquaintances - but all human calculations are vain. Mrs. M'Lean was a dutiful child, agreeable companion, affectionate wife, and kind mistress. It is only a few months since she attended the remains of her father, **Judge Searcy** (of whom she was the only child) to the silent grave, and now, she is a tenant of the same mansion. - *The Clarion and State Gazette*, Nashville, 14 Oct 1814.

DIED in Columbia on the 7th of June, **Mrs. Jemima Saunderson** in the 98th year of her age. Some 48 years ago, she removed from Cumberland Co., Va., to Middle Tennessee and resided during the greater part of this time in the immediate neighborhood. - *The Maury Intelligencer*, Columbia, Tenn., 21 June 1849.

DIED at Matanzas in the Island of Cuba, **Mrs. Mary M. H. Bell**, wife of **Mr. James Bell** of this city and daughter of **David Dickinson**, Esq., of this neighborhood, a lady greatly beloved and respected by an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances for her many amiable virtues. - *The Union*, Nashville, Tenn., 8 May 1835

DEPARTED this life on Sunday evening the 20th of March, **Mr. Thomas Wilcox**, minister of the Gospel. His death was occasioned by a pleurisy which terminated his existence in 11 days. He endured his sickness with the greatest resignation and patience. - *Nashville Clarion*, 29 Mar 1814

Pennsylvania To Host '97 NGS Conference in the States

Valley Forge, Pa., will be the site of the '97 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States. The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania will be the local host society for the four-day event May 7-10.

Topics on the agenda include networking with fellow researchers, learning how to travel the Information Superhighway, and ways to achieve research goals. Convention-goers also will have the opportunity to meet local and national experts, try new genealogical software, and choose from a wide variety of lectures. For more information, write NGS '97 Conference Registration Brochure, 4527 - 17th St. N., Arlington, VA 22207-2399 or call (703) 525-0050.

Pascagoula, Miss., To Be Site Of 'Gone to Texas' Seminar

Brenda Burns Kellow, Richardson, Tex., author, will be guest speaker at a "Gone to Texas" seminar sponsored 15 March by the Jackson County Genealogical Society of Pascagoula, Miss. Subjects covered at the seminar, to be held at the Pascagoula Public Library, include Texas courthouse research, military organizations, land grants, and land records. Ms. Kellow instructs college genealogy courses and has received a number of awards for her genealogy works. For more information, write JCGS, P.O. Box 984, Pascagoula, MS, 39568-0984 or call (601) 769-3416.

Griffith Family Newsletter Now In Publication

"Relatively Searching the Griffith Family" is the name of a semi-annual newsletter designed for those researching the Griffith(s) surname. Published by Kathryn Brooks Griffith, 4333 N.E. Seward, Topeka, KS 66616, each issue is indexed and contains about 45 pages. Also available from the publisher are back issues of a previously published Griffith-Milbradt newsletter.

What's *NEW* IN GENEALOGY

Manuscript on John Knowles Family Given to TGS Library

An unpublished manuscript, written by the late Harold R. Wallace and entitled "*The Descendants of John W. Knowles*," has been donated to the Tennessee Genealogical Society Library. When Mr. Wallace died in Tucson, Ariz., in 1989, he had completed his research on the White County, Tenn., family and had typed much of the manuscript in final form. Several pages with corrections marked in ink remained, however. His widow, Marguerite Richcreek Wallace, who was unable to finish the manuscript because of failing eyesight, handed the project over to Mr. Wallace's niece, Yvonne L. Baker of Orlando, Fla., who retyped the corrected pages and index before donating the completed work to TGS.

The manuscript essentially updates and amplifies the Young-Saylors book on the John Knowles family which was published a number of years ago and can be found in the Sparta public library. Many of the descendants' families have been brought up to date through the 1880 federal census, and some through the 1900 and 1910 censuses. John W. Knowles, born in County Antrim, Ulster, on 4 Jul 1749, was a Revolutionary War veteran who served in Pennsylvania until 1781. He secured land in Virginia after the war, and then settled in White Co., Tenn., about 1806.

New History Book Published On Kentucky in 20th Century

Kentucky's state historian James C. Klotter presents a sweeping view of his state in the first half of the 20th century in a new book, *Kentucky: Portrait in Paradox, 1900-1950*. It is available from the Kentucky Historical Society, P.O. Box 1792, Frankfort, KY 40602 for \$44 including shipping and handling.

Tennessee Will Get Its Fourth Area Code Come September

Middle Tennessee will be split into two telephone area code zones in September, giving the state a total of four area codes. Counties in the new 931 area code zone will include Montgomery, Stewart, Houston, Humphreys, Hickman, Perry, Lewis, Wayne, Lawrence, Maury, Giles, Marshall, Lincoln, Bedford, Moore, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Warren, Van Buren, White, Cumberland, Putnam, Jackson, Clay, Overton, Pickett, and Fentress.

Middle Tennessee counties remaining under the 615 area code are Robertson, Sumner, Macon, Trousdale, Dickson, Cheatham, Davidson, Williamson, Wilson, Smith, DeKalb, Rutherford, and Cannon. All of West Tennessee remains in the 901 area code, and East Tennessee will continue under the 423 area code that took effect in September 1995.

Annual Swartz-Webb Reunion To Be Held in Texas on June 8

The third annual Swartz Webb reunion will be held on June 8 in Hurst, Texas. Allied family names are Gaston, Dunn, Wilson, Steed, Richardson, Ridley, Carroll, and Camp. For more information, contact Mrs. Helen Crews, 4525 Easy St., Fort Worth, TX 76117, telephone (817) 485-7293.

Deadline Extended for North Carolina Ancestor Exchange

Genealogists now have until April 1 to submit information about their North Carolina ancestors for publication in a research directory called *Ancestor Exchange*.

For more information and a submission form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to North Carolina Genealogical Society, Dept. PR, P.O. Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602 or contact NCGS website at: <http://www.moobasi.com/genealogy/ncgs.> ■

GENsurfing's the Name of the Game

By Lynn Appling

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Genealogy, like the population, is moving through the Computer Age. As an early user of Prodigy, Genie, and America On Line, I have fallen in love with the Internet. An afternoon on the Internet can take you all around the world. The latest development is the USGENWEB project. As you enter the USGENWEB page, you'll see a map of the United States (if you have graphics). Click on the state where you want to do your research. Then go to the individual county you're interested in. There you might find various records: deeds, marriages, court documents, newspapers -- all on-line, real-time.

There are even areas where you can leave a query for other people to read and respond to via e-mail. Or, if you prefer, you can go to the area, read the queries left by others, and reply to them yourself by e-mail. As each county is "adopted" -- i.e., maintained by an individual -- the resources are expanding virtually each day.

If you visit the Anson County, N.C., web page, you'll find the people whom TGS member **Anita Augustine** is researching. You can view the list showing the dates and places of their births and deaths. If you find a connection with your line, you can e-mail Anita for more information. The advantage of e-mail is a possible reply that same day -- sometimes in just a matter of minutes!

One of my favorite sites is that of **Cyndi Howell**. (<http://www.oz.net/~cyndihow/site.htm>). She has a link to all genealogy on the web and keeps her page updated almost daily. She really works hard and is a great resource for genealogical information.

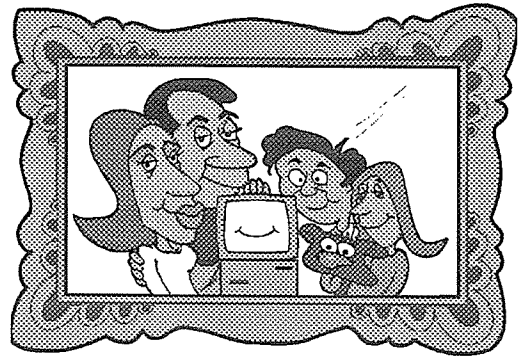
Another favorite is the GENDEX site (<http://www.gendex.com>). It has connected the data bases from various pages and sources on the web. You can enter a surname and all the registered names will come up. On the far right side of the page is the e-mail address for the person who has the information. This resource has helped me fill in many blanks on my family group sheets.

The place to put your "Most Wanted" ancestor is: <http://www.citynet.net/mostwanted/>

Of course, you can always visit my website which should give you some enjoyment and resources as I get the info on the web site server. My address: <http://www.netten.net/~lynnintn/>

A good search engine to use is: <http://www.hotbot.com/>

If you have any Internet questions, please feel free to e-mail me and I will try to find an answer for you. Now, let's go Gensurfing!



Major Upgrade of Genealogy Software Released

The original version of Family Origins had considerable elements to recommend it for entering and maintaining family genealogical records. Now Parsons Technology has released a 5.0 update that increases its usability and makes tracking family histories faster and easier than ever. Among the major new features are: (1) a new option that allows users to create their own World Wide Web pages for the Internet based on their Family Origins data, (2) a multimedia scrapbook that makes family history come alive with easy-to-attach photos, video, and sound clips, (3) a new kinship report so users can see at a glance a detailed list of all the relationships of any individual in the database, (4) a scrapbook report that prints a scrapbook page with all of the photos entered for a specific individual. Frame-style settings are available for boxes on charts. Family Origins 5.0 for Windows requires an IBM or compatible PC, 4 MB RAM (8 recommended), Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later including or later, and 4MB hard drive space. \$29. Parsons Technology, One Parsons Drive, Hiawatha, IA 52233-0100, phone 1-888-883-0791. ■

Washington County Wills 1885

(Abstracted from Record of Wills, Vol. 2, Washington Co., Tenn., Clerk's Office, Microfilm Roll #169 produced by Tennessee State Library & Archives Technical Services, Nashville, on file at Tennessee Genealogical Society Library, Brunswick, Tenn.)

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JOHN C. D. BUCHANAN - Will dated 22 June 1885. Witnessed in Anson Co., N.C., by **I. R. Padgett** and **William J. Miller**. (Buchanan was a resident of Washington Co., Tenn., however.) Proved before **John C. McLaughlin**, Superior Court Clerk, Wadesborough, N.C., on 13 Aug 1885. Verified by **Judge James C. MacRae**, 7th Judicial District, N.C., on 3 Sep 1885. Executors: **W. S. Strain, Dr. W. S. Dobson**.

Mother - **M. A. Buchanan**

Brother - **Frank Buchanan**

Sister - **Sarah J. A. Rogers**

Pages 510-511

NATHAN B. JOBE - Will dated 6 Nov 1880. Witnessed by **G. W. Kitzmiller, James H. Ford**. Proved in Oct 1885 term of Washington County Court, E. A. Shipley, court clerk. Executors: **Grant Ford, Jonathan Ford** (named 7 Jul 1885).

Sisters - **Nancy and Lilda Jobe**

Nephew - **W. P. Jobe**

Pages 512-513

MARCELLUS M. MARTIN - Will dated 1 Sep 1885. Witnessed by **E. Miller, Sr., George C. Bowman**. (No entry as to when probated.) Executor: **C. Bowen**.

Sister - **Ida E. Martin**

Brother - **William H. Martin** (deceased at time will was written). Part of estate left to William's heirs who are not named in will.

Pages 514-518

DAVID GARST - Will dated 3 Sep 1885. Witnessed by **J. F. Grisham, R. B. McCarthy (McCawley?)**. Proved in October 1885 term. Executor: **Dr. J. L. Clark**.

Wife - **Anna Garst**

Sons - **Thomas C. Garst, William G. Garst** and wife **Sarah, Isaac Garst, Hiram S. Garst** of Macoupin, Illinois

Daughters - **Eliza D. Garst, Susan Conner** and husband **James Conner**

Granddaughters - **Martha and Mary Basham** (**David Basham** and wife **Martha, Isaac Basham** and wife **Mary**)

Grandson - **Benjamin Garst**, an illegitimate son of **Susan Conner**

Unidentified heir - **B. B. Garst**

Pages 519-520

JACOB MURRAY - Will dated 14 Oct 1885. Witnessed by **S. P. Martin, Elijah Carey**. Proved November 1885 court term. Executor: nephew **A. H. Murray**.

Wife - **Mary E. Murray**

Son - **Samuel G. Murray**

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JOHN LONGMIRE - Will dated 17 Mar 1875. Witnessed by **D. W. F. Peoples, J. H. Peoples**. Proved November 1885 court term. Executors: his two sons, **John R. and Alexander Longmire**.

Wife - **Elizabeth**

Heirs - **Joseph A. Longmire, Abigail Pinner, John R. Longmire, William Longmire, Montgomery Longmire, Hannah A. Longmire, Alexander Longmire**

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MARK PINNYBACKER - Will dated 10 Feb 1872. Witnessed by **Perry Hunter, Richard Northington**. Proved January 1886 court term. Executor: his son-in-law **John M. Mitchell**.

Two daughters - **Sarah Mitchell, Catherine Pinnybacker**

Grandchildren - **Isaac S. Susan and Lizzie Pennybacker**, heirs of his sons **George Pennybacker and John Pennybacker**

Others mentioned but relationship not indicated - **Jacob Kratzer** and son **Simon Kratzer**

Neighbors - **David Garst, E. S. Cox, and Lawrence Bowers**, trustee of **Jacob Kratzer**

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PETER HARRINGTON - Will dated 12 Aug 1885. Witnessed by **T. H. H. Lusk, E. S. Miller, Sr.** Proved January 1886 court term. Executor: his good friend, **Dr. E. S. Miller, Jr.**

Two sisters - **Ann Jones, Mary Crumley**

Brother (?) - **Christian Crumley**

Neighbors - **J. M. Reeves, C. L. Gilmer**, heirs of **John Little**, heirs of **Richardson Harrington, and Henry Harrington**

Pages 525-526

GEORGE W. GRAY - Will dated 19 May 1883. Witnessed by **John Maden, A. C. Fox**. Proved February 1886 court term. Executor not named in record.

