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Charles Sherrill To Conduct Seminar, Hands-On Court Records Workshop Here On Saturday, 23 September

Charles A. Sherrill, one of Tennessee's most active genealogical researchers, writers, and speakers, will conduct a two-part seminar and hands-on workshop here Saturday, 23 September, at Hillwood on historic Davies Plantation.

The first session, beginning at 9 a. m., opens with "Finding Genealogical Treasures in Manuscript Collections." Attendees will learn where to look for manuscript collections and private archives, how to access them, and what can be found there. Sherrill also will explain how archivists organize records, and how to use various finding aids to locate genealogical data.

The second lecture, "Honorably Discharged: Military Pension Record Research," will focus on military pension records of American wars from the Revolution forward. Participants will learn what information was collected, who was eligible for pensions, how to locate files, and strategies for getting the most information from the records.

"Although many of my examples are from Tennessee records, the material applies to U.S. research everywhere," Sherrill says.

For the afternoon workshop, "Using Original Court Records," each participant will be given a packet of materials for hands-on experience in identifying and interpreting original records. Exercises using copies from 19th century minute books, dockets, estate packets, and court cases will help develop skills for effective research among these records. The workshop has been hugely popular with genealogists in Cincinnati, St. Louis, and other cities.

Sherrill, who spoke at a TGS membership meeting last spring, has been involved in genealogy since he was a teenager, has written or edited more than 20 books, and for six years headed the Tennessee State Library & Archives' research rooms in Nashville. He has master's degrees in history and library science from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Among his works are books on several Tennessee counties, particularly Grundy County where most of his ancestors lived. He began his career at Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, O., where he was head reference librarian.

As director of the Cleveland, Tenn., Public Library for nine years, Sherrill edited a series of genealogical publications about Bradley County. He also has written two family genealogies, edited *Tennessee's Confederate Widows and Their Families*, and a collection of penitentiary records entitled *Tennessee Convicts*. His most recent publication is *Tennesseans in Court: 2,500 Early Settlers Found in Supreme Court Reports*. Current projects include a reconstruction of the lost 1810 Tennessee census.

Tickets are now on sale for \$23 or can be purchased at the door for \$28. Box lunches will again be available at \$6 each. Make reservations at TGS headquarters or mail in your reservation and check by 10 September (address at left). ■

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY
Dorothy Marr Roberson

LAST YEAR while doing some research on a story for the magazine I came across a brief reference in a Gibson County history book about one **Margaret Daveiss Hess** who was described as "the first woman to plead a case in the U. S. courts." This intrigued me but, like the typical editor of a genealogical quarterly, I was being pulled in six directions at once and my limited research time yielded little information.

Much later I stumbled upon a **Hess**-related query on the Internet which led me to **Patricia Lewis** of Humboldt, Tenn. She told me that the **Daveiss-Hess** family historian was none other than **Lillian Johnson Gardiner** of Memphis. **Lillian** was the first editor of *Ansearchin' News* and she and her late husband, **Laurence**, were key figures in the early days of the Tennessee Genealogical Society. While I had never had the pleasure of meeting **Mrs. Gardiner**, I contacted her and was warmly received. She generously shared information with me about her notable ancestor, and the result is the story that begins on the following page. **Margaret**, who came to Tennessee via Virginia and Kentucky, is surely one of the most fascinating figures in the state's history ... and it was fun to put together a brief account of her life.

IN THE COURSE of our conversations, **Lillian** told me about how she got immersed in genealogy. As a girl, she heard many tales about her great-great grandmother **Margaret** and often stopped at the home of her cousin, **Nelson Adair Cresap**, on her way from school in 1928 to listen to his accounts of family history. Later, when she married, her husband **Laurence Gardiner** proved to be a real history/genealogy buff who could recite historical facts as well as genealogical data on families from all over. **Laurence** was in the cattle business, and **Lillian** accompanied him on one of his selling trips to Florida. She had visions of bathing in the surf, and doing all the fun things you would normally expect to do on a trip to The Sunshine State. But one of **Laurence's** friends, who knew of his interest in genealogy and had official connections, offered him the keys to the courthouse in the town in which they were staying and said he could research there after hours. **Lillian** reluctantly went along, all the while thinking that a night in the courthouse was NOT what she had envisioned for her visit to Florida.

"After fuming for a while, I decided that I was just being ugly and offered to help **Laurence** search through some of the record books," she recalls. "He accepted my offer and I began looking for data. It wasn't long before I got interested in the hunt, and from that day on I was smitten with genealogy."

The **Gardiniers** traveled extensively during their genealogical research and gathered many facts, and we are fortunate to share in some of **Lillian's** findings which she so kindly made available for readers of *Ansearchin' News*.

Lillian obviously inherited quite a bit of her great-great-grandmother's mental acuity as well as her spunk....and is an equally fascinating person. **Lillian's** line, incidentally, comes down through **J.**

A. W. Hess, and that of the late **Virginia Walton Brooks** (also a great-great granddaughter) through **William R. Hess**.

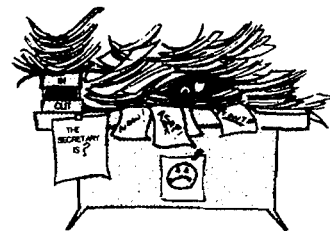
WE ARE INDEBTED to **Dr. Barnetta McGhee White**, Durham, N.C., for providing us with lists of former slaves who came to Tennessee from North Carolina in 1867 under labor contracts. More than 2,000 former slaves migrated to Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi under auspices of the Freedmen's Bureau.

Dr. White is a retired University professor who has spent many hours locating, translating, transcribing, and abstracting original legal documents relating to the African American experience in her home state of North Carolina. She has written a three-volume reference work, *Somebody Knows My Name: Marriages of Freed People in North Carolina, County by County*, plus a number of others.

ANOTHER INTERESTING contribution to this issue is from **William "Bill" Baugh**, Columbia, S.C., attorney, who has supplied us with some information about his ancestor -- **Col. James Henderson** who died in the War of 1812 and is the man for whom Henderson Co., Tenn., is named. Some historians -- beginning with **Goodspeed's** -- have credited the honor to the wrong **Henderson** and the error is still being repeated by a few even to this day. **Col. Henderson** was a brother of **Bill's** great-great-great grandmother, **Katherine Henderson Logan**. The fact that the colonel was born and reared near Charlotte, N.C., not far from **Bill's** Columbia, S.C., home, spurred his interest in researching his **Henderson** line.

HELEN ROWLAND, a new TGS member and a fellow microfilm reader, has provided us with obituaries she transcribed from minutes of the 1858-1865 Methodist Episcopal Church South's annual conferences. We've had to prune some of the prose due to space limitations, but have made every effort to retain pertinent genealogical information. Transcribing the lengthy reports was bound to have been tedious work, and **Helen** is kind to pass them on. Thanks!

THOSE OF YOU who were unable to attend **Lloyd Bockstruck's** presentation here in April might be able to benefit from some tidbits we picked up at the workshop -- with the help of TGS Secretary **Ruth Reed** and her daughter who provided a taping service to back me up. (Page 40-41). We hope it gives you an idea of what you may have missed. Another presentation that sounds every bit as good is set for Saturday, 23 Sept., with **Charles "Chuck" Sherrill** as our speaker. (See Page 1) Do yourself a favor, and be there! ■



The First Woman To Plead A Court Case in the U.S.

*Developed from information contributed by
Margaret Daveiss Hess' great-great granddaughter,
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It appeared to be just a routine day in the courtroom of the Bedford County Courthouse at Shelbyville.

A civil suit involving a land title was about to be continued because the defendant's young attorney, **James K. Polk** of nearby Maury County, had been laid up with a broken leg after falling from his horse.

Upon hearing the news, the plaintiff -- thinking he would gain an advantage over the defendant -- moved for an immediate trial.

The judge had paused momentarily, uncertain as to what action to take, when suddenly the defendant -- a woman who looked to be in her 50's -- stood to address the court.

"If it please your Honor, I would like to plead my own case," **Margaret Daveiss Hess** said.

Murmurs of surprise swept through the courtroom.

A woman plead a case in court?

Absolutely absurd

Never heard of such a thing ...

Why, that's never been done before in any court in the United States!

But the **Widow Hess** calmly went on to explain that she had read law in the office of her brother, Kentucky attorney **Joseph Hamilton Daveiss**,¹ and was confident she could handle her own defense. More than likely, the judge recognized her famous brother's name. **Daveiss**, who had been the U.S. prosecutor in the 1807 treason trial against **Aaron Burr**, was the first Western lawyer to appear in the U.S. Supreme Court² and on occasion his extensive practice had even brought him to Davidson Co., Tenn.³

The judge granted **Mrs. Hess**' request to act as her own attorney, a jury was selected and seated, and the trial was on.

At issue was the question of whether a tract she had purchased was situated on land that had been set aside for the benefit of schools.⁴ The plaintiff, who had entered the land originally and later sold it to **Mrs. Hess**, claimed he moved the warrant and left the tract vacant after learning it was part of the school land. One of the plaintiff's witnesses swore that he saw **Mrs. Hess**' tract on the school land map at Murfreesboro in 1800.

"Are you sure it was in 1800?" **Mrs. Hess** asked the witness.

"Positive," he retorted.

She then asked a gentleman in the courtroom to bring her a copy of the 1823 Acts of Tennessee. As soon as it was handed to her, **Mrs. Hess** turned immediately to a page showing that a petition to remove the general plan of the school lands to Murfreesboro had been presented in 1823 but was rejected. Turning to the jury, she commented,

¹This was one summer while she was recuperating from a broken arm

²In 1802 or 1803, according to *History of Daviess County, Ky.*, Inter-State Publishing Co., Chicago, 1883 (reproduced by Unigraphic, Inc., Evansville, Ind., 1966). Before that, he was U.S. attorney for the state of Kentucky.

³In a notice in the *Nashville Democratic Clarion*, Attorney **Joseph H. Daveiss** announced he would attend county and superior courts in Nashville on 24 Oct 1808.

⁴In 1807, the state legislature directed that Bedford County be surveyed and sectioned off into townships divided by range and section lines at six-mile intervals. In each six-mile square section, a 640-acre tract was to be set aside for the benefit of public schools. There were 15 such tracts in the county. (Source: *Land Deed Genealogy of Bedford Co., Tenn. 1807-1852* by **Helen C. and Timothy R. Marsh**, 1986, Southern Historical Press, Easley, S.C.)

"I presume, gentlemen of the jury, that it was the map of the state of Tennessee which the gentleman saw at Murfreesboro in 1800."

She then proceeded to present her own defense -- speaking forcefully for three hours and displaying an impressive knowledge of the law. Her eloquence so impressed her listeners that there was not a dry eye in the courtroom when she finished speaking.

The jury lost little time in returning a verdict in **Mrs. Hess'** favor.

The plaintiff, upon hearing the decision against him, was heard to say to his attorney, "Well, **Jenkins**, ain't this the very devil?"

That night at supper, the judge in the case remarked that he had never heard a case better managed or better presented.⁵

Had she not been a widow with 10 children to nurture and support, **Margaret Daveiss Hess** probably could have had a brilliant career in the legal world. But she never again presented a case in court.

And even if **John K. Polk's** accident hadn't created this special opportunity for her, chances are the world still would have heard of **Margaret**. She was not the kind of woman 'born to blush unseen' in the Kentucky or Tennessee air. **Margaret** was born to make folks sit up and take notice. It was part of her heritage.

Born 22 Feb 1769 at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains under the shadows of the giant Peaks of Otter in Rockbridge Co., Va., she was the daughter of **Joseph Davis**⁶ and **Jean Hamilton**. Of Welsh and Scottish-Irish lineage, they were married 7 Apr 1767. **Joseph**, born 4 Aug 1745,⁷ was the son of **James Davis** and **Jane Black**,⁸ and had been a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War. On her father's side, **Margaret** was descended from **Chief Powhatan** through his youngest daughter, **Cleopatra**, sister of the famous **Pocahontas**.⁹ **Margaret's** mother, **Jean**, born in April 1746, was the daughter of **Dr. Robert Hamilton**, who had graduated from the University of Edinburgh about 1732 and was one of the few learned men in the Southwest. Her mother was **Margaret McKee** whose Scottish family became prominent pioneers in Kentucky.

As a young child in Virginia, **Margaret** had an early encounter with none other than **Gen. George Washington** who stopped his company of soldiers to come to her rescue. Having heard that the general and his men were going to ride by her house, **Margaret** ran out to the front yard and climbed upon the tall picket fence for a good look.

Just as **Washington** was almost even with her, she got so excited that she forgot to hold on and fell. Her voluminous skirt caught in a paling of the fence and, as she later put it, "skinned me just like a rabbit."

Seeing her embarrassing predicament, the general stopped his troops, got down off his horse, and freed little **Margaret** from the fence.

"My daughter, next time, go around to the gate," he told her.¹⁰



⁵ Based on an account by **Joe Gill** of Humboldt (Gibson Co.) who attended the trial. Other accounts have appeared in "The Ladies' Pearl," a Cumberland Presbyterian magazine published in Illinois, and an article by **Mrs. Dan Rice** which appeared in a New York paper and inspired a women lawyers in New York City to name their society (the first such in New York) in honor of **Margaret Daveiss Hess**.

⁶ All early records show the family surname as "Davis," and **Margaret's** father signed his will, **Joseph Davis**. After moving to Kentucky, the children are said to have changed the spelling to "Daveiss" saying there were too many Davis families there. The spelling also appears in some instances as "Daviess" as the result of an error in the bill creating the Kentucky county named for **Margaret's** brother **Joseph H. Daveiss**.

⁷ Bible of **Samuel Daveiss** in *Mid-South Bible Records*, Vol. I, compiled by Fort Assumption D.A.R. Chapter, Memphis, 1967, p. 137. It also lists the date of **Joseph's** death as 6 Sep 1795.

⁸ The **Black** connection not proved

⁹ "Margaret Daveiss Hess," paper by **Mrs. Laurence B. Gardiner**, Memphis, 1958

¹⁰ **Margaret D. Hess'** memoirs [unpublished]

Margaret and six of her 10 siblings were born in Virginia.¹¹ The other Virginia-born were:

- James Daveiss - b. 28 Aug 1770, married Mary Risque in 1788
- Robert Daveiss - b. 18 Mar 1772, m. Ann Troy, 1796
- Col. Joseph Hamilton Daveiss - b. 4 Mar 1774, m. in 1803 to Anne (Nancy) Marshall, sister of U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall; died 7 Nov 1811 after being wounded in the Battle of Tippecanoe. Was the first of three sons who were lawyers. Served in the Kentucky legislature in 1800; was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Had no children. His widow died in Washington Co., Ky., on 22 Oct 1847¹²
- Samuel Daveiss - b. 22 Nov 1775, d. 6 Nov 1848. Married on 27 Sep 1810 to Hannah McAfee (1789-1861), daughter of Samuel and Hannah (McCormick) McAfee. Was a lawyer, Mercer County judge, and state senator. Had one child, William Daveiss (1811-1881).
- Jane Daveiss - b. 8 Aug 1777, m. James Dunn in 1800.
- John Daveiss - b. 1 Jan 1779, m. Sarah Duncan. Was a lawyer.

When Margaret was 10, her parents decided to brave the perils of the wilderness and settle on the land in Kentucky that had been granted to her father for his Revolutionary War service. In describing the move, Margaret said her father took with him "14 horses, plenty of cattle, good rifles, his family, his bedding, and his Bible." Their youngest child at the time, John, was less than a year old.

En route to their new home, an incident occurred that suggests the hardy stock from which Margaret descended. While crossing the Cumberland River, Mrs. Davis was thrown from the spirited horse she was riding and broke her arm. The party stopped only long enough for the men to bind up her arm in a crude sort of bandage and then journeyed on, with Mrs. Davis back on her spirited horse and carrying her baby on her lap.¹³ The family settled first at Daughtery Station on Clark's run near Danville, Ky., where they made friends with James Allen and his family. The Davises and the Allens later moved further down Clark's run where they built the first two cabins in what was then a remote section of Kentucky. After living there three years, they moved to the vicinity of Harrods Fort [now Harrodsburg in Mercer County].¹⁴ Life in the wilds of Kentucky was quite a contrast to what the family had known in Virginia. During the first winter, they went for three months without bread of any kind. Dried venison or dried beef were substitutes. They wore moccasins in the absence of shoes, and Margaret's first Kentucky-made dress was fashioned from a fabric her mother wove from the lint of wild nettle and buffalo wool. Skirmishes with the Indians were frequent, and the women and girls -- including Margaret and her mother -- learned to shoot rifles.

The Davises were members of the Old Mud Meeting House which had been built in Mercer County by the Dutch Reform Church and later amalgamated with the Presbyterians and other denominations who needed a roof for their services. In about 1785 Joseph had led a horse into Virginia and brought the first Presbyterian clergyman, Dr. David Rice, to Mercer County.¹⁵ Joseph was a pillar of the church and led the singing at each service. A family story relating to the christening of one of his sons gives some insight into Joseph's character.¹⁶

It seems that Joseph and some of his friends had committed an infraction of the strict Presbyterian rules when they celebrated the birth of one of his sons by overindulging in "the flowing bowl." News of the celebration reached the pastor's ears and when Joseph approached him a few days later to arrange for his son's baptism, the reverend refused. Joseph offered no defense of his conduct, but on the following Sunday when the hymn was announced -- silence prevailed. Everyone looked at Joseph who stood with chin in hand, his elbow on his closed hymnal, and stared steadily at the pastor.

"Brother Davis, heist the tune," the pastor called out

¹¹ Daveiss Family Bible contributed by the late Virginia Walton Brooks, Memphis, great-great granddaughter of Margaret Daviess Hess and printed in *Lost Links, Bible Records & Cemetery Records* by Elizabeth W. Francis & Ethel S. Moore, Nashville, 1945, pp. 168-169.

¹² G. Glenn Clift: *Kentucky Obituaries 1787-1854*, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1977, p. 165

¹³ Maria Thompson Daviess: *History of Mercer and Boyle Counties*, Vol. I, published by *The Harrodsburg (Ky.) Herald*, 1924, pp. 52-56

¹⁴ T. M. Green: *Historic Families of Kentucky*, published by Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, 1889, pp. 232-233

¹⁵ Maria T. Daviess, op. cit., p. 153

¹⁶ Lillian Gardiner paper, op. cit.

But **Joseph** responded in his rich Scottish brogue: "I'll neither whistle nor sing, Reverend, whilst ye refuse to mark the little lambe because the old ram went astray."

The next Sunday the child was duly christened, and the little church rang with triumphant hymns led by the exultant father.

By 1786, the Davis household had 10 children, including four born in Kentucky:

- Josiah Daviess** - b. 4 Feb 1781, d. 24 June 1784
- William Daviess** - b. 24 Nov 1782, m. **Mary "Polly" Montgomery** 2 Dec 1806
- Mary Daviess** - b. 10 Nov 1784, m. **Abraham Voris** in 1819 (?)
- Thomas Daviess** - b. 30 Dec 1786

Shortly after her 21st birthday, **Margaret** was married to 23-year old **William (Will) Hess**.¹⁷ Born 22 Feb 1766 in Easton, Pa., he was the son of **Henry** and **Margarethe Hess**. The ceremony took place 8th Apr 1790 in Mercer County, with **Joseph Davis** as bondsman.¹⁸ The couple lived in Mercer and later in Madison County, both of which were created from Lincoln Co., Ky. Their first child, **William Randolph Hess**, was born 3 Dec 1793 in Mercer, and their second, **Nelson I. Hess**, was born three years later in Madison. **Will** is listed as a taxpayer in Madison County beginning in 1794,¹⁹ and he and **Margaret** witnessed a deed of sale there in Aug 1803.²⁰

The Hess family moved to Tennessee in Mar 1804,²¹ apparently settling in Williamson County in the town of Franklin. **Will's** name appears regularly on the county's tax lists beginning in 1805, and tax lists for 1809 and 1810 show he owned seven lots in the town of Franklin.²² Court records also indicate that **Will** served frequently on Williamson County juries from 1807-1809, and that he was a justice of the peace in 1810.²³ A notice found in a Bible which **Margaret** gave one of her sons is addressed to **Will** notifying him to attend the Hiram Lodge meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, 29th Jan 1810, in Franklin.

Will and Margaret had 10 children:

1. **Joseph D. Hess** - b. 11 May 1791 in Mercer Co., Ky.; m. **Sally D. Stovall** in Rutherford Co., Tenn., on 1 Oct 1816. Listed in 1820 Bedford Co. census.
2. **Major William Randolph Hess** - b. 3 Dec 1793, Mercer Co., Ky.; admitted to the bar when quite young; practiced in Shelbyville and later Brownsville, Tenn.; was Worshipful Master of Jackson Masonic Lodge in 1824-25; d. 24 Apr 1838. Married 4 June 1817 in Rutherford Co., Tenn., to **Sophia Weston Dyer** [b. 14 Apr 1800 Hawkins Co., Tenn.], daughter of **Major Joel Dyer**, Murfreesboro.
3. **Dr. Nelson Irvin Hess**²⁴ - b. 29 Mar 1795, Madison Co., Ky., d. Gibson Co., Tenn., in 2 Oct 1869. Began medical practice in Jackson, Tenn., in 1825. Was early settler of Trenton, which became the county seat of Gibson Co., participated in Tennessee's second Constitutional Convention in 1834, was a Bank of Tennessee director, Gibson County commissioner in 1830, Trenton postmaster in 1850, and early pastor of Trenton Cumberland Presbyterian

¹⁷ Hess family records at the First Reformed Church of Easton, Pa., show **Will** was born 24 Feb 1767 and baptized 25 Apr 1767. (Source: *Lost Links*, op. cit., p. 183)

¹⁸ **Alma Ison & Rebecca Conover**, *Marriage Bonds & Consents 1786-1810, Mercer Co., Ky.*, published at Harrodsburg, Ky., 1973, p. 55

¹⁹ *Madison Co., Ky., Taxpayers, 1787-1799*, TCL Genealogy, Miami Beach, 1990

²⁰ **Will** and **Margaret** witnessed a bill of sale on 10 Aug 1803 whereby **Thomas McGuire** of Pulaski Co., Ky., sold some slaves to **William McGuire** of Madison Co., Ky. The instrument was registered in Bedford Co., Tenn., 25 Apr 1828 and is recorded in Deed Book Y, p. 85. (Source: *Land Deed Genealogy of Bedford County, Tenn.*, op. cit., p. 134)

²¹ From information on **Dr. Nelson Hess** as member of Second Constitutional Convention from *The Nashville Whig*, 27 Aug 1834

²² **Louise G. Lynch**: *Tax Book I, Williamson Co., Tenn., 1800-1813*, published at Franklin, Tenn., 1970

²³ **Carol Wells**: *Williamson County Court Minutes, May 1806-Apr 1812*, Heritage Books, Inc., Bowie, Md., 1994

²⁴ His middle initial is incorrectly transcribed as "J." in some records

WOMAN (continued)

- Church. Married (1) **Mary H. Dyer** 18 Jul 1822 in Madison Co.,²⁵
(2) **Adeline Northcutt** on 28 Feb 1830, (3) **Catherine H. Hill** [b. Tenn.,
ca. 1813] on 2 Jul 1840
4. **Jane H. Hess** - b. 17 Jan 1797 in Kentucky, m. **John Beard**. Their son,
Rev. D. Beard, was a noted Baptist minister.
 5. **Margaret Wallace Hess** - b. 17 Nov 1798 in Kentucky; m. **William B.**
Jones on 15 Oct 1817
 6. **Nancy Adair Hess** - b. 17 Oct 1800 in Kentucky; m. **N. H. Cresap**
 7. **Narcissa F. Hess** - b. ca. 1803 in Kentucky, m. (1) **Kinchen A. Welborn**
on 19 Dec 1820 probably in Gibson Co., Tenn. (divorced 1833); (2)
William R. "Bill" Irwin²⁶
 8. **Marie L. Hess** - m. **William Price** 2 Jan 1838 in Gibson Co., Tenn.
 9. **Lousanah/Louisiana M. Hess** - b. in Tennessee; m. **James A. Mc-**
Knight on 3 Nov 1831
 10. **Major James A. W. Hess**²⁷ - b. in 1810 probably in Bedford Co.,
Tennessee; d. 1885. Was Gibson County surveyor in 1874, served as
election commissioner in 1876 Democratic primary. Was farmer and land-
owner. Married (1) **Louisa/Louiza Webb** on 8 Dec 1831 in Gibson Co.;
(2) **Gabrilla Lankford** [b. in N.C. in 1820- d. in 1897].

In 1814, as the War of 1812 was winding down, Will made a trip to New Orleans apparently to sound out business prospects. In a letter on 11 Jan 1815 to his son **Joseph** [see column at right], **Will** reported receiving an offer of a good job and thought he would be able to do good business there. But **Will's** patriot fervor was aroused by the military situation in which he found his countrymen, and he joined in the fight to keep the British from taking New Orleans, turning down a commission so he could be "done with" his duty as soon as possible and return to his family.

After victory was achieved, **Will** started for home but became ill and stopped at the house of a cousin in southwest Mississippi's Wilkinson County. When word of his illness reached **Margaret**, she took two of her children and set out in a horse-drawn wagon for Mississippi. Unfortunately, **Will's** condition worsened and he died at his cousin's on 30 Jul 1815. With her eldest son, **William R.**, practicing law in Shelbyville and her son **Joseph** and his family also residing in Bedford County, **Margaret** soon decided to buy some land and move her family there. It apparently was this land purchase which resulted in the historic trial.

The 1820 Bedford County census shows **Margaret** (then about 50), with five children at home -- one a daughter under 10, two daughters and one son between the ages of 10-16, and one daughter between 16-21. It is difficult to imagine how she was able to provide for five children in those times. But her inherited characteristics plus the toughness and strength of character she developed as a child in the Kentucky frontier no doubt helped **Margaret** through these trying years.

²⁵ She died 5 Oct 1824 in Dyer Co. at age 20, apparently from complications after childbirth.

²⁶ **Narcissa's** first husband went to Texas and when he did not return after seven years, she thought he was dead and married **Irwin** [also spelled **Erwin**]. **Welborn** then returned and she obtained a divorce in 1833. [See "**Rebecca Erwin (McLemore) Welborn**," *Ansearchin' News*, Winter 1999, p. 18]

²⁷ His full name: **James Augustus Washington Hamilton Montgomery Enos Hess**.

From Battle of New Orleans -

Will Hess' Last Letter

Jan. 11, 1815

Dear Son & family:

My best love to you all. I can inform you that I am in tolerable health only as I have been much exposed to the cold. I was again permitted to come to town where I have been for three days. Tomorrow I return to camp. I thought misfortune had done with me. Here I had thought to make money and a good job was offered to me, but the British must be fought. I can do good business here whenever I will be at liberty.

I hope the British army will not remain long here. There has been some firing every day for two weeks but last Sunday -- the 8th day of the New Year -- we had a formal engagement and for the last 3-4 hours the heavy firing lasted without much intermission. The whole day we had I believe about five or six men killed and about 71 men wounded. We killed 1100 of the British on the field and I took prisoners about 800 men and more wounded and dying.

Every day there are more British vessels in the mouth of the river. We expect hard battle every day. We all wish it would soon end. The British had two head generals killed, a third one badly wounded, and at least 19 other officers. Our men appear to be willing to fight. I cannot give perfect statements.

If I live, I will write you. Pray, son **Joseph** and son **Nelson**, leave not home or family if you can help it as all their trust and confidence is in you. May the God of heaven bless you all as a family. In the morning, I return to camp. I could have had an appointment but was determined to be done with it as soon as possible.

P.S. The British attempted to scale our breastwork was the reason we killed so many of them. Till the scrape is over we cannot leave this place.

God bless everyone of you.

Will Hess

She not only managed to provide the essentials for her young family, but sent all but one of her daughters to the prestigious Nashville Female Academy which had opened in the fall of 1817.²⁸

By 1830 **Margaret** and three of her children had moved to Gibson County where sons **Nelson** and **J. A. W.**, and daughter **Narcissa** were living.

The following year, **Margaret** witnessed an unusual solar event which she described this way in a Bible she gave her son **J. A. W.**:

"I was in the town of Trenton, State of Tennessee, on the 14th day of August in the year 1831 on Sunday, when I saw the sun in full size a clere blue culler until it set the same night, the moon was blue until it set also. The next morning it being the 15th of said month the sun rose blue as the day before."

Margaret was not the only person who saw a blue sun and a blue moon on that particular date. *The Southern Statesman* carried stories telling of similar sightings by citizens of Jackson, Tenn., Nashville, Russellville, Ky., and Little Rock.²⁹ For several weeks, the paper ran items giving various explanations of the phenomenon, including one which attributed the sun's unusual appearance to "its conjunction with the Planet Herschel." A later explanation was that the strange coloration was caused by a reflection which occurred fairly frequently but was not often visible to the naked eye.

Margaret wrote detailed instructions for her funeral into the Bible she gave her son. She specified that (1) the services be opened with singing of Watt's hymn, "Why Do You Mourn Departing Friends?" (2) the sermon be based on the first four verses of the third chapter of Colossians, and (3) the service conclude with "And Must This Feeble Body Die?" sung to the tune Pisgah.

She also advised her son: "*Remember and keep your own secrets yourself; remember that you are mortal and have to die.*"

The date she presented the Bible to her son is not known. But in 1861, at the age of 92, she consented to go to a photograph gallery to have some pictures made for her grandchildren. She took cold during the outing, and died a few days later of pneumonia. She is buried at Oakland Cemetery in Trenton near the gravesite of her son **Nelson**, and a marker in her memory was erected at the site in August 1958 in ceremonies attended by about 100 of her descendants.

Margaret's courage, zest for living, and quick wit live on more than a century later in stories handed down from generation to generation.

Once chided for talking to herself, she quickly responded, "Well, I always did enjoy talking to a smart woman." What an interesting conversation that would have been to eavesdrop on! ■

Danville Crossing Homecoming

West Tennessee Online Researchers To Convene June 22-24

West Tennessee researchers who formed the online group called Danville Crossing three years ago will convene at the Paris Landing Lodge at Buchanan, Tenn., June 22-24. The group, made up of those doing genealogical research in Henry, Humphreys, Dickson, Stewart, Benton, and Houston counties, held its first annual homecoming last summer with more than 120 persons attending from as far away as Oregon, Florida, and Arizona. Announcement of the meeting was made by **Catherine Fryer Cline** (Cackycline@aol.com) of Jacksonville, Fla., who said researchers again would be coming from all over the United States to spend the days researching in local libraries, courthouses, and cemeteries. Some are descendants of the first white settlers who came to the region. "Anyone with family ties to this area is welcome to attend," she said. "There will be a lot of sharing of information, hopefully an auction book sale, and time for visiting together." Registration fee for the three-day event will be \$10 for a genealogist and one guest. Besides research, activities will include a banquet and entertainment one evening. ■

²⁸ Tuition, room, and board amounted to \$175 per year in 1824, the equivalent of \$2,362.10 in 1999 dollars.

²⁹ *The Southern Statesman*, Jackson, Tenn., 20 Aug 1831, 27 Aug 1831, 3 Sep 1831

Some Early Tennessee Movers and Shakers

If one of your Tennessee ancestors served on his county's Board of Internal Improvements, you might wonder what the old fellow was up to. Essentially, the boards were created to facilitate transportation in the Volunteer State and its members played an important role in Tennessee's economic development.