Sons - **L. G. Gray, Nelson A. Gray**

Daughter - **Mary Hodge**

Neighbors and landowners mentioned - **James Gray, Thomas Dyer, Abrin Jones, John Hinkle, A. P. Adams, James Fitzgerald, Joseph Chinouth**

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WILLIAM BEALES - Will dated 24 Oct 1885. Witnessed by **S. P. Martin, John Wilcoxon**. Proved February 1886 court term. Executor not named.

Brother - **West Beals**

Sister - **Polly Ann alias Mary Ann Shirful (?)**

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S. K. N. PATTON - Will dated 31 Jan 1886. Witnessed by **E. S. Depew, William C. Patton**. Proved March 1886 court term. Administrator - **Landon H. Patton**.

Children - **Mary E. Cowan, Ann B. Evans, Sue O. Willard, Landon H. Patton, John A. Patton, Henry W. Patton, Nannie A. Hunt, Will C. Patton, Jesse W. Patton, Cordia F. Vincent, Saul K. N. Patton, Jr.**

Pages 529-530

WINNIE DEAKIN - Will dated 10 Mar 1886. Witnessed by **W. S. February, E. A. Shipley**. Proved April 1886 court term. Executor: **R. M. May**

Heir - **Samuel Templin (?)**, "colored boy now living with me"

Pages 530-531

DANIEL DEWALD - Will dated 4 Feb 1882. Witnessed by **Alexander Mathis, James M. Bayless**. Proved May 1886 court term. Executor: his son **James M. Dewald**

Daughters - **Mary Ann Dewald, Elizabeth Dewald, Margaret Thomas, Catherine Walter, Julia Galloway**

Sons - **William V. Dewald, James M. Dewald**

Grandchildren - son and daughter of **Margaret Thomas**, given names not listed

Great-grandchildren - grandchildren of daughter **Catherine Walter**

Neighbor - **J. W. Earnest**

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MARY E. BARNES - Will dated 9 Nov 1885. Witnessed by **John B. Chase, R. M. Chase**. Proved May 1886 court term.
 Executor: **Joseph Barnes**.

Heirs - **Tina and Hanah Barnes** (relationship not stated)

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JOHN KYKER - Will dated 10 May 1886. Witnessed by **E. L. Browning, J. L. Dellow**. Proved August 1886 court term. Executor: **Jacob J. Reed**.

Wife - **Malinda**

Children - **Elizabeth, Margrett, Sarah Jackson, Elbert** (Note: There could be others. Film too faint to read.)

Grandson - **John Reed**

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NANCY M. COX - Will dated 2 Apr 1886. Witnessed by **P. Yoakley, G. F. Hodges**. Date of proof not shown. Executor: **Fred Devault** (son of **Samuel Devault**).

Husband - **James Cox**

Brother - **G. W. Hodges**

Heirs (relationship not stated) - **Elizabeth Adams**, daughter of **Martin Adams**; **John C. C. Hodges**; **G. W. Hodges**; heirs of **Josephine Adams**, wife of **Martin Adams**

Pages 536-537

JAMES HALL - Will dated 1 Sep 1886. Witnessed by **James White, Daniel J. Bowman**. Proved October 1886 court term, **Jacob Leah**, Clerk. Executor: **John H. Sanders** of Sullivan Co., Tenn.

Sons - **Ebenezer Hall, Samuel Hall, Robert Hall, Nathaniel Hall**.

Three daughters - **Elizabeth, Sarah Jane**, and married daughter **Ibby Friday**

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ADDELINE A. BAYLESS - Will dated 24 Sep 1885. Witnessed by **D. W. F. Peoples, J. B. Bennett**. Proved October 1886 court term. Executors: two sons, **E. W.** and **R. R. Bayliss**.

Sons - **E. W. Bayliss, R. R. Bayliss**

Daughter - **J. E. Brockwell**

Grandsons - sons of **E. W. Bayliss**

Granddaughters - **Angie and Gertrude Bayless**

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WILLIAM M. McKEE - Will dated 25 Nov 1885. Witnessed by **Wellington H. Stepp, John W. Stepp**. Proved November 1886 court term. Executor not named.

Wife - **Phebra "Phebie" L. McKee**

Four youngest children - **Bell Jane, Willie Vanburen, Henry Edger**, and a baby not yet named

Daughter - **Cerin M. McKee**

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WILLIAM MATHES - Will dated 14 Mar 1885. Witnessed by **P. A. Miller, John C. Smith**. Proved January 1887 court term. Executor: **W. H. M. Smith**.

Wife - **Elanor Mathes**

Daughters - **Emily Mathes, Mattie Bales**

Heirs - **John C. Mathes, Margaret L. McAdams, Clina Ann Squibb**

Grandchildren - **Sara Estella**, heir of **Emily Mathes**; **Luckey Dosser Luella** and **John William**

Bales, heirs of my daughter **Mattie Bales**; **William Franklin** and **Robert Lee**

McRoberts, deceased; **Mary Huffman**

Neighbors - **John C. Smith, Samuel F. Smith, George Luttrell**

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HANAH RIGGS - Will dated 6 Feb 1883. Witnessed by **E. K. Hunt, W. H. Hickman**. Proved February 1887 court term. Executor not named.

Brothers - **William H. Humphreys, Jesse Humphres**

Other heirs - **Joseph H. Nelson and wife Hanah, Lisa Nelson**

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GRANT FORD - Will dated 23 Dec 1886. Witnessed by **Joseph H. Martin, L. G. Gray**. Proved February 1887 court term. Executor: **Nelson A. Gray**.

Three sisters - **Roda Fitzgerald, Francis Ford, Eliza Louiza Ford**

Nephew - **Richard Nelson Brown**

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RICHARD CHINOWETH - Will dated 27 Apr 1878. Witnessed by **W. Hodges, James Seaver**. Proved February 1887 court term. Executor not named.

Daughter-in-law - **Emeline Chinoweth, wife of his son William**

Grandchildren - **Daniel Fox, Addie and Robert Dyer, Amanda Hughes, Elizabeth Dyer and heirs of**

Martha Chase and son-in-law Nelson Chase

Heirs of his deceased sons, **John Chinoweth and James M. Chinoweth**

Neighbors - **George Gray & Chamberlain Hale, Buffalo Ridge; Dr. E. S. Miller, Johnson City, Tenn.**

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SUSANNAH ARCHER - Will dated 29 Jul 1871. Witnessed by **Francis M. Walker, John F. Grisham**. Proved February 1887 court term. Executor - her friend, **James M. Grisham**.

Daughters - **Catherine Archer, Martha Millham**

Son - **J. M. Archer**

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THERESA DEAKINS - Will dated 15 Dec 1886. Witnessed by **John W. Bayless, S. H. Sherfey**. Proved February 1887 court term. Executor - **E. A. Shipley**

Husband - **James Y. Deakins, deceased**

Heirs - **James Deakins, little son of Nelson Deakins, deceased; Mrs. June Deakins, widow of**

Nelson Deakins, deceased

Sister - **Rachel Deakins**

Nieces - **Susannah and Emaline Deakins**

Step-sons - **Henry Deakins, R. M. K. Deakins**

Others mentioned in will - **John H. Gibson, William A. Sherfy, and L.H. Buchanan, whom deceased had notes against**

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FANNIE HUFFMAN - Will dated 9 Mar 1887. Witnessed by **H. E. Clarke, Lewis A. Markwood, John Bacon**. Proved May 1887 court term. Executor - husband of deceased

Husband - **W. T. Huffman**

Father - **Hiram Mulkey, deceased**

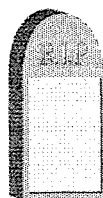
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BENJAMIN HASS (col.) - Will dated 9 Apr 1878. Witnessed by **A. F. Hass, W. F. Young**. Proved April 1887 court term. Executor - **Landon C. Hass**

Daughter - **Emma Jane** ("born to my wife prior to our marriage, but who has since adopted my name.") ■

JAMES H. COCHRAN

Departed this life on the 10th inst., **James H. Cochran** of Greenville. The deceased, an industrious, enterprising person and neighbor, was snatched



away in the bloom of life and has left an affectionate wife and one child to lament their grievous loss.

-*American Economist & East Tennessee Statesman*,
Greenville, 16 Aug 1823

W. D. ROBERTS

On 4 Mar 1875, **Mr. W. D. Roberts** died at his home in Henry County near Mt. Vista. He had worked all day in his blacksmith shop in fine health and worked a short time after supper and retired as usual without complaining. In a short time, his wife --who was still awake -- noticed a slight struggle and, on attempting to awake him, found him dead. The general supposition is that he died of heart disease.

-*Paris Weekly Intelligencer*, 11 Mar 1875

MARY (DREWRY) WILSON

Mary M. Wilson died at the residence of her son-in-law, **M. C. Cheek**, in Mansfield, Henry County, on 13 Feb 1874. She was aged 68 years, six months, and three days. The daughter of **Richard** and **Ana M. Drewry**, she was born in Davidson Co., Tenn., on 9 Aug 1805, and moved with her father to Henry County in 1820. She was married to **James Wilson** on 20 Apr 1827 and moved with him in 1836 to Mississippi where he died in 1837. After which she returned to Paris, Tenn., with her children, **James M.** and **Sarah B. Wilson**, and by industry and economy succeeded in educating her children. Soon after returning to Paris, she joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was an exemplary Christian, a devoted mother, and a good neighbor. Her remains were interred in the Paris Cemetery. -*Paris Intelligencer*, 26 Feb 1874

C. W. COFFIN

Intelligence was received last evening by private dispatch from

Nashville of the death of **Cornelius W. Coffin** of Knoxville, who died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was the youngest son of the late **Rev. Charles Coffin**, D.D., of Greeneville, Tenn., in which town the subject of this notice was born. He was about 53 years of age. For some years prior to the late war, he was associated with his brother, the late **James A. Coffin**, in the mercantile business at Madisonville, Tenn., and was successful in business.... Since the war, he has resided in this city and was a member of the firm of **Coffin, Martin & Co.** He stood deservedly high in the estimate of the business men of Knoxville as a gentleman of sagacity in his calling and of high tone and unquestionable integrity. Mr. Coffin had been sorely afflicted for some time before his death. At an early age, he united with the Presbyterian Church and was a ruling elder in Madisonville for some years and was elected to the same office in the First Presbyterian Church soon after he made Knoxville his home. We understand his remains will be brought from Nashville and interred in the cemetery at Madisonville. - *Knoxville Press & Herald*, 9 Jul 1875

JOEL R. SMITH

Gen. Joel R. Smith of Carroll Co., Tenn., died in Clark Co., Ark., on the 17 Dec 1852. A man of more than ordinary intellect, he had represented Carroll County in the state legislature with distinction to himself and profit to the people. Gen. Smith had visited Arkansas for the purpose of attending to private business and had accomplished his business and was ready to leave for his home the next morning. He retired to bed in usual health and was found dead in bed the next morning. -*Western Weekly Review, Franklin*, 14 Jan 1853

CATHARINE GOCEY COMPTON

Died in Davidson County on the 14th inst. aged 29 years, **Mrs. Catharine R. Gocey**, wife of **James W. Compton**, Esq., and daughter of **Mr. Moses Gocey** of this county.

-*Western Weekly Review, Franklin*, 18 Mar 1853

GEN. JOHN M'GREGGOR

Died at Lebanon, Tenn., on the Fourth of July of cholera, **Gen. Jhon M'Greggor** of Rutherford County in the 41st year of his age. He had been previously attacked by this disease which had been palliated but not cured; it returned upon him with redoubled violence and set at defiance all medical aid. He suffered greatly which he bore with uncommon fortitude. In the death of this man, society has been deprived of an excellent member and immediate friends have sustained an irreparable loss. He was a brave defender of his country's rights in the late war, having volunteered as a common soldier for three different tours of duty of 12 months each. He was in all the battles of the Creek War; in actions of 23 Dec and 8 Jan at New Orleans and was always found in the midst of danger... The deep anxieties of his friends who crowded around his dying bed strongly proved the high place he held in their affection, but the solicitude of friends and the anguish of an affectionate wife could not stay for a moment the monster in his march. It is rare to find in the vale of private life men of such virtue and it is greatly to be regretted that he is cut off in the midst of his usefulness.

-*Nashville Clarion*, 13 July 1835

MARGARET H. PHILIPS

Departed this life at Centreville, Hickman Co., on Saturday morning the 24th Jan 1836, **Mrs. Margaret H.**, consort of **Mr. John Philips**, merchant of that place, in the 36th year of her age. She had been the subjection of affliction for several years which she bore with uncommon fortitude and philosophy, and was confined with her last illness about 12 weeks. Mrs. Philips was an exemplary member of the Baptist church, an affectionate wife, a kind and tender mother, and a good and charitable neighbor. She left a disconsolate husband, seven children, and a numerous circle of relatives and friends to lament her death.

- *Nashville Union*, 16 Feb 1836

MAJOR JAMES L. ALLEN

Major James L. Allen is no more. His mortal remains were on the Sabbath last deposited in the graveyard at New Hope Church near Fairfield... He had just passed his 46th birthday. He was a native of this county ... and the only son of **Dr. James L. Armstrong** who died in the same house just four years ago. In 1847, the major was a volunteer in the Mexican War and was elected a lieutenant in his company, but on account of a pistol shot received about that time, he was prevented from joining his command during the balance of the service. In our late struggle, he enlisted on the Southern side and was in active service until the surrender. He leaves his wife and four sons.

- *Shelbyville Commercial*, 12 Jan 1872

JOSEPH CROCKETT, SR.

On 5 Jan in the year of our Lord 1853, the mortal remains of **Capt. Joseph Crockett, Sr.**, were deposited in the narrow house of death. This spright and highly esteemed citizen was born in Wythe Co., Va., and settled in Williamson Co., Tenn., at an early day. As a justice of the peace, his decisions were well conducted, correct and just. He died aged about 70 years, leaving behind an amiable wife and several sons and daughters. - *Western Weekly Review, Franklin*, 14 Jan 1853

SALLIE E. McCALL

At the residence of **Dr. P. Looney** five miles southwest of Paris on Sunday evening Jan. 31, **Mrs. Sallie E. McCall** in the 70th year of her age. She was a native of Sumner County where she has many relatives and a host of true friends. She became religious in early life, joined the Methodist Church, and after her marriage joined with her husband the Old Presbyterian Church of which she remained a most devoted and consistent member until her death.

- *Paris Weekly Intelligencer*, 4 Feb 1875

NANCY KIMBROUGH

Died on Tuesday the 26th ult. at her residence seven miles southeast of Paris, **Mrs. Nancy Kimbrough**, wid-

ow of the late **J. P. Kimbrough**. She was aged about 80. - *Paris Weekly Intelligencer*, 4 Feb 1875

CAPT. H. G. McCUTCHEN

In Jackson, Tenn., on Jan. 27, **Capt. H. G. McCutchen** in his 57th year. The deceased was a native of Tennessee and prior to the war was a successful merchant in Dresden. At the opening of the war, he was among the first to answer the call of his native South and to draw a sword in her defense. He raised and equipped a company at his own expense. When peace was declared, he assumed the quiet pursuit of a peaceable citizen and removed to Jackson where he remained until his death. He twice received office at the hands of his fellow citizens.

- *Paris Weekly Intelligencer*, 4 Feb 1875

ABNER JOHNSON

Died in this county near Dawson's Mill on the 22nd inst., **Mr. Abner Johnson**, aged 81 years. He was a highly respectable citizen and for many years a resident of Henry County.

- *Paris Weekly Intelligencer*, 29 Jan 1874

ANGELINA M. PERKINS

Died in DeSoto Co., Miss., at the residence of her father on the 5th inst., **Angelina Maria Perkins**, second daughter of **George W. Perkins, Esq.**, aged 14 years one day of typhoid fever after a painful illness of three weeks.

- *Memphis Enquirer* (reprinted in *Western Weekly Review, Franklin*, 18 Feb 1853)

RANDAL M. EWING

With painful feelings we record the death of our friend **Col. Randal M. Ewing**, native of Davidson County and for 50 years a citizen of this vicinity. He went to California nearly three years since to improve his pecuniary circumstances, but alas! he returns no more. Col. Ewing died at Quartz Hill, Calif., on Jan. 11, 1853. He was united with the Methodist Church, and left a very interesting but deeply afflicted family. - *Nashville Christian Advocate* (Reprinted in *Western Weekly Review, Franklin*, 25 Mar 1853)

MRS. MARY JANE GUTHRIE

Died in this county on the 22 inst. of pneumonia, **Mrs. Mary Jane Guthrie**, wife of **James B. Guthrie**, Paris postmaster. She was born 29 Dec 1821, and was married 30 Apr 1846. A Baptist, she was the mother of 12 children, five of whom preceded her to the grave. - *Paris Weekly Intelligencer*, 29 Apr 1875.

JAMES RUSS

James Russ, born in Fayetteville, N.C., on 13 June 1817, died in Shelbyville on 17 Aug 1869. He served an apprenticeship in the printing business under Felix K. Zollicoffer in Nashville and from 1844 to his death was connected with the press of Shelbyville either as publisher or as editor. *The Shelbyville Expositor* was conducted by him for more than 15 years previous to the war and was revived by him after the war and continued until the summer of 1866 when it became *The Republican*. Mr. Russ left a widow (his second wife) and eight children. Four of his children by his first wife are sons, and he had two sons and two daughters by his second wife. - *Shelbyville Republican*, 27 Aug 1869

CATHARINE G. VADEN

Died near Peytonsville in this county on Tuesday, 4 Feb 1873 at 1 o'clock p.m., **Mrs. Catharine G. Vaden**, near 57 years of age. - *Franklin Review & Journal*, 20 Feb 1873

MATTIE SUE HILL

Died in Murfreesboro on Sunday, 9 Feb 1873 at 5 minutes after 4 o'clock from a severe attack of diphtheria, **Mattie Sue Hill**, aged six years, two months, 14 days. The daughter of **Rev. Felix R. and Mrs. Ordalia W. Hill**, she was born near Nashville on 25 Nov 1866. - *Franklin Review & Journal*, 20 Feb 1873

GEORGE D. BLACKMORE

Died in Chicot Co., Ark., **Mr. George D. Blackmore**, aged 36, formerly of Sumner County.

- *Nashville Whig*, 5 Aug 1834 ■

Rutherford County Deeds of the Early 1800's

(Continued from Winter, 1996)

Abstracted by Jean Alexander West & Jane Paessler from State Archives Microfilm Roll 110, Rutherford Co. Deed Book H

NOTE: The letters "H & A" represent "hereditaments and appurtenances".

Page 251, Entry #191. Dated 12 Apr 1811. Rutherford Co. Circuit Ct. in equity between **John Hoover** and **Richard W. Cummins, Uriah L. Cummins, John Edwards** and **Sarah** his wife, **Elizabeth Cummins, Eleanor Cummins, Letitia Cummins.** Judge **Nathaniel W. Williams**, in exchange with Judge **Thomas Stewart**, both sides having been heard. **John Cummins**, dec'd, sold **John Hoover** 250 acres, part of 700-acre tract purchased from **John McNairy**, adj. **Robert Bedford's** corner, **John Cummins'** corner. **John Cummins** died without obtaining conveyance from **John McNairy**. Land since conveyed to said defendants, his children. Court ruled 250 acres be conveyed to **John Hoover**. Minors **Uriah, Sarah, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Letitia** may show cause against decree within one year after coming of age. Signed **John Coffee**, Clk.

Page 253, Entry #192. Dated 23 Mar 1805. Direction to divide land on both sides of Stewart's Creek belonging to heirs of **Col. Samuel Mosbey**, dec'd. Lot #1 **Ketarch "Kittey" Mosbey**, Lot #2 **Luckett "Lucy" Davis**, Lot #3 **Robert Mosbey**, Lot #4 **William Mosbey**, Lot #5 **John Mosbey**, Lot #6 **Salley Mosbey**, Lot #7 **Robert Lewis**, Lot #8 **Colley McDaniel**, Lot #9 **Jane Mosbey**. Evaluated by **James Whitsell, Jesse Clark, Hugh Robertson**. Recorded Book A, pp. 21, 22. Reg. 12 June 1812. Delivered **Luckett Davis**, Esq., on 22 Dec 1815.

Page 255, Entry #193. Dated 17 June 1809. State of Tenn. Grant #1104 for military service of **Henry Sellers** to N. C., Warrant #4471, dated 22 Dec 1790, entered 22 Apr 1801 by #401. Granted by Tenn. to **Andrew Jackson**, assignee of **Henry Sellers**, 640 acres in Dist. 1, Rutherford Co. on south fork of Bradley's Creek, old survey by **James Saunders**, adj. **Tilman Dixon's** line. Signed by governor. State tax paid.

Page 256, Entry #194. Dated 3 Apr 1810. **Peter Le Grand** to **John N. Reed** for \$4200, six hundred acres adj. **Phillips'** line, **McNairy's** line, **John Henderson's** line. Witnesses: **Alex. McCulloch, John H. Reed**. Reg. 11 Apr 1810.

Page 257, Entry #195. Dated 8 Jan 1811. **John Griffin**, sheriff and successor to **Obediah M. Benge**, to **James L. Armstrong** for \$7.07, seventy-five acres on Stones River, part of Grant #3037 to **Abraham Riceton, John Rice, Elisha Rice**, it being the legal amount of taxes and unpaid fine in 1804. **Robert T. Smith**, revenue commissioner, reported April Session 1805, **Joseph Herndon**, Clk. With H & A. Reg. 19 Feb 1811.

Page 260, Entry #196. Dated 1 Oct 1804. **William Christmas** of Davidson Co. to **Joel Dyer** and **Sally Jones Dyer**, his wife, for love and affection, 1000 acres in middle Dist. 1 on Clear Fork of Cumberland River, being one-fourth of survey granted **Nathaniel Henderson** and **Thomas King**, adj. **Thomas King's** corner. Witnesses: **Lewis Green, Drusilla Christmas**. Reg. 4 June 1812.

Page 261, Entry #197. Dated 25 June 1811. **Zacheus Cooper** to **Andrew Adcock**, both of Rutherford Co., for \$240, one hundred twenty acres in Dist. 2, R. 4, Sec. 8, adj. **David Fullerton's** corner. Granted to **Zacheus Cooper** on 20 Aug 1810, founded in part on Warrant #1092. Witnesses: **William Vinson, Thomas Nash**. Reg. 4 June 1812.

Page 262, Entry #198. Dated 1 Nov 1807. West Tenn. Dist. 1, Rutherford Co. I have processed for **Joel Dyer** and **Frederick Barfield** a tract granted to **Joseph Rhodes**, Capt. in Continental line, 3840 acres, Grant #1792, dated 20 May 1793, on West Fork of Stones River. Surveyed 18, 20, 21 Nov 1807. Signed **Robert McComb**. Witnesses: **Money Batton, Benjamin Sanders, Shadrack Harris**.

Page 263, Entry #199. Dated 7 Sep 1809. **James Henderson** to **John Johns** for \$200, forty-one acres on West Fork of Stones River, part of grant to **James Henderson** 9 Dec 1808 adj. **Samuel Wilson's** line. Witnesses: **John Fleming, David Fleming**. Reg. 12 Dec 1810.

Page 264, Entry #200. Dated 24 Jul 1809. **John McNairy** of Davidson Co. to **Richard W. Cummins, Uriah S. Cummins, Sarah Edwards** (formerly **Sarah Cummins**), **Elizabeth Cummins, Eleanor Cummins, Letitia Cummins**, heirs of **John Cummins**, deceased, for \$1400 paid by him 25 Aug 1804 for 700 acres to be taken from west end of 1,622-acre tract on East Fork of Stones River adjoining 5000-acre tract originally belonging to **Isaac Shelby** and adjoining **McNairy's** falls, **Thomas**

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Rucker's and Robert Bradford's lines. With H & A. Witnesses of agreement between **McNairy & John Cummins**, dec'd: **Andrew McReynolds, J. Johns.** Wit.: **Felix Grundy, John Dickerson, John E. Beck, O. B. Hayes.** Reg. 4 June 1812.

Page 266, Entry #201. Dated 6 Sep 1805. **John Warnock** to **Robert Warnock**, both of Wilson County, for \$800, two hundred ten acres in Rutherford County on Falling Creek, a branch of Stones River, adj. **Robert Smith's** line. With H & A. Witnesses: **William Griffin, Lewis Banton.** Reg. 11 Apr 1810.

Page 268, Entry # 202. Dated 22 Jan 1810. **William Nash** to **John Hutton** for \$250, one hundred sixteen acres adj. **Wm. Arnold's** corner, **Wm. Nash's.** Grants #882, 883. Witnesses: **David Magness, Drury Reeves.** Reg. 11 Apr 1810.

Page 270, Entry #203. Dated 3 Apr 1811. **Theophilus A. Cannon** and **Marquis Sharpe**, two of executors of **James Sharpe**, dec'd, to **John Sharpe**, house and Lot #83 where **James Sharpe** formerly kept tavern on Stones River in town of Jefferson. Witnesses: **J. Allen, James Sharpe, John Bradley, William Smith.** Reg. 4 June 1811.

Page 271, Entry #204. Dated 3 Apr 1811. **John Sharpe** to **James Allen** of Amherst Co., Va., for \$200, house and Lot #83 in town of Jefferson, being same lot willed to **John Sharpe** by **James Sharpe**, deceased. Witnesses: **John Bradley, Will Smith, Thomas Mitchell.** Reg. 4 June 1812.