In the early 1830's the Tennessee General Assembly passed a series of legislative acts boards of internal improvement in various parts of the state. Most of the boards created in that era were charged with the responsibility of clearing out and improving the state's rivers.

A pretty good idea of the authority vested in the boards can be gained from a look at an act passed 17 Dec 1831 to create a board to arrange and oversee clearing out of obstructions in Caney Fork of the Cumberland River. The act stated that :

- (1) the Board of Internal Improvements was to be incorporated as a company
- (2) it could sue or be sued
- (3) it was authorized to procure tools and hire hands and a superintendent [the latter could be a board member]
- (4) it was empowered to vest \$4,548 in clearing out and improving the river.

Members of the board appointed by the act were **Harold Bias** and **John B. Perkins** of Warren County, and **Daniel Walling** and **Joseph Anderson** of White County.

A similar board was created to improve navigation of Obed's River in Overton County and make such improvements in Jackson County as the county court there might direct. Board members originally appointed were **James W. Smith** and **Bailey Butler, Sr.**, of Jackson County and **Alvin Cullom** and **William Dale** of Overton County. The act was amended in 1832 to replace **Smith** with **Harry Sadler**, and add **George W. Sevier** to the Jackson County board.

Other boards established by the General Assembly in December 1831 to improve river transportation included:

Giles County Board of Internal Improvement - responsible for clearing out and removing all obstructions to navigation of Richland Creek below the town of Pulaski and all obstructions in the part of the Elk River that runs through Giles. Appointed to the board were: **Alexander Black**, **Thomas Martin**, **Lewis G. Upshaw**, **Gilliam Harwell**, **Spencer Clack**, **James Patterson**, **Robert M'Laurine**, **Earley Benson**, **Pinckney Wilson**, **Joab Campbell**, and **Ralph Graves, Jr.**

Franklin County Board of Internal Improvement - responsible for removing obstructions and improving navigation of the Elk River within Franklin County. Named to the board: **Elijah D. Robbins**, **John Dougherty**, **Thomas Pharis**, **Dudley Johnson**, **William Knox**, and **John R. Patrick**.

Lincoln County Board of Internal Improvement - responsible for improving navigation of the Elk River in Lincoln County. To serve on the board: **Thomas Clark**, **Elliott H. Fletcher**, **William Dewoody**, **Jacob Silvertooth**, **Samuel Todd**, **Jasper Smith**, **Joel Pinson**, and **William Dye**.

In 1832 the General Assembly shifted its focus to turnpike roads. It created a board with members from Davidson, Rutherford, and Bedford counties to open books of subscription for stock in a turnpike road from Nashville to Murfreesboro and Shelbyville. Stock was to be sold in \$100 shares. As soon as subscriptions reached a total of \$20,000, the board was authorized to draw from the \$60,000 that had been set apart for internal improvements in Middle Tennessee so long as the withdrawal did not reduce funds allotted to common schools in the state. Named to the board were **Robert Weakley**, **Samuel Seay**, and **Robert C. Foster**, all of Davidson County; **Henry D. Jamison**, **Samuel Anderson**, and **Vernon D. Cowens**, all of Rutherford County; and **John C. Caldwell**, **John Sutton**, and **Samuel Philips**, all of Bedford County.

The General Assembly at the same session revived a law that had been passed in 1830 authorizing a turnpike from Murfreesboro to Stone Fort. ■

Source: *Public Acts Passed by the Tennessee General Assembly, 1831, 1832*

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Tennessee Marriages

Tyler-Gordon

The prettiest Dec. 16 wedding of the season was celebrated here today, uniting **Miss Dee Gordon** of Trenton to **Horace M. Tyler** of Paris. The ceremony was performed at the Methodist Church here by **Rev. S L. Jewell**. The couple left for a bridal tour to Mobile, Jackson, and Havana.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal, 17 Dec 1902*

Mosby-Blackwell

Col. Peter Booker Mosby, prominent planter from Somerville, Tenn., passed through the city today over the Chesapeake & Ohio road, bound for Ashland, Va., where he will lead to the bridal altar **Miss Anna Davenport Blackwell**, one of the fairest and most charming daughters of Virginia. He is the son of **Col. Joseph Royal Mosby** who migrated to Tennessee from Louisa Co., Va., and became a prominent citizen of West Tennessee. She is the daughter of the late **John D. Blackwell, D.D.**, who was chaplain of the 18th Virginia Regiment during the war.

-*Memphis Public Ledger, 15 Aug 1889 and Memphis Avalanche, 26 Aug 1889*

Scales-Snell

Married in this county on Tuesday evening, 21 Jan [1834], **Doct. M. A. Scales** of Williamson County to **Miss Susan Snell**.

-*Murfreesboro Central Monitor, 25 Jan 1834*

Alexander-Crump

Married on 12 Dec [1872] at the Methodist Church in Spring Hill, Maury Co., by **Rev. R. G. Irvine**, **Mr. Joseph W. Alexander** and **Miss Mattie D. Crump**, daughter of **Dr. C. C. Crump**.

-*Memphis Appeal, 3 Jan 1873*

Wade-Hollister

Married 3 Sep 1867 at the residence of the bride's brother by **Rev. Fr. Welch**, **Mr. Terence P. Wade** and **Miss Adeline D. Hollister**, all of Nashville.

-*Nashville Gazette, 4 Sep 1867*

Wells-Phillips

Married in Davidson County on the 27th Dec 1825, **Dr. Thomas Wells** of Nashville to **Miss Eliza Phillips**.

-*Nashville Banner, 6 Jan 1826*

Goodbar-Morgan

Married on 10th inst. at the residence of **Judge J. B. Morgan**, Hernando, Miss., by **Rev. E. B. Crisman** of Memphis, **Mr. J. M. Goodbar** of the firm of Goodbar & Gilliland, Memphis, to **Miss M. E. Morgan** of Hernando.

-*Nashville Gazette, 4 Sep 1867*

Ozanne-Verdal

Married at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon [11 Sep 1867] by **'Squire Tardiff** at his residence at 56 Cedar St., **Mr. Frank Ozanne** and **Miss Selina Verdal**.

-*Nashville Gazette, 12 Sep 1867*

Kyzer-Pryor

Married in this town on the evening of the 5th Mar [1838] by **B. W. Farmer, Esq.**, **Mr. Ezra Kyzer** to **Miss Sophia Pryor**, all of Murphreesborough.

-*Murphreesborough Telegraph, 14 Mar 1838*

Parker-Burr

Married at the residence of the bride's father at No. 139 Union St. by **Rev. Dr. Hansom**, **Mr. W. H. Parker** to **Miss Ella Burr**.

-*Memphis Avalanche, 11 June 1872*

Edelman-Luckado

Wallace R. Edelman of Memphis and **Mrs. Mary Luckado** of Helena, Ark., were married there 11 Jan [1894] at the First Baptist Church, **Rev. W. H. Giboney** officiating. The church was beautifully decorated and a large crowd witnessed the ceremony. The party left over the Iron Mountain for their future home in Memphis.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal, 12 Jan 1894*

Roach-Horton

Married in this city at the residence of **Mrs. William Grider** on Jefferson St. on 26th June by **Rev. Phineas M. T. Scruggs**, **Mr. A. J. Roach** to **Miss Minnie T. Horton**, daughter of **Col. H. H. Horton** of Franklin, Tenn. The couple left this afternoon on a bridal tour to Chicago and the Great Lakes.

-*Memphis Avalanche, 27 June 1872*

Ramage-Church

W. J. Ramage, a publisher of the *Knoxville Herald*, was married in Buffalo, N.Y., on the 18th May [1872] to **Mrs. Marion Church** of that city.

-*Memphis Avalanche, 17 June 1872*

Aston-Proudfit

Married at the residence of **Henry Belding, Esq.**, 43½ Main St. on Tuesday, 25 June [1872], by **Rev. J. O. Stedman, D.D.**, **Thomas P. Aston**, formerly of Cincinnati, O., to **Mrs. C. C. Proudfit**, all of this city.

-*Memphis Avalanche, 27 June 1872*

Henderson-Weller

A most interesting social event of the week was the wedding which occurred at the residence of **Mr. Jacob Weller**, 549 Main St., a few nights since. The parties immediately concerned were **Mr. John C. Henderson**, a popular and very worthy young gentleman connected with the house of J. T. Fargason & Co., and **Miss Carrie L. Weller**, daughter of **Jacob Weller**, a young lady possessing unusual claims to personal beauty and much admired for her many accomplishments.

-*Memphis Avalanche, 9 Jan 1881*

Dale-Beauchamp

Dr. John R. Dale, one of the volunteer physicians who worked in Memphis during the 1878 yellow fever epidemic, was married 28 June [1881] at Arkadelphia, Ark., to **Miss Mary Beauchamp**.

-*Memphis Avalanche, 2 Jul 1881*

Herron-White

Married by **Rev. J. O. Steadman** at the residence of the bride's father on 15 Aug 1872, **Capt. R. F. Herron** of the firm of Herron, Conner & Co. and **Miss Mollie E. White**, all of Memphis. He is one of the most successful and enterprising cotton merchants and well deserves the prize he has won by merit and patient wooing. She is the eldest daughter of **A. J. White**, and one of our sweetest and most accomplished belles. The happy couple is now enjoying the cool breezes at Alleghany Springs.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal, 19 Aug 1872*

Williamson-Nelson

Married Monday evening [10 June 1878] in Memphis by **Rev. Dr. White, W. G. Williamson** and **Miss E. M. Nelson**, both of Helena, Ark. The bride was given away by **J. T. Wilson**, one of our enterprising young merchants. We hope as they run away together that they may always cling together through their coming life and be surrounded by love and prosperity.

-Memphis Public Ledger, 11 June 1878

Latapie-Piquet

Married in this town on the 15th Dec [1825], **Mr. Anthony Latapie** to **Miss Sophia Ann Josephine Martin**, daughter of **Mr. Martin Piquet**, merchant.

-Nashville Banner, 23 Dec 1825

Bigelow-Childs

Married on Tuesday evening last [20 Dec 1825], **Mr. Elijah Bigelow**, Esq., of Jackson, Tenn., to **Miss Maria O. Childs** of Nashville.

-Nashville Banner, 23 Dec 1825

Stump-Marshall

Married Wednesday evening last [21 Dec 1825], **Mr. Thomas Jefferson Stump** to **Miss Tennessee Marshall**, daughter of **Mr. Elihu Marshall**.

-Nashville Banner, 23 Dec 1825

Hall-Talbot

Married in this town Thursday [14 Jan 1808], **Mr. E. S. Hall** to the amiable and accomplished **Miss Sophia W. Talbot**, daughter of 'Squire Talbot.

-Nashville Clarion, 19 Jan 1808

Leonhardt-Ledgerwood

Mr. Charles Leonhardt and **Miss Sydney Ledgerwood** were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at a little past noon today at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, the **Rev. E. A. Elmore** officiating. The bride is the daughter of **Lafayette Ledgerwood**. **Mr. Leonhardt** is well known in Knoxville, having been born and raised in this locality. His home is now in New York City where he is private secretary to **Col. Charles McGhee**. The couple left by train for New York City, their future home, via Washington City.

-Knoxville Sentinel, 24 Sep 1889

Tennessee Marriages

Some 1825-26 Nuptials

Some marriages reported by the *Nashville Banner* on 6 Jan 1826:

In Rutherford County: **Mr. Abraham S. Davidson** to **Miss L. M. Stoddard**; **Mr. George Wade** to **Miss Frances Basey**; **Mr. William E. North** to **Miss Purliner M. Jarratt**, daughter of **Mr. Thomas Jarratt**.

In Bedford County: **Mr. John D. Stovall** of Rutherford County and **Miss Mary Drake** of Bedford.

In Montgomery County: **Capt. Felix Northington** to **Miss Sally Elmyra Norfleet**, daughter of **Mr. Cordall Norfleet**.

Lytle-Hobson

Married on Tuesday last [21 Mar 1809] **Mr. William Lytle** to **Miss Jane Hobson**, daughter of **Capt. Hobson** of Davidson County.

-Nashville Democratic Clarion, 28 Mar 1809

Three Knoxville Weddings

Three young couples married in Knoxville last night [3 Jan 1889]. **Ed R. Hulbert** and **Miss Hattie Irwin** were married in the Fourth Presbyterian Church by **Rev. E. A. Elmore**. Many friends were present and the occasion was a most pleasant one. The couple left last night for Atlanta and other Southern cities. **Mr. James K. Griffin**, connected with Miller's restaurant, was married last night to **Miss Anna Hooper** at the home of **Rev. George W. Brewer**. The same minister performed a ceremony uniting **Mr. James Jones** to **Miss Anna Whittle** at the residence of the bride in the Ninth Ward.

-Knoxville Sentinel, 4 Jan 1889

Edwards-Ferguson

At 10:30 this morning [26 Aug 1889] at the residence of **William Clark** in North Knoxville, **Mr. Maloney Edwards** of Sevier County and **Miss Savannah Ferguson** of this city will be united in the holy bonds of matrimony by **Rev. L. Cunningham**. The couple will reside in Knoxville.

-Knoxville Sentinel, 26 Aug 1889

Smith-McLin

Miss Maggie A. McLin of Sweetwater and **Mr. Bartow Smith**, Knoxville, were united in marriage Tuesday evening [1st Oct 1889] at the home of her parents by **Rev. Emmett Ramsey** of Murfreesboro, assisted by **Prof. Bachman**. The couple left on the noon train Wednesday for Knoxville where they will make their home. Among those present from a distance were Messrs. **Armstrong** and **Davis** of Knoxville, **P. F. Kefauver** of Madisonville, and **Mrs. W. M. Scott** of Louisiana.

-Knoxville Sentinel, 3 Oct 1889

Ragsdale-Taylor

Married 21st June [1836] by **A. H. Coffee, Esq.**, **Mr. Henry M. Ragsdale** to **Miss Eliza Taylor**, daughter of **John Taylor**. Both bride and groom are of Bedford County.

-Shelbyville Expositor, 24 June 1836

Van Pelt-Edwards

Married at Poplar Corner, Madison County, on Sunday [18th Dec 1831], **Mr. James Van Pelt** to **Miss Chaney Edwards**, both formerly of Edgecomb Co., N.C.

-Southern Statesman, Jackson, 24 Dec 1831

Atwood-LeGrand

Married in Tipton County on 28th Dec [1832] by **Rev. S. M. Williams**, **Dr. N. B. Atwood**, merchant of Lagrange, to **Miss Elizabeth F.**, daughter of **Major B. LeGrand**.

-Southern Statesman, Jackson, 7 Jan 1832

Todd-McCampbell

Mr. Charles S. Todd and **Miss Florence McCampbell** were married yesterday at the family residence at 57 West Park St., the **Rev. W. A. Harrison** officiating. The couple left yesterday evening for Atlanta, New Orleans, and other Southern cities.

-Knoxville Sentinel, 25 Sep 1889

Williamson-Chapman

Married in Covington on Thursday [29 Dec 1832], by **Dr. Alex. Campbell**, the **Rev. S. M. Williamson** to **Miss Mary R.**, daughter of **Robert H. Chapman, D.D.**

-Southern Statesman, Jackson, 7 Jan 1832

Tennessee

Comings & Goings

Mr. Hal G. Stevens and bride of Dyersburg are at the Peabody.

-*Memphis Appeal Avalanche*, 4 Jan 1894

Prof. W. E. Rowsy, president of Willie Hassell College, Vinita, Indian Territory, arrived in Jackson last night on a visit to friends and homefolks.

-*Jackson Whig*, 25 June 1893

Dr. H. C. McKinney of Kerens, Tex., a native of Middle Tennessee, is in the city as the guest of his relative, **Dr. Sawyer**.

-*Memphis Appeal Avalanche*, 4 Jan 1894

Miss Margurite Freeling returned from Boston yesterday, having graduated first in a class of 47 at the New England Conservatory of Music under the famous teacher, **Augusto Rotolin**.

-*Jackson Whig*, 25 June 1893

Solomon Menken arrived in Memphis on Friday last and will reside in our midst permanently. His great-great uncle, **Col. Franks**, was a distinguished officer in the Revolutionary War and served on **Gen. Washington's** staff. His great-grandfather was also in the Revolution under **Commander Decatur** and then **Farragut**. His great-great grandmother, now living in Philadelphia, was born in this country before the war for independence.

-*Memphis Avalanche*, 3 Aug 1870

Mrs. D. H. Burton has returned from a visit to relatives at Huntsville, Ala. Her mother, **Mrs. James A. Phillips**, Huntsville, and **Miss Mamie Burton**, Madisonville, will remain in Jackson for several weeks.

-*Jackson Whig*, 25 June 1893

J. V. Woodard, formerly county attorney at this point but now of St. Louis, is on a visit to his friends in Memphis.

-*Memphis Public Ledger*, 5 Mar 1872

Dr. David Morgan has moved from Nashville to Huntsville in Madison Co., Ala., and left his books, notes, etc., in the hands of **Richard Moore** to settle and issue receipts for. The doctor said he would receive cotton in payment for all debts of a professional nature if delivered before 1st February.

-*Nashville Democratic Clarion*, 7 Jan 1812

Dr. Roane has returned to Nashville from New York where he went to improve himself in the knowledge of his profession, and again will resume the practice of medicine in its various branches. He is living in the house formerly occupied by **Nathan Ewing, Esq.**, opposite to **Mr. W. Lyle**.

-*Nashville Clarion-State Gazette*, 14 Oct 1817

James Volner has returned to Rutherford after a sojourn in California, and is now better satisfied with Gibson County. We understand that **Jim** says he'd rather be a lamp post in Rutherford than a working man in California.

-*Rutherford Register*, 18 Jan 1907

Miss Minnie Crunk, daughter of **Dr. C. A. Crunk** and one of Shelbyville's most popular and handsome young ladies, left Thursday for Springfield to visit relatives and friends. Before returning, she will spend Christmas with her cousin, **Miss Mattie Cantrell**, of Nashville.

-*Shelbyville Commercial*, 5 Dec 1884

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

-*Shelbyville Commercial*, 5 Dec 1884

Messrs. McDowell and Yoecum of Jefferson County brought in a drove of cattle for our North Knoxville butchers.

-*Knoxville Sentinel*, 17 Aug 1889

Mrs. W. A. Wray, Mr. John A. Wray, and Miss Fannie E. Wray left this morning for Shelby, N.C. **John** will go to Wake Forest College, N.C., to attend school and **Fannie** will re-enter Salem Female Academy where she will graduate in June. **Mrs. Wray** will visit relatives in Shelby for two weeks.

-*Knoxville Sentinel*, 21 Aug 1889

Mayor Martin J. Condon departed yesterday for Nashville where he has engaged with an old established firm in the manufacture of snuff. He still nominally resides in Knoxville and in fact his "better half" is here. He will continue his lawful residence in Knoxville to avoid the necessity of another election for mayor should he resign or move his family to Nashville, desiring to hold the office of mayor until his term expires. As a young mayor, he has been ever popular.

-*Knoxville Sentinel*, 22 Aug 1889

A postoffice has been established in Robertson County at Clark's Mills. **Mr. Solomon Clark**, formerly of Nashville, was named postmaster.

-*Southern Statesman, Jackson*, 13 Aug 1831

Mr. M. Brown of Michigan has been prospecting in Tennessee. He represents 26 families living in Corunna, Schiawasse Co., Mich., who are contemplating a removal to the South on account of the severity and length of the Northern winters and the consequent scarcity of work. It is said **Mr. Brown** will recommend their settlement in the neighborhood of Chattanooga.

-*Memphis Avalanche*, 2 Apr 1881

Mrs. Lydia Duff is desirous of receiving 12 or 15 boarders. Her house is on College St. two doors below **Col. Temple's** tavern on the opposite side of the street. Her table will be equipped with the best the market affords and no pains will be spared on her part to render her boarders comfortable.

-*National Banner & Nashville Whig*, 16 Jan 1837

Jonesville papers chronicle the arrival in their town of an old gentleman by name of **Margraves** who is 97 years old, never drank a pint of whiskey in his life nor eaten meat for 50 years. **Uncle Tommy** is a native of our county. His great age and uninterrupted health is attributed to the genial climate and life-giving properties of the mountain air of Roane County.

-*Knoxville Whig*, 11 June 1870

McNairy County Wills

(Transcribed from microfilm of McNairy County Court Clerk Records, Vol. 1, Wills Feb 1872-Oct 1936. Produced by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, and available at Memphis-Shelby Co. Public Library, Roll 826)

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HENRY R. SHARP: Dated 15 May 1874. Witnessed by **R. S. Houston, W. L. Chambers**. Proved 7 June 1875. Appoints **Samuel Sharp** his executor. Family member named in will:

Wife - **Mary Sharp**
Son - **David H. Sharp**
Daughters - **Sarah E. Sharp**
Nancy, now the wife of E. Fulghum
Mary W., now the wife of F. J. Hurley

Instructs that \$200 each be given to his son **David** and his daughter **Sarah** as soon as practical after collection of all debts owing to him. This is in lieu of a horse, saddle, etc., to make them equal with his other children. Instructs that \$1500 each be given to daughters **Nancy** and **Mary W.** as soon as practical to make them equal with his other children in lieu of lands. States that wife **Mary** is to remain on the place where he now resides and have support off of it. At her death, the place is to be equally divided between his son **David** and daughter **Sarah**. Directs that land he bought known as the **Ezell** tract is to be paid for and a deed taken in the name of **Samuel Sharp** as his executor, and to be disposed of as his other lands. All other land not mentioned -- both in Tennessee and Mississippi -- is to be sold by the executor at such time and on such terms as he thinks to the best interest of the testator's heirs so he can make a settlement within three weeks after testator's death. Wife is to retain such personal property as she desires, and the balance is to be sold at a public sale to the highest bidder on 12 months' credit with a note and good security. Any balance of money is to be equally divided among all his children.

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JOHN ANDERSON: Dated 8 Oct 1875. Witnessed by **J. G. Anderson, N. A. Erwin**. Executor: **David Horn**. Proved by witnesses 6 Dec 1875 in McNairy County Court, **J. G. Gooch**, chairman.

Wife - **Mary Ann**
Daughters - **Margaret L. Anderson, Lucinda Anderson**

Leaves his wife the land on which he lives, household and kitchen furniture, all farming tools, black mare, two cows and one yearling, two sows, 12 head of shots. At her death, property is to be divided between his two daughters. His ox wagon is to be sold, and his wife and children are to have the crop now growing.

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SARAH BRADFORD: Dated 7 Sep 1875. Appoints **E. H. Sherrill** executor. Witnessed by **W. B. Skinner, A. T. Sherrill**. Proved by witnesses 3 Jan 1876 in McNairy County Court, **John W. Stumph**, chairman.

Leaves \$1 each to her children:

William Collier
Susan Meabus (?)
Martha Mathes
John Collier
Mary Summerville's heirs
Rebecca Vincents' heirs
Nannie Grigory's heirs
Betty Griffy and heirs

Leaves to **Sallie Sherrill** and her heirs one-half of her bedding, bed clothes, and chinaware. and 240 acres of land in Pickens County adjoining her dowry land

Leaves to **Arrah Bostic** the other half of her beds and bed clothing, plus the balance in the account of a \$500 note she now holds against **Lum Gregory**.

Stipulates that these legacies are to paid to each as soon after her death as conveniently may be done but within two years. For payment of the above legacy, she leaves her executor [not named] all of the personal estate she owns at her death except for half of her bed and bed clothing.

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JAMES BURKEEN: Dated 11 Nov 1874. Witnessed by **S. Kennedy, F. M. Wilhite**. Appoints his friend **David McKinzie** executor. Proved by witnesses Jan 1875 court term, **J. G. Gooch**, chairman. :

Wife - **Ellen Burkeen**

Five children - **Susan Melton, Sally Jackson, Francis Crabtree, Emaline Rowsey, and Moses Burkeen**

Leaves wife "a good bed, bedstead, and bed clothing sufficient to keep a bed warm in cold weather," one cow or cow to calf, 150 lbs. pork, one set of knives and forks, set of plates, one dish set, cups and saucers, one oven, one skillet, one coffy pot, two chairs. Wants the rest of his personal property sold on 12 months' credit, and his 20-acre tract adjoining **Widow Criner** to be sold at the same time, with the proceeds to be equally divided among his children.

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THOMAS H. LILLY: Dated 5 Apr 1875. Will witnessed by **R. M. Thompson, Job Bell**. Codicil dated 22 Jan 1876 witnessed by **J. J. Parrish, Josiah Hardin**. Will and codicil proved at Feb 1876 court term by **Job Bell**. The other witness, **R. M. Thompson**, being absent from the state, **J. F. McKinney** and **W. D. Jopling** swore that **Thompson's** signature on the will was his handwriting. **Parrish** and **Hardin** proved the codicil.

Wife - **Almina Jane**

Sons - **William T. Lilly, John H. Lilly**

Daughters - mentioned in will but not named or numbered; however, codicil names **Nancy** and **Emeline Lilly** as heirs

Leaves all household goods, farming utensils, stock of hogs, horses, mules, cattle, and sheep to his wife. States that nothing is to be moved from his residence, and his wife is to continue residing in the houses where they now live and have free use and benefit of his property including all rents and profits during her natural life so long as she remains a widow. In the event of her death or remarriage, all of his property is to be equally divided among his legal heirs. His daughters then living or their children are to receive \$750 each before his sons receive anything from his estate as he has already given the sons \$750 worth of land. If money in his estate is not sufficient to give this amount to each of his daughters, whatever amount is on hand is to be equally divided among them after his wife's remarriage or death. If more than that amount is on hand, anything above \$750 is to be equally divided among all his children. If his property cannot be equally divided after his wife's death or remarriage, it is to be sold to the highest bidder for one-third cash and the balance over a one- or two-year credit. Under a codicil dated 22 Jan 1876, he stipulates that his heirs **Nancy** and **Emeline Lilly** are each to have a horse worth \$125 and a good saddle and bridle.

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WILLIAM SHELTON, SR.: Dated 23 Sep 1875. Witnessed by **Levi Hurst, E. D. Hurst, W. D. L. Hurst**. Named in will as executors: his son, **William G. Shelton**; his grandson, **John C. Smith**; and his daughter **Paulina Smith**, wife of **John D. Smith**. Proved by witnesses 7 Aug 1876. On same date, **Paulina Smith** came into court, renounced will, and requested that **J. C. Smith** and **William Shelton** continue as executors.

Wife - **Anna**

Daughter - **Paulina Smith**

Grandchildren - **John C. Smith**

Heirs of his son **Robert Shelton**

Heirs of his daughter, **Mary Ann Chatten**, wife of **Thomas Chatten**

Leaves all of his real and personal property to his wife, plus all cash on hand and debts of all kinds so long as she continues to be his widow. At her death, the property is to go to his bodily heirs. Instructs executors to dispose of his personal property by sale, lease out his real estate, and apply proceeds to the maintenance of his wife. At her death, the property is to be equally divided among his four bodily heirs.

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LEMMONS McCLINTOCK: Dated 13 Sep 1870. Witnessed by **A. F. Hendrix, R. H. Gillaspie**. Names son, **H. L. McClintock**, his executor. Proved by witnesses in court 6 Nov 1876.

Wife - **Polly**

Son - **H. L. McClintock**

Daughter - **Sarah Jane Sharp**

Grandchildren - **Sarah Jane's** two children

Octava

Leaves wife during her natural life all his household and kitchen furniture, all stock, all farming animals, all provisions and all the crop that may be on hand at the time of his death, plus all rents and profits from all his lands. At his wife's death, son **H. L.** is to have one-third of the estate on hand; daughter **Sarah Jane** and her two children one-third; and granddaughter **Octava** the other one-third. He also leaves daughter **Sarah Jane** \$50 before the remaining estate is equally distributed.

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ELIAS M. FORT: Dated 29 May 1874. Witnessed by **Joseph P. Stanford, H. W. Thomas**. Proved 2 Oct 1876. Appoints friend, **James A. Price**, of **Alcorn Co., Miss.**, his executor.

Wife - **Esther A. Fort**

Grandchildren - **Martha A. Price, William F. Price, Oscar L. Price, Percy L. Price**

Gives his wife all of her own personal household effects, his buggy, her choice of one of his horses, one cow and calf, one brood sow and pigs with one year's supply of provisions as her own property, all household and kitchen furniture with his landed estate house. The house and farm with all benefits derived from them are to be hers during her natural life and then revert back to his own natural heirs. Leaves granddaughter **Martha A. Price** \$200 in cash over and above an equal divide between his lawful heirs. Leaves grandchildren **Martha A., William F., and Oscar L. Price** one-half of all his real and personal estate according to their mother's share, and it is to be equally divided among them. Leaves grandson **Percy L. Price** the remaining one-half of his property as his mother's division. Property not otherwise disposed of is to be sold as soon as practicable after his death. The remaining portion of household and kitchen furniture with his landed estate is to be sold after his wife's death and divided as directed above.

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WILSON HUGHES: Noncupative will. **Charnel and Sarah C. Hughes** were especially requested by decedant in his last sickness shortly before his death on 13 Jan 1876 to bear witness thereto in his own home where he has resided about 11 or 12 months in McNairy County. He made the following distribution of his estate: after payment of his debts, he wants "a nice set" of grave stones set up at the head and foot of his grave. The markers are to be paid for out of his estate. Proved 21 Mar 1876.

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GARDNER GILL: Dated 17 Sep 1875. Witnessed by **A. F. Hendrix, A. W. Stovall.** Proved _____. Names as executors his son, **J. S. Gill** and his friend, **J. M. Harris.**

Wife - **Elizabeth**
Two daughters - **Mary A. Davis, Martha Epps Gill**
Deceased daughter - **Susan Jane Redus**
Sons - **Phillip G., David R., Benjamin F., W. W., Harbert W., and John S. Gill**
Deceased son - **Thomas F. Gill**

Asks that his body be buried "without much pomp or parade." Having divided his property with his wife Elizabeth (with whom he lived some 30 years but was separated in 1847 by her request) "to her satisfaction, as she said," he desires that she remain in possession of the property he then gave her which is recorded in Athens, Limestone Co., Ala., during her natural life and then be divided after her death as follows:

The tract of land in Limestone County and all property that may be in his wife's possession at her death that would be coming to him is to be equally divided among his daughters **Mary and Martha** and son **Phillip**. His sons **Phillip and David** are to receive \$100 each, and **David** also is to receive his buggy. His sons **Benjamin, W. W., Harbert,** his deceased daughter **Susan's** heirs, and his deceased son **Thomas's** heirs are to receive \$5 each. His son **John S. Gill** is to receive \$500, the bay horse he has in his possession, the deceased's watch, bed, and all his furniture together with all the rest of his property, goods, chattels, lands, and tenements of all kinds.

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ALVAN DERING: Dated 31 May 1876. Witnessed by **James W. Pace, George M. Moore.** Names his wife executrix without bond. Proved 5 July 1876.

Wife - **Emily P. Dering**
Children - mentioned but not named

Leaves his wife all of his property to be used, sold, or converted in any way she may think best to sustain herself and raise and educate her family. Vests her with full authority to convey his land, make deeds, or do any act that in her judgment may seem most to the interest of her family.

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CHAPEL CASON: Dated 29 Sep 1875. Witnessed by **R. M. Beaty, C. Shull.** Names **John G. Randolph** executor without bond, having "full faith and confidence in his honesty." [Proof of will not shown in record.]

Wife - **Emily**
Sons - **Audy, Albert**

Leaves his wife all of his estate except a note due by son **Audy** to **Frank Rousey** for \$150, which is to be paid out of the estate. **Audy** also is to have a mule, and son **Albert** a spotted stallion horse. Gives wife the tract of land he now lives on, with the stipulation that it is to be subject to her use and control during her lifetime, and at her death to be divided between his sons. ■

...Letters to the Editor

MORE ABOUT THE REAGAN FAMILY

I have enclosed three copies of material on the Reagan families in Iron and Madison counties, Mo., that you might like to add to your collection on this family. I really enjoyed reading the information on this family in the Spring 1999 issue and have copied it for our Reagan Family File at the Iron County Historical Society here in Ironton, Missouri.

I ordered your wonderful book, *Tennessee Settlers and Their Descendants*, back in 1998 and am just now writing that pages 41 and 42 (one sheet) are missing. Do hope you can copy the page for me and send it so I may have the information on the Brickey family.

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EDITOR'S REPLY: By now, we hope you have received the missing page and our apologies for the omission. We were interested to learn from the information you sent us that:

-**Timothy Reagan, Jr.**, his wife, **Barbara Shultz**, daughter **Elizabeth**, and younger sons **Richard Rainwater**, **Daniel Emmett**, and **Benjamin Bradford Reagan** migrated from Sevier Co., Tenn., to Bollinger Co., Mo., in early 1834.

-**Daniel** and **Benjamin** moved to Iron Co., Mo., between 1857 and 1860, **Daniel** married **Delania Reeves** in Butler Co., in 1858 and they reared a family of eight children. He died in 1913 and **Delania** in 1922, both in Ironton. **Benjamin** married **Utica Kunkleman** in Liverpool, Pa., and they had five children, all born in Iron County.

-Other family members moving to Missouri were **Joshua** and **Jane (Huskey) Reagan** who migrated with their children to Madison Co., Mo., in 1831, Macoupin Co., Ill., in 1835, and Phelps Co., Mo., in 1856. Many **Reagan** descendants still populate these areas of Missouri today.

Thanks for the additional information!

WE HEAR FROM HISTORIC ELMWOOD

Thank you so very much for sending the first installment of "My Mother - A Biography" to replace the one we lost. We are thankful and relieved to have this material again in our files. And thank you for the excellent job you do with *Ansearchin' News*. I'm finding it more and more helpful as I work to gain information on our Elmwood folks.

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MORE DEED ABSTRACTS IN THE WORKS

I am greatly pleased with your review of my book in *Ansearchin' News*. Your first sentences grab the reader's attention with the idea that this is a publication from which he/she might get an idea of when their Mecklenburg Co., N.C., ancestor first entered and then departed from the county records. I have another publication that is well past

the halfway point in preparation, a second book of Mecklenburg County deed abstracts that will pick up where my first one ended in 1794 and take them into the 1830s. It will contain more than 6500 abstracts, and at the moment I am at abstract No. 4330. The work was started in Nov 1998 and I don't expect it to be finished until early 2001, 'the Lord being willing and the creeks don't rise'

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AN OKIE PROUD OF HIS TENNESSEE ROOTS

Your publication is great. I love to read about the people of my home state, the great state of Tennessee. Keep up the good work.

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A FAMILY HISTORIAN COMMENTS

Thank you so very much for your kind review of my book, *Descendants of Samuel, James, and Martha Perkins*. I was so glad you described it as unpretentious as I have a problem with pretention! I did want the people to seem human and just like most folks really are. I always enjoy your publication. It has helped me a great deal through the years.

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IS THE SURNAME HUNLEY IN YOUR LINE?

I am planning to write a genealogy book about the surname "**Hunley**" and am hoping you might be able to assist me. The submarine *CSS H. L. Hunley* -- named for **Horace (Horatius) Lawson Hunley** who was born in Tennessee in 1823 -- is the world's first 'successful' sub in that it was the first sub to sink an enemy ship. It sank the *USS Housatonic*, a blockading ship off Charleston, S.C., on 17 Feb 1864 and then disappeared mysteriously. After 130 years, it was discovered by underwater divers off Sullivan's Island near Charleston in 1995 and is set to be raised in June or July of this year. What I would really like to do is a genealogy book on the **Hunley** name that would include bits and pieces on **Horace** and his subs [three in all].

I would appreciate your members sending me any and all **Hunley** genealogy that they have, and I would make it all a part of the book -- plus they may just find some link to ole **Hunley** himself. Although he died childless and his brother and sister died young without any heirs, I feel that somewhere in time there may have been a kinship. If anyone has any questions or any information on the Hunleys, please contact me.

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OLIPHANT

Died at her residence near Clarksville on the 18th Dec [1871] after a protracted illness, **Mrs. Adeline Oliphant**, about 50 years of age. The wife of **H. T. Oliphant**, she was a good woman, and a consistent member of Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

-*Clarksville Chronicle*, 23 Dec 1871

LITTLE

Capt. H. L. W. Little of Shelbyville died at Hurricane Springs on 12th Aug [1873] at age 33. During the late war, he was a lieutenant in the Shelbyville Rifles, 41st Tennessee Regiment, and afterwards was elected captain of a company from Lincoln County because of gallantry. He was detached from his regiment and did scout work for the Army and in this sustained the reputation he had gained for bravery and sagacity. Since the war, he has been actively engaged in the produce and provision business. He was a gallant gentleman and will be greatly missed. -*Fayetteville, Observer*, 21 Aug 1873

TABOR

Died at the residence of **Mrs. Elliott**, 146 Cedar St., Nashville, on 5 Jul 1871, **Harry E. Tabor** of brain fever at 22 years of age. The funeral will be today with divine services by **Rev. Dr. Graham**.

-*Nashville Union & American*, 6 Jul 1871

SMALL

Died in the vicinity of Covington on 30 Mar 1863, **Henry Small**, Esq. He was born at Clarksville on 24 Oct 1823. His collegiate course was pursued at Danville, Ky., where he distinguished himself by close application and accurate scholarship. He studied law and on being admitted to the bar, located in Memphis where he soon attained an envious position. Years ago, that fell destroyer Consumption seized upon him and in the very meridian of life, he has fallen victim to its power. He leaves a devoted wife and five children.

-*Memphis Bulletin*, 30 May 1863

WOODALL

Mrs. Olivia Woodall, wife of **F. M. Woodall**, died 5 Jul 1871.

-*Nashville Union & American*, 6 Jul 1871

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

GRANT

Died in January 1824, **Col. James Grant** of Campbell County. A soldier of the Revolution, he engaged in most of the northern battles and was always found prompt in the discharge of his duty. In the early part of his life, he was distinguished for his wit and was always considered a man of intelligence.

-*Knoxville Register*, 13 Feb 1824

WALKER

Died on Saturday, 26th Mar 1870, at St. Clair, Tenn., after a lingering illness in her 26th year, **Mrs. Kaye J. Walker**, relict of **John Walker**, late of Jackson, Tenn.

-*Jonesboro Union Flag*, 8 Apr 1870

BUTLER

Died on 5th Apr 1870 at Taylorsville, Johnson County, **Mr. Oliver C. Butler**, aged 46 years. He was an officer in the 13th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry, U. S. Volunteers, during the war.

-*Jonesboro Union Flag*, 8 Apr 1870

FAIN

Died in Brownsboro, Tenn., 18 Apr 1869, **John R. Fain**, aged 82 years. He lived for many years in Blountsville, Sullivan County, but removed to Washington, his native county, two years before his death.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Blountsville 45 years and for 41 years served as Ruling Elder, which office he filled with credit to himself, doing honor to the cause of religion. As a kind husband and father, he had few equals. Six children survive.

-*Jonesboro Union Flag*, 28 May 1869

EZELL

John Ezell died 30 Dec [1910] at his home in Tullahoma. He was an old miller and well known in Tullahoma, being connected with the oldest mill in the county. He was about 70 years of age. Interment was in a country cemetery near Awalt.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 1 Jan 1911

SIMERLY

Died on 14 Nov 1849 in Knoxville of typhoid fever, **Mr. James Simerly**, late of Carter County, in his 23rd year. He died at the home of an esteemed mechanic where he was learning a trade.

-*Knoxville Whig*, 17 Nov 1849

BRADFORD

Mrs. Mary E. Bradford, wife of **Col. A. H. Bradford** of Brownsville, died 4 Jan 1900 at the family residence after a long illness with pneumonia. In her 75th year, she was one of the town's most esteemed lady residents, and was prominent in the Methodist Church. She raised an elegant and cultured family. Born in Madison County, she spent most of her life in Brownsville and married the colonel 52 years ago. She leaves her husband and several children, among whom are **Frank Bradford**, register of Haywood County; **H. C. Bradford**, and **Miss Laura Bradford**, secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, with honorary pall bearers being members of the public school Board of Education.

-*Memphis Commercial Appeal*, 1st Jan 1900

CAMPBELL

Brookings Campbell, our representative in Congress, died at Washington City on 25 Dec 1853 at age 45. He was a native of Washington Co., Tenn., and was educated at Washington College. In 1835 he was elected representative in the State General Assembly. He was re-elected three times and was named Speaker of the House in 1845. In the 1846 war with Mexico, he was appointed by **President Polk** as assistant quartermaster with the rank of major. In 1851 he was re-elected to the state legislature and in August last was elected to Congress. On arriving in Washington to take his seat, he was in feeble health and died on Christmas.

-*Jonesborough Journal & Visitor*, 7 Jan 1854

PARISH

Friends and acquaintances of **Mr. and Mrs. Jessie B. Parish** are respectfully requested to attend the funeral of their son, **Stonewall Jackson Parish**, from the residence at No. 140 S. Front this morning at 9 o'clock.

-*Nashville Gazette*, 4 Sep 1867

PORTER

Col. John F. Porter, one of the most widely known men in West Tennessee, died suddenly 2 Nov [1898] near Ripley of congestion of the lungs. He was with a party of gentlemen hunting at Big Lake near Ripley and was suffering so intensely during the night that he called Dr. Battle, who was one of the party and sleeping near him. All remedies failed, however, and he died in a short time. He was 63.

His remains passed through Memphis yesterday en route to Galloway for interment in the old family burying ground. He had lived near there all his life. A native Tennessean, he was identified with the state's history from early manhood. A gallant Confederate soldier, he devoted his time since the war to livestock raising and agriculture. He had one of the finest farms in the state. He leaves his wife and several children. One of his daughters is Mrs. J. H. Hamlin of Buntyn.¹ One son lives in Tampa, Fla., another is a minister in St. Louis, and two young sons and a daughter are at home with their mother in Fayette County.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 3 Nov 1898

LANDIS

Died of consumption at Normandy on Wednesday, 6 Mar 1872, Mr. B. L. Landis, Jr., familiarly known as "Bud." It will be remembered that he was one of the sufferers in the Harpeth river disaster.² He was the son of R. L. Landis, Esq.

-Shelbyville Commercial, 8 Mar 1872

COPELAND

Died 14 Nov 1849 in Knoxville, Mr. Andrew Copeland, aged and respected Knox County citizen who came to his death by a hurt received last week in attempting to spring from his wagon while his horses were running away.

-Whig, Knoxville, 17 Nov 1849

¹ In Shelby County; now a Memphis suburb

² "The Harpeth River Bridge Disaster of July 3rd, 1871," *Ansearchin' News*, Vol. 46, No. 2, pp. 3-6. Landis was conductor of the train that fell in the river when the bridge collapsed.

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

PENN

Died at his residence in Memphis on Friday, 19 Jul 1889, Fearn Penn, son of the late James and Martha A. Penn. Born in Triana, Ala., in 1831, he was one of two sons who grew to manhood. At age 14 he came with his family to Memphis to reside and immediately entered Planter's Bank where under the guidance and tutelage of his father received a thorough commercial education, rising from one grade to another until he reached a high position in the bank which he filled for a short time before the war in 1861.

He enlisted in the Southern Guards who later fought under Gen. Forrest until the end of the war. As one of Forrest's staff, Penn was with him in all the great battles. In 1864 he was taken prisoner and carried to Camp Chase where he remained for nine months. He returned to his sister's home in Aberdeen in broken health with a fearful brain disease which finally ended in paralysis and death. For 20 years, he was a citizen and teacher in Huntsville, Ala.

-Memphis Public Ledger, 25 Jul 1889

JUNO

Lewis Juno, one of the earliest settlers of Tullahoma, died Thursday. He was a Union soldier and had been a resident of the Soldiers' Home in Johnson City.

His funeral was conducted in Tullahoma by the local G. A. R. post.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal 1 Jan 1911

MILLER

Died in Edgefield at the residence of J. D. Rulong on Gallatin Pike on Wednesday evening [8 May 1867], Alfred B. Miller in the 29th year of his age. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend his funeral on Friday next, the 10th instance, at the Rulong residence. The divine service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Baird.

-Nashville Gazette, 8 May 1867

FINLEY

Mrs. Calla Finley, aged about 32, died at her residence in South Camden on Monday [15 Dec 1890] of consumption. She was the widow of N. E. Finley.

She leaves four of her own children and a stepdaughter just budding into young womanhood.

-Camden Chronicle, 2 Jan 1891

TURNER

Died at Milltown, Ark., Sunday morning [29 June 1890], Mrs. C. E. Turner, wife of Dr. W. F. Turner. She was in her 35th year.

She leaves her husband, a former resident of Benton Co., Tenn., and two children. Interment was at Milltown Cemetery.

-Camden Chronicle, 18 Jul 1890

YARBROUGH

James Yarbrough, son of Mrs. Mary Yarbrough of Camden, died of consumption at Dallas, Tex., last Friday, 25 Jul 1890. He was raised in Camden but lived in Texas several years before his death.

He leaves his mother, three brothers, and one sister. His remains were brought to Camden and interred in Camden Cemetery.

-Camden Chronicle, 1 Aug 1890

OWEN

The remains of Mrs. Martha Owen, relict of the late Miles Owen, were interred at Elmwood yesterday [20 Apr 1884].

The venerable and respected lady died at the home of her daughter in New Orleans a few days since.

-Memphis Public Ledger, 21 Apr 1884

EARLY

William B. Early, well known citizen of Nashville, died at the residence of his father in Carlisle, Pa., yesterday [27 Sep 1867] from consumption. Some weeks ago he and his wife went to visit his parents with the hope that the trip would be beneficial to his health. His remains were brought here for interment. He was a printer and, until his health failed, was engaged at the office of J. T. S. Fall.

-Nashville Gazette, 28 Sep 1867

GLISSAN DEATHS

Mrs. Margaret Glissan, aged 74, mother of William G. Glissan, died in Nashville on 2d Sep 1867. Two days later, on 4th Sep, William Beauregard Glissan, aged 3 years, 3 months, the son of William G. and Anna Glissan, died of congestion of the brain.

-Nashville Gazette, 6 Sep 1867

DOYLE

Information has reached Nashville of the death of our well known and highly esteemed fellow citizen, Pat Doyle, the coal merchant, who died while on a visit to the place of his nativity -- his own beloved Green Isle in the sea. Only a few weeks ago, he left the home of his adoption, buoyant and happy with the anticipated pleasure of seeing once again - in his old age and for the last time - his old homestead.

-Nashville Gazette, 7 Sep 1867

ABBOTT

A hearse passed through this place en route to Gallatin on Saturday morning, carrying the corpse of Mrs. Brunett Hearn Abbott, wife of H. H. Abbott of Gallatin under escort of J. P. Johnson, Bailie P. Jackson, R. J. Goosetree, Mrs. Bettie Revel, and Miss Baily.

The Abbotts were married the 28th Aug [1867] in Gallatin and departed immediately for Clarksville on a bridal tour. At 7:30 in the evening of the next day, 29th Aug, the fair and happy bride was stricken down with a fit of apoplexy and her spirit passed to the "bourne from which no traveler ever returns." The grief of the but-a-few-hours-before happy husband appeared most poignant.

(Reprinted from the Robertson Register in the Nashville Gazette of 6 Sep 1867)

HEFFERNAN

Died on the morning of 21 Apr [1867] at her father's residence near Lawrenceburg, Tenn., of acute inflammation, Mrs. Georgia J. Heffernan, wife of W. J. Heffernan, aged 19 years 4 months 13 days.

-Nashville Gazette, 8 May 1867

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

LANCASTER

Annie Lynch Lancaster, daughter of Edwin and Susan B. Lancaster, born in Madison County on 2nd Apr 1855, died 8 Nov 1861.

-West Tenn. Whig, Jackson, 15 Nov 1861

TRIMBLE

We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Margaretta McEwen Trimble, consort of the Hon. John Trimble, who died Tuesday night last [10 Sep 1867] at her home in the southern portion of the city. She was the daughter of Col. R. H. McEwen. The funeral will be at 11 o'clock this morning at the residence on National Hill, with services conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ellis. Carriages will leave W. H. Cornelius & Co. at 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock.

-Nashville Gazette, 12 Sep 1867

LUMPKIN

Died at Dr. Joseph M. Anderson's residence in Lebanon, Tenn., on 10 Dec [1872] of congestion, Mrs. Emma Anderson Lumpkin, wife of the Hon. W. D. Lumpkin of Shelby County in the 31st year of her age.

-Memphis Avalanche, 17 Dec 1872

ERWIN

Col. Andrew Erwin of Wartrace died the other day at Lafayette, Chambers Co., Ala. Born in 1800, he was reared and educated in Tennessee. *The Nashville Banner* says he was a brother of Mrs. Bell, relict of the Hon. John Bell. His family connections were extensive in Tennessee and throughout the South He was widely known and, wherever known, was esteemed for his sterling worth as one of the finest specimens of the old school of gentlemen.

-Memphis Avalanche, 4 June 1872

GARRETT

Died Thursday evening, 13 June [1872] at 180 Beal St. of consumption, Capt. Ben G. Garrett, aged 52 years.

-Memphis Avalanche, 14 June 1872

MOORE

Mrs. Mary O. Moore, widow of the late Rev. Smith W. Moore, D.D., one of the most distinguished Methodist ministers in this section, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lillie M. Estes, near Orysa in Haywood County. Born 20 Dec 1820 in Culpeper Co., Va., she was the daughter of Warner M. and Mildred Manifee Yates. On 24 Jul 1844 she married Dr. Moore at Pulaski and for a number of years they lived in Middle Tennessee where he filled numerous appointments in the Tennessee Conference. When the Memphis Conference was organized, Dr. Moore joined it and, up to the time of his death in 1880, was one of its chief men as pastor, educator, and legislator. Mrs. Moore took an active part in church work and was a helpmeet to her distinguished husband in many ways. By appointment of the general conference in 1878, she was one of the commission who organized the Women's Foreign Missionary Society with which she was prominently identified for many years. She is survived by her son, Rev. Warner Moore, D. D., one of the much beloved members of the Methodist Conference; the daughter with whom has lived since her husband's death; 12 grandchildren, and a number of great-grandchildren. The funeral will be at the Brownsville Methodist Church, with the Rev. H. B. Johnson officiating.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 11 Jul 1906

ROURKE

Andrew Rourke, passenger on board the *Henry Ames*, died on 9th June [1872] while in passage to Memphis and was buried at Burdeaux Chute 60 miles below here. He was recently in the employ of A. W. Redmond in the rafting trade between Jackson port and New Orleans, and has, it is said, two brothers residing in Memphis.

-Memphis Avalanche, 11 June 1872

NISBET

Died in Dickson County, John Nisbet, formerly of Nashville.

-Nashville Clarion, 19 Jan 1808

FRICK

Frederick Frick died in this city on the 19th June [1872] at the residence of his brother-in-law, **Herman Cloth**, in the 20th year of his age of varioloid.

-Memphis Avalanche, 20 June 1872

MALONE

Died at his late residence near Columbus, Ky., on 18th June [1872], **W. G. Malone**, former Shelby Co., Tenn., citizen. He was the son-in-law of **William Battle**, and for many years resided in Shelby County's 1st Civil District. In 1860 he removed to Columbus. He was an honest man, full of kind and generous impulses, a good neighbor and enterprising citizen, and a faithful member of the Methodist Church. *-Memphis Avalanche, 22 June 1872*

DAVIS

Died at the residence of **Charles H. Davis** near Bailey Station, Memphis & Charleston railroad, on 21st June [1872], his wife, **Laura T. Davis**. She was buried at home in the garden on Sunday evening at 4 o'clock. The funeral discourse was by **Dr. B. W. Lauderdale**.

-Memphis Avalanche, 28 June 1872

PENN

Died of paralysis at Big Creek, Shelby Co., on Thursday afternoon, 22 June 1870, **Major James Penn** in the 78th year of his age. Born in Amherst Co., Va., on 22 Sep 1791, he might well be called the pioneer of Free Masonry in Virginia, Alabama, and Tennessee, having conferred more degrees perhaps than any Mason now living. He was at one time Grand Master of the state of Alabama. Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church today by **Rev. Mr. Bowman**.

-Abstracted from Masonic Tribute of Respect in the Memphis Avalanche 3 Aug 1870

SCOTT

Mollie Adair Scott, aged 33 years 6 months, and 15 days, died at the residence of her brother-in-law, **Gen. Patton Anderson**, here on 18 Aug 1872. (Monticello, Fla., papers, copy.)

-Memphis Daily Appeal, 19 Aug 1872

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

WOLF

Capt. Tobias Wolf died last night after a protracted illness. In his demise, another of the pioneers who knew Memphis when the present city was almost a wilderness has passed away. He came here from Yalobusha Co., Miss., 46 years ago, bringing his family in a wagon. Until a suitable building in which to reside could be constructed, he occupied a tent beyond the corporate limits. For 16 years before the war, he was wharf master of Memphis. His official career was without a stain. He was a model public servant, carrying into official life the same honesty which characterized him as a public citizen. *-Memphis Avalanche 16 Jan 1881*

ADAMS

Col. Nathan Adams died at his residence on North Vine St. in Nashville yesterday at 2:20 p.m. of heart disease. For many years he was a resident of West Tennessee, and came back to Nashville -- the home of his youth -- about 18 years ago. He was an elder of the Presbyterian church and held many positions of trust. He will be interred by the side of his wife at Stanton Depot, Haywood County.

-Nashville American, reprinted in Memphis Avalanche Sun., 20 Mar 1881

NAVE

John N. Nave, 49, died at his home seven miles west of Knoxville 1st Jan 1889. He was well known by almost every resident of that part of the county known as Harrison Nave, and respected by all. Born at Erie, he had lived within two miles of his birthplace all his life. His wife died during the war. They had five children, two of whom are now living. He was the father of **Capt. A. H. Nave** of the U. S. Army and the father-in-law of **W. R. Cooper** of Knoxville. The funeral will be today, **Rev. Dr. Park** officiating. He will be buried alongside his wife tomorrow at Springplace Cemetery five miles east of here.

-Knoxville Sentinel, 2 Jan 1889

HAYNES

Rev. W. A. Haynes, Cumberland Presbyterian minister, died 10 Jan 1894 at Columbia, Tenn., aged about 50 years. He was for many years president of the Howard Female College at Galatin. During the war, he was in **John Morgan's** Brigade, and was a lieutenant in Co. C., **Bennett's** Regiment. He was wounded at the battle of Hartsville in December 1862.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 12 Jan 1894

WELLS

Mrs. Emma M. Wells, wife of **Julius T. Wells**, died at her home on Linden St. at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon after having been dangerously ill for over a week. News of her death will be a shock and sorrow to the very many friends of this excellent lady. Born in Selma, Ala., she was 47 years old. She leaves her husband and five children, two of them grown. She was the daughter of **Mrs. J. M. Blackwell** and the sister of **James H. Blackwell** and **Mrs. S. J. Mueller**.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 8 Jan 1894

MITCHELL

Died at the residence of **Mrs. L. A. McAnally** on Shelby St. Sunday night, 18 Aug 1872, **Mrs. Annie E. Mitchell**, wife of **William B. Mitchell** and only daughter of **Col. George Pattison**. Services will be at the Second Presbyterian Church this afternoon.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 19 Aug 1872

WANT

Died at Augusta, Ark., of an inflammation of the brain, **Enock J. Want** of Memphis, aged 21 years, 12 days. His remains arrived this morning on the steamer **R. P. Walt**. The funeral will be conducted Sunday afternoon at the residence of his mother, **Mrs. J. W. Wilkinson**, by **Rev. David Walker**.

-Memphis Commercial Appeal, 4 Apr 1872

SAYRE

Died suddenly on Sunday evening last [4 June 1820] **Foster Sayre**, an old and respectable inhabitant of Nashville, aged 57 years. He was attended to his grave by his Masonic Brethren and numerous citizens of this place.

-Nashville Clarion, 6 June 1820

CLAIBORN

Departed this life on Wednesday last [28 Mar 1809] and regretted by a numerous acquaintance, **Mrs. Sarah Claiborne**, wife of **Dr. T. A. Claiborne**, and second daughter of **Major Wm. T. Lewis** of Davidson County.

-Nashville Clarion, 4 Apr 1809

GARRET

Died on Thursday [29 Mar 1809] **Mrs. Sarah Garret**, wife of **Mr. Richard Garret** of Nashville. In the death of this lady her friends have lost a useful companion, her husband an affectionate partner, and her two young infants a tender mother.

-Nashville Clarion, 4 Apr 1809

TRIGG

Died after a very short illness on Saturday last [24 Dec 1808], **Mr. Guy S. Trigg**, merchant of Nashville.... In the death of this young man, we can say with confidence that society has lost if not a distinguished at least an amiable and useful member ... cut off in the bloom of life and the morning of hope. Left to mourn her loss is his young and amiable wife. Since he was a member of the Volunteer Corps of the Cavalry, his corpse was attended to the grave by his military associates and a detachment of the U. S. Infantry and interred with military honors.

-Abstracted from Nashville Clarion 27 Dec 1808

DILLON

Died 1st Jan 1889 at her home at No. 24 West Park St., Knoxville, of bronchitis, **Mrs. Johanna Dillon**, aged 57. She leaves a daughter, two sons, and many loving friends to mourn her loss. The funeral will be at 2 tomorrow evening with interment in the Catholic Cemetery. (Nashville papers please copy.)

-Knoxville Evening Sentinel, 2 Jan 1889

SAWRIE

Rev. W. D. F. Sawrie died at his home on South High St. in Nashville Thursday [27th Nov 1884]. He was 72 years of age last April. He was taken sick Tuesday night with indigestion. His funeral was 28 Nov at McKendree Church with burial at Mt. Olivet.

-Shelbyville Commercial, 5 Dec 1884

TENNESSEE OBITUARIES

McCONNELL

A prominent Maryville citizen, the **Hon. M. L. McConnell**, died at 2 a.m. Thursday [3 Jan 1889]. His health had been giving way for the last 12 months, but he was able to walk until three weeks ago. A self-made man, he was gifted by nature beyond the ordinary and by reason of superior qualifications filled many positions of influence.

During the war, he was captain of Co. H., 2d Tennessee Cavalry. He was the Republican leader in the 36th Tennessee General Assembly, and in 1878 was elected attorney-general of the Third Judicial Circuit, a position he held until 1886. He was of commanding appearance, a natural orator, and very successful in the practice of law. Funeral services will be conducted Friday by **Rev. P. M. Bartlett** and **Rev. J. A. Ruble** at New Providence Church.

-Knoxville Sentinel, 3 Jan 1889

MILLER

Yesterday afternoon [13 Jan 1889] the remains of **Mrs. Beatrice Miller** were consigned to the tomb in Gray Cemetery and many sorrowing friends made up the funeral cortege. She was the wife of **Lyman Miller**, proprietor of Miller Cracker Factory, and was universally esteemed. She came here from Woodstock, Canada, a few years since and connected herself with the Church St. Methodist Church. She soon attracted a great number of friends which by her gentle disposition and agreeable ways she retained till her death. She died of quick consumption, the result of a violent cold. She spent the winter of 1887-88 in California in hopes of regaining her former health, but without avail. The funeral will be from the residence at 292 Broad St.

-Knoxville Sentinel, 14 Jan 1889

SYPERT

Esquire **Lawrence Syper**, old citizen residing near Lebanon, died 10 June [1871] in the 83rd year of his age. He lived in Lebanon for over 50 years.

-Memphis Appeal, 1 Jul 1871

CROCKETT

Col. Robert Patton Crockett died at his residence on Rucker's Creek near Granbury, Tex., last Thursday [26 Sep 1889] in the 73rd year of his age. He was a pioneer settler of Hood Co., Tex., locating there in 1854. His death removes the only remaining son of **Davy Crockett**. Immediately after the fall of the Alamo and the massacre of his father by **Santa Anna's** brutal soldiers, he left his home in Tennessee and joined the Texas revolutionists. After peace was declared and victory achieved by Texans, he returned to Tennessee where he married and settled down. In 1854 he moved to Texas, taking with him his aged mother, **Elizabeth Crockett**, who died in 1860. On the evening of 11 Aug, Crockett sustained serious injuries when a frightened team ran away with his wagon. He suffered intensely until death relieved him. He was followed to his last resting place by many relatives and sympathizing friends.

-Knoxville Sentinel, 2 Oct 1889

KING

The sad news was received here today of the death of **Charles Love King**, eldest son of **Judge J. M. King**. He died at 7 o'clock this morning [26 Sep 1889] at Nashville where he had recently been engaged in business. Physicians attributed his death to congestion of the brain. **Mayor Martin J. Condon**, who will return with the body to Knoxville, was with him during his last hours. The funeral will be at the **King** house on 85 Vine St. tomorrow afternoon.

-Knoxville Sentinel, 26 Sep 1889

NEILL

Died in Henderson County on 24 Dec last [1830], **Capt. William Neill**, a soldier of the Revolution, aged 90 years. He was a native of Iredell Co., North Carolina.

-Southern Statesman, Jackson, 26 Feb 1831

BREWER

Mrs. Ann A. Brewer, consort of **Dr. James M. Brewer** of Gibson County, died Monday, 17th Oct [1831] in the 30th year of her age. She is survived by her husband and four children.

-Southern Statesman, Jackson, 22 Oct 1831 ■

Rebecca's Journal

Written in 1864

by

Rebecca McLemore Welborn

Madison Co., Tennessee

3rd and Final Installment

Sept. 13. I have been out gazing on the calm beautiful scene. All nature seems in repose and my spirit seems to be in unison with it. Why these quick transitions from the wild tumultuous feeling to this calm quiet resignation and then back again to its commotions? This is one of the mysteries of mankind.

I admitted tonight that there was naught on earth that could disturb the tranquility of my mind and yet I feel like weeping. While out in the soft light of the moon where naught but the throbbing of my own heart was to be heard, I could almost fancy myself all alone in the world and for the moment I enjoyed it. Yet how dreadful were it a reality. I let Fancy have her own way and she soared away into the mysteries of the past, the present, and even divined into the future - ha, that word - future what? I must not dwell on that - I might disturb this serenity of mind which I see is not what it seems. I will to my pillow again and try to win the truant sleep. I am alone tonight with my three little boys. My horse was sick today.

14th. Polk,¹ Mr. Spillman, Mr. Ousley, and Dr. Earl came late tonight and Neils Rash, a soldier, is here, too. Brother Sug² and Jinnie³ came about noon. Sister⁴ and Cousin Beck Bowers came about the same time and in

¹ Her stepson whom she loved as much as her own children.