Page 273, Entry #206. Dated 14 Feb 1812. **Isaac Wright** to **David Price** for \$820.75, one hundred fifty-three acres on East Fork of Stones River, part of **Isaac Wright's** tract that was issued to **Abraham Wright** and **Jason Thompson** by Patent #3089, Warrant #62, adj. **Jesse Brashers'** line, **Joseph Thompson's** line, **Jordan Williford's** line in the middle of the river, including house occupied by **Guy Smith.** Witnesses: **Jesse Brashears, Jordan Williford.** Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 275, Entry #207. Dated 24 Jul 1811. **Cader Dement** to **John Doxey** for \$278.43, one hundred twenty-three acres between east and west forks of Stones River, being part of grant to **Hugh McKelvey** by Patent #1608 and sold by **John Griffin**, sheriff, to **Cader Dement**, adj. **James Stewart's** line, **Obediah M. Benge's** corner. Witnesses: **Wm. Nash, O. M. Benge.** Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 276, Entry #208. Dated 30 June 1812. **Benjamin Ward** to **Samuel Bowman** for \$1000, one hundred fifty acres on West Fork of Stones River, part of grant to **James Armstrong**, deceased. Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 278, Entry #209. Dated 31 Aug 1811. **John Fullerton** of Linkhorn Co. to **Adam Strater** of Sumner Co. for \$200, one hundred ten acres in Williamson Co. and Dist. 2, R. 4, Sec. 8, Rutherford Co. on both sides of line adj. **John Hill's.** Wit: **Matthew McGaugh, Andrew Adcock.** Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 279, Entry #210. Dated 10 June 1811. **Thomas Roberts** of Bedford Co. to **Isaiah Renshaw** of Rutherford Co. for \$128, tract on East Fork of Stones River, including dwelling where **John Renshaw** now lives, part of Grant #453 to **Thomas Roberts** adj. **Robert Weakley's** line. With H & A. Witnesses: **John Barkley, Joseph Tennison.** Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 280, Entry #211. Dated 4 Jul 1812. **James Neelly** to **Zebulon Jetton** for \$460, one hundred fifteen acres on Lytles Creek, part of Grant #1666 to **Phillips & Campbell** known as Plot #4, sold to **Neelly** on 25 Apr 1812 by **Michael Campbell** as himself and as executor of **Phillip Phillips**, adj. corner of heirs of **Thos. White**, dec'd, **Isaac Jetton's** line, **James Wilson's** tract. Wit.: **Wm. Henderson, J. Henderson.** Reg. 14 Jul 1812. Delivered **David Hemming** 6 Aug 1812.

Page 282, Entry #212. Dated 31 Aug 1805. **Hugh Montgomery** is indebted to **John Kirk** for \$3,000 to be paid him or his heirs. Wit.: **James Montgomery, Hugh Kirk.** Condition of obligation: **John Kirk** and **Hugh Montgomery** bought 616 a. on Lytles Creek from **Thos. Love** of Ky., by his attorneys **Benjamin J. Bradford** and **Bennett Searcy** of Nashville, adj. **Sarah Rutledge's** 2560 acres, **Thos. Harrison's** land, **Montgomery** having 378 a. and **Kirk** 238 a. Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 283, Entry #213. Dated 4 Jul 1812. **John Hoover** to **Matthew McClanahan** for \$686, two hundred acres near Stewarts Creek, part of N. C. grant to **Bushnal** and **Dobbins**, adj. **Moses Shelby's**, now **Constant Hardeman's** line. With H & A. Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 284, Entry #214. Dated 4 Feb 1811. **John Calvert** to **Henry Robinson** for \$300, 75 acres on Overall Creek, part of

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grant to **Hardy Holmes**, adj. **Hobb's** and **Ben Carr's** lines. With H & A. Witnesses: **Ben Carr**, **H. Robison**. Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 285, Entry #215. Dated 17 June 1812. **James Neeley** to heirs of **Thomas White**, dec'd, and **Isaac Jetton** for \$125, 419 acres on Lytles Creek, a branch of Stones River, part of Grant #1660, Plat #4, dated 25 Apr 1812 to **Phillip Phillips** and **Michael Campbell** then conveyed to **James Neeley**, adj. **James Wilson's** corner. Witnesses: **William Henderson**, **Yancy Holman**. Reg. 14 Jul 1812. Delivered to **David Fleming** 6 Aug 1813.

Page 287, Entry #216. Dated 19 Feb 1812. **Solomon Beesley** to **William Baley** for \$38.50, land adj. **James Arm-strong's** line. Witness: **William F. Beaty**. Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 288, Entry #217. Dated 2 June 1810. **Lazarus Crawford** to **John Crawford** for \$100, fifty-nine acres. Witnesses: **Solomon Beesley**, **Ezekiel Moore**. Reg. 14 Jul 1812

Page 289, Entry #218. Dated 6 Feb 1812. State of Tenn. Grant #3720. Part of Warrant #274, dated 23 May 1803, entered 19 Mar 1811 by #6103, granted **William Ward**, assignee of **Daniel Wheaton**, 10 acres in District 1, Rutherford Co. on Falling Creek, now occupied by **Meredith Robertson**. Surveyed 21 Oct 1811 by **Henry Conway**. With H & A. Signed by governor. State tax paid 10 Jul 1812.

Page 290, Entry #219. State of Tenn. Grant #3722. Part of Certificate #82, dated 23 Jul 1807, entered 12 May 1810 by #4651, granted **William Ward**, assignee of **Sampson Williams**, 60 acres in Dist. 1, Rutherford Co. on East Fork of Stones River. Surveyed 22 Oct 1811 by **Henry Conway**. With H & A. Signed by governor. State tax paid 10 Jul 1812.

Page 291, Entry #220. Dated 6 Feb 1812. State of Tenn. Grant #3719. By Certificate #104, dated 12 May 1810, entered 12 May 1810 by #4650, granted **William Ward**, assignee of **John Buchanan**, 19 acres in Dist. 1, Rutherford Co. on Falling Creek. Surveyed 21 Oct 1811 by **Henry Conway**. With H & A. Signed by governor. State tax paid 10 Jul 1812.

Page 292, Entry #221. Dated 6 Feb 1812. State of Tenn. Grant #3721. By virtue of part of Warrant #274, dated 23 May 1803, entered 19 Mar 1811 by #6102, granted **William Ward**, assignee of **Daniel Wheaton**, 10 acres in Wilson and Dist. 1, Rutherford Co. on Falling Creek, including place where **Meredith Robinson** now lives. Surveyed 21 Oct 1811 by **Henry Conway**. With H & A. Signed by governor. State tax paid 10 Jul 1812.

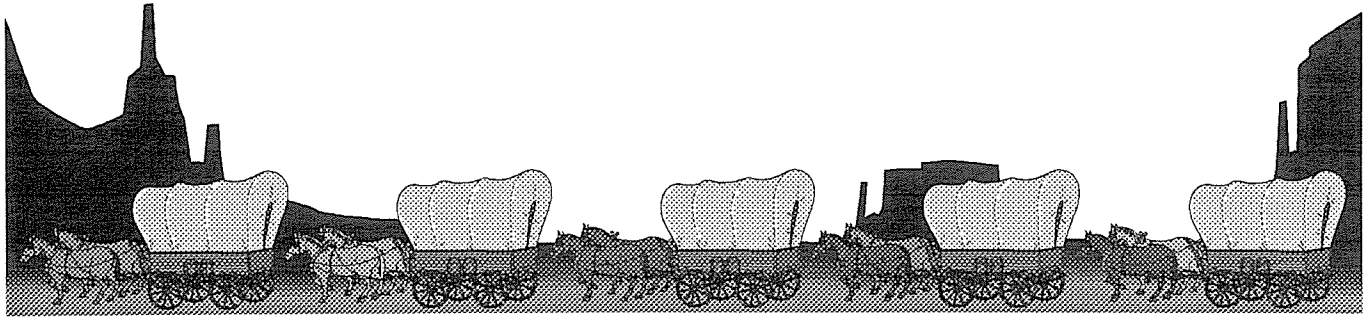
Page 293, Entry #222. Dated 1 June 1812. **Matthew McClanahan**, sheriff, to **John M. Tilford** for \$200, one hundred eighty-six acres on West Fork of Stones River, entered in name of **Jeremiah Wright**, adj. **Daniel Marshall**, the Widow **Leadens**, **William M. Hall**. Debt owed **C. Talbott** by **Jeremiah Wright**. Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 295, Entry #223. Dated 5 Feb 1812. **Robert Jetton** to **Archibald Shanks** for \$450, one hundred eighty-six acres on West Fork of Stones River, purchased by **Jetton** at sheriffs sale, formerly land of **Jeremiah Wright**, adj. **Sarah Leddon's** line, **William A. Hall's** line. Witnesses: **John L. Jetton**, **Alexander Gregory**. Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 296, Entry #224. Dated 4 Feb 1812. **Matthew McClanahan**, sheriff and successor of **John Griffin**, to **Robert Jetton**, constable, for \$331, one hundred eighty-six acres that **James Barfield** conveyed to **Jeremiah Wright** in judgment of **Kinchen Freeman** against **Jeremiah Wright** before **John L. Jetton**, justice of the peace. Sale held 5 Oct 1811 by **Thomas Smith**, deputy, adj. **Sarah Leddon's** line, **William M. Hall's** line. Witnesses: **Bennett Smith**, **Kin-chen Freeman**. Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 299, Entry #225. Dated 28 Jan 1811. **William Gilliam**, administrator of **Harrison Gilliam**, dec'd, of Murry Co., to **David Patton** of Sumner Co. for \$100, Lot #123 in Jefferson. Witnesses: **N. B. Ross**, **Samuel Patton**. Reg. 14 Jul 1812.

Page 300, Entry #226. Dated 29 June 1812. **Francis McKay** of Davidson Co. to **Ingram Blanks** for \$1000, four hundred twenty acres granted **McKay** by Tenn., Patent dated 9 Oct 1810., adj. **Absolom Fowler's** line, **Armstrong's** line. Witnesses: **Bird Nance**, **Toliver Simpson**. Reg. 14 Jul 1812. ■



Tennessee Newspapers Express Concern About Exodus of Citizens to Other States

In contrast to Editor Horace Greeley's exhortation to young men to head West, editors across Tennessee soon began to deplore the exodus that appeared to be depleting the state's population. *The Chattanooga Advertiser* in the spring of 1853 took special note of the Western emigration after observing that ten families from Washington County had gathered at the Tennessee River to seek a new home in far-off Iowa.

"This is an instance of what is constantly going on and which is depopulating the beautiful and romantic valleys of East Tennessee. Who is supposed to supply their places?"

In 1854, the *West Tennessee Democrat* at Bolivar expressed concern over the emigration of citizens to the western areas. Commented Editor John J. Neely in his October 18 issue:

"For the last six weeks, there has been one continued line of emigration from various sections, though mostly from Middle Tennessee, through our town bound for Arkansas and Texas. In one instance, there was a complete caravan with grandfathers and grandmothers, fathers and mothers, grown young men and grown young ladies, boys and girls, big children and little children, babies and infants all bound for the Massilla Valley -- and the good Lord only knows how many more. We tried to count them and couldn't."

More than 20 years later, editors were still showing some alarm about the westward emigration. *The Knoxville Whig & Chronicle*, in an article in its 19 Sep 1877 issue, editorialized:

"The fearful tide of emigration is beginning to set in with the beginning of the fall season from different portions of East Tennessee, which bids fair to almost depopulate the county if kept up at such a rate. Last Monday night a party of 60 from the upper counties and the border of Virginia passed through bounded for Texas and the West in charge of Captain William Kerr, redoubtable passenger and emigrant agent who is meeting with great success in this business. He also has another party who will leave lower East Tennessee today."

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That same week, *The Monroe Democrat* reported:

"The Breakbill boys, six families in all, with 32 persons and six wagons, all from this county passed through here Tuesday evening en route for Denton County, Texas. They expect to be on the road for about eight weeks. This party is made up of some of Monroe's first class citizens. We regret to lose them from our county but hope they may find their new home in the Lone Star State both pleasant and prosperous."

Not all of those exiting the state stayed gone. *The Weekly Intelligencer*, published at Paris in Henry County, carried a story on 21 Jan 1875 about the return of one native son and his family:

"We are pleased to see our old fellow citizen, Mr. A. P. Greer, on our streets again. It will be remembered that he moved to Arkansas a few years since, but like everybody that leaves Tennessee to find a good country, he has come back to his dear old Tennessee home. Mr. Greer and family have again become citizens of Paris, and Mr. Greer will again resume the practice of law in our courts."

A similar occurrence was reported by the *Clarksville Weekly Chronicle* in its 3 Jan 1885 issue.

"Mr. Thomas Cuthbertson and family, who went to Arkansas eight years ago, have returned and he says he never wants to leave Tennessee again."

Such returns apparently were rare happenings. In 1877, the *Morristown Gazette* reported that a party of 26 emigrants -- all from Cocke County -- left the local depot for Texas.

"Among the rest was Mr. W. H. Fine, an old and respectable citizen and a son of Abram Fine who, as sheriff of Cocke County, made his name famous many years ago in breaking up a band of counterfeiters. W. H. was conductor of the party [of emigrants]. He carried on his shoulder a rifle gun that was in the battle of King's Mountain in the Revolutionary War and also in the battle of New Orleans."

The trend continued. In its 9 Feb 1882 edition, *The Weekly Intelligencer* told of a Henry County family that apparently liked what it found in Indiana:

"John N. and A. D. Rader, sons of Abraham Rader, left their father's home in the 3rd District on Monday morning last to go to Midway where they took the cars for Whitestown, Boon Co., Indiana. John has resided out there for four years with another brother, Samuel F., who has been there six years. A. D. has gone out to remain. Samuel married Leonora, daughter of Benjamine Nease of Cocke County. They had two children when they left -- now have three: two boys and one girl. The three Rader boys are on a 400-acre farm and are cultivating it on shares."

No matter how much the transplanted Tennesseans might like their new surroundings, they never forgot their home state. They wrote letters back home not only to their kinspeople but to editors of their home county newspapers as well.

The Franklin Review and Journal, published in Williamson Co., Tenn., published a letter in its 12 Aug 1875 issue from a former resident, **John W. Smithson**, who had removed to Plum Bayou in Jefferson Co., Ark. In the letter, written to his friend **T. W. Bullock** at Franklin, Smithson said Plum Bayou was situated on the east bank of the Arkansas River 35 miles below Little Rock and 11 miles above Pine Bluff. He described the settlement as consisting of three stores, a blacksmith shop and warehouse, a Grange hall, a Masonic hall, and a church.