² Sugar McLemore (b. 22 Sep 1795 in N.C., d. in March 1867)

³ Sugar's daughter, Virginia Minor McLemore, b. 28 Feb 1843. Her mother was Elizabeth Pryor Bond. Jinnie married John Turner (not related to John W. Turner mentioned earlier)

⁴ Sally McLemore, b. ca. 1807 in N.C., m. (1) Ollie Blakemore who d. 14 Aug 1824, (2) John D. Hannah on 23 Sep 1826

the evening, cousin Sallie Ward⁵ came. All stayed but Sister and Brother. I have quite a merry crowd.

15th. I have a merry crowd tonight. I have Jinnie, Polk, Dr. Earl, Mr. Spillman, Mr. Ousley, Mr. Haze, Mr. Moss, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Harvey. We have spent a very pleasant evening, only my spirits have been kept chilled on account of my darling boy having to leave tomorrow. Yet I have a faint hope he will remain up here with Lancel [?] and Outlaw. I have been very unwell all day. I must to bed - it is late.

22. I have been gone one week visiting the scenes of my childhood and oh, what fond but sad recollections each step brought to my mind. Scenes of my childhood in innocence blest, but the busy hand of time has been there. There is but one place where the scene remains the same - there and there only

Rebecca is deeply touched by praise from her late husband's uncle, James Hess ..

can I indulge in the dreams of the past - there everything is as it was 25 years ago. My Godmamma Davis looks older, a few more furrows in her benevolent face and a few more gray hairs, but that is all the change. There I can sit in a deep reverie for hours awake what myriads rise and flow on until I am wholly immersed in the past and finally float out into the mysteries of Nature and Human nature until I am lost in the depth of this insolvable wonder of immensity. Oh, the past - could I only separate it from the dreary Present and the dark future - how delightful it would be to dwell on it, to converse with those who in childhood we have played with on the meandering streams where we have played mimic housekeeping and in early youth we

⁵ Born in N.C., she was the daughter of Richard and Elizabeth James (McLemore) Ward, and the granddaughter of Abraham and Mary (Nicholson) McLemore.

have told and talked of the early yearnings of our heart - but alas the dreariness of the present and the darkness of the future only make the bright and beautiful and ideal past seem more regretted - but I will leave these melancholy thoughts and to bed, and in my sleep travel over the elysiums of my life.

Sunday, Sept. 25. I hardly know what to say of the day, whether pleasant or sad. Yesterday my dear old uncle James Hess⁶ came to see me which made my heart leap in ecstasies of delight. He was my dear husband's favorite uncle. He loved him more than almost anyone else of his kindred - he partially reared him. I did not used to love him so dearly as now. I did not then appreciate him. He was not reckless enough for my world - I, wayward spirit - but since I have been thrown into the medly of human beings that is in the world I have found him one of the noble few who would never boast of what they would do and yet never do it -- he has all the virtues that it takes to constitute an honest honorable man and today he made me almost happy by telling me that he thought that I had done wonderfully well in getting along with my family -- words of praise -- no wonder that they made my weary heart leap with joy when they are the second that have been bestowed on me, but in their stead fault after fault to be found when I was almost breaking my heart [trying] to do my duty and live independently. Oh, how dear those precious words ("I think you have got along and done wonderfully well") come up in my mind and nerve my heart to bear and struggle on - how great the comfort. I know that God will bless him. Words of kindness and encouragement - how great thy pleasure and how beautiful thou art. I could have wept for joy. Oh, how I love him for it. He left me about 12, had to go home, and my dear old friend Dr. Earl left for his home among the worse than savage Yankees. I fear greatly for him. He too

⁶ Brother of Rebecca's mother-in-law, Narcissa [Hess] Welborn Erwin. Also see Page 7 for more about James Hess.

is one of nature's true noblemen - he is not one of those demonstrative beings whose whole soul flows out upon the surface on first acquaintance, but he has a warm genial heart that only rises to the surface after a long acquaintance and convictions of its worth, then the great depth of his heart opens and he is your friend for life through the black depths of adversity or the sunlight of prosperity. He is a man of fine information, pleasant company when with those that understand him but reserved with those who do not. I will miss him very much. I have whiled away some very pleasant hours with him in the last five weeks, and while he was here, I felt that I had that protecting care that one of the weaker sex needs and longs for so much.

After they both left, I was alone with my little ones. I then read an hour or so in *Newton* on the prophecies which I found quite interesting, then my friend *Mrs. Jackson* came in and she chatted very pleasantly for three or four hours. She, I think, is a noble woman and has one of the noblest of noble men for a husband. She left and I with *Mr. Pollock*[?]⁷ repaired to my favorite seat on the hill to read and meditate and to watch for the coming of my darling boy *Polk*. I remained there until night began to draw her sable curtain and the stars began to twinkle. Then I returned and found myself too lonesome to read and had to fly for refuge to my dear and faithful pen. I find that my heart is both sad and joyful - which predominates I can hardly decide -- one moment is tremendous with pleasure in contemplating the assurances of my friends, of their love and kind feelings of interest for me and my little ones which they proved by their actions - then again I think of those from whom I expected by their words and promises of other days to be cared for and protected by - who made large demonstrations and have been kind to me but seem now to take delight in telling of the great trouble and expense that I have been and of my ingratitude. Oh God, shield

⁷ She is obviously referring to a book by an author of that name.

Rebecca notes the third anniversary of her husband and stepson's enlistments in the Army ...

me from that the meanest of all the evils of the human family. I feel that I am not guilty. Yet while I appreciate her every favor, I still must be permitted to have all the freedom of thought and actions that I have allways had which she thinks I have no right to but I must and will have them. Oh, how hard it is to bear - how my proud spirit revolts - it will not hear. I will live independent though only a crust and water be the food of myself and little ones. I will cancel all obligations though I will still feel grateful. Oh, poor, inexperienced trusting heart, how thou hast erred -- thy thoughts all were what they seemed or professed but though my confidence has been misplaced so often, yet feel that there are yet some pure brave hearts who beat with love and care for me and mine although I feel thus my disappointment and mortification in my last disappointment will keep me from ever calling on them for anything but sympathy and encouragement. I will not receive any other favor for fear of the awful words. I have you to support which I know is not so though his favors have been many and unasked, but I will to my book and try to forget for a time.

26. This has been a day of self examination. I have been all alone for the first time in a long while. In taking a retrospect of the way of my life for the last six weeks, I find many things to correct. During this time I have been constantly in company - had but little time for reflection which is so necessary to the human heart. Solitude - what a purifier of the heart thou art, but I am going to make new resolves for an amendment - which I am going to try to keep. My time I have misused or rather have not used it at all, but I must try and make it up by diligent and hard study and close application to business. This day three years ago my husband

and son *Polk* was sworn into the Confederate service. That was a sad day to me and oh, what a sea of sorrow that has rolled over my heart .. was then as green and as fresh then as it was on my bridal eve - but first my dear little *Zula*, my baby, taken, then my dear darling husband - what, oh, what has kept me alive - then I felt certain that I never could survive my idolized husband, but the dispenser of courage has given me not only fortitude to survive but courage to take care of my babes and has blessed me with kind and dutiful children. Oh God, dif[f]use wisdom and judgment into my heart and enable me to do my duty by my six little darlings that are left to my sole charge.

30. This is the birthday of my first born.⁸ He is today 17 years old. To look back over the time, it seems but a short time -- 14 years of that time was spent in perfect bliss and the last three in the darkest sorrow - but my little boy, where is he this cold rainy night? I see him in my mind's eye bivouaged with his regiment around their campfire - wet, cold, and hungry - but his buoyant spirit is still cheerful and his brave little heart beats with bright hopes of the future. He is the only one of my little band that is missing. *Polk* got in this evening - cold, tired, and wet and hungry. Oh, what pleasure it gave me to rouse a cheerful fire and have a warm supper hurried up and then hear him tell over his travels and then I allways feel so thankful when my soldier boys return to me in safety and *Son* has been out on such a perilous scouting this time - he has not returned from *Ky.* and he has to return. I hope that his lucky star will still predominate. I have been all alone today, but have not been the least lonesome although the day has been a cloudy, dull day - but I have been reading a work on Psychology and I have been very busy trying to understand it. At one moment it would all seem plain and clear, and then something within myself that would put all my former ideas to flight and so I kept on through the day while

⁸ Jeff Welborn, who was born 30 Sep 1847

my fingers were busy plying my needle. I would read a page or argument, and then ponder it. It is a pleasant and beautiful subject, but one that calls forth all the energies of the mind. The black despair that frequently almost envelops my heart - but my books have the power to chain my mind for a few hours and give it rest or rather labor of healthier tone. Oh God, give me wisdom, understanding, and knowledge.

Oct. 2. This is the holy Sabbath. Polk left this morning. Brother Young⁹ came down and stayed about an hour and as soon as he left, I got my books and fixed myself for a good day's reading which I have had all to myself though I could not confine my mind to the subject. I have been reading **Newton** on the prophecies which I found very interesting and instructive, but my mind has been so restless that I had to make desparate efforts to compose it so as to understand what I was reading. I can frequently when my mind is in this unquiet state get it composed by reading and becoming absorbed in the subject -- but it was too turbulent today to be quieted although I was deeply interested. Oh, it is torture refined to feel that unquiet restless yearning which no tongue can express. Oh, for one hour's mental rest for even in sleep my mind is on the rack - but it is late and I will to bed and try and find repose in sleep. Oh God, peace to my troubled heart, take care of my little ones, and send my two darlings that are out battling for our rights in safety to me - shield them from all evil, purify their hearts.

Oct. 11: This day calls up many fond but sad recollections. This is the anniversary of the birth of my father.¹⁰ If he had lived, he would have numbered his 99th year -- it is nearly 20 years since he was taken from us. He was one of

nature's true noblemen. He was in every sense of the word an honest man. He kept up the ancient custom of his forefathers of celebrating the birthdays of the members of his family -- and on his birthday he always had some of his old pioneer friends to dine with him. Since his birth, the great nation of the United States has rose and fallen. He lived during the first revolution. Now we are undergoing the second. Oh, what a strange animal is man.

She fondly recalls her father on what would have been his 99th birthday ...

13. Polk left today - he came home the 11th - has gone to report at Trenton. Oh, I do fear he will be sent to Ky. again -- but Providence seems to watch over him for while others of the detachment have been captured and killed, he has escaped. Poor **Billy Harvy** was captured and killed this last trip. He was a noble soldier and a good boy. I received a letter from **John Hannah** today.

14th. I spent the last night at Brother **Young's** - him and I went to **Mr. McLelan's** to get some Janes [?] to make **John Hannah** some clothes but did not get any. **Jinnie McLemore** is with me tonight. She is a dear affectionate little niece and very good company - quite intellectual, converses finely. I can't say that she is my favorite niece for they are all so devoted and affectionate and kind to me that I can't decide which one has the largest share of my heart. It is truly gratifying to me to know that they all love me. I say know it because I feel that they do or my heart would not respond in the affectionate feeling that it does. I have not heard directly from my noble little **Jeff** since he left with **Forrest**¹¹ on the raid to Middle Tennessee and Alabama, but I have heard that none of the company was hurt that he is with. I have been very uneasy about him for

the last three or four days - been fancying his lying suffering with a dreadful wound and wishing for me and at times I would imagine that I could see his darling face distorted with pain, yet not breathing or murmuring but bearing it with heroic courage, but now I begin to fancy him on his route home with many incidents to relate of his late travels - poor dear boy, how I do want to see him tonight.

Oct. 18th. I feel somewhat disappointed. I have been looking for my little bit of a soldier boy **Jeff** this evening but here it is 12 o'clock at night and he has not come - but my spirit is still buoyant with hope. I will look for him and **Polk** and **Bood**¹² all tomorrow and for **Ham**¹³ in a few days. If they come, I will then have all my boys but poor **John**¹⁴ -- he, poor fellow, is far, far away. I have not even a hope of seeing him for months. Oh, how I do wish he belonged to **Forrest** -- he (**Forrest**) will be in Jackson tomorrow - we will have quite a lively time while the soldiers stay in here. Heavenly Father, shield them from sin and arouse their mighty efforts for our glorious independence with success.

19th. I have a house full of company tonight. My little soldier brother [**Bood**] came this evening. He is a noble man. He is one of those generous, whole soul beings that are so scarce in this old world of ours. I feel so thankful for his safe return.

20. This is one of those bright Autumnal days that makes all things seem cheerful though it is typical of old age. The wind is blowing briskly and rob[b]ing nature of its resplendent robes which she has been pleased on donning by way of variety ... her gorgeous colors -- now one general scene of beauty - proud, grandly beautiful

¹² Her younger brother, **Sterling Brewer Erwin**

¹³ Her nephew, **Dr. Abraham M. McLemore**, son of her brother, **Young A.**, and wife **Elizabeth Ann (Jelks) McLemore**.

¹⁴ **John McLemore Hannah** (b. 1839), son of **John D.** and **Sally "Dolly" (McLemore) Hannah**.

¹¹ **Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest**

⁹ **Young Atkins McLemore**, b. 1810 in N.C., migrated to Madison County ca. 1822.

¹⁰ **Abraham McLemore**, b. 11 Oct 1765 near Louisburg, N.C., the son of **Atkins** and **Sarah Jones McLemore**.

like the fresh delicate green of spring but yet not so delightful. Then our minds have been cramped up so long indoors where nature never ventures that it is more keenly alive to the first breath of balmy air and shades of green that invite us forth. I am all alone today and my mind feels free to rest or to roam. Oh, how inexpressibly dull and insipid it is to have company all the time and then we are the worst of slaves for we can't exercise our minds only as suits your company - if they be dull dolts, why you must rack your brains and draw from some out of the way corner a mass of dull nonsense and deal it out to them, and though dealt ever so sparingly, it will run out before you are aware of it. On the other hand, if they are nice, refined, well-informed people, they will be very interesting and instructive for a while, but the mind frequently needs to be alone, then she can commune unrestrained ... and I always feel refreshed after spending some time alone. I don't feel like I ever could live amidst the busy haunts of men again. I am looking for my dear little darling Jeff and I am so impatient that I can't hardly wait his coming. **Bood** says that he is a star. I am truly proud of him. Fly swiftly old Time and speed him to me on your electric wings. Dark and no **Jeff** - my anxiety knows no bounds. Oh, how can I wait another day. It is now so late that I have ceased to look for him in, for he is afoot and will be so tired. His horse is very lame.

21st . Good news of glad tidings and great joy - my darling **Jeff** has come. He came last night about 12 o'clock. I was in bed and asleep when I was aroused by little **Hickie** crying - **Jecie** is come - instantly I was on the floor and at the door when I was aroused to a sense of my dress by hearing a strange noise outside. I ran back, slipped or rather scrambled into my dress without hoops or stockings and met him. Oh, how my heart leaped with joy, and my heart was dissolved in thankfulness for the great blessing of once more folding my noble boy to my bosom. He sat up and narrated to me all his journeying and perils - he has

been afoot for several days. He walked from **Cornith** in less than three days and drove his horse which detained him, and yesterday he got so impatient to get home that he left his horse and equerry about 25 miles from here and walked from there - after one o'clock, he says that he could not have slept so near home. He was so delighted to get home. It does my heart good to know that my children all love their home. His feet were blistered all over. I don't see how he could walk, but he is one of the truly heroic - he never complains. He looks so healthy and has grown some. He arose this morning and went to work. He is one that nothing makes listless or indolent. He is as much interested in getting along as if he was 30 years of age - he is one of nature's true noblemen. I pray thee, Oh God, to shield him from all evil, spare his precious life that he may comfort me

*She writes of her husband,
"While he lived I had no
troubles or sorrows but
what his presence could
drive away .."*

and be a blessing to mankind. I have three soldiers tonight, and two more to come but would not stay because I had had a good deal of company for several days. They had been all around the neighborhood trying to get a place to stay but no one could or would take them in, so they came here and went to the wash place and got a chunk of fire and camped. As soon as I found out they were gone, I sent for them but they would not come so I sent them their supper - what a shame to this neighborhood. They were both youths about 17, nice boys. I would gladly have taken care of them. If my darling boy **Polk** was only here how my heart would leap with joy. I shall expect him in a few days, but with all I am troubled. **Jeff's** horse will not be fit for service this winter and I don't know where or how I will get another for him. I have no money to buy him one but I will trust to providence.

23. This is the **Sabbath**. I hardly know whether I have spent it well or not or whether my good will overbalanced my indolence or evil. I was a laggard this morning, did not rise until 8 o'clock then was slothened for some hours - had some company but got my book and read for several hours. I first read **Newton's** *The Prophecies of the Jews*, then I read **Psalms** a while, then I got the **Koran** and read and took notes until near sunset. Then I took a stroll to look for **Jeff**. He went out to **Mag Turner's**¹⁵ this morning. I looked for him this evening but he did not come. I remained out until Night threw her pall over the face of fading Nature and the bright stars were twinkling in the ether blue. My mind soared out on the infinite wisdom of God in mak[ing] everything in nature typical of human life - all have their spring, their summer, and their autumn and their winter. I drew near the house and stood long before I could enter and when I did, I felt as if I was in another world or a dungeon. All the beautiful contemplation and healthiness of thought fled and dull care took their place - but how thankful I am - the relaxation of even an hour. Oh, if the mind had to brood forever without one bright flood of thought - it is not only rest but food, it strengthens one and nerves one's heart to bear the sad realities with cheerfulness. Give me strength and wisdom and understanding and knowledge that I may not murmur at thy decrees, oh heavenly Father.

Nov. 17th. This is the anniversary of my marriage. This day 18 years ago I was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock to the choice of my girlhood, and although I was so young I never repented my choice. He was all that a devoted husband could be, and while he lived I had no troubles or sorrows but what his presence could drive away - he was my all, in him I found all I sought for in this life. He shielded me from the rude storms of life and for nearly 16 short years, I lived in pure

¹⁵ **Margaret McLemore**, b. 27 Mar 1835, daughter of **Sugars** and **Bethenia Ann Green McLemore**, and second wife of **John V. Turner**

and ungloried happiness --but then he was snatched from me by the Tyrant Death and since, my life has been one wild billow of sorrow but thanks to the heavenly father for fortitude to bear all though not with patience, yet quietly. I have been from home for three weeks, visiting the home from which I was driven by the Northern invaders. It brought many sad but fond recollections. I was warmly received by friends of my adored husband. They all seemed to strive to make me happy, and I tried to requite them by seeming so -- but there was naught but called to mind the happy past which made the present look darker than ever. Friends of my husband, how dear to me -- as I walked up the street and saw the old familiar faces, I could not help but look for the dear face of my idolized darling and then what keen pangs would lacerate my bosom. Yet even to these I shrink from appearing as I feel. Why, oh, why is it thus where everyone I meet has a sympathizing look and word. Why is it that no matter how my heart swells with burning sorrow, it hides itself behind a cold exterior or a cordial smile -- even my own heart is a mystery to me. I have been reading the poetical works of Shelley today. His Queen Mab is well wrote but savors too much of Deism. His argument is fine, nay even dangerous. Jeff is still at home. Polk came home while I was gone which lessened the pleasure of my visit for I would rather have spent the one day at home with him than to have made my whole visit. I fear he will not return soon. God shield him from all evil and send him in safety to me. I am alone with the rest of my little darlings How pleasant is retirement after a time of visiting the busy scenes of life. I feel now that I could not bear to live and run all the time amid the throng -- my mind soon longs for quiet. I am sad tonight yet not restless. Oh God, give me peace.

Dec. 16th. Nearly one month, dear old journal, since I sought for peace in you -- not because I did not need your comfort, but I don't know what and although tonight I am blessed with the company of those whom I love de-

votedly, yet that dreadful something that causes me to shrink from pouring out my sorrows to any of the human family closes my mouth. Yet all my efforts at being lively and cheerful tonight have failed and my guests only consider me dull or careless but, oh, could they but see the ocean of burning lava that courses my weary heart. I know they would pity and sympathize with me, but alas they can never know. This gossiping, cold, heartless world must place any kind of construction on my actions they please, but my heart they can never know -- no, no it must not be. Oh, for one shout [?] of the past. Oh, for that dear faithful heart from whom I never concealed the smallest thought or action - but I must not indulge in these sad regrets, but to pray and my sleepless pillow. Oh, for peace even in sleep. No, I never can know that richest of all blessings - quiet and contentment. Oh, my heart is so sick tonight. Never in my life did I feel so utterly friendless. How I do hate the world and all of the vile worms that are called the human. One more year like the past two, and I will either be a raving maniac or a misanthrope. Oh, that I did not know anything about the human family -- deception, thou vilest of all wickedness, is pollution itself. Two years and a half ago and I was a credulous, trusting, loving woman. Oh, horrid, hideous mankind and treacherous, deceitful woman, how thou hast changed my poor weary heart. Oh, where shall I flee to find one unchanging - I say one, I feel that there is yet one that is what she professes. If I this silent midnight could get away from my harrowing cares and this lonely desolate, wild, weird feeling for only one little hour. Oh, God of mercy, pity me. How intensely I suffer. It seems that my heart is a crater of burning lava and my brain as the wild storms of the ocean. The stillness how oppressive, and yet how horrid the noise of the day and hard to cover a bursting heart and sad face by feigning ills of the body. Smiles and reckless mirth refused to come to my aid. Oh God forgive my murmurings, give me strength of mind to bear all, give me grace to overcome all evil. Send peace to my sorrowing, weary heart.

Dec. 31. This is the last day of '64. The third year of the war. Oh, how many noble men have fallen. How I do wish that it was ended. None of my boys have fallen - all have been spared but I can't hope for like good fortune in the next year.

In retrospect of the past year, I feel that the mass or portion has been thrown away. I have learned but little that has benefited me. I have learned a great deal of the degenerate nature of mankind which only serves to render me more unhappy. There is no constancy in the human family - nearly all are summer friends. When I was in prosperity if I had a slight headache, all would insist on my not working. Everything I done was right, nice, and good, but now alas when my weary oppressed heart is almost ready to burst and my body suffering almost as much as human nature can bear, but not one ever says stop - not one says I will help you. All seem to think that I ought never get weary and always be cheerful. If I ever permit myself to appear sad, it is now ill nature or weakness. All seem to think they have a right to meddle with my affairs and have little regard for my feeling or think I have none. There is no true delicacy of feeling. My heart is so weary of this hollow, heartless world and although I am tonight surrounded by many of my relations and friends, yet I feel that not one of them understands me or can feel for me.

I feel all alone tonight in this cold world. Ah, how changed from the time when I was surrounded with all the blessings of this life, when my dear devoted husband stood between me and the world. Oh, could he but see me as I am tonight, would he recognize in me the trusting, credulous, happy woman that was his wife? No, I am not the same, but disappointment has changed me. If any one does me a slight favor, they seem to think that they then have the right to dictate to me and that I must submit, but I never will - no, never. I will teach all mankind that I am to be respected.

But here I must stop for with the year my journal closes. Goodbye, dear old journal. Thou hast been a great source of comfort to my poor heart. ■

Licenses Issued to Doctors in Johnson County



Under an act passed by the Tennessee General Assembly on 3 Apr 1889 to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in the state, doctors were required to obtain professional licenses. Up until that time, anyone in Tennessee could declare himself or herself a physician. An informal survey conducted in East Tennessee in 1850 indicated that only 35 of the 201 doctors practicing medicine in that part of the state had graduated from a medical school.¹ Doctors not having medical degrees or diplomas were required to have at least two witnesses to prove they were regularly engaged in medical practice on 4 Apr 1889. The following list was abstracted from microfilm of such licenses issued in Johnson Co., Tenn., by **R. E. Berry**, county court clerk, Mountain City, in accordance with the new law. The list appears on the end of microfilm roll #18, "Johnson Co. Wills, 1836-1872, Book #1," and is available at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library (local library roll #789)..

Dr. Lee L. Cass - Received his medical degree 15 Mar 1887 from the College of Physicians & Surgeons in Baltimore Md., and began practice on 4 Apr 1889. He was certified under the new law on 10 Aug 1889.

Dr. James W. Donnelly - Graduated with M. D. degree from the University of Tennessee Medical College at Nashville, Tenn., on 26 Feb 1889 and began practice 4 Apr 1889. Was certified 10 Aug 1889.

Dr. Robert C. Rhea² - Proof of his practicing medicine was made by witnesses **W. R. Davis** and **John M. Main**, who testified that Rhea was regularly engaged in the practice of medicine on 4 Apr 1889. Certified 12 Aug 1889.

Dr. George W. Crosswhite - Proof of his practice of medicine was made by witnesses **J. H. Church** and **Edward E. Butler**, who testified that Crosswhite was regularly engaged in medical practice on 4 Apr 1884 but did not hold a diploma. Certified 13 Aug 1889.

Dr. James D. Donnelly - Proof of his practice of medicine was made by witnesses **J. H. Church** and **Thomas S. Smythe**, who testified he was regularly practicing medicine on 4 Apr 1889 but has no diploma. Certified 14 Aug 1889.

Dr. John M. Roberts - Proof of his practice of medicine was made by witnesses **W. W. Adams** and **James R. Blankenbeckler** who testified he was regularly practicing medicine on 4 Apr 1889 but has no diploma. Certified 21 Aug 1889.

Dr. Gardner Grant - Studied medicine under **Dr. Allen Grant** of Washington Co., Va., and entered practice of medicine in that county and has been regularly engaged in practice. Witnesses **James C. Donnelly** and **Laudonnie Eggers** testified that **Grant** was regularly practicing medicine on 4 Apr 1889. Certified 2 Sep 1889.

Dr. Thomas E. Larimer - Witnesses **John Oliver** and **Francis Oliver** testified **Larimer** was regularly practicing medicine when the law was passed, but has no diploma. Certified 5 Sep 1889.

Dr. A. L. Crosswhite - Witnesses **J. S. Jenkins** and **B. T. Bunton** testified **Crosswhite** was regularly practicing medicine when the law was passed, but has no diploma. Certified 14 Sep 1889.

Dr. James G. Butler - Graduated 12 Mar 1874 from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pa. Certified 28 Aug 1889.

Dr. Johnathon P. Miller - Witnesses **Eli A. Roberts** and **Mrs. Celia Madron** testified that **Miller** was regularly practicing medicine when the law was passed, but has no diploma. Certified 21 Sep 1889.

¹ **Jayne Crumpler DeFiore**, "Medicine," *The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History & Culture*, Tennessee Historical Society, Rutledge Hill Press, Nashville, 1998, p. 598.

² He died 3 Nov 1911. Born 19 Apr 1837, he was married to **Caroline McQueen** (b. 10 May 1846, d. 16 Oct 1930). Both are buried in the Donnelly Cemetery beside Shouns Methodist Church. Source: **Jeffrey L. Carrier**, *Johnson Co, Tenn., Cemetery Records*, Mountain City, 1984, p. 63

Dr. William Roy Butler³ - Witnesses **R. H. Butler** and **James W. Church** testified that **W. R. Butler** was regularly practicing medicine when the law was passed, but has no diploma. Certified 28 Aug 1889.

Dr. James B. D. Robinson⁴ - Witnesses **J. S. Jenkins** and **E. F. Johnson** testified that **Robinson** was regularly practicing medicine when the law was passed, but has no diploma. Certified 2 Sep 1889.

Dr. A. G. Waddell⁵ - Witnesses **J. S. Jenkins** and **John M. Main** testified that **Waddell** was regularly practicing medicine when law was passed, but has no diploma. Certified 28 Sep 1889.

Dr. Larkin P. Blackburn - Witnesses **J. H. Church** and **D. W. Wills** testified that **Blackburn** was regularly practicing medicine when the law was passed, but has no diploma. Certified 30 Sep 1889.

Dr. John G. Johnson - Witnesses **E. F. Johnson** and **D. W. Wills** testified that **J. G. Johnson** began practicing medicine in August 1856. Certified 9 Nov 1889. [Editor's Note: "Dead" is written at bottom of page.]

Dr. L. L. Wagner - Notice from the Board of Medical Examiners to Physicians who are non-graduates: "The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners under the Act of 4 Apr 1889 by the General Assembly do certify that they have this day examined **Dr. L. L. Wagner** and find him qualified to practice medicine and issue him the certificate entitling him to practice medicine and surgery so long as he is not guilty of grossly immoral or unprofessional conduct." Dated 25 Jul 1891 at Nashville. Signed by **Drs. J. B. Murphree, E. E. Hunter, Herbert Jones, W. L. McCreary, W. W. Holbut, and T. J. Happel**. Recorded in Johnson County 24 Mar 1891.

Inserted at this point in the records is a sharply worded letter dated 3 Jul 1905 from **Dr. T. J. Happel** of Trenton, Tenn., then secretary of the State Medical Examining Board, to the Johnson County court clerk calling his attention to the state law regulating the practice of medicine. **Happel** wrote:

"I find that some clerks still register as practitioners persons who present to them their diplomas regardless of the fact that the time for such registration expired July 1st 1891. Since that date, you have under the law the right to register nothing except certificates issued by the board of examiners. Since that date, no one has the right to enter the practice of medicine in Tennessee except through the Board of Examiners who must first issue a certificate of license which must be presented to you for registration."

The records of medical doctors⁶ then resume as follows:

Dr. Charles Clinton Yarbrough - age 24 of Mountain City has been issued a temporary license to practice medicine and surgery until the next regular meeting of the State Board of Medical Examiners. He holds a diploma from the Tennessee Medical College dated 28 Mar 1893. The temporary license was signed by **Dr. W. L. McCreary** and **Dr. E. E. Hunter** on 17 Apr 1893 at Knoxville and registered 21 Apr 1893 by **R. E. Berry**, Johnson Co. clerk.

Dr. David R. Stout - age 32 of Butler, Johnson Co., was examined by the board of medical examiners who verified his diploma issued by the University of Tennessee Medical College at Nashville and dated 24 Feb 1891. His certificate was signed by **Dr. J. B. Munford**, president; **Dr. W. H. Halbert**, **Dr. W. H. McCreary**, **Dr. Robert Jones**,⁷ **Dr. E. E. Hunter**, **Dr. T. J. Happel**.

³ **Dr. Butler** (1857-1928) and his wife, **Rebecca Grayson** (1860-1947) are buried in Mountain View Cemetery in East Mountain City. Op. cit., p. 124

⁴ Born 14 Dec 1859, **Dr. Robinson** d. 29 Oct 1929 and is buried in the Joe Robinson Cemetery in Doe Valley. Op. cit., p. 103

⁵ **Dr. Waddell**, b. 22 Oct 1828, d. 21 May 1902 and is buried in Blevins Cemetery in Shady Valley, op. cit., p. 24

⁶ Dentistry licenses were recorded for **T. R. Donnelly**, **Bert F. Scott**, **E. M. Madron**, and **Parker S. Grant**

⁷ He is identified in all other listings of the board as **Robert Pillow**.

LICENSES (continued)

Dr. S. N. Smith - age 27 of Butler. The board of medical examiners -- consisting of **Dr. Weber Jones**, president, and **Drs. Halbert, McCreary, Pillow, Hunter, and Hoppel** -- verified his diploma issued 13 Mar 1894 by the University of Louisville Medical College in Kentucky, and issued a certificate 28 Feb 1895. It was recorded by **J. S. Rambo**, county court clerk. Written at the bottom of the entry is "Moved."

Dr. Jacob Clyde Butler - age 23, Mountain City. After examining his diploma issued 28 Mar 1894 by the Tennessee Medical College, Knoxville, the board of examiners issued his certificate 28 Feb 1895. It was recorded 2 Apr 1895 by **J. S. Rambo**, court clerk.