"Lands here cannot be surpassed for richness. The average cotton yield is 600 pounds of lint per acre. I have found out here several friends as well as relatives from old Williamson and adjoining counties..I am not yet confined by the iron bonds of wedlock."

The Greeneville Herald of Greene Co., Tenn., heard from a number of its former local subscribers. **T. C. Neas**, who emigrated to Milford, Mo., from what he referred to as Greene County's "Loyal" Third District, wrote on 25 Mar 1882 that he was living about 16 miles from Lamar, Mo., in one of the counties bordering Kansas. He reported that "a great many" of his fellow Tennesseans were living there.

"There's great excitement here at present over the discovery of large lumps of coal ...and there are asphaltium and Petroleum mines near the new Lexington and Southern railroad. On account of the drought and chinch bugs last year, there is a scarcity of produce this spring, but the farmers are all preparing for larger crops this season which they say are always good after a bug year. "

Another former resident of the Third District -- who signed his letter only with the initials "S. F. R." but was apparently **Samuel F. Rader** -- wrote from Indiana in April:

"We have 35 acres of ground broke for corn... and 75 acres of wheat that looks as fine as any I ever saw. Brother J. N. has been at work with Mr. Booher near Whitestown since he come home from Old Tennessee. Brother A.D. will take his place next week and J. N. will supercede me. I think I'm doing tolerably well. I have 50 head of hogs, 6 horses, 7 head of cattle, and plenty of farming implements -- 2 steeling breaking plows, 2 double shovels, 2 horse cultivators, a corn drill, wheat drill, mower and reaper combined, a sulky hay rake, and a roller. This will give a person an idea of the tools he must have to farm with in this country. Everything is a good price here. W. E. Darling, one of the old Third District boys, sold a horse the other day for \$200."

William Evans penned a letter on 28 Oct 1882 from Springdale, Ark., noting "This has been the sickliest season since we have been in this state, a period of 11 years." Even so, Evans gave no indication that he was about to return to Tennessee.

"Our town and county [Springdale, Ark.] are attracting attention in many parts ... and numbers from other states are seeking homes here. Emigrants come on cars and in wagons and are arriving almost daily. Our county is blessed with abundant crops of almost every kind -- and prices are reasonable and fair generally."

TENNESSEE NEWSPAPERS (continued)

Writing from Hampton in Rush Co., Kans., on 5 Dec 1882, ¹**P. B. Welsh** described his new surroundings to the folks back home.

"We landed here on the 23 September last ... [and] are in about 25 miles of Hays City. We have taken up land claims and settled on them. Our claims consist of a homestead timber claim and preemption, 160 acres each. They will cost us only about \$16 apiece when we get our title which will be in five years."

Another former resident of Greene Co., Tenn., **James A. Bales** wrote back to his hometown paper after living in the area of Urbana, Mo., for three years.²

"I didn't like this country very much at first but have become well satisfied with it ... It abounds with prairies which are beautiful for the eyes to behold and which produce abundant crops. Old Uncle Johnnie Reaser, who lives about three quarters of a mile from Urbana is now in his 86th year. He walks to this place once a week for his mail. He came from Greene Co., Tenn., in 1840 and has, in all, about 100 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who celebrate his birthday annually."

On 22 April 1885, **J. F. Neas** wrote to the *Greeneville Herald* from his new location in Lamar, Missouri:

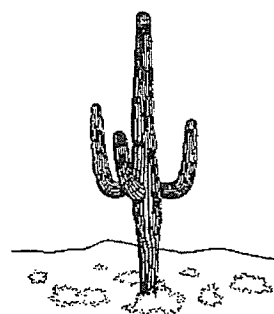
"I get the Herald regularly and look forward to it as a letter from home. Barton Co., Mo., of which Lamar is the county seat, is in the southwest part of the state. It is comparatively new ... its principal settlements having been made in the last few years since the railroads were built through here and it is one of the finest agricultural and stock-raising counties in the world."

The same incentives that brought the parents or grandparents of many of these former residents to Tennessee -- the quest for new opportunity and adventure -- inspired the exodus of the mid-1800's and later. Tennessee survived, of course, and those of us who remain can't help believing that the infusion of the Volunteer spirit in the new lands probably made our country all the greater. - DMR

The Value of a Woman in Texas in 1835

(From The Union, Nashville, Tenn., 15 Apr 1835)

"A man by emigrating to Texas and carrying a wife will receive 4,444 acres of land. If he has no wife, he only gets one-fourth of that amount. So it appears a woman in that country is valued three times as high as a man. There appears to be a considerable Texas mania existing in this country at this time, and we would advise all bachelors to profit by this information as we intend to do should we take it into our heads to 'emigrat.' "

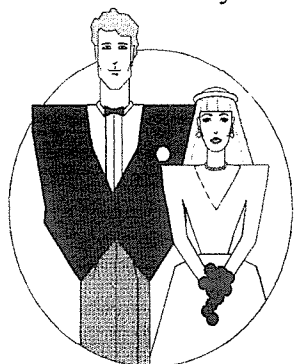


¹ Welsh's letter ran in the 18 Jan 1883 issue of *The Greeneville Herald*.

² The Bales letter was printed in the 16 Nov 1882 issue of *The Greeneville Herald*.

Married

"At the residence of Mr. Joseph Page at Milan on the 11th inst. by Rev. B. F. Peebles, Mr. Sam'l



T. Arbuckle of Henry Station to Miss Jessie R. Damson of Milan. Sam is as happy as a big sunflower and ought to be, in possession of a most lovely bride. Although Sam has some Mule in his composition, we hope he will trot

gently in double harness and soon learn to be a good and obedient husband."

- Paris Weekly Intelligencer, Feb. 19, 1875

Weddings In Abundance In 1834

As reported in the Nashville Whig, Aug. 5, 1834

❖
-In Sumner Co., Mr. Haden S. Trigg to Miss Elizabeth J. Wilson, daughter of Stephen Wilson.

❖
-In Franklin (Williamson Co.), Rev. William F. Spann to Miss Susanna L. Johnson, daughter of Mr. Andrew Johnson.

❖
-In Giles Co., A. H. Goff, Esq. to Miss Adelaide Bramlett, daughter of Judge Bramlett.

❖
-In Murfreesborough, Mr. Matthew Whitfield to Miss Fanny Manahan.

❖
-In Valmont, Ten. Mr. James D. Ruffin to Miss Rosian Ruffin, second daughter of Major James Ruffin, all of Hardeman County.

❖
-In Wilson County, Mr. Thompson P. Anderson to Miss Mary S. Johnson, daughter of Joseph Johnson, Esq.

❖
-In Warren Co., Miss., Mr. Henry F. Buesley to Miss Mary Ann Walls; Mr. John Goodrun to Miss Elizabeth Bond.

❖
-In Clinton, Miss., Mr. Hillery Moseley to Miss Harriett K. Harris.

Four Couples Tie Knot in Madison Co.

From 18 Jan 1850 issue of the West Tennessee Whig, Jackson

- In Jackson at the residence of A. Guthrie, esq., by Rev. A. W. Jones, Dr. R. R. Dashiell to Miss Eliza Jane Taylor.

- By the same in this place on the evening of the 10th inst., Mr. William G. Black of Bolivar to Miss Martha Hotchkiss of Jackson.

- By the same in this county on the 9th inst., Rev. John A. Vincent to Mrs. Sarah A. Anderson.

- In this county on the 17th inst., Mr. William G. S. Harrell to Miss Elizabeth Sturdivant.

Some Marriage Licenses Of 1868

Marriage licenses issued from the Hardeman County Court Clerk's office during the month of December 1868:

- James E. Jenkins and Martha F. Lambeth
- John D. Powell and Maggie J. Hendrix
- George T. Ferrell and Selina Hazlegrove
- Benjamin Doyle and Martha Martin
- J. M. Prewitt and Cornelia Shivers
- G. Clinton Neil and Marietta Moore
- Charles A. Estep and Mary E. Bryant
- George W. Lynch and Susan Moore
- Patrick H. Andrews and Malvina Parker
- J. B. Shelton and Frances Hudson
- J. C. N. Myrick and M. R. R. Robertson
- F. H. Daniel and Margaret R. Scroggins
- E. W. Hughes and M. F. Westbrook
- Alfred Craig and Martha Brown
- Thomas D. Clinton and Martha A. Coates
- Thomas H. Knight and Nannie V. Shivers
- J. Milton Binkley and Annie A. Hopkins
- W. E. Rose and Martha J. Hudson
- Philip J. Neely to Virginia C. Bagley
- F. H. Allen and Ursley B. Wright
- James Bradley and Emma Norris
- W. R. Wood and Fannie Hull
- J. G. Vaughn and S. A. Macon
- W. M. Hornesby and F. E. Fawcett
- G. W. Roach and Josephine Carson
- James S. Ayers and M. E. Goodin
- John R. McCann and Martha A. Brooks
- Richard B. Ray and Josephine Ray
- John W. Saddler and Eliza J. Thompson
- W. R. H. Hawkins and Mary W. Harper
- Alex F. Brooks and Mary R.C. V. Rainey
- William Wiley and Mary H. Lambert
- A. J. Vaughan and Elizabeth Lumpkins

-The Bolivar Bulletin, 16 Jan 1869

1853 Nuptials Make News in Maury Co.*From The Maury Intelligencer, Columbia, Tenn.***MARRIED****Feb. 4, 1853**

-In Maury County, **Mr. Joseph B. Porter** to **Miss Louisy Griggs**; **Mr. Zachariah Green** to **Miss Olly Emeline Smith**, daughter of the late Sam Smith of Smith's Springs.

-On Sunday morning last by **Rev. M. L. Andrews**, **Mr. William W. Johnson** to **Miss Sarah F. Short**, daughter of **W. H. Short**, Esq.

- In Lawrenceburg on the 23d ult. by **Rev. Noah Parker**, **Milton L. Bentley** to **Miss Isabella B. Balch**.

March 14, 1853

-On Thursday evening the 2d inst. by **Rev. Jesse Cox**, **Mr. Henderson H. Hyde** to **Miss Hispasia Nolen**, daughter of **A. T. Nolen**, Esq.

March 18, 1853

-In Maury Co. on Wednesday evening the 16th inst., **Mr. James M. Long** to **Miss Arabella Harrison**, second daughter of **N. Lundy Harrison**, Esq.

March 25, 1853

-Married in Bedford Co. on the 15th inst. by **Rev. Acton Young**, **Col. Matthew Johnston** of Williamson to **Mrs. Lydia Roane** of Bedford.

Marriages Of 1836*(From The Nashville Union, 21 Jan 1836)*

On the 8th inst. by **Rev. John W. Hall**, **Col. William Walton** to **Miss Jane M. Tyree**, both of Sumner County.

On Tuesday evening the 19th inst. by **Rev. Mr. Green**, **James Thomas Craig**, proprietor of the *Lebanon Mirror*, to **Miss Mary E. Robertson** of Nashville.

In this city on the 18th by **Rev. Mr. McFerrin**, **David P. Richardson**, Esq., of Louisiana to **Miss Ellen M. Bosworth**.

On the 19th by **Rev. Mr. Lapsley**, **Rev. W. A. Scott** of Louisiana to **Miss Ann Nicholson** of Nashville.

In Jackson, Miss., **Mr. James S. Fall**, junior editor of *The Mississippian*, to **Miss Esther O. Crutcher**, daughter of the late **George B. Crutcher**.

In this city on Tuesday evening the 20th inst. by **Rev. John B. McFerrin**, **Mr. Jesse Thomas**, merchant, to **Miss Elizabeth Litton**, daughter of **Mr. Joseph Litton**.

Married on the 28th inst. by **Rev. Mr. Roswell**, **Mr. David S. Dirickson** of this county to **Miss Mary S. Wilson**, daughter of **Samuel Wilson** of Rutherford County.

**Some 1840 Weddings***(From the Nashville Union)***14 Feb 1840**

Married in the town of Ripley on Thursday the 30 ult. by **Rev. J. M. C. Robertson**, **A. G. W. Byrn** to **Miss Bartha E. Braden**, daughter of **Capt. James Braden**.

19 Feb 1840

Married in Clarksville on the 7th inst. by **James Wheatly**, Esq., **Mr. Piere Theodore Cuvillier** to **Miss Eliza Beach**, both of Hopkinsville, Ky.

Married at Clarksville on the 6th inst. by **Rev. G. E. Young**, **Mr. James H. Patrick** of Waverly, Humphreys Co., Tenn., to **Miss Angelina M'Cauley** of Montgomery Co., Tenn.

Married in Rutherford County on Wednesday the 12th inst. by **Rev. G. T. Henderson**, **Mr. Robert Thompson** to **Miss Martha Allman**.

Married in Rutherford County on the 11th inst. by **Rev. W. Eagleton**, **Mr. Epps L. Matthews** to **Miss Eliza J. Wade**.

Also married in Rutherford County on the 11th inst. by **Benjamin Clayton**, Esq., **Mr. J. W. Clark** to **Miss Sarah B. Jetton**.

21 Feb 1840

Married in Nashville on Thursday the 20th inst. by **Rev. J. Thomas Wheat**, **George McKenzie McGregor** of Ross Shire, Scotland, to **Miss Jane Maria Christian**, daughter of **Thomas Christian**, Esq., of Dublin, Ireland.