Dr. Joseph S. Donnelly - age 28 of Shanes Crossroads, Johnson Co., was issued a certificate by the board of medical examiners at Nashville on 7 Apr 1898. He had received a diploma from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., on 16 Apr 1891.

Dr. John L. Woltz - age 25, Mountain City. Received a diploma from Southern Medical College, Atlanta, Ga., on 30 Mar 1897, and was certified by the board of medical examiners at Nashville on 7 Apr 1898. His certificate was recorded 13 May 1898 by **J. S. Rambo**, county court clerk. Written at the bottom of the entry is "Moved." **Dr. Woltz** on 26 Jul 1905 requested a copy of the registration of his license, saying he registered in 1897 when he located in Mountain City but his papers were lost in a fire. His new address was not indicated.

Dr. Robert H. Jenkins - age 29, Mountain City. Diploma issued 30 Mar 1900 by the Tennessee Medical College, Knoxville. He was certified by the state board at Nashville on 4 Apr 1900, and his certificate was recorded 28 Apr 1900.

Dr. L. M. Mullins - His M. D. was conferred 17 Aug 1900 by the Metropolitan Medical College of Chicago, Ill., and he was registered in the Johnson County clerk's office 26 Jul 1901 by Clerk **Rambo**.

Dr. Elijah F. Bingham - from Amantha, N.C., he received a diploma from the University of Tennessee Medical College, Nashville, on 24 Feb 1891, and was certified by the state board of medical examiners 25 Feb 1891.

Dr. C. Edward Miller - 34, Osceola, Johnson Co. His diploma was issued by the University of the South Medical College, Sewanee, Tenn., 19 Dec 1901. His certificate, issued by the state board 17 Apr 1902, was recorded 25 June 1902.

Dr. W. W. Widener - age 30, Laurel Bloomery, Johnson Co. Received diploma from Tennessee Medical College, Knoxville on 30 Mar 1900. His certificate, issued by the state board of medical examiners 18 June 1902, was recorded 4 Jul 1902.

Dr. J. M. Graybeal - age 26, Nashville. Received diploma from University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 26 Mar 1901. His certificate, issued by the state board of medical examiners 4 Apr 1901, was recorded 28 Aug 1902.

Dr. John Walker Jones - age 27, Boone, Watauga Co., N.C. Received diploma 24 Apr 1900 from Chattanooga Medical College. Was certified by the board 4 Apr 1902.

Dr. W. W. Vaught - age 29, Shawns Crossroads, Johnson Co., received diploma 31 Mar 1903 from Tennessee Medical College, Knoxville, and was issued a certificate of permanent license on 21 Apr 1903. Recorded 25 Apr by **L. B. Morley**, clerk.

Dr. David A. Swift - Bristol, Sullivan Co., Tenn.. Received diploma from the University of Tennessee Medical College, Nashville, 25 June 1904. His certified permanent license was recorded 12 July 1904 by Clerk **L. B. Morley**.

Issued temporary licenses to practice medicine until the next regular meeting of the state board were:

E. M. Loyd, 26, Johnson Co., not a medical school graduate; temporary license issued 26 June 1904.

C. A. Treadway, 25, Mountain City. Granted temporary license 10 May 1904.

G. G. Keener, 25, Jonesboro, Washington Co., three terms of college, no diploma; temporary license issued 20 Jul 1904.

F. B. Stuart, 21, Jonesboro, diploma from Baltimore Medical College on 12 May 1904; temporary license 20 Jul 1904 ■

Land To Be Sold To Satisfy Circuit Court Judgments

In keeping with an order from the Gibson County Circuit Court at its March 1841 term, **Sheriff M. Mc-Laurin** through his deputy **John Overall** announced he would sell at public auction all of **William C. Page's** interest in a 75-acre tract.

The land, located in the 13th Surveyor's District on the waters of the little North Fork of the Forked Deer River, adjoined **William McLean's** 5,000-acre tract. The sale was ordered to satisfy a judgment in favor of **William Atchison**.

At the same time, **J. B. Blakemore**, Gibson County court clerk and master, announced he would auction off 589 acres at the courthouse in Trenton on 3 Jul 1841. The sale was ordered by the circuit court following a petition by **John Ellison**, guardian of **George C.**, **John E.**, **Thomas C.**, and **Esther J. Reed**, minor heirs of **Alexander B. Reed**, deceased, and of **William Patterson** and his wife **Betsy**. The land was part of Grant No. 93 to **George Cathey** for 1,120 acres adjoining **James Templeton's** line.

Clerk **J. B. Blakemore** also announced he would sell three other tracts of land at a public auction on 7th June 1841. The sale, ordered by the Gibson Circuit Court at the March term, was the result of a petition by **Abe Mayfield**, **John S. Mayfield**, **Furney G. Dreskill** and wife **Ann E.**, and **Thomas Fite**, guardian of **Sophiah J.**, **William V.**, [ink blot] **F.**, and **Amy H. Mayfield**, minor heirs of **Valentine Mayfield**, deceased. The tracts totaled 378 acres, the largest being 328 acres on the North Fork of Forked Deer River which the state of Tennessee granted to the University of North Carolina in Military Warrant No. 914. A 25-acre tract was part of a 640-acre survey excluding 81 acres allotted as the dowry of **Amy P. Todd**, widow of the deceased. Location of the other 25 acres to be sold was not given in the legal notice which ran in *The Trenton Journal* on 13 May 1841. ■

Millington Residents Agree to Incorporate By 14-0 Vote in 1881

Residents of the town of Millington, described by the *Memphis Daily Appeal* as being "out on the Paducah railroad in Shelby County," held an election on 7 Apr 1881 to decide whether to incorporate the place.

The election was held by **Sheriff P. R. Athy**, who reported the vote was unanimous -- 14 FOR and 0 AGAINST.

The Appeal identified the "immortal incorporators" who voted as **Thomas E. Cullens**, **L. C. McCaughan**, **C. A. Millington**, **R. A. Harrell**, **J. C. Collins**, **W. A. McCaughan**, **G. F. Dandson**, **G. H. Millington**, **R. S. Mogridge**, **C. N. Harrell**, **W. C. Easley**, **E. C. Pattison**, **John Lee**, and **Henry Tolaway**.

Lamplery Family Plans Reunion in Late June

Whether you spell it **Lamblery**, **Lamplugh**, **Lamplery**, or some other way, you're invited to the 8th annual family reunion at Montgomery Bell State Park near Burns, Tenn., on Saturday, 24 June. The gathering begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m., with a family-style picnic lunch at midday. **William R. Lamplery, Jr.**, Southaven, Miss., is president of the family council. He can be reached by phone at (662) 349-6260 or by e-mail at clamplery@worldnet.att.net

The family is descended from **James Lamplery** who came from London to St. Christopher Island (now St. Kitts) in the British West Indies in 1635.

Those attending the reunion are asked to bring genealogies, old pictures, mementos, and a picnic lunch. For overnight accommodations, contact motels at nearby **Dickson, Tenn.** ■

Mother, Six Children Struggle To Return To Marion County

A mother and her six children -- the oldest girl 16 and the youngest 2 years -- walked into the office of United Charities on 1st June 1894 seeking help in reaching her former home in South Pittsburg, Marion County.

According to *The Memphis Appeal-Avalanche*, about a year ago the woman, identified as **Mrs. Nancy Jane Dye**, with her husband **Richard** and their children went to Little Rock. He was a fireman and soon got a job on the Little Rock railroad. About two months ago, **Mr. Dye** was taken sick and died. What money **Mrs. Dye** had was soon spent. The entire family became ill with chills and all were in the hospital for three weeks. They were homeless when discharged. Little Rock charity organizations sent the family to Memphis where they again took sick and were admitted to City Hospital. *The Appeal-Avalanche* reported that efforts were being made to send the family to South Pittsburg where all of her remaining relatives live. ■

Two Free Men Elect To Become Slaves

Two unusual legal notices were published in the 11 Oct 1861 issue of *The Shelbyville Expositor*.

The first, dated 7 Aug 1861, read as follows:

"Notice is hereby given that **Houston Singleton**, a free person of color, has under provision of the laws of Tennessee filed his petition in the Circuit Court of Bedford County, setting forth his desire to go into slavery and become the slave of **Newcom Thompson III**.

-**James H. Neil**, Court Clerk"

A similar notice, dated 27 Aug 1861, stated that **Lewis Singleton**, a free person of color, also had filed a petition in the Bedford Circuit Court indicating his desire to become a slave of **Andrew C. Wood**. ■

ADRIAN CALVIN POTTER, formerly of Sparta, Tenn., is listed in a family chart published in the Southeast Texas Genealogical & Historical Society's *Yellowed Pages*, Vol. XXIX, No. 3. Born 8 Jan 1870 in Sparta, **Adrian** was the son of **Evan Watson Potter** and wife, **Mary Ann "Molly" Fisher**, DeKalb Co., Tenn. He married **Nanie Tinsley**, who was born 12 Sept 1875 in Tennessee and was the daughter of **John Milton Tinsley** and wife **Nancy Tyree**. **Adrian** and **Nanie's** son, **Claude Lee Potter, Sr.**, was born 27 Oct 1895 in Smithville, Tenn. The family migrated to Beaumont, Tex., where **Nanie** died 9 Feb 1929 and **Adrian** in Jan 1937. **Helen Potter Harper**, 2502 Rogers Circle, Kerrville, Tex. 78028, submitted the chart.

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TWO TENNESSEE DEATHS from *The Christian Neighbor* are reprinted in the *South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research*, Vol. XXVII, No. 4 published at Columbia. **Rev. T. V. Moore**, prominent Presbyterian minister, died in Nashville, Tenn., 5 Aug 1871 in his 54th year. **Mrs. Mary (Wright) Briggs**, wife of **William Briggs**, died 27 June 1871 in Tennessee. She was born 12 Aug 1787 on Tiger River in South Carolina.

Elsewhere in the magazine is mention of an 1819 deed in which **William Baker** of White Co., Tenn., sold 200 acres in Greenville District, S.C., to **Jonathan Fuller** for \$426.

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TEXANS with Tennessee beginnings were **George Isham Dunavant** and his wife, **Emma May Phillips**, who lived in Giles County near Pulaski before heading West in the 1890's. A story on the family is featured in the Ellis Co., Tex., Genealogical Society's publication, *Searchers & Researchers*, Vol. 22, No. 4. **George**, the son of **Albert Archie Dunavant** and **Abigail Garrett**, was born 22 Apr 1869. **Emma**, born 28 May 1878, was the daughter of **Samuel Phillips** and **Miriam Elizabeth White**. They married 23 Sep 1894, and had 14 children, some of whom were born in Texas and some in Oklahoma. Both **George** and **Emma** are buried in Floydada, Texas.

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TENNESSEE-BORN residents of Saline Co., Ill., in 1876 are named in *The Saga of Southern Illinois*, Vol. XXVI, No. 4. Listed in the business directory along with the year they settled in Illinois were: **Laban J. Dollins**, teacher and farmer, 1863; **S. A. Link**, former professor and principal, 1870; **O. D. Gibbons**, farmer and minister, 1874; **James T. Johns**, farmer and mechanic, 1861; **B. T. M. Pemberton**, produce dealer, 1846; **J. G. Thomas**, farmer and mechanic, 1830; **William Stricklin**, farm implement dealer, 1815; **J. H. Greenfield**, farmer and miller, 1861; **G. W. Hodges**, farmer and mechanic, 1860; **A. Mathes**, farmer and mechanic, 1858; **W. E. Chitwood**, teacher, 1863; **Robert Lewis**, teacher and farmer, 1846; **James J. Spinks**, teacher, 1852; **James M. Eaton**, postmaster, 1838; **S. E. Chandler**, physician, 1874; and **Z. T. Baskin**, nurseryman, 1851.

Tennessee natives listed in the patron's directory included: **Wm. F. Armistead**, **John Abney**, **John L. Allen**, **John Brothers**, **Daniel Brown**, **Geo. W. Clayton**, **S. V. Clark**, **Allen B. Coffee**, **John B. DeJarnatt**, **G. W. Dorris**, **L. M. Durham**, **Alfred Dodd**, **John Fate**, **Geo. H. Hollada**, **B. F. Irvin**, **Henry Jones**, **John Jones**, **J. W. Jones**, **G. W. Joyner**, **N. E. Lyon**, **Wm. J. Moore**, **W. T. Metsinger**, **Elizabeth Pemberton**, **James Price**, **Alfred M. Pierce**, **M. D. Robinson**, **J. M. Ritter**, **Caswell Russell**, **J. A. Rice**, **R. D. and J. C. Seat**, **Rufus Smith**, **Jackson Stalcup**, **Turner Smith**, **W. L. Smart**, **L. F. Summers**, **John W. Somers**, **Albert T. Thornton**, and **James Wall**. Also included is a brief biography of **Hubert Harvey Harris**, a lawyer who moved to Saline County from Bedford Co., Tenn., in 1861. He and his wife, **Tabitha A. Mells**, daughter of the **Rev. T. J. Mells**, had six children.

FORMER TENNESSEANS **Riley G. Howell** and wife **Eliza Jane Reeves** are subjects of a feature in *The Arkansas Family Historian*, Vol. 37, No. 4. Their parents were North Carolinians who settled in Tennessee briefly before migrating to Illinois. **Riley**, the son of **William Jennings Howell**, was born 16 Nov 1812 in Franklin Co., Tenn., and his wife, believed to be the daughter of **William** and **Letitia Reeves**, was born 11 June 1819, county unknown.

Riley and **Jane**, residents of Fayette Co., Ill., married 28 Nov 1835 in St. Charles Co., Mo. They later settled in Franklin Co., Ark., where they raised a family of 12 children. **Eliza** died 18 June 1884 and **Riley** died 6 Oct of the same year.

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AUSTIN CARROLL JACOBS, born in Davidson Co., Tenn., in 1818, is listed in a four-generation pedigree chart published in the *Texarkana USA Quarterly*, Vol. XXVI, Nos. 3 & 4. He married Tennessee-born **Lucy Lavinia Williams** in Davidson County in 1837. **Austin** died in 1861, and his widow died 30 Mar 1895 in Cove, Ark. Their son, **George Washington Jacobs**, was four years old when his father died.

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JOHN HONEYCUTT, JR., and wife, **Mary Mae Feazel**, were both Tennessee-born, according to a family chart in *Louisiana Genealogical Register*, Vol. XLVI, No. 4.

John was born ca. 1779 at the Holston River settlement, and **Mary Mae** ca. 1793 in Hawkins County. They married 31 Mar 1814 in Ouachita Parish, La. **John** died 24 Mar 1857 in Hunt Co., Tex., and his wife died in March 1863 in Union Parish, La.

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THE OBITUARY of **Mollie Davis Trimble**, former Nashville resident, appears in the Huntsville, Ala., publication, *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 34, No. 2.

The wife of **J. A. Trimble**, **Mollie** died in Russellville, Franklin Co., Ala., in Sep 1902 from heart failure. She was about 47. Surviving in addition to her husband were two children, **Archie** and **Kate**. She was buried in Nashville.

AN ACCOUNT of a Bledsoe Co., Tenn., election day murder on 8 Nov 1892 appears in *Ray Co. (Mo.) Reflections*, Vol. VIII, No. 4. The story, reprinted from the *Chattanooga Republican* of 19 Nov 1892, tells of an election day ruckus that occurred when **E. G. Tollett** and his sons **John, Moses, Mark, and William** arrived at the polls. They had words with old "Uncle" **Aaron Swafford**, and a fight broke out in which 15-25 shots were fired. The old man and his son **James** were both killed. Five others were shot and **Moses Tollett** sustained a serious knife wound. The two families were of opposing political parties, and reportedly have had a grudge between them for years.

Another article in the same issue mentions **Robert A. Brizendine** who was born in Coker Co., Tenn., in 1846 and moved to Missouri with his family when he was four years old. He was the son of **Joel Brizendine**. His mother died en route to Missouri and his father remarried in 1856 to **Mary Jane Epperson**. The family settled in Cooper Co., Mo.

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WILLIAM DEWOODY, an Irishman who settled in Tennessee before it became a state, is the subject of an article in *Limestone (Ala.) Legacy*, Vol. 22, No. 2. He married **Hannah Alexander**, daughter of **John and Agnes (Craighead) Alexander**, in Washington County on 26 Mar 1791, and they settled in Greeneville where he built the town's first ordinary ca. 1794. **William** moved his family by flatboat down the Holston and Tennessee rivers to Mississippi Territory ca. 1817/1818. He settled at Cottonport in Limestone Co., Ala., where he died in 1820. **Hannah** died there in 1822.

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A **TENNESSEE MARRIAGE** notice from an 1857 issue of the *Guilford Co., N.C., Times* is reprinted in the *Forsyth Co., N.C., Genealogical Society Journal*, Vol. XVIII, No. 2. **Mr. Lucian N. Bruce**, formerly of Greensboro, N.C., was married to **Miss D. P. Rutherford** of Memphis, Tenn., on 3 Mar 1857. The ceremony, conducted by **Rev. Dr. Bryan**, took place in Memphis.

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SOME TENNESSEANS are among the descendants of **Nicholas Gerlington** [surname later **Gillentine**] whose family history appears in *Itawamba (Miss.) Settler*, Vol. XIX, No. 4. **Margaret (Hurt) Gillentine**, widow of Virginian **William Gillentine**, died in McNairy Co., Tenn., in 1834 as did her stepson **Nicholas**. He married **Elizabeth Jane Terry**, daughter of **James Terry** and **Elizabeth Leake**, on 20 Oct 1796. Of their seven children, at least four - **Richard Leake, Martha, Joseph Nicholas, and John** - were born in White Co., Tenn.

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W. A. J. SLAUGHTER, described as a fugitive from the Memphis, Tenn., yellow fever quarantine, died in St. Louis on 25 Oct 1879, according to the *St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 32, No. 4. The St. Louis health commissioner's annual report indicated that **Slaughter**, 24, was a Memphis merchant who had passed the summer in St. Louis after abatement of the plague. He returned to Memphis in early October, successfully running the quarantine blockade, but was soon taken ill. While sick, he again passed the quarantine restrictions and returned to St. Louis where he lodged at the Barnum hotel. After some days' stay there, he was removed to the City Hospital where he died. He was married, but his wife's name was not given in the report.

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TENNESSEE SURNAMES that crop up in the family charts of the **Huguleys** of Alabama and Georgia include **Swafford, Martin, Maddox, Simpson, Davis, and Carroll**. The charts and **Huguley** cemetery information appear in *Tap Roots*, Vol. 37, No. 3, published by the Genealogical Society of East Alabama in Opelika. The Tennesseans lived in **Chattanooga, Cleveland, and the Sequatchie Valley**, some as far back as 1813.

FAMILY DATA on **Samuel Wesley LeSueur** of Macon and Sumner counties, Tenn., can be found in *The Virginia Genealogist*, Vol. 43, No. 4. **Samuel**, a lawyer and magistrate, died 31 Oct 1870 and is buried in Hartsville cemetery. His wife **Jane** died 23 June 1874 and is buried in Nashville's Mt. Olivet Cemetery. They had 11 children. Their great granddaughter - born **Lucille Fay LeSueur** - won fame as a movie star. Her name was changed in a 1925 nationwide contest to **Joan Crawford**. Her father, **Thomas LeSueur**, left Tennessee for Texas where he married **Anna Bell Johnson**, daughter of **Sylvester and Mary Ellen Johnson**.

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AN ARTICLE on former Tennessean and War of 1812 veteran **John C. Holladay** appears in *Chickasaw Times Past*, Vol. XVIII, No. 2, published in Houston, Miss. In the late 1830s, **Holladay** moved his family from Tennessee to Chickasaw County. He and his wife, the former **Sarah Trantham**, had six sons and four daughters between 1824-1840. **John, Sarah**, and three of their sons died during the Civil War. Their sons included **Rev. Henry Lafayette Holladay**, a Methodist minister who died in 1861; **Thomas Jefferson Holladay**, who was blinded in the war and died in 1912; and **William T. (F.) and John Quincy Holladay**, who both left Chickasaw County after the war. Graves have been found for two adult daughters, **Amanda Holladay Bullington** and **Massey S. Holladay** who died in 1848 and 1853 respectively.

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SOME HENDERSON CO., TENN., residents gave a power of attorney to **Benjamin Caviness** of Randolph Co., N.C., on 3 June 1847, according to the *Randolph County Genealogical Journal*, Vol. 23, No. 4. The instrument was signed by **Evan E.** and wife **Hannah (Bray) Hughes**; **Martin Fesmire** in the right of his deceased wife, the former **Catherine Bray**; and **Rebecca Bray**, executrix of the late **Matthias Bray's** estate. The power of attorney, witnessed by **Joshua Foster** and **Thos. Argo**, was acknowledged before Henderson County clerk **Jesse Taylor**.

EXTRACTS from an 1889 history listing Virginians who moved to Missouri include some Tennesseans as well. Published in *Virginia Tidewater Genealogy*, Vol. 29, No. 4, the extracts include:

Moniteau Co., Mo. - **Dr. James M. Dunlap**, born in Knoxville, Tenn., in 1834; the son of former Virginian **William Dunlap** (1802-1882) and native Tennessean **Martha Yarnell** (1800-1878).

Morgan Co., Mo. - **James A. Spurlock**, born in Cannon Co., Tenn., in 1827; the son of Col. **Josiah** and **Leah (Manier) Spurlock**. The colonel was born in Virginia, and his wife in Kentucky. **James'** grandfather, **Dury Spurlock**, also Virginia-born, was a Revolutionary War soldier.

Samuel M. Willson, born 10 Mar 1816 in Jefferson Co., Tenn., was the son of native Virginians **Abram** and **Mary (Baker) Willson**. His father died in Tennessee in 1834 and his mother in Missouri in 1858.

Maries Co., Mo. - **William P. Carnes**, born in McMinn Co., Tenn., in 1830, was the son of Virginia-born **Jahu** and **Nancy (Burton) Carnes**, who were early Tennessee settlers. They moved to Missouri in 1838.

Robert Rowden, born in Roane Co., Tenn., in 1819, was the son of **Asa** and **Margaret H. (Hannah) Rowden**. His paternal grandparents were **Abram** and **Rachel (Cheek) Rowden**, born in Henry Co., Va., in 1752 and 1762 respectively. **Abram** moved to Roane County ca. 1797 and died there in 1822. **Asa** died in 1865 and **Margaret** (born in Blount Co., Tenn., in 1797) died in 1873.

Thomas L. Travis, born in Tennessee in 1844, married Missouri-born **Susanna Rogers** in 1843. Her parents were **Alexander S.** and **Delinia Rogers** (1808-1854). Her mother was born in Tennessee, and her father in Virginia.

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EXTRACTED from the *Oglethorpe Echo* of 24 Nov 1876 and reprinted in the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol 36, No. 1:

"**Wm. Hendrick** of Tennessee is 110 years old and can now make as good a barrel as any one."

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A NUMBER of Tennessee-born women were residents of the St. James (Mo.) Federal Soldiers Home, according to *MoSGA Journal*, Vol. 19, No. 4. Their names, birth dates, admission dates, and the Missouri counties where they resided:

Phelps County Residents

- **Amilda Anderson**, b. 15 Mar 1844, admitted 26 Nov 1901
- **Mary L. Berry**, b. 1 Nov 1851, admitted 16 Feb 1909
- **Lucy J. Chaney**, b. 5 Oct 1843, admitted 22 Feb 1908
- **Minerva Spaugh**, b. 27 Mar 1849, admitted 28 Oct 1909

Webster County

- **Nancy J. Allen**, b. Mar 1834, admitted 1 Jul 1909

New Madrid County

- **Cordelia Lewis**, b. 10 Apr 1839, admitted 6 Oct 1907

Crawford County

- **Polly Ogle**, b. 9 Jun 1849, admitted 23 Oct 1907

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FORMER Tennesseans **Charles T. Polk** and wife, **Feraby**, are among North Carolinian **Hugh Polk's** descendants listed in the Birmingham Genealogical Society's *Pioneer Trails*, Vol. 41, Issue 4. Both were born in Tennessee and died in Lowndes Co., Mississippi.

Charles, the son of **William Polk**, was born 7 Dec 1807 and died 14 Apr 1892. **Feraby** [maiden name unknown] was born 7 Jan 1810 and died 4 June 1888. Their children were **Mary E.**, **Kissebeth J.**, **Charlotte E.**, **Easter M.**, **Thos. Jefferson**, **Charles K.**, **John Riley**, **James J.**, **Henry L.**, and **Sevilla Polk**.

A tenth-generation descendant, **Deborah Kaye (Myers) Ahmad**, was born 31 Dec 1961 in Memphis.

SEVERAL NATIVE Tennesseans who were living in Union Township in Benton Co., Mo., when the 1880 census was taken but were not included in the Soundex are listed in *The Prairie Gleaner*, Vol. 31, No. 1. They were:

- **Alice J. Coslin**, 42, housekeeper whose children **John J.**, 17, **Isa-bell**, 15, and **Sarah E.**, 12, were all born in Missouri. Her husband, not named, was born in Tennessee.
- **Isaac E. Holloway**, 53, farmer. His wife **Lucinda** (?), 49, was born in Kentucky and children, **Titus**, 19, and **George**, 13, were both born in Missouri.
- **Martha Dickerson**, 59, was born in Tennessee of South Carolina parents. Her husband, **John C. Dickerson**, 80, was a Virginian by birth. Living with them was a 23-year old grandson, **George McClaine** whose parents were both Tennesseans.
- **Calvin Williams**, 52, farmer, was born of Tennessee parents. His wife **Almina A.**, 48, and son, **Ben-jamin F.**, 23, were Missouri-born.
- **William C. Berryman/Bergman**, 23, farmer, was married to 19-year old Arkansas-born **Margaret E.**

Elsewhere in the same issue are family charts naming other Tennesseans, including **William E. Lawson** (b. 1827 McMinn Co., Tenn.) and some of his descendants; **Ransom S. Clark** (d. 1907 Nashville, Tenn.) and wife **Hetty O. Giddens** (b. 1832 Grainger Co., Tenn.); **Catherine Parrott** (b. 28 Dec 1796, Cocke Co., Tenn.) and son **William Fletcher Hughes** (b. 15 Jan 1828 Cocke Co.); and **Delilah Walker** (b. 24 Dec 1824 Tenn.); and **Alfred Dixon**, (b. 9 Jul 1823 possibly in Hawkins Co., Tenn.).

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LETTERS from **Dr. Caleb Jones III**, written from Paris, Tenn., in the fall of 1843, are reproduced in *Kentucky Ancestors*, Vol. 35, No. 1. One was written following the death of his wife, **Nancy Lapping**. They had moved ca. 1838 from Rockingham Co., N.C., to Henry County where five of their eight children were born. **Caleb** later married a widow, **Sarah Clapp Parkhill**. They moved to Graves Co., Ky., and had three children.

THE OBITUARY of Rev. Jesse Cole, former Tennessee resident, is reprinted in the *Forsyth Co., N.C., Genealogical Society Journal*, Vol. XVIII, No. 2. The article originally appeared in the *Guilford, N.C., Times* of 5 Mar 1857. Cole, born 29 Dec 1775 in Mecklenburg Co., N.C., moved to Knox Co., Tenn., about 1811. About eight years later, he went to Bledsoe County where he traveled and preached as a local minister in the mountain section. He also lived in Robertson, Davidson, and White counties. His final residence was in Cherokee Co., N.C., where he is said to have preached as long as he could sit in a chair. He died 25 Nov 1856 when he was nearly 81 years of age.

SEVERAL TENNESSEEANS are in the 1898 Webster Parish, La., voter roll published in *The Genie*, Shreveport, La., Vol. 34, No. 1.

Registered voters with Tennessee connections were: (1) **E. Clayton**, farmer, born 1858 in Tennessee, resident of Louisiana for 18 years, and the son of **W. M. Clayton** of Tennessee; (2) **C. Dowdy**, farmer, born 1845 in Tennessee, Louisiana resident for 54 years; (3) **W. H. Barnes**, minister, born 1862 in Louisiana, son of **W. H. Barnes**, Tennessee; and (4) **R. E. Cox**, farmer, born 1861 in Louisiana; son of **W. R. Cox**, Tennessee.

AN ACCOUNT of the death of **Capt. John B. Denton** near Fort Worth, Tex., in 1841 appears in *Footprints*, Vol. 43, No. 1, published by the Fort Worth Genealogical Society. Denton, born 26 Jul 1806 in Tennessee, was quite young when both his parents died. Bound out to a Methodist preacher named **Wells**, he ran away from their home at age 12 and worked as a deckhand on a Mississippi River vessel. At age 18 he married **Mary Greenlee Stewart** and became a circuit-riding Methodist minister in 1826. Denton moved to Texas in 1836 and became a lawyer in Clarksville. He was killed in a battle with the Indians, leaving his wife and several children. Denton, Tex., is said to have been named for him.

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A BIRTH CERTIFICATE for **Benjamin Harrison Brown** of Rural Warwick Co., Ind., issued on 16 Oct 1887, lists Tennessee-born **Marvin J. Brown** as his father. The certificate, reproduced in *The Southern Genealogists Exchange Quarterly*, Vol. 41, No. 173, identifies the mother as **Maggie Evans**, a native of Indiana.

WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE, DeKalb Co., Tenn., submitted a statement on behalf of **Benjamin** and **Mary Gassaway** to the Cleveland Co., N.C., court on 9 Dec 1844. The statement appears in *The Bulletin*, Vol. 28, No. 1, published by the Genealogical Society of Old Tryon Co., N.C. The Gassaways had signed over a power to attorney to **Hugh Vinsant** to "demand and receive" their portion of the estate of the late **James Smith** of Rutherford Co., N.C. Lawrence stated he was personally acquainted with **Benjamin** and that **Mary** had appeared apart from her husband and acknowledged executing the power of attorney.

Several former Tennesseans also are listed among Rutherford Co., N.C., men who registered for the 1917-18 draft in World War I. They were: **Zeb V. Adams** of Uree, Rt. 1, N.C., who was born 9 May 1897 in Cocke Co., Tenn.; **Adolphus Ervin Aldridge**, Caroleen, N.C., born 12 Jan 1894 at Flag Pond, Tenn.; **George W. Aldridge**, Rutherfordton, N.C., born 8 Mar 1889 in Unicoi, Tenn.; **Henry C. Aldridge**, Cliffside, N.C., born 6 Nov 1895, Flag Pond, Tenn.; **Orville T. Aldridge**, Rutherfordton, N.C., born 9 Aug 1892 in Unicoi, Tenn.; and **Robert B. Aldridge**, Forest City, Rt. 1, N.C., born 28 Mar 1891 in Johnson City, Tenn. Each listing includes a description of the individual, his occupation, name of his nearest relative, and number of his children.

PHILLIP W. ARWOOD, native of Cobb Co., Ga., and a Tennessee resident of the 1880s, is mentioned in a family story in Cobb Co., Ga., Genealogical Society's *Family Tree Quarterly*, Vol. 10, Issue No. 1. Arwood enlisted in Co. F of the Georgia 23rd Infantry during the Civil War, and was captured at Fort Harrison, Va., in 1864. After the war, he married **Elizabeth J. Lathem** in Cherokee Co., Ga. Their fourth child, **Bonnie P. Arwood**, was born in Tennessee in April 1880.

An ancestor chart in the same issue contains the name of **James Moorhead**, who is shown as having been born in Fredericksburg, Tenn., in 1822. He apparently migrated to Texas where he married **Emeline Smith** in 1858.

SOME WINCHESTER children who were living in Henry Co., Tenn., in 1850 are listed in *The Guilford Genealogist*, Vol. 27, No. 1. They moved to Tennessee from North Carolina following the death of their father, **James M. Winchester**, in ca. 1841. James left a widow, **Jane**, and heirs **Harvey**, **Madison**, and **Coleman**. The latter two were living with their uncle, **Levi K. Martin** in Henry Co., Tenn., in 1850. **Madison**, born ca. 1836, married **Sarah Lucinda Lee** in Henry County on 17 Feb 1858. **Coleman**, born in 1839, married **Martha Ann Knight** and they were living in Henry County in 1870.

TENNESSEEANS figure prominently in the **Wenzler** pedigree chart published in *The Genealogical Record* of Houston, Tex., Vol. XLI, No. 3. **Casper Wenzler**, born in Wurttenburg, Germany, in 1831, and his wife **Francis**, born in Bavaria in 1840, came to America and apparently lived in Tennessee's Montgomery and Shelby counties for a time. Their son, **Henry**, was born in Clarksville, Tenn., in Oct 1877. **Casper** and **Francis** both died in Memphis, he on 23 Oct 1889 and she on 25 May 1929. Son **Henry** married **Ollie Buelah Biggs** in 1900. **Ollie** was born in Fort Pillow, Tenn., in 1885 and died in Memphis 28 Dec 1962. ■

Freedmen Come from North Carolina To Work in Tennessee

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With little organized civil authority in the Confederacy after the War, martial law -- as administered by the federal government -- prevailed. Without slave labor, many despondent Southerners had abandoned their farms or left the South altogether.

Scattered efforts had been made by a number of departments during the early years of the war to administer to the needs of Negroes. Workers often were used in supplying wood, building fortifications, and other such labor. The need for a comprehensive and unified service to assist freedmen resulted in an act that was passed over the President's veto in March 1865 establishing what is now known as the Freedmen's Bureau. Organized under the War Department and designed to be in operation for one year only, the Bureau remained in existence until 1869 but was not formally abolished until 1872.¹ With the help of benevolent societies, it worked to aid refugees (white and black) and the newly freed people by providing medical supplies, operating hospitals, establishing schools, supervising labor contracts between employers and employees, establishing courts to settle disputes and crimes, and managing confiscated or abandoned lands.²

Reports from Bureau officials in the former Confederate states, border states, and the District of Columbia -- along with letters sent and received, complaints registered, contracts witnessed, etc. -- resulted in a mammoth collection of papers that mostly are not indexed and are statistical in nature, yet yield much historical and some genealogical information. This group of papers is considered Record Group #105 and is found in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and/or the East Point, Ga., Southern Region branch of the National Archives & Records Administration (NARA).³

The Freedmen's Bureau helped resettle many people who had been displaced during the war, even to the extent of providing free transportation for freedmen to leave congested areas and move to places where work was available. It has been speculated that labor agents, working outside their home states, made deals with Bureau officials to turn over the "refugees" to them, thereby relieving local authorities of some unwanted responsibility. It is highly likely that the workers consented to move if little work was available at the local level. It is unclear why the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas -- all slave-holding states -- would need to contract for the labor of freedmen from North Carolina. Nevertheless, they did. Some 266 workers have been identified as having been sent to Tennessee. Research will have to be done in the receiving state to determine whether all those who left North Carolina arrived at their destination and, if so, if they remained there or moved elsewhere -- even back to North Carolina.

Among the 38 rolls of microfilm containing Freedmen's Bureau records for North Carolina, labor contracts -- most of which were written in 1867 -- are on Reel #M843.34, and records relating to transportation are on Reel #M843.28. Because neither reel has an index or is paginated, the material must be read frame-by-frame so as to skip records which did not meet the criteria of being a labor contract or an order for out-of-state transportation. The records are arranged chronologically, however.

Bureau headquarters in Washington issued specific procedures and regulations for moving freedmen from one state to another:

(1) the only freedmen to be transported were those then dependent upon the government for support and likely to remain so for some time, or those living in extremely destitute areas and likely soon to become government-dependent;

(2) persons seeking to transport the freedmen were required to submit evidence that the freedmen would be provided comfortable homes, reasonable wages and rations, and personal supervision in their work; and that the applicant needed the freedmen's services to enable him to carry on a legitimate trade or business. Contracts had to be approved by the assistant commissioner in the state from which they were being transported, and had to be sub-

¹ John Hope Franklin: *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans*, 5th edition, 1980, pp. 231-237

² John Hope Franklin and Alfred A. Moss, Jr.: *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of Negro Americans*, 6th edition, 1988, pp. 201-216

³ Elaine Everly and Wilina Pacheli in 1973 compiled a preliminary inventory of field office records for all states in which the Bureau was active. It describes the many volumes and unbound records that have survived, and is still used by the Archives staff.

mitted in quadruplicate along with travel requisitions.

With the likelihood that some contracts have been lost since 1867 and some reside in the compiled records of other states, this report does not pretend to contain all the information concerning movements for work of North Carolina freedpeople to other states. What does follow are the names of workers -- men, women, and children, often in family groups -- with contracts to travel to and work in Tennessee. Somewhere in the state, an African American is presently researching his or her family history looking for that missing link which, hopefully, may be found here.

TRAVEL to MADISON COUNTY, TENN., from CONCORD, N. C.

Witnesseth, that the said laborers have agreed to work for the said **BARRIER & RITCH** from this date [26 Dec 1866] to the 1st January 1868; to do all kinds of work common to farms of the country; to do their work faithfully, and to be respectful in their department. And they further agree that they only receive every month the amount placed opposite their names and the rest at the end of the year; and that the amount so retained shall be forfeited if a violation of this contract is clearly proven. And they further agree that time lost by idleness or absence without leave shall not be paid for. And the said **BARRIER & RITCH** has agreed that they will furnish the said laborers with comfortable quarters, sufficient rations, and the amount of money per month which stands opposite their respective names; that they will treat them kindly, and encourage the establishment of schools for their children. (December 26, 1866; roll #28)

<u>NAME*</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>WAGES</u> <u>(\$)</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u> <u>(\$)</u>
Joseph Spruell	25	100	3
Sena Spruell*	24	20	1
George Spruell	5	-	0.50
Robert Marshall	21	108	3
Ransom Marshall	22	108	3
Hezekia Huntly	23	108	3
Frank White	29	125	3
Eliza White*	28	30	1.50
Sarah White*	10	10	0.50
Frank White	3	-	-
William Allen	22	108	3
Fanny Tyson*	40	60	2
Charles Tyson	18	90	2.50
Harriet Tyson*	16	50	1.50
Lany (?) Tyson*	14	40	1
Densy Tyson*	7	10	0.50
Jackson Richardson	20	125	3
Jonas Dunlop	35	125	3
Ellen Dunlop*	25	30	1
Horace Dunlop	15	10	0.50
Shelton Dunlop	13	10	0.50
Hetty Dunlop*	12	10	0.50
James White	33	100	3
Hannah White*	27	25	.50
Susan White*	12	30	.50
Malinda White*	10	20	.50
Daniel Watkins	23	125	3
Martha Watkins*	18	75	2.50
Clem Richardson	22	120	3
Julia Richardson*	10	30	1

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>WAGES</u> <u>(\$)</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u> <u>(\$)</u>
John Rines	45	110	3
Henry Watkins	39	125	3
America Watkins*	35	20	1
George Watkins	17	80	2.50
Frances Watkins*	16	25	1
Samuel Watkins	12	20	.50
Caroline Watkins*	10	5	.50
Rafe Marshall	55	55	1.50
Viny Marshall*	29	50	1.50
Laura Marshall*	29	50	1.50
Jackson Marshall	17	50	1.50
Charlotte Marshall*	16	50	1.50
Hellen Marshall*	16	50	1.50
Charles Marshall	12	20	1
Harriett Marshall*	17	30	1
Tony Richardson	30	125	3
Mary Richardson*	27	50	1.50
Ann Richardson*	17	45	2.50
Clarissa Richardson"	10	5	.50
Calvin Richardson	12	25	1
Alexander Lilly	32	125	3
Ellen Lilly*	38	75	2.50
John Lilly	19	50	1.50
Emeline Lilly*	16	32	1
Laura Lilly"	13	20	1
Peter George	26	100	3
Mary George*	28	50	1.50
Alfred Russell	40	100	3
Martha Russell*	18	60	2

Signed: W. A. Barrier, T. L. Ritch

Approved: W. MacFarland, Agt., Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen, & Abandoned Lands, Anson Co., N.C.

* An asterisk at the end of a name denotes a female.

TRAVEL to JACKSON, TENN., from CONCORD, N.C.

List of freed persons transported from Concord, N.C., to Jackson, Tenn., by T. L. Ritch. [This list of 29 adults and two children under 12, dated 8 Mar 1867 and taken from Roll #28, is in addition to the other persons contracted for on 26 Dec 1866 by Ritch and W. A. Barrier.] Ritch signed a statement certifying that the list comprised all the persons he transported from Concord to Jackson on transportation furnished through the Bureau.

William Collins	Franklin Staton	Mary Carpenter	John Davis
Jackson Harris	Adaline Cole	William Carpenter	James Little
Jane Harris	Patiena Cole	Jacob Moore	Henry Little
Andrew Scott	Jolly Cole	Martha Moore	Jane Little
Amanda Scott	Eli Cole	Matilda Moore	Laura Smith
Jane Scott	Wm. Cole	Eli Moore	Jane Wright
Joseph Staton	Franklin Carpenter (?)	John Little	Sarah Harris
Charlotte Staton	Jane Carpenter	Henry Cline	

TRAVEL to BROWNSVILLE, TENN., from CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Names and ages of 29 freed persons who contracted with G. I. Hunt and were transported from Charlotte, N.C., to Brownsville, Tenn. (9 Feb 1867; Roll #28). James Bond, Jr., agent for Hunt, certified this was a true list.

Rufus Hill, 34 Jane (his wife), 30 1 child under 12 & over 4	Jim Thompson, 43 Sally (his wife), 40 Hannah (daughter), 17 Susan Jane (daughter), 15 Jim (son), 12 2 children under 12 & over 4
Sarah Anton, 36	Sampson McLaughlin, 38
John Simpson, 40	Mag (his wife), 32
William Davidson, 40 (blacksmith)	Mary (daughter), 12 1 child under 12 & over 4
Esther (his wife), 36	Ann Edward, 22
Bill Abel, 36	Sam Tom (?) (?) le, 36
Esther Sloan, 32 (cook)	Jane (his wife), 33 1 child under 12
Tom Irwin, 37 Ella (his wife), 34 1 child under 12	
Paul Rigler, 26	
John Carroll, 21	

TRAVEL to BROWNSVILLE, TENN., from CHARLOTTE, N.C.

List of freed persons to be transported from Charlotte, N.C., to Brownsville, Tenn., who have contracted with James Bond, Jr., to cultivate his farms in Haywood Co., Tenn. (9 Feb 1867; Roll #M-843.28). Bond certified this was a true list.

Ike Dellinger, 39 Frances Ann (wife), 35	Richard Weems, 47 (carpenter) Precilla (wife), 44 Dick (son), 19 Ben (son), 15 Agnis (daughter), 14 3 children under 12, over 4	Sarah Miller, 32 Eph Withers, 47 John Graham, 23 Sally Davidson, 37 Agnis (daughter), 16
Jane Thompson, 22	Tom Garnett, 42 Sarah Jane (wife), 40 Sam (son), 17 Eph (son), 14 Betsy (daughter), 12 2 children under 12, over 4	A. Ceasar Clay, 21 Jim Morrow, 24 Celia Johnson, 33 Wilhelmina Everett (?), 44 2 children under 12, over 4
Bill Henderson, 36 Hettie (wife), 29 2 children under 12, over 4	Edgar Jones, 32 Emmaline (wife), 27	Bryan Britten, 44 Fanny (wife), 41 Jim (son), 17 Susan (daughter), 13 3 children under 12, over 4
Tom Sanders, 43	Lee Kemper, 28 Sarah (wife), 23	Cato Moore, 47 Clarissa (wife), 50 1 child under 12
Eli Alexander, 43 Zeph (wife), 41 Abe (son), 17 Kate (daughter), 15 Stephen (son), 15 3 children under 12, over 4	Ben Persons, 21 Sam Henge, 32 Susan Buck, 23 Jim Eagle, 40 Eliza (wife), 28 1 child under 12, over 4	William Moore, 26 Isabella (wife), 26 Harriet (daughter), 14 2 children under 12
Love Garnett, 26 (cook)		
Dick Johnson, 22		
Tom Emmons, 39 Anny (wife), 36 1 child under 12, over 4		
Peter Baine, 22		
Sarah Garnett, 21		
Betsy Chalmers, 42		
Ned Netey, 60		

TRAVEL to JACKSON, TENN., from ANSON CO., N.C.

This list, dated 28 Jan 1867, contains the names of freed people who contracted for the year 1867 with **W. H. Jackson** of Tennessee to be transported from Anson Co., N.C., to Jackson, Tenn., as required by regulations of the Bureau. [Signed R. F. & A.L., viz.]. The name of **George Picket** also is associated with this transaction. A letter to **Col. J. V. Bumford** in Raleigh reads in part: "Referring to your endorsement of .. application of **W. H. Jackson** for sixty-four (64) free people from Anson county ... you are respectfully informed that to avoid delay, and **Mr. Jackson** having furnished the necessary security, contracts ..."
(Roll #M-843.28)

NAMES

John Grady	Sarah Jane Green (3 children in this family too young to work out)	M. J. House (2 children in family 4 & 2 years old)
William Pope	Ellen Green	Lucas House
James Jackson	Andrew Green	Alex Chavers
Joshua Richardson	William LeGrand	Martha Chavers (2 children in this family 4 & 3 years old)
Maria Richardson	Ned Leak	Mary Chavers
Joseph Treadgill	Edward Smith	Harry Chavers
Eli Darcus	Angeline Smith (2 children in this family too young to work out)	Alex Chavers, Jr.
Harriet McClenden & 4 children (12, 9, 5 & 2 years old)	Lucy Smith	Francis Chavers
Harriet Beunell (?) & 4 children (12, 10, 5 & 2 years old)	Ellen Smith	Joe Pope
Saml Smith	Wiley Harris	Peggy Pope (2 children in this family 6 & 1 year old)
Rinda Smith	John Benton	George Pope
Cagen Smith	Jim Plunket	Willie Pope
Massey Smith	Freeman Edwards	Henry Pope
Abitha Smith	Albert Bogan	Andy Smith
Saml Smith, Jr.	Louis Plunket	General Smith
Calvin McRae	Calvin Boyd	Missy Smith
Harriet McRae	Trean (?) House	Amanda Smith
George Washington McRae	Ben McCroy	Wiley Smith
Hannah McRae	El-s Barringtine	Parthenia Hoover
Nelson McRae	Hettie Barringtine	Maria Hoover
Susan McRae	Aaron Benton	Green Little
Patience??	Alfred Benton	Fayette Little
	Colin Benton	Violet Little

MISCELLANEOUS TRAVEL ROUTES for FREEDMEN

Most transportation orders were made by **George Pickett** and addressed to **Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard**, commissioner. The following is an illustration of routes traveled from North Carolina to other southern states:

From Charleston, S.C., to Jackson, Tenn., -- via Florence, Kingsville, Augusta, Atlanta, and Chattanooga
From Cheraw, S. C., to Jackson, Tenn. -- of 45 men, 23 women, and 16 children under 12 years of age
From Cheraw, S. C., to Florence, S. C. -- en route from Cheraw, S.C., to Jackson, Tenn.
From Florence, S. C., to Kingsville, S.C. -- en route from Cheraw, S.C., to Jackson, Tenn.
From Kingsville, S. C., to Augusta, Ga. -- en route from Cheraw, S.C., to Jackson, Tenn.
From Augusta, Ga., to Atlanta, Ga. -- en route from...
From Atlanta, Ga., to Chattanooga, Tenn. -- en route from...
From Chattanooga, Tenn., to Stevenson, Ala. -- en route from...
From Stevenson, Ala., to Corinth, Miss. -- en route from...
From Corinth, Miss., to Jackson, Tenn. -- en route from Cheraw, S.C., to Jackson, Tenn.

Wilson County Land on Auction Block for Unpaid 1806-08 Taxes

Thomas Bradley, sheriff and collector of state and county taxes in Wilson County, was ordered by the county court to sell certain tracts of land on which taxes for the years 1806, 1807, or 1808 remained unpaid. **County Clerk John Allcorn** announced the sale would be held the first Monday in July 1809. The court ordered that only so much of each tract be sold to satisfy the tax and charges due.

Four tracts of land owned by **William Mitchell** were subject to sale because of unpaid 1806 and 1807 taxes. The tracts included 845 acres on Spring Creek, 1,280 acres on Cedar Lick Creek, 640 acres on Stoner's Creek, and 640 acres on the Cumberland River.

Tracts To be Sold For 1807 Taxes

John Fonvalle - 100 acres on Bradley Creek
James Bartlett - 300 acres on Smith's fork
William Norris - 355 acres, situation unknown
William Corbit - 320 acres on Spring Creek
James Brown - 50 acres on Cumberland River
William Chastin - 100 acres on Barton's Creek
Thomas Stewart - 403 acres on Spring Creek
Aquilla Suggs - 640 acres on Suggs' Creek plus 4 other 640-acre tracts and one 450-acre tract
Richard Mitchell - 640 acres on Spring Creek
Archibald Taylor - 640 acres on Spring Creek
William Lurry - 200 acres on Fall Creek
James Blackemore & Ezekiel Douglass - 233 acres on Spencer's Creek
Willie Jones - 1,000 acres on Round Lick Creek
Robert Johnson - 170 acres on Barton's Creek
Jesse Deloach - 100 acres on Cedar Lick Creek
John Hughes - 160 acres on Cumberland River
James Whitsett - 640 acres on Suggs Creek, 320 acres on Pond Lick Creek
Samuel Moore - 500 acres on Stoner's Creek
William Caldwell - 300 acres on Barton's Creek (taxes unpaid for 1807 & 1808)

William Crane - 100 acres on Cedar Lick Creek
Jonathan Green's heirs - 640 acres on Cumberland R.
Jacob Brownning - 100 acres on Spring Creek
Nathaniel Perry - 150 acres on Little Cedar Lick
James Walker - 675 acres on Spring Creek
William Lurry - 200 acres on Bradley's Creek
George A. Suggs - 640 acres on Suggs' Creek
David Enox - 100 acres on Round Lick Creek
John Patton - 640 acres, situation unknown
Thomas Whitworth - 100 acres on Cedar Lick Creek
William Hogan - 170 acres on Silver Spring branch
William Parker - 640 acres on Spring Creek
Samuel & Nathan Kinnard - 160 acres on Cedar branch
Samuel Hogoe - 228 acres on Spring Creek
William Mitchell - 200 acres on Cumberland R., 640 acres on Spring Creek, 225 acres on Spring Creek, 600 acres on Cedar Lick
James Brown - 40 acres on Cumberland River
John Durbrough - 120 acres on Suggs Creek
Lemuel Suggs - 640 acres, 434 acres on Suggs Creek
John Taggot - 320 acres on Suggs Creek
Mark Robertson's heirs - 640 acres on Spencer's Creek
Nathaniel Perry - 750 acres on Little Cedar Lock (for 1806)

The following tracts were not listed and consequently incurred a double tax for 1808:

Betsey Barrow - 640 acres on east side of Jennings Fork, Round Lick Creek beginning at a sugar tree at **John Buchannon's** northeast corner held by grant
Robert Russel - 477 acres on Round Lick and Cedar Creek ■

Bedford County Organizes 4 Companies for Creek Service in 1836

Four organized companies in Bedford County were reported ready for Creek service in late June 1836. Twenty companies were required to be organized from the portion of Tennessee west of the Cumberland Mountains, and the Shelbyville company commanded by **Capt. W. B. Watkins** was the 29th reported, according to the *Shelbyville Commercial of 24 June 1836*. Officers elected by their respective companies were:

Shelbyville Co. - Major **W. B. Watkins**, captain; Major **G. W. Hudlow**, 1st lieutenant; **John Galbreath**, 2d lieutenant; **Thomas Holland**, ensign; and **Robert Matthews**, orderly sergeant.

War Trace Co. - Gen. **Sam Mitchell**, captain; Col. **John W. Ragsdale**, 1st lieutenant; **Capt. Joe Hasting**, 2d lieutenant; Col. **H. B. Coffey**, ensign.

Chapel Hill Co. - Col. **T. C. H. Miller**, captain; Col. **John Shuffield**, 1st lieutenant; **Thomas Black**, 2d lieutenant; **William Holdan**, ensign; **John H. Brettan**, orderly sergeant.

Farmington Co. - Col. **Richard Warner**, captain; Col. **Ephraim Hunter**, 1st lieutenant; **Moses Oneil**, 2d lieutenant; **W. H. Wiseman**, ensign; **Martin Oakly**, orderly sergeant. ■

What's the Word? Maybe Not What You Think

[Based on TGS Workshop conducted here 15 Apr 2000 by Lloyd Bockstruck, Dallas]

What kind of a man would "casually" kill his wife?

If the death took place in colonial America, the man was probably a klutz of sorts. In those days, the fellow who killed his wife *casually* was one who did it *accidentally*.

That casket-opening definition was just one of a number of words with unexpected meanings tossed out by genealogy expert **Lloyd Bockstruck** in a workshop sponsored by the Tennessee Genealogical Society on the historic Davies Plantation at Brunswick on Saturday, 15 April.

Bockstruck, who heads Dallas Public Library's genealogy section and is particularly well versed in colonial Americana, revealed other definitions that could have real significance as far as genealogical research is concerned.

Was your ancestor described as "crazy?" Relax. You're probably not going to inherit any tendency to mental illness. Especially if your ancestor lived in 1696. In that day, the word *crazy* meant *sick of body* not mind.

If you notice in a court record that someone was appointed a *tutor* to your ancestor, it didn't mean that your early-day relative needed educating. It simply meant that he or she was an under-age heir and a *guardian* had been named to look out for and protect his or her interest.

Another word that had a different meaning in colonial days was *orphan*. The term could be applied to a child whose father was dead but whose mother was living.... or to a child whose mother was dead but whose father was livingor even to a child whose parents were both living. The two conditions under which a person was referred to as an orphan were: (1) he or she was under legal age, (2) he or she had an inheritance coming. A child whose parents were both living, for example, would still be referred to as an orphan if he or she would be inheriting from a grandparent.

A person *bound out as an orphan* would be one due to receive an inheritance. One *bound out as an apprentice* had no inheritance and his or her father was usually dead.

When a male orphan was allowed to choose his own guardian, he had to be at least 14 years of age but no older than 20. A female had to be at least 12. The court had the authority to reject or approve the orphan's choice but could not appoint the guardian itself.

Males did not appear on colonial tax lists until they were at least 16. The poll tax or "head tax" applied to a white male at least 16 but not yet 21. In Kentucky or Virginia, the first time a male shows on a tax list under his own name is at age 21.

The word "Mrs." was a social title, meaning "a woman of good breeding." If you were to see a notice to the effect that "Mrs. Sarah Randolph chose John Moon as guardian," it wouldn't mean that she was a widow, but that she was an under-age female of good breeding.

The same word at the same time can have a different meaning according to locality.

For instance, the word **ordinary** in colonial days was used to denote an *inn* except in Georgia where it meant 'county clerk.'

Some other colonial words and their definitions cited by **Mr. Bockstruck**:

cousin = *nephew* or *niece*

nephew = *grandson* or *granddaughter*

freeman (in colonial New England) = registered voter [Had to be a church member to vote or to serve on a jury]

Pennsylvania freeman = not married

ghostly father = local minister

inmate = some one who rooms or boards [comes and goes through the same door as the owner]

grocer = one who sells liquors. Later those who sold fruits and vegetables became known as 'green grocers'

tavern = inn that provided lodging for travelers and their horses

chancery or **court of equity** = court that handled cases in which there was no law relating to the matter to be decided. The court decided what was equitable or right in the case. (For example, an estate could not be

divided until all the heirs were adults. However, a suit could be brought in chancery to allow the sale of an estate even though all the heirs were not of age. That's why you sometimes see a suit in which part of the children in a family are suing the other children. The suit has to stay open for as many years as there are still minor heirs. In such suits, you frequently will find girls identified by their married names, although you might not have been able to find their marriage licenses.)

yeoman = tiller of soil who owns the soil he tills

husbandman = tiller of soil who is "a sharecropper"

spinster = when the term is used in deeds it means an unmarried woman [Later on, when it appears in the occupation column of a census, it means a maker of cloth]. When a woman's name begins a multi-party deed, it indicates she has no living husband. She could be a mother of children selling off property.

plantation = can be synonymous with the word *farm*. May or may not indicate a large acreage and slaves.

mansion house = a house with a roof on it (not a big home as the term is used today)

good man, good wife or "**goody**" = term used for a middle class person not entitled to use "Mr." or "Mrs."

brother-in-law or **father-in-law** = stepbrother or stepfather [the "in-law" mean "step"]

natural child = illegitimate child

now wife = the spouse a husband had on the date of that particular record

jurat = witness

beloved friend = a person outside the immediate family who was some kind of relative either by blood or marriage

affinity = related by marriage

consanguinity = related by blood

Some nicknames of the colonial period:

Nickname

Biddy

Carrie

Happy

Henri

Lottie

Mamie

Nelly

Patsy

Polly

Prissy

Sukey

Usley

Nancy

Proper Name

Obedience

Caren/Karen

Happock

Henritta

Charlotte

Mayme

Ellen or Eleanor

Martha

Mary

Priscilla

Susannah

Uslar

Ann¹ ■

Blantons Schedule 12th Annual Convention for September in Franklin

The 12th annual **Blanton** Family convention and related workshop will be held in Franklin, Tenn., Sept. 21-23, according to **Mrs. Mary Louise Attal**, association president. Scheduled are a guest speaker, workshop, socials each evening, and an auction and live band the closing night. Headquarters for the family gathering will be the Super 8 Motel, 1307 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin. For more information, contact **Mrs. Attal** at 1501 Pokeberry Way, Orange Park, FL 32073, (904) 278-2401. ■

¹This was in the 1820s. If Scottish, the nickname for **Ann** was **Agnes** or **Aggie**

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STEWART CO., TENN., DEED BOOKS, 1804-1832, VOLS. 1, 2, 3, 4 by *Barbara Crumpton*. 1999. 8½ x 11" softcover, spiral-bound. Full-name index in each volume, including slave names. Published by *Creative Copies, Duncan, OK*. Deed Books 1,2,3 [1804-1819] in one volume, 86 pp. - \$15; Deed Books 4, 5 [1811-1818] in single volume, 146 pp. - \$22.50; Deed Books 6, 7 [1819-1826] in single volume, 149 pp. - \$27.50; Deed Book 9 [1826-1832], 131 pp. - \$20. No additional postage or handling charges. Order from author, 1455 N. 29th, Duncan, OK 73533

Stewart County, formed in November 1803 from Montgomery County, originally ran from the Kentucky line 13 miles west of Clarksville to the southern boundary of Tennessee, and extended west to the Tennessee River. It was the court of record for all lands west between the Tennessee and Mississippi rivers until the Western Purchase of 1818 which encompassed the Chickasaw Indian lands. Stewart County was settled mainly by North Carolinians who had received military grants as a result of their Revolutionary War service. The author has used the original deeds where possible in compiling this important series. While some records were destroyed by federal troops in 1862, she reports that the deeds appear to be intact although there is some confusion as to the labels of the first ten books due to later recopying or typing. The county's first court, composed of Justices **Thomas Clinton, Joshua Williams, William Allen, and George Petty**, met 12 Mar 1804 at the home of **George Martin** near Bald Island to elect officers and set taxes. **Petty** was elected register, and **Samuel A. Smith** court clerk. **Smith** resigned the following year and **Thomas Clinton** was elected his successor. When **Clinton** resigned, **Robert Cooper** replaced him.

LAKE COUNTY MEMORIES, HISTORY IN NEWSPRINT & PICTURES compiled by *Dr. Emily Clifton Davis*. 1998. 8½ x 11" hardbound, 344 pp. including surname index, summary of headlines 1909-1945. *Rose Publishing Co., Humboldt, Tenn.* \$50 postpaid from author, P.O. Box 589, Lexington, TN 38351, phone (901) 968-8249, e-mail: jhdavis@aeneas.net

For those who had family members in Lake County during the 37-year span between 1908 and 1945, this book should be a feast. It contains excerpts for the period from the local paper, generously interspersed with some 500 or more photographs that reflect the bygone era. Leading off the book is a lavish account of the 1909 wedding of **Miss Frederica Peacock**, music teacher at the local high school, to **T. H. Bailey**, a prosperous alfalfa planter of New Mexico. The couple had been courting between Tennessee and New Mexico "for some 10 or 12 years back." Typical of the wedding write-up of that era, the story includes a list of presents received by the couple. Among many other interesting accounts is one that tells of the 1912 flood during which Tiptonville was completely blocked off for two weeks, receiving no mail or contact of any kind from the outside. *The Lake County News* was published on yellow wrapping paper obtained from **Jess Campbell**, dry goods merchant. All type for the two editions was set by hand, and 500 copies were printed on a hand-turned press. Reports of the 1937 flood during which half of Lake County was under water also are included. Numerous photos show scenes in Ridgely whose main street was under a record six feet of water.

CROSSING THE DARK RIVER, HENDERSON CO., TENN., OBITUARIES 1827-1950 by *Brenda Kirk Fiddler*. 1999. 8½ x 11" hardcover, 576 pp., full-name index. \$39 postpaid from author at 331 Eastern Shores Dr., Lexington, TN 38351, phone (901) 968-7739.

What a bonanza this book should be for those fortunate souls having ancestors in Henderson County and environs! Its 576 pages are crammed full of the kind of information that warms a family researcher's heart. It spans 123 years and contains some 3,767 obituaries and death notices gleaned from numerous old newspapers in the area, scrapbooks, etc. The obituaries are scattered, with most of them being from the mid-1870s and later. This is understandable, of course, since copies of the earlier newspapers are limited if not non-existent, and those available seldom carried much if anything in the way of obituaries. Those found and reproduced have been used essentially in their original form, but **Mrs. Fiddler** has enhanced them by correcting obvious typos and adding to the information concerning deceased women. As anyone who peruses old obituaries and death notices soon discovers, many of them did not list the dead woman's name -- only her husband's. To right these wrongs and provide needed information, the author has added the deceased woman's full name when available from cemetery records, family histories, or other sources. In some accounts, additional information from other sources has been included and set off by brackets. The obituaries are arranged chronologically by date of their publication. In addition to those from Henderson County, the book also has some from the surrounding counties of Madison, Carroll, Decatur, Chester, and McNairy. **William L. Barry**, whose grandfather published the Lexington newspaper from which many of the obituaries were taken, is credited for assisting the editor in correcting typos, misspellings, and the like. The author also gives credit to her husband **Charles** for handling the desktop publishing. She notes that he "freely offered editorial advice -- most of which did not fit my plan for the book."