11 Mar 1840

Married in Nashville on yesterday at 12 o'clock by **Rev. Ogden**, **Dr. W. W. Berry** to **Miss Jane White**, daughter of the late **Gen. William White**.

19 Mar 1840

Married on the 25th ult. at Rockey Springs, Grainger Co., **Lewis A. Garrbit**, attorney at law of Tazewell, to **Miss Harriet R. Jack**, daughter of the late **Judge Jack** of said county. ■



Letters to the Editor

I read with interest the extraction of Shelby County Naturalization Docket 1856 in the Winter 1996 issue. I also extracted the information when I visited the Tennessee Archives. I would like to offer a note similar to the one published regarding various names assigned to Germany in the Naturalization Docket. Italy was known as the Kingdom of Sardinia before the 1860's when the country was unified. Persons listed as citizens of Sardinia could be from many other places than the island of Sardinia. So remember, if you see "Sardinia" in any pre-1860's records, read "Italy!"

I recognize many of the surnames in the extracted material. My Bacigalupo and Signaigo relatives from Genoa settled in Memphis right around 1856. Many of the families listed as coming from Sardinia or Italy also came from Genoa. Many of them established businesses in Memphis, as evidenced by early Memphis city directories. They attended St. Peter's Catholic Church, and many are buried in close proximity at Calvary Cemetery. While I am not related to all the Italians listed in the extract, I am familiar with all those Italian families and have gathered various data on most of them. For example, the B. Vaccaro listed under the filing data is most likely Bartholomew Vaccaro who was a Confederate soldier and listed as a Tennessee pensioner.

I would like to hear from any descendants of the early Italian community that settled in Memphis before 1861 for exchange of information.

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Enclosed is a check for the renewal of my TGS membership for the year 1997. I've thoroughly enjoyed being a member of TGS and always look forward to receiving my magazine. Keep up the great work! Also, please note my nine-digit zip code below. Aloha.

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Enclosed is a check for my 1997 membership. All of your hard work is very much appreciated and I read each issue of the newsletter with anticipation of finding another clue. Thanking you in advance.

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Enclosed find my check for one-year subscription renewal. Plus ... please thank EVERYONE for publishing the papers "Martha A. Benton Civil War Damage Suit." (*Ansearchin' News*, Winter 1996). I was really so tickled to see that in the last issue. Now I feel as tho I've done at least one good deed ... with your help of course.

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I want to express my thanks for all the work to get the quarterly published. Keep up the good work. I always look forward to receiving it. I am renewing my subscription for 1997.

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'Ancestors' TV Series On Air Across Country

"Ancestors," a television series of ten 30-minute programs about genealogy and family history, has begun airing on PBS stations across the country. The series is hosted by Jim and Terry Willard, amateur genealogists and former high school teachers, who introduce the topic of each episode. (A list of topics was carried in *Ansearchin' News*, Winter 1996.)

Nashville's WDCN, Channel 8, began running the series Feb. 22, and Memphis' WKNO, Channel 10, plans to start the program in early April or May. Arkansas Educational TV Network in Conway began the series Saturday afternoon, Jan. 11, and repeats each episode at 10:30 p.m. the following Friday.

Would-be viewers in other areas should check program listings or call their local PBS station to see if and when "Ancestors" will be aired. Local stations can run the program up to four times within the next three years. The entire series will be available on video cassette and a companion book also is being published. Computer users can obtain more information and download an Ancestors newsletter by visiting the Ancestors Homepage at:

<http://www.kbyu.byu.edu/ancestors.html>

Figure This One Out!

Mrs. Abram Simmons, living in the 16th District of Henry County, has presented her husband with four splendid boys in the space of 17 months, all of them dashing young fellows. We will offer a premium for any woman who will beat it. -*Paris Weekly Intelligencer*, 21 Jan 1875

A Good Day's Work

Isaac Thornall of Woodbridge township recently husked in one day between sun and sun 130-1/2 bushels of Indian corn. The strife was in consequence of a bet that he could not husk 100 bushels. -*Knoxville Register*, 9 Jan 1824

Happenings Between Censuses

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the suggestion of TGS member Lynn Appling, we begin with this issue reporting some of the events that took place in the 20-year period between the taking of the 1880 and 1900 censuses. Destruction of the 1890 census created a major research gap for many genealogists, and we hope to turn up information which may help at least some of our members bridge that gap. Our thanks to Lynn for a good suggestion!

OBITUARIES

MR. JAMES W. McFERRIN, well known to many of our readers and a member of Co. C, 2nd Tennessee Confederate Regiment during the late war, was killed in a railroad accident near Birmingham, Ala., on the 16th inst. His remains were carried to Nashville for burial. -*Murfreesboro Free Press* 23 Apr 1880

Died on last Sunday morning at his residence a few miles from Murfreesboro, **HENRY KIRBY**, aged 93 years and 12 days. He had been a servant of God and an acceptable member of the church for more than 40 years. -*Murfreesboro Free Press*, 19 Nov 1880

Died at his residence in Murfreesboro on the 18th inst. after a long illness, **MR. WILLIAM C. DUFFER**, aged 68. He was one of our oldest business men, having begun business in this city in 1844 and before the war had accumulated considerable wealth. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, charitable in his acts, and an upright citizen in all his dealings. His funeral will be conducted this evening at 2 o'clock at his late residence by **Rev. J. S. Arbuthnot** and **Rev. W. D. F. Sawrie**. -*Murfreesboro Free Press*, 23 April 1880

Died in Murfreesboro on the 18th inst. at 12 o'clock, **INGRAM B. COLLIER**, aged six years, son of **I. B. Collier**, deceased. - *Murfreesboro Free Press*, 23 April 1880

AMBROSE EASTERLY died near his residence in the 3d District of Greene County on 22 Nov 1880. He was 61 years of age, and a member of the Evangelistic Lutheran Church for 45 years. Mr. Easterly was a long-term elder of St. James. In 1747 or earlier, two brothers, **Conrad** and **George Easterly**, came from Germany and settled either in New York or Pennsylvania. One of Conrad's sons came to Shenandoah in Virginia, and later moved to East Tennessee and settled in Greene County. Conrad's son **George** was once an honored pastor of St. James. George's son **Ambrose** was baptized and at age 15 confirmed as a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. In May 1881 a memorial service was held for **Ambrose** at St. James Church by **Rev. J. C. Barb** of Blue Springs. -*Greeneville Herald*, 17 May 1881

LIZZIE McGAUGHEY, wife of **Mr. G. B. McGaughey**, formerly of this place, died in Atlanta, Ga., on last Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock of consumption. She had been an invalid for a year or longer. She leaves three little children. - *Greeneville Herald*, March 24, 1881

R. H. GOODLOE, native of Rutherford County, died recently in Mobile, Ala., where he had been a resident for 33 years. - *Murfreesboro Free Press*, 8 April 1881

BENJAMIN F. WHITNEY died on last Friday at his residence at Greeneville. He came here from Illinois in 1876 and married **Miss Jennie Dobson**. After his marriage, he purchased property here. In 1878 he was elected Alderman. Mr. Whitney was one of those genial, kind-hearted men, liked and respected by all who knew him. - *Greeneville Herald*, 26 May 1881

MAGGIE ANN (ANDERSON) BRANNAN, daughter of **James** and **Mary Isabel Anderson**, was born in Maryville, E. Tenn., on May 13, 1844. When yet an infant, her father died and in 1863 she removed with her mother to Spencer, Ind., where 10 years afterward, her mother was called to heaven. When just blooming into womanhood, **Maggie Ann** united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in whose communion she remained until her death Sept. 6, 1882. She was married to **F. M. Brannan** in 1867 and went to reside in Tuscola, Ill., until May 1871 when her health failed and consumption manifested itself. In September 1877 she returned to East Tennessee where she settled at Greeneville. -*Greeneville Herald*, Dec. 7, 1882

We deeply sympathize with **Mr. John Ryan** in the death of his beloved wife, **MRS. ELIZABETH RYAN**, who fell victim of that dread disease consumption at the family residence on Chester St. in Jackson on Monday, Dec. 22, 1884. She was about 42 years of age and leaves behind her husband and five children. Funeral services were conducted by **Rev. Father Abbot** and the remains were laid to rest Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m. - *The Tennessee Whig*, Jackson, 27 Dec 1884

HAPPENINGS BETWEEN CENSUSES (continued)

MR. E. J. TATUM, prominent and influential citizen of Humphreys County, died at his home in Big Bottom on Dec. 22, 1884. He was born in Dickson County on May 31st, 1841, and was in his 44th year at the time of death. He resided in Humphreys County for many years and was a member of the county court for a period of many years. He is survived by his wife and seven children, the oldest being W. C. Tatum, associate editor of *The Tennessee Whig* in Jackson. - *Humphrey County News* (reprinted in *The Tennessee Whig* of 27 Dec 1884)

MRS. T. H. COLDWELL, wife of Judge T. H. Coldwell, after several weeks' confinement, died at her residence in Shelbyville at 7:30 on the 4th of Dec 1884. She was a native of Cincinnati, O., and the daughter of the late Rev. J. W. Hopkins. She leaves a husband and one child, little "Sunshine," a sweet little girl of some six or seven years, to mourn her loss. - *Shelbyville Commercial*, 12 Dec 1884

MISS SELINA DOBSON departed this life Monday morning at 10 o'clock April 13, 1885, aged about 62 years. She had been living with her sister, Mrs. Jennie Whitney, for the past 10 years. She embraced religion at age 13 and soon after, joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Gap Creek, Greene Co. She was buried in New Bethel Cemetery, four miles west of Greeneville. - *Greeneville Herald*, April 30, 1885

MISS CARRIE SCUDDER, well known and popular young lady of Shelbyville, mortally wounded herself Saturday while cleaning a Smith & Wesson pistol. - *West Tennessee Whig*, Wednesday, 26 Jan 1887

JAMES NELSON INMAN, formerly of Jackson, died at Waco, Tex., last Sunday night of paralysis of the heart, aged 32 years. He was a brother of Capt. G. B. Inman of Carroll and has other relatives in this county and this city. Born at New Market, East Tenn., on Aug. 31, 1851, he came with his parents to West Tennessee at the close of the war. He chose the profession of civil engineer and rapidly rose to high standing. The last six years of his life he was employed in Arkansas and Texas, and did valuable work at Fort Worth, Dallas, and Waco where he was city engineer at the time of his death. - *West Tennessee Whig*, Jackson, 12 Feb 1887

JUDGE JOHN SOMERS, chancellor of the 11th Chancery Division, died at Dresden last Thursday night. He had a host of friends not only at his home but throughout the state and especially in the 11th Chancery Division of which he has been chancellor for the past 20 years. He was appointed by Gov. Brownlow in 1866 to fill out the unexpired term of W. M. Smith. He held his first court in Dresden on the fourth Monday in January 1867 and his decrees have ever been remarkable for their fairness and justice. He was elected three times. Judge Somers was born in Wilson County on 16 Jul 1827. At an early age he removed to Weakley County with his father. He was educated at the old Dresden Academy which had a splendid reputation in the antebellum days, having first received preliminary training under Prof. Craighead, for many years well known as a Weakley County teacher. Judge Somers graduated at Cumberland Law School, Lebanon, in 1848 or 1850 and began his law practice at Dresden as the partner of Judge John A. Rogers. - *West Tennessee Whig*, Jackson, 5 May 1887

MARRIAGES

MISS CORA MALONEY, daughter of John Q. Maloney of Albany, and Mr. Wilbur D. Williamson, formerly of Greene County but now of Knoxville, were married at Carter's Chapel M. E. Church Tuesday Feb 28 at 12:30 o'clock, Rev. T. S. Walker officiating. The couple left for Knoxville on No. 1 where they will make their future home. - *East Tennessee News*, Greeneville, 2 Mar 1893.

Married at the residence of Mr. John Weaver of Jackson on the 22nd inst., **MR. J. B. PRIEST** and **MISS LIZZIE MADISON**, Rev. E. B. McNeil officiating. A bountiful and elegant supper was enjoyed by all present and good wishes followed the happy pair on a short tour of Water Valley. - *West Tennessee Whig*, Jackson, 26 July 1884

Married at the residence of the bride in the 4th District of Madison County on Sunday, Dec. 21st inst., **MR. J. D. BURTON** of Denmark and **MRS. S. FULLER**, Rev. E. B. McNeil officiating. - *West Tennessee Whig*, Jackson, 27 Dec 1884

MR. W. L. BOBBITT of the law firm of McFarland & Bobbitt, Humboldt, Tenn., was united in marriage last week to **MISS SALLIE HARRIS**, charming belle of Purdy. - *West Tennessee Whig*, Jackson, 27 Dec 1884.

HAPPENINGS BETWEEN CENSUSES (continued)

MR. JOE M. HUME, well-known in Greeneville and known all over the south as the Prince of Drummers, was married at New Market on the 23d to MISS IDA HAWORTH. Joe is a thorough gentleman, a good business man, and deserves the good fortune he has met in wedding an accomplished and lovable woman. -*East Tennessee News, Greeneville, 2 Mar 1893*

MURFREESBORO MARRIAGES: On 16 April 1880: MR. J. T. MOSELEY and MISS FANNIE M. PRUETT; MR. J. M. BENNETT and MISS TEXANA PRATER; MR. JAMES A. BROWN and MISS MARTHA MARABLE.