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KINSHIP, IT'S ALL RELATIVE [Second Edition] by Jackie Smith Arnold. Updated 2000. 5½" x 8¼" paperback, 123 pp. including glossary, bibliography, and topic index. \$9.95 plus \$3.50 p&h. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, 1-800-296-6687 for phone orders only.

Do you know what's meant by agnate and cognate kinship? By parallel first cousins? A tangential cousin? The rule of ultimogeniture? Or exogamy? If you don't but want to, then here's a book especially for you. It's guaranteed to expand your genealogical vocabulary, increase your understanding of kinships, and give you some nice little conversation pieces to recite when nobody else can come up with anything. For instance, did you know that 82% of all Americans have at least one ancestral line that's English, Welsh, Scottish, or Irish? That's why it's not surprising, the author says, that **Jimmy Carter** and **Richard Nixon** were sixth cousins, and **George Bush** and **Richard Nixon** tenth cousins once removed. (What a dinner conversation that would open up!) In discussing marriage and divorce, the author also brings out an interesting but little known fact about early days in England when a man wanted to shed his wife. Legally all he had to do was to sell her. The last recorded case of this was in 1832 when a Carlisle farmer accepted 20 shillings and a Newfoundland pup in exchange for his wife. The book also makes it easy to figure out cousinship. It's a matter of sharing. First cousins share a grandparent .. second cousins share a great-grandparent third cousins share a great-great-grandparent ... Got the picture?

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS [Second Edition] by John Grenham. Updated 2000. 6¼" x 9¼" paperback, 396 pp. \$19.95 plus \$3.50 p&h. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, 1-800-296-6687 for phone orders only.

Originally published in 1992, this comprehensive guide on Irish genealogy has been updated and revised to include an expanded account of Northern Ireland repositories and a better description of the holdings of the Latter Day Saints' Family History Library. Another significant addition is a 150-page list of copies of all Roman Catholic parish records that can be found in the National Library of Ireland, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, the LDS Family History Library, and in local Irish Heritage Centers. This county-by-county and church-by-church list gives the dates, locations, and formats of all existing copies of baptism, marriage, and burial records. All are keyed to parish and county maps. In his prefatory remarks, the author notes that very little original archive material is actually searchable on the Internet as yet. He says the single most useful resource at the moment is the National Archives of Ireland database index to Irish transportation records at <http://www.kst.dit.ie/nat-arch/>. The largest on-line guide for specifically Irish material is part of the *Irish Times* site at <http://www.irish-times.com/ancestor>.

THE RESEARCHER'S GUIDE TO AMERICAN GENEALOGY [Third Edition] by Val D. Greenwood. 2000. 6¼" x 9¼" semi-hardcover, 676 pp. \$29.95 plus \$3.50 p&h. Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897, 1-800-296-6687 for phone orders only.

Genealogists can thank the Internet and CD-ROMs for inspiring this third version of the book considered by many to be the best "how-to" text ever written on genealogy. The arrival of those two technological developments on the genealogy scene has opened up exciting prospects for those willing to learn to use them and deal with their inadequacies, the author says, and then goes on to explain how to make the best use of your computer for genealogy purposes. Included in the chapter is a glossary of Internet terms plus a number of useful URLs (Uniform Resource Locators, which is computerese for "address"). **Mr. Greenwood** makes the point that the Internet, while a valuable and useful resource, is no more than that. "We would be very foolish to ignore it, but we would also be foolish to think that it -- and any databases that we may find through its use -- are more than they really are. They are useful because they open new vistas of possibility, but they prove nothing." In the third chapter, "Analyzing the Pedigree and the Place," he gives a glimpse of some of the sources now available as part of the LDS's FamilySearch Internet Genealogy Service which he believes are indispensable to a preliminary survey of research already done on your ancestral families. Another new chapter in the book illustrates how understanding some of the legal issues relating to women's property rights can help you in your research. Among other changes you'll find an update of census information that includes 1920 enumerations and a rewrite on the matter of evaluating evidence, illustrated with various examples. In addition to the new information, this third edition retains its valuable discussions on records and how to use them. The discussions range from scrutinizing old newspapers to delving into all kinds of court records, military records, church records, cemetery and burial records, etc. You'll also find a chapter that tells how to go about finding the home of your immigrant ancestor. It is little wonder that many researchers say if you can afford to buy only one book on American genealogy, this is it.

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UNION COUNTY SCHOOLDAY MEMORIES by Bonnie Heiskell Peters. 1999. 9" x 12" hardcover, 394 pp. including full-name index. \$49 plus \$6 s&h. Order from author at 3212 Curtis Lane, Knoxville, TN 37918-4003, phone (865) 687-3842

Some 600 photographs comprise this visual history of elementary schools in operation from the mid-1800s to the 1960s in Union Co., Tenn., and nearby counties. Some of the schools existed before Union County's formation in 1850, and some were located across county lines and attended by Union County children who walked or canoed to class. Research for the book identified a total of 102 schools, some of which were singing and/or writing schools. The illustrations, which include school groups, teachers, individuals, and buildings, are arranged by alphabetical order. Among the oldest photographs in the book is one taken in about 1895 of students and teachers at Liberty Academy which is said to have been in operation as a Knox County school before Union County was formed. Another vintage photo is that of the Cox Singing School in 1896 which was located in the Meltabarger community. While the author states that hers is "a picture book -- pure and simple," insertions here and there of individual school histories plus an interesting overview by the author add much to the presentation. A valuable contribution to researchers is a 20-page list of teachers, the schools where they taught, and the years they taught. The book is dedicated to a former Union County teacher, 92-year old **Winnie Palmer McDonald**.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES STARR, SR., & SUSIE 'SUKIE' MAUGH, "ANI-YUN-WI-YA." by Sandi Garrett. 1999. 5½" x 8½" paperback. 44 pp. with full-name index. \$12 postpaid. Cherokee Woman Publishing, P.O. Box 48, Spavinaw, OK 74366, e-mail cwydrw@sstelco.com

This is the author's second and final book on the descendants of **James Starr, Sr.**, who had three wives and 21 children. An earlier book, *Descendants of James Starr, Sr., and Nellie Maugh*, dealt with the children of his first marriage. Getting the right children with the right mother was no doubt quite a challenge since Cherokees of that time period frequently took different surnames as a safety precaution. In the turmoil that followed the signing of the Treaty of 1835, a number of prominent Cherokee leaders were assassinated by other members of the tribe. **James** was executed by a company of 16 armed men who came to his home on 9 Nov 1845. He and his second wife, **Susie** (a sister of his first wife **Nellie**) had eight children. **Mrs. Garrett** identifies them as **Thomas, Bean, James, William, Ellis 'Creek,' John, Ezekial, and Pauline "Polly" Starr**. Some of their descendants are identified to the fifth generation, and rolls or census numbers are included where possible. **Starr** had only one child, **Nancy**, by his third wife, **Sallie "Acorn" Bacon**. **James** was one of 12 children born to **Caleb Starr** and **Nancy Harlan**, and the author in her introduction states that she plans to research each child, along with his/her spouse, and descendants for at least five generations. She invites her readers to visit her web page at <http://www.angelfire.com/ok3/cherokeewoman>

COLONIAL FAMILIES OF SURRY & ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTIES, VA., VOL. 3 compiled by John A. Brayton. 1999. 6"x9" paperback, 78 pp. with full-name index. Printed by Cain Lithographers, Inc., Jackson, Miss. Sponsored by The Order of First Families of North Carolina. \$10 postpaid from John Brayton, 1503 Union Ave., Ste. 220, Memphis, TN 38104

This small volume contains the verbatim court orders of Isle of Wight County from Oct 1693 to May 1695. While the orders have been previously abstracted by another researcher, **John Brayton** decided they were worthy of transcribing. He even goes so far as to add the script (and superscript) idiosyncracies typical of the day and is careful to retain the creative spelling found in the original court orders. The text -- sprinkled with Latin phrases and unusual abbreviations, all of which the author kindly translates -- gives a taste of the court process as well as everyday life in Colonial America during the late 17th century. His list of words regularly abbreviated in the text explains, for instance, that "acon" stands for "action," and "tobo." means tobacco, etc. These keys provide entry to some interesting glimpses of the era. There was the case, for instance, involving the outspoken widow **Susanna Callaway** who was jailed for "misbe= having herselfe in raillery & reflections." It seems that Capt. **Hugh Campbell**, who frequently appeared in court in various capacities, was required to make an oath in court during one such appearance. This aroused indignation on **Susanna's** part, and she blurted out, "What's a Scotchman's oath good for?" For this brazen remark (and possibly because of the court's leanings), **Widow Callaway** was committed to the sheriff until such time as she gave bond and security for her future good behaviour. Then there was **Anne Davis**, the late **Anne Mathews**, who is described in the court records as "a very auintient Woman." It seems that her husband, **Tho. Davis**, was taking "noe care of Her susteynance." The court ordered **Tho.** to be taken into custody until he gave bond and took some course of action to provide for her, stating that it was "an absolute necessity to take all speedy care for ye Woman's preser-/vation." These and other events (like one **Martin Dennett's** theft of unmentionables from **Mrs. Mildred Harris**) add up to a fascinating read. The book was sponsored and underwritten by the Order of First Families of North Carolina who felt these records would provide an important genealogical research link because many of eastern North Carolina's early colonists came from Isle of Wight. ■

Which Henderson Was the County Named For?

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Which **James Henderson** was Henderson County named for?

Historians can't seem to agree. Some say it was for **James Henderson**, "a North Carolinian of Revolutionary fame."¹ Others say it was for **James Henderson** who commanded Tennessee troops preceding the Battle of New Orleans and was a staff officer to **Andrew Jackson** in the Creek and Natchez campaigns.²

Perhaps the strongest clue is found in the act passed by the Tennessee General Assembly on 7 Nov 1821 creating Henderson County from part of Stewart County. It stated that the new county was to be "called and known by the name of Henderson County in honor of and to perpetuate the memory of Colonel James Henderson."

The word "Colonel" is the key.

There was a **James Henderson**, who lived in Guilford County, N.C., and was drawing a pension in 1835 for his Revolutionary War service, but he was a private in the militia. Another **James Henderson**, who lived in Lincoln Co., N. C., in the Revolutionary War era, was not a soldier but a patriot and strong supporter of the Cause for Independence. He would have been about 46 years old when the Revolution started -- a bit too old for service at that time. However, this particular **James** had a son -- **Col. James Henderson** -- who as a company commander of Tennessee troops was killed in a skirmish in 1814 shortly before the Battle of New Orleans .

Some say the naming of the county was influenced by early settlers who had served under **Col. Henderson** in the Natchez Expedition and the War of 1812. One was alleged to have been **Major John Harmon**, who surveyed and laid out Henderson's county seat town of Lexington.

Col. Henderson was born 5 Jul 1775 in the area of North Carolina then known as Lincoln County. His parents lived on the South Fork of the Catawba River in a settlement that became known as Henderson Shoals.³ His parents, **James, Sr.**, (b. ca. 1730 in Va. or Pa.) and **Violet/Vilet Lawson**,⁴ (b. 1738 in Lunenburg Co., Va.), were among the first settlers of the area. **James, Sr.**, was a large landowner and operated one of the first grist mills in the area.

James II was the fifth of eight children born to the couple. The others were:

- **John Henderson** - b. ca. 1765; d. 1828 in Rutherford Co., Tenn. Married 18 Sep 1810 to **Sarah McEwen**⁵ who later m. **William Vaulx**. John had no children.
- **Mary Henderson** - b. ca. 1769; m. **John Patterson** who is believed to have been living in Rutherford Co., N.C., in 1820. **Mary** d. in North Carolina before Dec 1833; had seven children.
- **Martha "Patsey" Henderson** - b. ca. 1771, m. **James McCoy**, d. before Dec 1833, probably N.C.; had six children
- **Lawson Henderson** - b. 1774; life-long resident of N.C. Known as "Major" Lawson Henderson. Was Lincoln Co. sheriff (1796-1801), Superior Court clerk (1807-1837). Married **Elizabeth Carruth** (1783-1849), and they had 14 children. Their fifth child, **James Pinckney Henderson** (1808-1858) was Texas' first governor and served as its U.S. senator in 1857-58. **Lawson** d. in 1843
- **William Henderson** - b. 1776, m. **Mary Gibson**, d. intestate in Rutherford Co., Tenn., in 1822. His brother, **Logan Henderson**, was appointed administrator of his estate and guardian of his nine children.
- **Catrin/Katharine Henderson** - b. 15 Aug 1781, m. **William Logan** (1774-1823), son of **James Logan** and **Mary Mitchell** of Rutherford Co., N.C. Died at age 43 in 1824 and is buried in Logan/Henderson Cemetery in Rutherford Co., Tenn., along with her husband and mother.⁶ **Capt. William Mitchell Logan**, oldest of **Katharine** and **William**'s eight children, commanded a company at the Battle of San Jacinto, and later became first sheriff of Liberty Co., Tex., where a monument was erected in his honor in the town square.

¹ **Goodspeed's History of Tennessee** (published 1887); **H. J. Bolen: Henderson County's History** (1922); **Auburn Powers: History of Henderson County** (1930); **W. V. Barry** in introduction to *Lexington Progress* (1995)

² **Riley Darnell: Tennessee Bluebook, 1796-1996, Bicentennial Edition**; **G. Tillman Stewart: History of Henderson County**, Memphis State University series (1979); **W. C. Crooks, "Henderson County," Tennessee Encyclopedia of History & Culture**, published by Tennessee Historical Society (1998); **Sophie and Paul Crane: Tennessee Taproots**, Hillsboro Press, Franklin, Tenn. (1996)

³ Today it is known as McAdenville and is in Gaston County

⁴ Her parents were **Hugh Lawson** (ca. 1697-1772) and **Mary Moore**. **James, Sr.**, and **Violet** married before 20 Sep 1764, the date of her father's will in which **James** is named as a son-in-law.

⁵ *Marriage Records Rutherford Co., Tenn., 1804-1850*, published by Col. Hardy Murfree D.A.R. Chapter, Murfreesboro

⁶ The cemetery is located 1.6 miles east of the Riggs Crossroads historical marker at the intersection of Highway 31-A and O.C. Floyd Road. It is on the farm of **Mrs. Reba Jackson**, who lives in Murfreesboro.

- **Logan Henderson** - b. 1784, m. in 1806 in Lincoln Co., N.C., to **Margaret Ewart Johnston** (1789-1863), daughter of **Col. James Johnston** and wife **Jane Ewart**. Moved to Rutherford Co., Tenn., ca. 1818 and died there 8 Dec 1846. Had three known children. His oldest daughter, **Violet Cecelia Henderson** (1809-1835) m. **William F. Lytle, Jr.** (1805-1863). After her death, **Lytle** m. her first cousin, **Mary Patterson Logan** (1818-1841), daughter of **William** and **Katherine [Henderson] Logan**.

James, Sr., died in 1795 and is buried in an unmarked grave across from present-day McAdenville, N.C., on a high bluff in a walled cemetery.⁷

About a year later, **James II** married **Margaret Dickson**, whose father **Col. Joseph Dickson** was one of the heroes of the battle of Kings Mountain.⁸ Her family's homestead was in Lincoln County about two miles northwest of present day Mount Holly, N.C. On 27 Dec 1803, her father sold his 1200-acre plantation there and moved to newly formed Rutherford Co., Tenn. It is believed to have been about this time that **James, Margaret**, and their children, along with neighboring families, also migrated to Tennessee and settled in Rutherford County.

James and Margaret had eight children:

1. **Violet L. Henderson** - m. **Dr. Elam Henderson**
2. **James Lawson Henderson**
3. **Martha Logan Henderson** - m. **George W. Becton** on 30 Apr 1833
4. **Isabella Smith Henderson**
5. **Matilda Bedford Henderson** - m. **John N. McMairy** on 8 Jan 1834.
6. **Margaret Barry Henderson** - b. 1801, m. **Daniel McKissick** on 5 Mar 1822
7. **Mary "Polly" Patterson Henderson** - b. 1802, m. **Levi Wade** on 8 Jan 1828
8. **Elizabeth G. Henderson** - m. **Robert C. Thompson** on 16 May 1820, d. before 3 Dec 1833

Rutherford County land records⁹ show **James** bought 550 acres from **Edmond Harris** on 7 Oct 1806. The land was part of the original tract in a patent issued to **Howell Tatum** on 6 Dec 1797. **Henderson** deeded 305 acres of this land to his brother **John** a week later. In July 1810 **James** took possession of 83 acres on Overall's Creek on Stones River which had been assigned to him by **Solomon Karr**, North Carolina soldier.¹⁰

His land transactions dwindled off, however, as his military career began to take more and more of his time.

Tennessee had patterned its militia on North Carolina's, passing legislation in 1803 under which each county had its own separate militia regiment which was divided into Captain's companies. The first regiment designated in Rutherford County was known as the 2nd Regiment. On 28 Jul 1807, **James Henderson** was named captain of the Cavalry Regiment, 5th Brigade.¹¹ With the British threatening and the Creek Indians growing more and more restless, Congress passed an act on 30 May 1808 authorizing the state of Tennessee to "arm, equip, and hold in readiness to march at a moment's notice" its portion of 100,000 militia men. At a meeting in Nashville on 16 Jan 1809, **Capt. James Henderson** of the 2nd Division of the Tennessee militia presented a roll of the volunteer cavalry with a tender of its services to **Andrew Jackson**, who as major general of the militia was presiding over the meeting. **Henderson's** list consisted of a total of 40 men, including five officers.¹²

On 29 Aug 1810 **James** was commissioned a lieutenant-colonel in command of Rutherford County's 2nd Regiment. A little over a year later, on 23 Dec 1811, **Henderson** wrote **Jackson** offering volunteers from the 2nd Regiment for service. The *Nashville Democratic Clarion* in its issue of 7 Jan 1812 said it was calculated that the 2nd Division of Tennessee would turn out an effective force of about 3,000 volunteers. "We understand that in **Col. Henderson's** regiment, **Major Hubbard**, an officer of the Revolution, has formed a military school which he conducts with great honor to himself and advantage to those who seek his instruction." On 19 Mar 1812 **Henderson** reported that volunteers had been organized in the 4th Brigade.

⁷ **Violet**, who migrated with her children to Tennessee, died in 1812 and was buried in the Logan-Henderson Cemetery described above.

⁸ **Dickson** was Lincoln County clerk for 10 years, a senator for the county from 1788-1795, a general in the state militia, and a member of Congress from 1799-1801.

⁹ **Wray, Henry G.**: *Rutherford Co. Deed Abstracts, Vol. 1, 1804-1810*, Deed Book B, No. 218

¹⁰ *Rutherford Co. Deed Book H*, p. 164 (microfilm roll 110).

¹¹ **Moore, Mrs. John Trotwood**: *Record of Commissioners of Officers of the Tennessee Militia, 1796-1811, Vol. 1*, published by Tennessee Historical Commission, Williams Printing Co., Nashville, 1947

¹² Unfortunately, the names of the 40 men are not listed in the *Nashville Democratic Clarion's* story about the meeting in its issue of 24 Jan 1809 nor in **Moser, McPherson & Bryan's** book, *The Papers of Andrew Jackson, Vol. II, 1804-1813*. It is not known if the list still exists.

A week later, on 25 Mar 1812, **Jackson** instructed **Gen. John Coffee** to issue an immediate order to **Henderson** and **Col. William W. Searcy** of the Rutherford County militia to march their volunteers to the relief of the southern frontier where the Creeks reportedly had killed 25 families on Bradshaw's Creek of the Elk River.¹³ They were to rendezvous at Phillips' horse mill [believed in Williamson County] and proceed to Fishing Ford on the Duck River about 20 miles down river from Shelbyville. However, the report proved untrue, and the men returned home.

On 18 June 1812, Congress formally declared war against Britain, and in October the Tennesseans were called out again. This time **President James Madison** -- with the intention of invading West Florida -- called on **Tennessee Gov. Willie Blount** for 1,500 volunteers from Middle Tennessee to reinforce **General Wilkinson** at New Orleans. **Jackson** assumed command of the Tennessee volunteers -- who actually numbered 2,070 -- and **James Henderson** was appointed brigade quartermaster for what became known as "the Natchez Expedition."

The soldiers traveled in mid-winter to Natchez. Entries in **Jackson's** papers¹⁴ show he directed **Henderson** on 6 Jan 1813 to obtain a supply of tents and on 15 Mar to turn 25 boats over to the assistant deputy quartermaster. During this interval, Congress refused to approve a West Florida invasion and Secretary of War **John Armstrong** ordered **Jackson** to disband his troops in Natchez and return home. **Jackson** refused to leave his men on their own that far from home, and led them back to Nashville along the Natchez Trace -- an estimated 800 miles -- before dismissing them from service. He is said to have walked the entire distance so that his horses would be available for transporting the sick.¹⁵

By mid-September, with alarm over difficulties with the Creeks spreading in southern Tennessee, the Mississippi Territory, and West Georgia, the federal government again called for volunteers and detached state and territorial militias into service. **Jackson** called out the Tennesseans who had accompanied him on the Natchez Expedition. On 4 Oct, **Henderson** wrote **Jackson** asking for an infantry command.¹⁶

In late 1814, after successful campaigns against the Creeks and later the British in the Southeast, **Jackson** -- now a major-general in the U.S. Army -- took command of American forces at New Orleans where the British had assembled an armada of more than 50 ships and 10,000 troops led by **Sir Edward Pakenham**. Three miles below the city near the Chalmette Plantation was the Rodriguez Canal, a dry, wide ditch which was the narrowest strip of solid land between the British camps and New Orleans. Here **Jackson** and his men built a fortified mud rampart almost a mile long. On its right was the Mississippi River and on its left was a cypress swamp.¹⁷ On 28 Dec, as **British General Samuel Gibbs** and his men approached the American defenses, a detachment led by **Col. Robert Rennie** advanced through the woods to within 200 yards of where **Gen. William Carroll**¹⁸ and **Col. James Henderson** were posted with the Tennessee militia men. Seeing the maneuver, **Carroll** dispatched **Henderson** with 200 Tennesseans to counter **Rennie's** move.¹⁹ They were to skirt the swamp, get to the back of **Rennie's** troops, and then cut obliquely to the right to cut them off from the main body. But the British, posted behind a fence and nearly hidden by grass and weeds, spotted the Americans as they emerged from the woods and opened heavy fire. **Henderson** and five of his men fell dead, and several others were wounded. It was the only British success of the day, and it marked the sad end of a gallant Tennessee colonel who had served his country well.

Gen. Andrew Jackson, in a 45-page handwritten account of the skirmish, stated:²⁰

"Gen'l. Coffee was ordered to push a detachment from his brigade and attack the enemy in the flank. In the meantime,



¹³ Many believed the Indians' restlessness was being incited by the British and the Spanish. [Folmsbee, Corlew, Mitchell: *History of Tennessee, Vol. I*, Lewis Historical Publishing Co., New York 1960, p. 256-257]

¹⁴ Moser, McPherson & Bryan, op. cit., p. 294

¹⁵ It was this "tough as hickory" spirit that earned Jackson the nickname of "Old Hickory" and endeared him to his men

¹⁶ Moser, McPherson & Bryan, op. cit., p. 586

¹⁷ A. Wilson Greene, "The Battle of New Orleans," *Historic Traveler*, March 1998

¹⁸ When **Jackson** became a major-general in the regular Army, **Carroll** succeeded him as chief officer of the state militia.

¹⁹ **Samuel Carter**: *Blaze of Glory, the Fight for New Orleans*, St. Martin's Press, New York (1971)

²⁰ **Robert V. Remini**: "Andrew Jackson's Account of the Battle of New Orleans," *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 2, Spring 1967

Gen'l. Carroll ordered a detachment under Col. Henderson to cross the line of Defence, skirt the swamp, and dislodge the enemy. Henderson formed his men in the open plain and fell by the first fire of the enemy with two others. . . . Col. Henderson died bravely but very imprudently. If he was pursuing his orders, the order was imprudent, to form in a plain exposed to an enemy under cover when he could have reached the enemy under cover of the shrubbery of the swamp. Gen. Carroll states his [Henderson's] formation was contrary to instructions."

Fifteen days later in the Battle of New Orleans, Jackson and his men -- though outnumbered 2 to 1 -- thoroughly defeated the British. The battle preserved the United States' claim to the Louisiana Purchase and made Jackson a national hero.

Some months later, Col. Henderson's estate was probated in Rutherford Co., Tenn., and his brother John served as administrator. Military records show the colonel was entitled to pay and subsistence for one month and 15 days along with forage for two horses, pay and subsistence for one private servant (not a soldier) from 13 Nov 1814 to 13 May 1815, and for clothing. In all, his estate was reimbursed by a total of \$262.52.

James' widow Margaret received a \$30 monthly pension for five years under the Pension Act of 1816, and 160 acres of bounty land under the Act of 1850. She submitted an affidavit on 20 May 1853 for a pension under the Act of 1853 and again was granted \$30 monthly for five years.²¹

Margaret continued to live in Rutherford County until her death in 1854 at age 76.

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Some Inventive Tennesseans of the 1870s

Among patents issued to Tennesseans by the U. S. Patent Office in Washington:

- Collin M. Cowardin, Gardner, Tenn. - sawtooth dresser (1872)
- Wm. T. Bush, Union City - manufacture of soap for shaving, etc. (1872)
- David Fletcher Halliburton, Rutherford Station - car loader (1872)
- Samuel C. Newell and George Bears, Beardstown, Tenn. - peanut picker (1872)
- Mary Ann McComb, administratrix of David McComb, Memphis - method of securing metallic ties around cotton bales (1872)
- Charles B. Knowles, Nashville - car coupling (1872)
- John C. Nelson, Kingston - sawing machine (1872)
- C. C. Conner, Ripley - cotton press (1872)
- Leven S. Goodrich, Waverly - apparatus for feeding blast furnaces (1872)
- James H. Wilson, Brentwood, Tenn. - bridle (1872)
- Theodore M. Schleier, Knoxville - machine for cleaning bricks (1872)
- William P. Walker, Memphis - paddle wheel (1872)
- J. Sturla, Memphis - lemon squeezer (1886)
- J. A. Turley, Cog Hill, Tenn. - car coupling (1886)
- A. L. Ritchey, Nashville - fire place (1886)
- W. M. Cass, Carlock, Tenn. - car brake (1886)
- W. Webb, Bristol, Tenn. - brick machine (1886)■

²¹ Compiled Military Service Record and Federal Pension File for James Henderson, War of 1812, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Fayette County, Tenn., Marriages 1882

Transcribed from Microfilm Roll #15 of Fayette Co., Tenn., Marriage Record Book, Vol. 2, Nov 1881-Aug 1889
Available at Memphis/Shelby County Public Library

Abbreviations: M. G. = Minister of God, J. P. = Justice of the Peace; lic. = license

(Note: Marriages are listed in the order in which they appeared in the record book. Dates are not always chronological.)

<u>Marriage Date</u>	<u>Names of Couple</u>	<u>1882</u>	<u>By Whom Married</u>	<u>Bondsman</u>
1 Apr (lic. issued)	George Smith, Clary Pope		[no return]	J. W. Gillenwater
3 Apr	Jake Warr, Sallie Albright		Rev. Lee Cotton	Archie Brooks
3 Apr (lic. issued)	Isaiah Dougherty, Marry Granberry		[no return]	W. H. Edenton
6 Apr	Augustus Crawford, Georgianna Bobbitt		Fredrick Moorman	Green McNeill
6 Apr	Sam Eubanks, Dora Herndon		R. W. Newsom	J. C. Trotter
8 Mar	E. Whitmore, A. B. Robinson		J. Tucker, J.P.	Henry Maddox
11 Apr	J. M. Norment, Mary J. Sargent		R. V. Taylor	George E. Harvey
20 Apr	George Heaslett, Lizzie Taylor		Titus Brown, M. G.	Ruben Heaslett
1 May	Frank Gardiner, Etta Ellis		John J. Steger, J. P.	E. R. Tatum
20 Apr	John Henry Williams, Roburta Grigg		J. Tucker, J. P.	Bud Maclin
20 Apr	Esau Williams, Margaret Carpenter		Simon Paterson, Bapt.min.	Sam Jackson
22 Apr (lic. issued)	Watson Dean, Ailsie Jones		[no return]	Alfred Wilkins
25 Apr	R. T. Hendrick, Jennie S. Rives		Warren Moore, minister	T. K. Whitthorne
25 Apr	N. B. Nelson, Mollie S. Rives		A. C. Smith, minister	T. K. Whitthorne
26 Apr (lic. issued)	George Sparrow, Jane Anderson		[no return]	Alfred Wilkins
24 Apr	Horace Mathews, Mary Rives		Willie Herrington	Alfred Wilkins
3 May	W. T. Steger, Bettie A. Falls		W. T. Locke, M. G.	E. D. Steger
29 Apr	Alfred Currin, George Ann Seymour		Thomas R. Cocke, J.P.	Henry Seymour
5 May (lic. issued)	John Matthews, Callie Hinley		[not executed]	R. E. Steger
11 May	Willis Williams, Frances Jordan		Peter Douglass, M. G.	E. L. Loveless
18 May	Wm. Gathwright, Phebe Elkin		Peter Douglass, M. G.	E. L. Loveless
9 May (lic. issued)	Daniel Phillips, Alice Alexander		[no return]	Alfred Wilkins
15 May (lic. issued)	M. C. Cloyd, Lucy Baker		[no return]	Louis Lemons
18 May	Peter Young, Jane Whitacer		J. H. Hooks, J.P.	Alfred Wilkins
29 May (lic. issued)	Sam Steward, Mary Jones		[no return]	Tom Grant
27 May	Abe Duke, Evy Polk		Silas Phillips	Alfred Wilkins
22 May (lic. issued)	J. M. Kates, Nina Perry		[no return]	C. C. Moore
1 June	Howard Huskins, Eliza Matthews		J. B. Wall, J.P.	John Cooper
20 May	William Wright, Nancy Harvey		J. H. Hooks, J. P.	Alfred Wilkins
5 Jul	Charles Wilson, Cora Mitchell		Wm. Eldrod, Elder	W. J. Moody
24 May ¹	George Washington, Alice Beasley		Silas Phillips	Jack Beasley
10 June	Charles Washington, Mary Pertile		Joseph Young	W. B. Tatum
12 June	John Wm. Henry Barron, Sallie Moore		J. H. Hooks, J. P.	Alfred Wilkins
9 June (lic. issued)	Robert Dean, Penny Gilliland		[no return]	Stephen J. Cocke
10 June	Calvin Thomas, Ann Dickerson		Peter Douglass, M. G.	Joseph Walton
11 June	J. F. Rodgers, Lee Adams		Charles W. Rich	S. R. Griffin
13 June (lic. issued)	Bob Stewart, Ella Hobbs		[no return]	B. G. Covington
10 Jul	William Falls, Martha Anderson		Wm. Elrod, Elder	Raz Young
18 June	Thomas W. Kennon, Adelia O. Carpenter		John E. Treadwell, pastor	B. G. Covington

¹ The record shows the marriage date as 24 May, and the date the license was issued as 3 June.

From Obituaries of Methodist Ministers 1858-1865 ...