On the 17th, MR. J. H. COTHRAN and MISS M. J. PUCKETT; MR. W. M. BURNS and MISS SARAH V. SMITH.

At the Presbyterian Church here by Rev. J. S. Arbuthnot on Wednesday evening at 2-1/2 o'clock, MR. JAMES T. RATHER and MISS KATE M. CURRIN, daughter of Mr. R. S. Currin, Esq., all of this city. -*Murfreesboro Free Press, 23 Apr 1880*

On Tuesday 30 Dec 1884 at 3 o'clock p.m. MR. SAM R. DALY was married to MISS MITTIE J. DRAKE at Simpkins Chapel six miles from Nashville. The bridal cortege filed into the church in the following manner: Mr. C. W. Richardson and Miss Lizzie Brown, Mr. Will Daly and Miss Nellie Smith, Mr. Albert Drake and Miss Kate Richardson, Mr. John N. Daly and Miss Maude Drake. Rev. B. M. Stephens of Antioch Circuit performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Drake. -*Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 3 Jan 1885*

MR. E. W. CUNNINGHAM of Clarksville and MISS ELLA ABERNATHY of Pulaski, Tenn., were married at the latter place Tuesday and left immediately for New Orleans. -*Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 8 Jan 1885*

MR. ALBERT GREEN, who for several years has been a salesman at Stratton's shoe store, was married Wednesday night last at 7 o'clock to MISS FANNIE COKE at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Pleasant Coke of the Southside, Rev. B. M. Stephens officiating. -*Clarksville Weekly Chronicle, 8 Jan 1885*

The marriage of MISS ELLA LATIMER of Bristow and MR. GEORGE H. HARPER of Eggville was solemnized last Sunday (Dec. 2) near the latter place. The bride is a daughter of Mr. J. T. Latimer and the bridegroom has for years held a responsible position with Mr. George C. Camp of Eggville and has recently been appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff Lashless. -*Camden Chronicle, 7 Dec 1894*

County Clerk G. B. Greer has issued marriage licenses to BERRY SPICER and ALVINZINE SMITH, DANIEL JOHNSON and ALICE OATSVALL, ANDREW WINTERS and MARY McSWAIN. -*Camden Chronicle, 14 Dec 1894*

MISS LULA HARTLEY and MR. LEE FRY were happily married at the home of the bride at Eva Wednesday afternoon (2 Jan), T. J. Lowry, esq., officiating. The bride is a daughter of E. J. Hartley. -*Camden Chronicle, 4 Jan 1895*

Last Sunday morning (30 Dec) MISS ALICE K. WHEATLEY, member of the Romaine Temperance Troupe of Big Sandy and MR. THADDEUS JACKSON of Paris were united in marriage at the Stigall house, W. T. Morris, esq., performing the ceremony. -*Camden Chronicle, 4 Jan 1895*

MR. JOSEPH E. YARBROUGH of Nashville and MISS DAISY RYE were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Wayne Rye, Tuesday afternoon (29 Jan), Rev. Angus McDonald of Moore Memorial Church of Nashville officiating. The groom is a son of Mrs. Mary Yarbrough of this place and holds one of the most responsible positions in the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis R.R. Company. The couple left almost immediately after the ceremony for Nashville where they will make their home. -*Camden Chronicle, 1 Feb 1895*

MISS STELLA McCANN of Box and MR. V. A. RUSHING of this place were married at the residence of Rev. Mr. Duncan near Box. The bride is the daughter of Judge McCann of Humphreys County and the groom is the son of our townsman, Mr. B. C. Rushing. -*Camden Chronicle, 17 May 1895* ■

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Queries

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(NOTE: Please type or print query submitted, limit length to five lines or less, and restrict to no more than two families. All queries will be edited for length and clarity, and will be used in the order received. Counties and towns referred to in queries are in Tennessee unless otherwise indicated. TGS members may run one free query each year and additional queries for \$3 each. Non-member queries are \$5 each.)

97-1 **BUTLER, BLACK, BIBEE, GOODMAN:** Seeking info on (1) Civil Butler (maiden name unknown), b. 1796 N.C., resided in Memphis 1840 and 1850; (2) Leonard Butler, b. 1816 N.C., m. 1851 to Elizabeth Black in Memphis, (3) Mary Butler, b. 1820 N.C., m. 1839 to Larkin Bibee in Memphis; (4) Mary Bibee, m. 1840 to Calvin Goodman in Memphis. Anne Butler Black, 507 W. 19th St., El Dorado, AR 71730.

97-2 **OWENS:** Seeking info regarding family of Malcom/Melcum Owens, b. ca. 1814 in Tennessee. Wife's name was Mary. 1850 census shows him in Bledsoe County with wife and seven children. In 1860 they were in Marion County. Jack Thompson, 3970 Scott Dr., Carlsbad, CA 92008-3625.

97-3 **CORMACK:** Lewis Cormack, b. 1769 N.C., and wife Esther moved to Stewart Co., Tenn., ca. 1803 and lived there until ca. 1819 when they moved to Illinois (Madison, Macoupin counties). Whom did their daughter Nancy Wright Cormack marry there? Lewis' brothers were John and William Cormack. Will share info. Kathleen Cormack, 186 Coker Rd., Kerrville, TX 78028, Email Cormack@hilconet.com.

97-4 **FARRIS:** Need parents and siblings of Thomas Decatur Farris, b. 25 Mar 1841, m. New Market, Ala., to Nancy Ann Criner, daughter of Alfred Criner and Mary Eliz Walker of Madison Co., Ala. Thomas lived in Winchester, Franklin Co., Tenn., until 1874 when he moved to Sweetwater, Texas. Will share info. Mrs. Stephanie F. Harrington, 510 Fifth Ave. So., Surfside Beach, SC 29575-3559.

97-5 **ALEXANDER:** Need all possible info on John Alexander, who married Sarah E. "Sally" Shelby 15 Aug 1798 Mecklenburg Co., N.C., moved to Tennessee ca 1830/35. Jean Alexander West, 435 N. Highland #3, Memphis, TN 38122.

97-6 **BRATCHER, GRISSOM, RHODES:** Who were parents of Samuel Bratcher who was shown on 1850 Warren Co., Tenn., census as living with Nathan Newby family? Also need info on Charles Grissom and wife, and parents of William Grissom and wife Evey Rhodes, all of Van Buren Co., Tenn., in early 1800's. Bonita (Bratcher) Mangrum, 1727 Pigeon Hill Rd., McMinnville, TN 37110-6232, phone (615) 939-2154.

97-7 **GREEN:** Seeking info on William Green, b. ca. 1774, d. 9 Jul 1842, m. Elizabeth Ann Winston b. ca. 1782, d. 12 Feb 1848. Their children: Martha Winston, Mary F.A., Ann, Elizabeth, William Henry (d. 18 Jan 1814), Ira N., Eldred Leander, Edna Ann, and James Franklin Green. J. B. Green, Jr., 1234 Vinton Ave., Memphis, TN 38104-4552.

97-8 **HURLEY, SWANNER:** Need parents and wife of Amos Hurley, who had land grants ca. 1760 in Northampton Co., N.C., and d. 1817 in Chatham Co., N.C. What was his kinship to Richardson Swanner who d. in Chatham Co. ca. 1796? Will exchange and pay postage for info. Mrs. J. R. Barnett, 106 McTighe Dr., Bellaire, TX 77401-4203, phone (713) 667-9557.

97-9 **RATLIFF, FISHER:** Need info on John Ratliff, b. ca. 1750-60 probably in Va.; father of James, Job, William, and Thompson. Son James m. Sara Fisher (father prob. Joshua), and son Job b. 1810 Tenn. Families somewhere in Tenn. early on way through Ky. to southern Ill. Later in northwest Ark., southwest Mo., then Texas. Will share Texas info. Charlotte M. Tucker, 201 Los Encinos Ranch Rd., Wimberley, TX 78676.

97-10 **HEFNER, MACKEY:** Would like to exchange info on Hefner/Heifner/Mackey families of North Carolina, Alabama, Texas, and Tennessee. Arliiss Soto, 14313 Bass Ave., Weldon, CA 93283.

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97-11 **VAUGHAN:** Seeking info on John Vaughan (son of James) and wife Matilda Rader (daughter of Peter) in Washington Co. mid-1800's. Children: Joseph Elkanah (m. Mary Haun, lived in Ark.), Alfred V., Lafayette C., Martha (m. Thomas Crawford), Sarah E., Rufus Achilles (m. Lillian Emerson, lived in Mo.), Ellen L. (m. ____ Temple), and Mary L. Vaughan. Verna Banes, 120 Elmwood, Huntsville, TX 77340-3057, e-mail abanes@swweb.net, phone (409) 294-9431.

97-12 **NEELEY/NEELY:** Who was Sarah that married James W. Neeley in Madison Co. ca. 1834, b. ca. 1814, d. ca. 1853 Tippah Co., Miss.? His parents, James and Salley Kerby Neeley, b. in N.C. One of his brothers, Thomas J. Neely (not Rev. T. J.), m. Susan Tigret in Madison Co. 4 Aug 1838. Jim Neeley, 6866 Stornaway Dr., Memphis, TN 38119-7836, (901) 754-9984.

97-13 **ZANONE, SIGNAIGO:** Seeking info on family of John Baptiste Zanone (ca. 1835-1878) and Mary E. Signaigo (1838-?), m. 12 Sep 1857 at St. Peter's Church, Memphis. Children: Victoria Josephine (1861-1932), John Francis (1866-1892), Louisa (1864-1901), Virginia Mary Magdalen (1859-?), and Lily Zanone. Contact Emily Iland, 28848 Woodside Dr., Saugus, CA 91350, phone (805)-297-4033

97-14 **ROBERTS:** Would like to contact anyone working on Roberts line in Tennessee. Am trying to ascertain if Kyle (Newton?) Roberts, b. 1825 Tenn., and Jane (possibly Sarah Jane) Roberts, b. 1830 Tenn. were parents of my great-grandmother, Sarah Jane Roberts Chester, b. 1854 in Tenn. They are on 1860 Stewart Co. census but unable to locate them later. Patricia Glenn McAlpine, 414 Center St., Salina, OK 74365.

97-15 **TODD:** Seeking parents of probable brothers Jackson Todd, born N.C., William H. Todd, b. N.C. ca. 1822; and James W. Todd, b. Tenn. 24 June 1828. William and James both in Saulsbury, Hardeman Co., Tenn., in 1860. All three in Navarro Co., Tex., in 1880. James' son George W. Todd m. M.C. Powell in 1881. Robert L. Martin, 120 Offer Lane, Llano, TX 78643-9500, phone (915) 247-5521.

97-16 **FARROW:** Need parents of Perry Farrow, b. 21 Sep 1817 N.C. (what county?), d. 22 Jan 1878 Crockett Co., Tenn. Married 17 May 1837 in N.C. to Cely Ruffin, b. 15 Jul 1819 N.C., d. 18 Nov 1879 Crockett Co. Perry was "bound boy," so there should be court record some place of where he was bound out. Mrs. C. C. James, 236 State Route 152 West, Humboldt, TN 38343.

97-17 **ADAMS, LEWIS:** Interested in exchanging info on Miles Adams (b. 1801 Va., d. 1885 Pulaski Co., Ark.) and his wife Hepsie Lewis (b. 1809 S.C., d. 1862). In 1840 Giles Co., Tenn., census. Children: Jefferson R., Martha, Cary G. Miles W., Mary W., John W., David C., James J.L., Thomas McC., and Annie. Robert E. Robertson, 3276 Hiwan Dr., Evergreen, CO 80439-8926.

97-18 **MULLINS, BIBB:** Need info on parents, siblings of Rev. Lorenzo Dow Mullins, b. 6 Apr 1809 Bedford Co., Tenn., m. Martha Ann McGehee 2 May 1835 in Limestone Co., Ala. Father's name Thomas and mother's name possibly Bibb. L. D. Crews, 7436 Kingsland Dr., Memphis, TN 38125, phone (901) 756-9423.

97-19 **PERRY, BRIDGES, McNEW:** Seek documentation of Nathan and Rebecca (Yarborough) Perry family who lived in Claiborne Co. ca. 1800. Son Edmund m. Rachel Bridges (daughter of William), and son Luke married Elizabeth McNew (daughter of John and Sarah). L. Carey Bankhead, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson Co., MO 65102-0179.

97-20 **MOORE:** Looking for parents of Nathaniel R. Moore (b. 1827 in Tenn., d. 1877 in Ky.) who m. Nancy Jane Moore on 9 Nov 1847 in Hickman Co., Ky. Nancy (b. 1828 Wilson Co., Tenn., d. 1876 in Ky.) was daughter of Thomas N. Moore (b. 1800 N.C., d. 1847 Ky.) and Elizabeth Tarver (b. 1802 N.C., d. 1825 Wilson Co., Tenn.). Dolores J. Hall, 10714 Charlene Dr., Fairdale, KY 40118-9316.

97-21 **FUSTON:** Need maiden name and other info on William Fuston's wife Elizabeth who was born ca. 1712 and died ca. 1772. William b. ca. 1710, d. ca. 1770 possibly in Tennessee. Also Elizabeth Wheeler (b. ca 1740 Va., d. ca. 1800 Wilson Co., Tenn., and m. John Fuston/Fuson, Sr., ca. 1760 in Hanover Co., Va. Mrs. Tommy Sherman, Rt. 1, Box 54, Lockney, TX 79241-9464

QUERIES (continued)

97-22 **HALE:** Does anyone know anything about family of Allen W. Hale (b. 1809 Tenn.) who m. Arminda Hopper in St. Clair Co., Ala., in 1834? Will exchange info. Marilyn Markow, 1701 South Mays, J 201, Round Rock, TX 78664-6734.

97-23 **LOGAN:** Compiling manuscript on descendants of William Logan and Catherine Henderson of Williamson Co., Tenn., formerly of Lincoln Co., N.C. Seeking descendants of Violet Barry Logan (1801-1868) and Sam Gilliland; Mary Patterson Logan (1810-1842) who m. William F. Lytle; and info on any of these families. William R. Bauer, 823 Calhoun St., Columbia, SC 29201, phone (803) 256-7777, FAX (803) 252-0703.

97-24 **TATE, SCOGGINS, HOPKINS:** While researching in White Co., Tenn., ca. 1972 Mrs. L. E. Hopkins, Portland, Ore., left material on Tate/Scoggins family, mentioning them as being in Germantown, Pa., in early 1800s as well as in White Co. Seeking to locate her or anyone knowing of these families. Margaret B. Scoggins, P.O. Box 473, Poplar Bluff, MO 63902-0473.

97-25 **LEWIS, FREEMAN:** Who were parents of John Lewis (b. 1794 Md., d. before 1870 Ala.)? Wife Mary Freeman b. 1795 N.C., died after 1880 Ala. in Bedford Co., Tenn., by 1820; moved to Fabius, Jackson Co., Ala., shortly after 1850. Daughters: Elizabeth, Rachel, Elvina, Dorcas, Frances "Fannie," Mary Ann, and Sarah. Shirley J. Perry, 4832 Mallard Nest Dr., Memphis, TN 38141-0700, phone (901) 795-7610.

97-26 **TUBBS, GODWIN:** Will exchange info on Ballis Tubb and Bettie Burnett Tubb who were listed on 1860 Decatur Co. census; William C. Godwin and wife, Isabella (Sibba) on 1850 Cannon Co. census; Jackson/John Baggett and wife America Black on 1850 Montgomery Co. census; and Andrew Adams and wife Mary Scott who were in Erin, Tenn., 1867. Barbara McPhail, 3070 Raleigh LaGrange Rd., Rossville, TN 38066-3422, phone (901) 854-4738, or BPMcPhail@aol.com.

97-27 **RIGSBY, GREEN, FINE:** Am looking for anything on Cannady Rigsby b. ca. 1780-90, Joseph Green b. 1779, James Mooey Green b. 1822, Vinette Fine b. 1815. Evelyn Bailey, 154234 McClellan, Memphis, IN 47143.

97-28 **McFERRAN:** Who was wife of Samuel McFerran, b. 1761 Va., resided Lincoln Co., Tenn., 1792, Smith Co. 1804, and Hardin Co. 1830. Who were spouses of his three known children: Thomas b. 1780 wife Nancy ___, Rachel b. 1792, and Martin? Rita Ackerman, 4055 E. Hartford Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85032-2220.

97-29 **EARLE:** Seeking parents of William H. Earle, b. ca. 1790-94, m. ca. 1819 in Robertson Co. to Nancy Connell, d. Dyer Co. in 1849. Daughter Caroline Louisa Earle m. Albert Gallatin Ferguson in Dyer Co. in 1842. Barbara Finley Burkhardt, 2409 Lancaster Dr., Austin, TX 78748-6079.

97-30 **DAMESWORTH/DAMEWORTH/DAMEWOOD:** Seeking info on family of George Damesworth, b. 1776 N.C. and wife Frances (?) b. 1786 N.C. Living in Humphreys Co., Tenn., at 1830 census. Had at least six children including my great-grandfather John Henry Damesworth who married Nancy E. Turner. Who were their parents? Diane P. Easley, 74-977 Manawale'a St., #8, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740-1447

97-31 **DRIVER, EATON:** Need info on Lucinda Jane Driver, b. 15 Mar 1826 in Tenn., married Dr. James Evans Eaton; was in Carroll County, Tenn., in 1850, in Wayne Co., Mo., in 1860. Died in Piedmont, Mo., on 9 Nov 1918. Was her father William Thomas Driver? Need more info on him. Robert C. Van Dyke, 2006 Breckenridge Dr., Little Rock, AR 72227-2902, bvandyke@mail.snider.net.

97-32 **HERN, TOWNSEND:** Who was wife of Howell Hern? His son George m. ca. 1811/12 in Overton Co., Tenn., to Rachel Townsend b. 1795 in Va., daughter of Joseph Townsend. Who was her mother? Josephine Allen Zaugg, 860 West Delta, Union, OR 97883

97-33 **PHELAN:** Seeking birthplace and parents of my great-great grandfather Edmund (Ned) H. Phelan who died in Trenton on 3 July 1881. He was born 1 Jan 1818 but am not sure where. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Ernest C. Phelan, 17218 SE 31st St., Vancouver, WA 98683-2315, phone (360) 260-4946.

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97-34 **GREENE:** Who were parents of Sarah A. Greene who died in Trenton on 2 Sep 1913 and was wife of Edmund (Ned) H. Phelan? Where was she born? Her birthdate was 24 May 1832. Ernest C. Phelan, 17218 SE 31st St., Vancouver, WA 98683-2315, phone (360) 260-4946.

97-35 **PHELAN:** Seeking info on my great-grandfather Charles Greene Phelan who was born in Trenton ca. 1874, the son of Edmund H. and Sarah A. (Greene) Phelan. Who were his wife and children? When and where did he die? Did he have any siblings? Ernest C. Phelan, 17218 SE 31st St., Vancouver, WA 98683-2315, phone (360) 260-4946.

97-36 **HOWE, LEE, KNOX:** Searching for parents of Samuel Howe and Anna Berry Howe. Also need info about (1) possible first wife of Benjamin Lee, son of Braxton Lee, and (2) William Knox of Virginia who came to Tenn. ca. 1800, removed to Kentucky, then to southern Illinois before 1840. Mrs. Donald Zimmerman, Box 200, Harvel, IL 62538, telephone (217) 526-4530.

97-37 **ROBINSON, ALLEN, FORD:** Seeking parents and siblings of Sterling Berle Robinson, b. 1823 Tenn. (what county?). Married in 1848 in Cass Co., Tex., to Rosanna Allen, daughter of Mark Allin and Rachel Ford from Tenn. They were parents of seven children, born in Texas and Arkansas. Will refund postage. Laurel Bryan Stockton, 7761 Crystal Blvd., El Dorado, CA 95623-4815, phone (916) 620-5041.

97-38: **BREEDEN, BOX, RAGAN:** Seek info on Martha (Patsy) Breeden and John Box. Where are they buried? A daughter, Rebecca (Box) Ragan, b. 15 Mar 1820 Tenn., d. 17 May 1895 Tippah Co., Miss., moved to Mississippi from Hardeman Co., Tenn., in late 1830's. Who were Rebecca's siblings. Nancy M. Besselsen, 3490 Stonehaven Dr., Florissant, MO 63033-3755.

97-39 **JENKINS, MOTHERSHEAD/MOTTERSHERD:** Looking for (1) Jenkins descendants in Smith Co., Tenn., via Granville Co., N.C., and (2) descendants of Isaac Mothershead/Mottershed et al, who was in Revolutionary service in South Carolina and lived in Benton Co., Tenn. Trudie Davis, 8213 Mapleville Rd., Mount Airy, MD 21771-9713.

97-40 **HARRIS, ROSE:** Who were parents of Charlotte Harris, b. ca. 1808 in Tenn., m. Wiley Rose on 27 apr 1825 in Pope Co., Ill., d. 28 Oct 1858 in Elizabethtown, Hardin Co., Ill. Children: William, Henry, John, Amanda Jane, Charlotte, Minerva, Elbert, Wiley, Cassandra, Pleasant. Helen F. Bentley, 365 Verdugo Way, Upland, CA 91786-7141.

97-41 **ROGERS, BOUTEN:** Seeking parents and siblings of William Wesley Rogers, b. 4 Feb 1807 in Ga., m. Elizabeth Bouten on 19 May 1831 Davidson Co., Tenn., d. 18 Jan 1889, Gallatin Co., Ill. Parents born in N.C. Helen F. Bentley, 365 Verdugo Way, Upland, CA 91786-7141.

97-42 **ELLIOTT, TAYLOR, PORTER:** Stephen Elliott, Jr., m. Nancy Jane Porter (widow) in 1856. Were her parents James and Evagaline Taylor of Coffee Co.? Nancy J. Elliott was heir of James Taylor Nov 1870 (Case 1515, Coffee Co. Loose Papers). Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901.

97-43 **JENNINGS:** Am looking for any information on Dickerson Jennings, b. ca. 1797, d. between 1860-70. Was one of first settlers of Lauderdale Co., Tenn., starting in 1826 or 1833. Had 12 children at time of 1840 census. Odile Jennings, 8005 Beech Tree Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

97-44 **LOCKE:** Need parents of William Locke, b. 1778 N.C., d. 1823 Bedford Co., Tenn., m. Martha (?). Was William related to Lockes of Rowan Co., N.C.? One of his sons, Robert Weakly Locke (1812/1883), b. and d. in Bedford County. Surveyor Robert Weakly was son-in-law of Matthew Locke, Rowan County. Was William related to John Lock of John Lock Survey (2000 acres Bedford Co.)? Was this same John oldest son of Matthew Locke and brother-in-law of Robert Weakly? Donna Pressnall, P.O. Box 188, Sperry, OK 74073.

97-45 **THOMPSON, FORTUNE:** Mary E. Thompson m. James Vernon Fortune on 7 Aug 1856 in Hardeman County. 1860 Hardeman census shows him with his parents, Nicholas W. and Rachael (Paschall) Fortune. Mary not shown. What happened to her? Who were her parents? Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901.

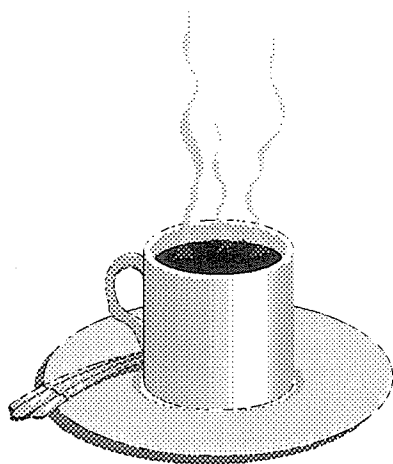
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97-46 **DEAKINS:** Seeking descendants anywhere! Dorothy Deakins Ball, P.O. Box 443, Pikeville, TN 37367-0443

97-47 **STUCKY, ALFORD:** Signa Caroline Stucky m. William Wilkes Alford on 5 Sep 1831 in S.C. She was b. 23 June 1854 in Lauderdale Co., Tenn. They are in the LDS IGI as Wilson W. Alford and Cora C. Stucky. Need parents and location of both. Kathryn Dickenson, 2335 Lovitt Dr., Memphis, TN 38119-7228

97-48 **LAMB:** Will appreciate any info on Elisha Lamb who m. (1) Elizabeth Jamison, (2) Margaret Overcash/Overcast, supposedly sister of Gallimore brothers. Elisha's son, Wm. T., b. 1854/55 in Henry Co., m. Sarah or Jacoline and had son Luther Mason b. 1876/77 in Henry Co. These Lambs connected to those of Calloway Co., Ky., as state line is so close. All letters will be answered and gladly received. Darlene Gifford, 1101 Illinois Ave., Fairfield, IL 62837-1849.

97-49 **FREELS, SCARBOROUGH:** Need proof of marriage of Nancy Scarborough, daughter of James and Rachel Scarborough, to Isaac Freels, son of Edward, Anderson Co., Tenn., bf. 1812. Buried Oak Ridge (called Scarborough Cemetery). Julia Freels Chwalik, 7231 S.W. 132 St., Miami, FL 33156



Strong Coffey

*From the Pulaski Citizen, Giles Co., Tenn.
Reprinted in the Memphis Weekly Public Ledger, Memphis
20 Feb 1888*

"The Coffey family of Maury County appear to have honored their father and their mother with amazing reverence, judging from the following facts which reveal their remarkable life tenure:

They were born in South Carolina and came to Tennessee in 1817 very poor and scarcely able to buy lands as cheap as they were, settling near Campbell's Station in Maury County.

- Mrs. Caskey, the sister, lived long in Giles County, but now is in Texas and in her 88th year.
- William Coffey in his 86th year,
- H. Wiley Coffey in his 84th year, and
- S. W. Coffey in his 82nd year are as spry and active as many at 60.

These four constitute an entire family, unbroken by the ruthless hand of death, and we doubt not this case is without parallel. They were all born in the months of September and October, notwithstanding it is said that persons born between September and March attain greater age. They are all Democrats and never voted any other ticket."

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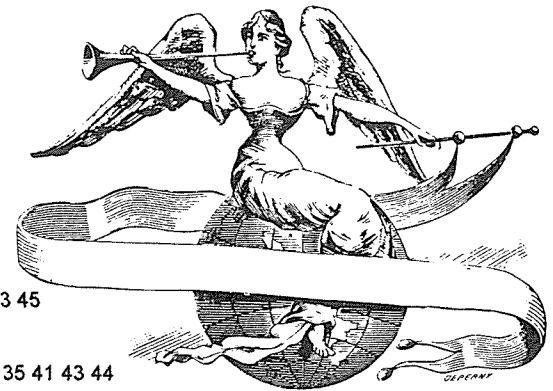
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