*Genealogical and biographical information abstracted from
Minutes of the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South for the Years 1858-1865
Transcribed by Helen Rowland, 4209 Willow Park Dr., Memphis, TN 38141*

JAMES WILBURN ALLEN: Born 10 Jan 1804 in Virginia. Admitted on probation by the Tennessee Annual Conference in 1822. Traveled Madison, Cypress, Bedford, and Limestone circuits from 1823 to 1826. Stationed in Nashville in 1827, and in Huntsville, Ala., in 1828. Married **Miss Lanier**, a daughter of the **Rev. Wm. Lanier**, on 14 Nov 1827. Unable to do regular work in ministry due to failing health, he wrote many articles for Methodist periodicals and was conferred honorary Master of Arts degree by Transylvania University about 1848. His wife and several grown children died during last few years of his life. A few months before his death, he contracted a second marriage with an amiable lady who was soon called to nurse him in his last illness. He died 1st Oct 1858.

JOSEPH D. ANDREWS: Born 1822 in Giles Co., Tenn. Licensed to preach 6 Sep 1849; was transferred to Arkansas Conference and appointed to Harrison Circuit as junior preacher for 1850 conference year. Served subsequently in Lapeil, Dardanelle, Clarksville, Dover, Augusta, Richland, and Carrolton. After returning home from 1860 conference, was suddenly taken ill and died few days later.

BURNET W. BOND: Admitted to Tennessee Conference on trial in 1857, and appointed junior preacher on Waverly and then Wesley circuits. Ordained deacon in late 1859, and appointed to Marshall Institute Station. In 1860, while stationed at Decatur, Ala., volunteered for Confederate Army and was attached to Third Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers as a private. Was fatally wounded 13 Feb 1862 at Fort Donelson.

DANIEL CARL: Born 6 May 1808 in New York, moved as child with his parents, **Jacob and Phoebe Carl**, to Franklin, Tenn., vicinity. Went to Texas in 1837, and taught school in Washington County. In fall of 1839, admitted on trial in Mississippi Conference, and traveled Montgomery Circuit in Texas until Texas Conference was formed. Was one of first licensed preachers on western frontier, and many stories are told by early settlers of his coolness and courage in danger. While on Victoria District in 1852, married **Miss Martha C. Davidson**. Died 16 Aug 1865 in Victoria County at age 57, leaving his wife and five children. Buried in Victoria Cemetery on banks of Guadalupe River.

MARTIN CLARK: Born 3 Oct 1801 in Patrick Co., Va. Moved at about eight years of age with parents to Williamson Co., Tenn. On 3 Oct 1822, he married **Miss Charity Battle**. In 1824, began preaching locally and in 1841 was admitted on trial to Tennessee Conference. Among first ministers to preach in Texas while it was independent republic, and was first chaplain to Texas Congress. Returning to Tennessee after several months in Austin, he was appointed to Nashville Circuit, then to Mill Creek, the African Church in Nashville, and Lebanon Circuit. Served in regular succession in Mill Creek Circuit, Goose Creek, White's Creek, Spring Hill, Harpeth, South Nashville, Wesley, and Madison Circuit; as presiding elder in Tusculumbia District, Chickasaw, and Sumner; and finally as supernumerary¹ on Mill Creek. In later years, his eyesight became so defective that he required a guide to conduct him safely from point to point on his circuit. He died 25 Feb 1859 after a long illness.

WILLIAM J. COOLEY: Born 18 Oct 1818, licensed to preach in 1844, and admitted on trial in Tennessee Conference at its session in Columbia that fall. Appointments for next few years unknown, but in 1850 his name is found on Wartrace Circuit. From 1851-1854, was supernumerary in succession on Waverly, Wayne, Bellfonte, and Red River circuits. As his health continued to decline, he remained on list of superannuated² ministers until his death 11 Dec 1859. Shortly before his death, he assisted **Rev. M. L. Whitten** at a meeting.

JOHN H. COOPER: Member of Memphis Conference for seven or eight years. Was appointed for second year to Coffeerville Circuit, where he died in spring of 1863 after brief illness. Closest survivors were his mother and two sisters who were living in Middle Tennessee, his wife and child having died earlier.

PRESTON COOPER: Native of Warren Co., Tenn., born 29 Dec [year not given]. In 1827, he joined Methodist Episcopal Church in Alabama under ministry of **Rev. John G. Jones** and was admitted on trial in Mississippi Conference at Tuscaloosa, Ala., in Dec 1828. First appointed to Chickashay, Ala., Circuit in 1829. From 1830-1836 served successively in circuits in Co-

¹ Extra minister subject to call

² Retired on a pension because of age or infirmity

lumbus, Miss.; Marion, Ala.; Saline, La.; Madison, Miss.; Lake Providence, La.; Louisiana District, and Washington Station. In 1836 married **Mrs. Middleton** of Franklin Co., Miss., and over next four years was in Madisonville and Canton, Miss. Traveled Crystal Springs Circuit in 1840. Was assigned to Vicksburg Station in 1841-1842 and remained at his post during yellow fever epidemic which caused hundreds of deaths in a few weeks, passing through it unharmed. From 1843-1855 served at Jackson, Clinton, Raymond, Warren Circuit, Yazoo City; Vernon Circuit, Lexington, and Richland. At Nov 1855 conference, was appointed to Yazoo Circuit but, due to feeble health, was never able to preach again. Died in Jul 1858.

COLEMAN HARWELL CROSS: Born 5 Oct 1833 in Giles Co., Tenn. Was received into Tennessee Conference in fall of 1857 and appointed to Savannah Circuit as junior preacher. In 1858, was appointed to charge of Shoal Circuit and in 1859 was sent to Springfield Station. Declining health compelled him to return to his native Giles County, where he died 9 Aug 1860.

BENJAMIN T. CROUCH: Native of Kentucky, and son of eminent minister of same name. Admitted on trial to Memphis Conference at 1851 Paducah, Ky., session and, after two or three years' service, volunteered as missionary to California. Married there and returned to regular assignments in Memphis Conference. During war, was chaplain to First Tennessee Cavalry Regiment and volunteer aide to **Colonel Jackson**. Accompanied **Major Gen. Van Dorn's** command to Middle Tennessee, where he was placed on **Brig. Gen. Jackson's** staff. Was killed in spring of 1863 while leading regiment in battle at Thompson's Station, and was buried by his companions in cemetery at Spring Hill. Survived by wife and several children.

ALEXANDER R. ERWIN: Born 12 Jan 1820 in Caddo Parish, La., was son of Baptist minister. Mother died when he was seven years old. At 1839 Williamson Co., Tenn., camp meeting, joined Methodist Episcopal Church and was licensed to preach in 1840. Admitted to Tennessee Conference on trial in 1842, and appointed to Madison Circuit. From 1843-1847, he served successively in Limestone Circuit, Wesley, Columbia Station, and Clarksville. In 1848, appointed president of Clarksville Female Academy, occupying this position until 1854 when stationed in Nashville at McKendree charge. In summer of 1855, received D.D. degree from Nashville University. Stationed in Huntsville next two years, and in 1858 was agent for Methodist Publishing House Fund. In 1859, appointed president of Huntsville Female College. Became ill with consumption and worked up until two weeks before his death 10 Jan 1860. Survived by wife **Lou**, and number of children, the three youngest of whom were baptized and received their father's blessing shortly before his death.

JOHN FOUST: Born in Sullivan Co., Tenn., in 1796, was converted in Wilson Co., Tenn., in autumn of 1812 and licensed to exhort in 1824. Two years later, received authority to preach. First account of him in connection with Tennessee Conference is that he served New Lexington Circuit in 1845. At time of his death in spring of 1860, was serving in Alabama Conference.

ROBERTSON GANNAWAY: Born 7 Jul 1780 in Cumberland Co., Va., was licensed to preach at Abingdon District Conference in Jonesboro Circuit on 27 Sep 1823. Joined Holston Conference at Knoxville in 1827, and was sent to New River Circuit as junior preacher with **Goodson McDaniel**. In 1828, traveled New River Circuit under **William Cummings**. In 1829, was superannuated. From 1830-1833, was appointed successively to Jonesboro, Barringer, Blountville, and Abingdon circuits. In 1834, went to Missouri where he remained until Jan 1835. Traveled Marion, Lebanon, and Rogersville circuits for next few years. Took charge of Steward's Hall at Emory and Henry College before returning to Rogersville Circuit in 1838-40. From 1841-1846 successively traveled Marion, Rogersville, Marion, Jefferson, Greenville, Blountville, and Newbern circuits. Was superannuated in fall of 1846. First wife died in Dec 1855. Married **Mrs. Catharine Wygal** in 1857. Died 12 Jan 1859, and was interred at Sulphur Springs with **Rev. John McTeer** preaching his funeral sermon.

ANDREW GASS: Born in May 1792, in Jefferson Co., Tenn., was son of **Samuel** and **Rebecca Gass**. In 1812, married **Mrs. Moziars** by whom he had four children. Licensed to preach by Dandridge Circuit in Sept. 1825. Ordained deacon by **Bishop Soule** in 1829, and an elder by **Bishop Roberts** in 1833. Received into Holston Conference in 1843 and appointed to Sevierville Circuit. Over next 15 years, served Rutledge, Little River, Newport, Clinton, and Dandridge circuits. Following death of his first wife in 1850, he married **Mrs. Wyatt** in 1851. Assigned in 1857 to Franklin, N.C., Circuit and was superannuated in 1858. Died from apoplexy 9 Jul 1859 at his home near New Market and was buried with Masonic honors in Dandridge. **Rev. J. S. Kennedy** preached his funeral sermon.

WILLIAM H. GILLESPIE: Admitted on trial to Memphis Conference in 1850 on recommendation from Ripley Circuit, and appointed to Purdy Circuit. In 1852 traveled Paris Circuit until being transferred in fall to Arkansas Conference for a year. Returned to Memphis Conference and was appointed in 1854 to Holly Springs Station where his health failed. In 1855, was granted supernumerary status and next year, superannuated relation. In 1857, reassigned as supernumerary but in 1859 went to Florida to regain his health. Returning to Tennessee, went to Nashville to prepare himself for practice of medicine; but his powers rapidly failed and he died of brain and lung congestion near Paris, Tenn., 21 Feb 1860.

AARON J. GILMORE: Born 9 Sep 1819, professed religion (along with his twin brother, **Riley**) at protracted meeting held in Eden, Richland Circuit, by **Rev. Gerard Van Buren** ca. 1838/39. Admitted on trial in Tennessee Conference at Gallatin in fall of 1843 and assigned to Madison Circuit. Successively served Bellefonte Circuit, Winchester Station, Salem Circuit, Fayetteville Station, Florence Station, Pulaski Station, and Richland Circuit until his health failed in 1851. Was on supernumerary list for three years. Served on Prospect Circuit in 1854-55 but was forced by ill health to retire at close of year. Died 9 Jul 1858 of pulmonary consumption, leaving wife and two children.

ALFRED M. GOODYKOONTZ: Born 3 Nov 1813 in Montgomery (now Floyd) Co., Va., was brought up in Lutheran Church. At age 19 joined Methodist Episcopal Church and in 1838 was licensed to preach in Baltimore Conference. Later at his request, was transferred to Holston Conference and traveled Jefferson Circuit in Ashe Co., N. C., for part of 1839. For next two years, served in Parisburg and Jasper circuits, and Murphy Mission. Ordained deacon by **Bishop Waugh** at Knoxville in 1842, and traveled Benton Circuit before being ordained elder by **Bishop Morris**. From 1844-46, was successively on Burnsville, Kingsport, and Clinton circuits. During latter assignment, married **Mary A. Kirkpatrick** in 1846. Over next decade, assigned in order to Pikeville Circuit, Tazewell Circuit, Hendersonville, Grayson, Madisonville, and Cleveland, Athens, Maryville, Clinton, and Abingdon circuits. Died 15 Nov 1857 after brief illness.

HUGH B. HAMILTON: Born 18 Nov 1818 in Rutherford Co., Tenn., but was brought up in Jackson Co., Ala. Joined Methodist Episcopal Church at Centre, Ala., campground in his 16th year. Following spring joined a company of volunteers and went to Florida War. Licensed to preach in 1844, and appointed to Little Rock, Ark. In 1846, married **Miss Roberts**, and removed to Texas, where was local preacher for three years. In 1849, after losing his only child, entered East Texas Conference, filling various appointments. During winter of 1854, his wife died and following year he married **Miss Cynthia Brinley**. During 1857-58, he served as church's tract agent in East Texas. At 1858 East Texas conference, was appointed presiding elder of Clarksville District. Died from typhoid fever 5 Dec 1859.

JOHN SUMMERFIELD HARRIS: Born 25 Feb 1831 in Williamson Co., Tenn., was son of **Rev. George W. D. Harris**, D.D., of Memphis Conference. Professed religion at Trenton camp meeting in 1848. Received on probation in Memphis Conference in 1854 and appointed to Belmont Circuit. Traveled Hernando Circuit in 1856, and was ordained deacon by **Bishop Early** at conference in Jackson. In next two years served successively on Brownsville and Wesley circuits. Was ordained elder by **Bishop Paine** at Trenton, and appointed to LaGrange Circuit. After completing work on Carrollville Circuit, died of typhoid fever 15 Aug 1860. His brother, **Rev. W. T. Harris**, received his dying testimony and his father reached his bedside shortly before his death. Was interred in family burying ground in Dyer County.

WILLIAM C. HASKELL: Son of **William T. Haskell** of Tennessee, was admitted on trial in Memphis Conference in fall of 1861 and appointed chaplain to 154th Tennessee Regiment. Exposure to camp life and performance of his duties as chaplain proved too severe and he fell victim to disease which soon reduced him to such a feeble state that it was only with great difficulty that he was able to reach home. Was cared for by his mother and friends at residence of **Rev. D. J. Allen** before his death in 1863.

MOSES MONTGOMERY HENKLE: Native of Virginia, entered ministry at early age and soon rose to eminence. For many years held high rank as preacher, and contributed greatly to literature of church as well as periodical literature of the times. Was member of Tennessee Conference for number of years. Died in 1864 in Richmond, Va., where he had been sent from Baltimore by military authority of federal government. Was more than 60 years old at time of death.

LEWIS G. HICKS: Born 19 Nov 1820 in Tennessee, was received on trial in Tennessee Conference in 1838 and immediately transferred to Alabama Conference. Married **Miss Ellen Douglass** in Alabama and in 1847 was transferred to Kentucky Conference where he was stationed at Nicholasville and Versailles before going to Shannon Circuit in 1848. Then practiced medicine at Bethel in Bath Co., Ky., where he often preached. In 1854 re-entered Kentucky Conference, and spent two years on Minerva Circuit, two at Danville, and two at Winchester. In 1860-1861, was appointed presiding elder of Shelbyville District. Transferred to Louisville Conference and appointed to Jeffersontown Circuit. Settled at Simpsonville, Ky., where he devoted most of his time to medical practice. Died 14 Oct 1864 at Simpsonville, leaving wife and several children.

THOMAS JAMES: Born 19 Oct 1832 in Madison Co., Tenn., was youngest son of **Thomas** and **Nancy James** who migrated to Green Co., Mo., and settled near Ebenezer in fall of 1835. Father died in 1837. Oldest brother was soon licensed to preach, and joined annual conference, leaving him and elder brother to farm and support family. Attended winter sessions of Southwest Missouri High School for several years, working on farm in summer to support his widowed mother. At age 19 was good English scholar and read Latin and Greek with ease. Licensed to preach and admitted to St. Louis Conference on trial in 1852.

Appointed at age 20 to Carthage Circuit where he converted about 240 his first year. Was sent to Mt. Vernon Circuit next year where married **Miss Elizabeth F. Patterson** of Green Co., Mo. Ordained deacon by **Bishop Kavanaugh** on 1 Oct 1854 and appointed to Osceola Circuit and then Fredericktown Circuit. Ordained elder by **Bishop Andrew** in Sep 1857 and assigned to Ozark Circuit. Preached his last sermon at his second quarterly meeting where he was immediately taken ill and died in 1858.

WILLIAM JARAD: Converted at Paran Camp Ground in Overton Co., Tenn., joined Tennessee Conference, and labored efficiently for a few years. Because of ill health, requested supernumerary relation, which he sustained for more than 18 years, laboring to extent of his abilities largely in Carthage District. Suffered for many years from lung infection. Died in Oct 1861.

NATHAN S. JOHNSTON: Born in Maury Co., Tenn., in 1802, licensed to preach in 1824 and received into Kentucky Conference on trial in 1826. Traveled 10 years before being transferred to Tennessee Conference where he traveled seven years. In 1852 migrated to Texas and admitted into East Texas Conference. Died from pneumonia in Dangerfield, Tex., 4 Nov 1860.

DANIEL H. JONES: Born 25 Dec 1813, joined Methodist Episcopal Church in 1832. Licensed to preach and admitted on trial in Tennessee Conference in 1838. Was in ministry for about 30 years before his death 19 Aug 1863.

JOHN W. JUDD: Born 8 Feb 1812 in Brunswick Co., Va., migrated at early age to Sumner Co., Tenn. Licensed as local preacher before being by Tennessee Conference in 1855 and appointed to Carthage Circuit. Sent to the Woodbury Circuit in 1856 and to Lebanon Circuit in 1857. Was reported critically ill in 1858 but recovered and was sent to Tullahoma Circuit in 1859 where he greatly endeared himself to his people and improved circuit's spiritual and financial condition. Died 10 Feb 1861 after long and painful illness.

JOHN KELLEY: Born 25 Jan 1802 in Wilson Co., Tenn., was son of **Dennis** and **Elizabeth Kelley**. Licensed to preach 18 Oct 1821 and admitted on trial in traveling connection in Nov 1821. Appointed to Knox Circuit and then Beech River Circuit. In fall of 1823, was ordained deacon by **Bishop George** at Huntsville, Ala., and sent to Carter's Valley Circuit in East Tennessee where 450 new members were added to church. In 1824, sent to Giles Circuit in Western Virginia, and the following fall was ordained elder by **Bishop Soule** and sent to Greenville Circuit, where several hundred joined church and then to Hiwassee Circuit. Volunteered to go to Missouri Conference, and from 1827-1831 traveled successively White River and Hot Springs circuits in Arkansas, Cape Girardeau Circuit in Missouri, and Washington Circuit in Arkansas. In 1831 transferred back to Tennessee Conference, and assigned in succession to Smith's Fork, Caney Fork, and Lebanon circuits. On 25 Jan 1832 married **Miss Lavinia Campbell**. Then served on Fountain Head, Mill Creek, and Sumner circuits plus various other appointments before taking supernumerary relation in 1848 because of declining health. Died 16 May 1864.

JOSHUA J. KENNEDY: Born 29 Jan 1836 in Tipton Co., Tenn., moved with parents to Arkansas in 1846. Joined Methodist Church at Pump Spring campground in 1853 and was licensed to preach in 1854. Admitted to Wachita Conference and sent to Dallas Mission in 1855, Mount Ida Circuit in 1856, and Warren Circuit in 1858. In 1859 he married **Miss T. C. Harris** of Sevier Co., Ark., and was reappointed to Mount Ida Mission. Died suddenly 26 Mar 1859.

ISAAC NEWTON MANLY: Received on trial in Memphis Conference at Jackson, Tenn., 4 Nov 1840. After filling 11 regular Conference appointments, took superannuated relation in Nov 1850 because of failing health. In 1854 removed to Texas hoping to regain his health, and labored in that frontier country to full extent of his ability until his death 30 Jul 1859.

SAMUEL A. MILLER: Born in Washington Co., Tenn., where he was converted, joined church, and was licensed to preach. In fall of 1836, was received on trial in Holston Conference, and traveled 11 years. In 1847, married **Miss Walls** of Hancock Co., Tenn., and at end of Conference year located and remained in local ranks for 14 years, four of which were in pastoral work in Rogersville District. Readmitted to itinerant work as member of Holston Conference in 1861 and appointed to Kingsport Circuit for one year and then assigned to Jonesville Circuit. Was stricken by typhoid fever, and spent his last days at home of **William Carnes** in Lee Co., Va., where he died 11 Jan 1863 after three weeks' illness. Was survived by one daughter, his wife and several other children having died a few years earlier.

CHARLES MITCHELL: Born 28 Feb 1814 in Smyth Co., Va.; joined church in his youth. Licensed to preach in 1847 and was employed by Wytheville District presiding elders to travel from 1849-1851. Joined Holston Conference on trial in fall of 1851, was ordained a deacon by **Bishop Andrew** same year, and in 1856 was ordained an elder by **Bishop Early**. Despite more than two years of declining health, he continued to travel and preach until a few weeks before his death 16 June 1858. Survived by wife and several children.

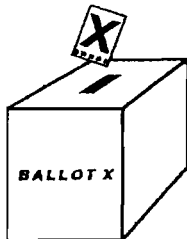
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Tennessee Assembly Names Precincts for 1832 Election

If you were a qualified voter in Tennessee in 1832, where would you go to cast your ballot?

Chances are, it would have been at a neighbor's house.

With an eye to the upcoming elections in which Tennesseans would be casting their ballots for a governor, U. S. Congressmen, state legislators, convention delegates, and electors for the U. S. president and vice president, the Tennessee General Assembly established voting precincts in the following counties:



- ♦ GRAINGER CO. - the house of **Robert Huddleston**
- ♦ WILLIAMSON CO. - the house of **Ephraim Brown**; the house of **Robert Sayre**; the house of **___ Holland** in Hillsborough; the store house of **Brockenburgh Andrews** in Snatchet
- ♦ DAVIDSON CO. - the house of **Dennis Dozier**; the house of **Absalom Gleaves**
- ♦ LINCOLN CO. - **Stone's** store on the west fork of Norris' Creek; **Holman's** Store
- ♦ SMITH CO. - the house of **Daniel Bratton**
- ♦ WARREN CO. - the house of **John Pendleton**
- ♦ WILSON CO. - the store house at Halifax belonging to **James Somers, Esq.**
- ♦ BEDFORD CO. - Chapel Hill; the house of **Jesse Stegall**
- ♦ JEFFERSON CO. - the house of **William Bratton**
- ♦ STEWART CO. - the house of **John Lea**
- ♦ MARION CO. - the house of **___ McBride, Esq.**
- ♦ OBION CO. - the house of **Richard T. Meriwether**
- ♦ HAWKINS CO. - **John Green's** and **Ezekiel Sullivan;** **___ Farmer's**, formerly **Widow Frost's** on the north side of Clinch River
- ♦ GREENE CO. - the house of **Jacob Smith** on Lick Creek
- ♦ DICKSON CO. - the house of **Mrs. Patsey Jones'**
- ♦ RUTHERFORD CO. - the house of **David Patton**
- ♦ HENRY CO. - the Sulphur Well
- ♦ GILES CO. - **Shield's** store
- ♦ PERRY CO. - the houses of **Samuel Story, John C. Menzie, Stephen Stricklin, James C. Gullock, William O. Gwin,** and at **Kirk's** mills

Washington Family Plans Annual Reunion

The annual Washington family will be held Saturday, 16 September, at the new Cooke Memorial Baptist Church's Family Living Center in Pontotoc Co., Miss. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until late afternoon, according to **Mrs. Pauline Washington**, Memphis.

She requests that family members who are available Friday afternoon come to the center and help set up and arrange displays for the meeting. ■

From Confederate Files --

Edwin Drake of Franklin County Is Awarded Civil War Pension

Confederate veteran **Edwin L. Drake** of Winchester, Franklin Co., Tenn., was awarded a soldier's pension after filing Application #9851 on 27 Jan 1908.

Born in Fayetteville, Lincoln Co., Tenn., on 23 Sep 1840, he enlisted in Co. K of the 2nd Tennessee Regiment on 2 May 1861 and served under **Cpts. H. Bate** and **J. C. Thompson**. A medical doctor, he was commissioned a lieutenant in **Bate's** regiment and was made lieutenant-colonel when Tennessee Infantry regiments were consolidated. **Drake** was in the battles of Aequia Creek, Va., 1st Manassas, Shiloh, Corinth, Richmond, Ky., Stone's River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, and Dalton. He was wounded at Peach Tree Creek and also at Bentenville, N.C. At Shiloh he suffered a bullet wound in the right hipbone, and **Dr. Ashford**, regimental surgeon, extracted the bullet in the field. **Drake** was hospitalized at Burnsville, Miss. At Chickamauga, he sustained a hearing loss due to the bursting of a shell near his head and also suffered a crippled hand.

Drake was discharged at Greensboro, N.C., in May 1865 following the general surrender.

When he filed his pension application, he was a widower and had two single daughters living with him. He had two other daughters (one married), and a son who was in the Marines. **Drake** stated in his application that he had no real or personal property except some worthless stock in a Maryland company and "an invention in the post office but it has not moved." He said he had been unable to support his family for the last five years because of his wartime injuries.

Statements confirming **Drake's** incapacity were signed by **Dr. J. W. Grissard**, physician; **L. W. Jernigan**, and **M. L. McDowell**, witnesses. Statements regarding **Drake's** military service were signed 29 Jan 1908 by **James W. Blackmore**, **Charles B. Rogan**, and **John F. Blue** of Gallatin. ■

Hall Family Has 1889 Reunion

About 1,000 descendants of the late **Thomas Hall** were to attend a family gathering in Knox County in the fall of 1889, according to *The Knoxville Sentinel* of 23 August.

Hall settled on the old homestead in the Seventh District of Knox County, seven miles from Knoxville on the Jacksboro pike, in 1797. He was the grandfather of **James S. Hall**, late of Hall & Booke. At the time of the reunion, the old residence and farm were occupied by **Hugh Stormer** who married into the **Hall** family.

Three generations of **Halls** were buried in the cemetery on the old homeplace.

Among arrivals from other states were **M. L. Hall** and family of Clinton township, Sidney, O., and **John L. Hall** of Sedalia, Mo., who was making his first trip back to East Tennessee in 40 years. ■



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Here is my Tennessee-related free query for the coming year:

Mail to : Tennessee Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 247, Brunswick, TN 38014-0247

SMITH, DAUS/DOSS: Who were parents of Wright Smith and wife Margaret Peggy Daus/Doss? Wright b. 1801 and Margaret 1814, both in Tenn. Wright d. 1877.

Glendel W. Peddy, R.R. 1, Box 30 B, Sullivan, IL 61951-9708

FORTUNE, ROBINSON: Tolbert Clay Fortune (10 Oct 1881-Mar 1963) m. Minnie Lou Robinson. Both buried in Eureka Cemetery, McNairy Co. Was he son of Albert G. Fortune or of Albert Gallation Fortune (uncle and nephew)?

Joan Vickers, 110 Pine Meadows Loop, Hot Springs, AR 71901-8228

RESEARCHING Smedley and Barefoot families any place in Tenn. Also Norman, Welch, and Neel lines in Middle Tenn.

Betty N. McDougald, 9718 Moorberry, Houston, TX 77080-5223

JEANES, SPEARS: Seeking info on parents, siblings, children of Thomas Odle Pertle Jeanes (b. 1805 S.C.) and Francis Caroline Spears (b. 1813 Tenn. or S.C.). They m. 30 June 1828 in Lawrence Co., Ala., migrated to Tippah Co., Miss., and possibly to Weakley Co., Tenn., after Civil War.

Ione R. Neal, 10161 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Arlington, TN 38002-9682, e-mail Ionatory@aol.com

ROBERTSON, PARROTT, ROSSON: Seeking descendants of Milly Emmeline Robertson, daughter of Joseph A. Robertson and Margaret Centre Parrott. Milly b. Lawrence Co. 1843, m. Joseph G. Rosson there 24 Jul 1862. In 1880 census had 3 children. May have moved out of state in 1890s.

Olene R. Russell, 18722 E. Oakridge Dr., Claremore, OK 74017-0956

NOAH: Looking for info on Thomas Eugene Noah, supposedly b. 2 Feb 1872 in Morristown, Hamblin Co., son of David Noah. Can't find him in census there.

Elaine P. Simon, 7231 Cedar Rd., Memphis, TN 38135-1937

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NICHOLS: Are Isaac Nichols (b. ca. 1790 Claremont, S.C.) and Joshua L. Nichols (b. ca. 1792 Sumpter Dist., S.C.) brothers? Were their parents Wm. Nichols (Rev. soldier) and Martha Perry Pool? Isaac m. (1) Mary Alice _____, (2) Chaney Cochran in Bedford Co., Tenn., 1826. Joshua m. Mary Elizabeth Cochran about same time and place. Both men d. Marion Co., Ala.

Billie J. Rochevot, 7634 Memphis-Arlington Rd., Bartlett, TN 38135-1945

GOSSETT, BARNHILL: Eliza Ellen Gossett, b. 1820 Ala., m. Wm. Hodge Barnhill ca. 1838, McNairy Co., Tenn. Barnhills moved to La. before 1860. Could Eliza be daughter of Isaac Gossett and wife Mary Pogue of McNairy? Family tradition says Isaac and Mary had daughter named "Liza."

Jean Garren, 2204 W. Moss, West Peoria, IL 61604-5444

LONG, CRAIG: Researching Lemuel Long, Maury Co., who m. (1) Matilda Lawrence, (2) Mary B. Craig, (3) Sachrissa Martin. Mary's uncle Johnston Craig lost 10 acres by loan default. Lemuel bought land and required title be made to John Long [my g-grandfather] and heirs. How were Lemuel and John related? Who were parents of John (1817-1899)?

Mrs. William H. Russell, 318 S. Iron St., Ironton, MO 63650-1403

WILSON: Need birthplace, parents of Rev. William Wilson, b. Apr 1791, m. Amy Halliburton ca. 1809, ordained Methodist minister 1837, d. Nov 1845, buried Concord Cemetery, Gates, Lauderdale Co. May have been pastor of Concord Methodist Church.

R. Burke Wilson, 17111 NE 5th St., Bellevue, WA 98008-4105

RAY: In 1790 Burke Co., N.C., census, Thos. L. Ray, Sr., age 25+, in household with 6 males, 2 females. Need proof he formerly lived and m. in Va., and wife's name (Cecelia?). Listed in 1815 Buncombe Co. court record, then disappears. No death or will record. Could have gone to Va., Tenn., or Coles Co., Ill., where his son (b. 1792) lived and died.

Kirby Ray Whitaker, 44 Sunnybrook Dr., Asheville, NC 28805-9754

WHITE, CRAWFORD: Need proof Silas White m. Mary (Polly) Crawford, daughter of John Crawford, Rev. War soldier and signer of first Tenn. constitution. Lived in Hamilton Co.; is in 1850 Walker Co., Ga., census.

Betty Jean Wolfe, 2051 N. Broadway, Springfield, MO 65803-1507

YOUNG: Seeking info on James R. Calvert whose family lived in Pond Hill area of Niota [McMinn Co.] ca. 1900.

Yvonne Young, 12642 E. 36th St., Yuma, AZ 85367

DIXON: Who were parents and wife of Winton Dixon found in 1840 McMinn Co. census? His daughters were Mary Dixon, who m. Elias Presnell Johnson, and Florence (?).

Dr. Dennis and Mary Ward, 2701 Gaines Rd., Corinth, MS 38835-1500

ROBLEY: What was relationship of Thomas Abner Robley (b. Sept 1800, d. ca. 1880 Hardeman Co.) and John Robley (b. ca. 1790, d. time and place unknown)? Believe John was son of Elizabeth Robley, and husband of Elizabeth Nanney Robley, both of Madison Co.

Ray C. Robley, Jr., 211 Laurel Rd., Linthicum, MD 21090-2144

CARROLL, COX: Who were parents of Delilah Carroll, b. ca 1813 Va.? Apparently moved with family ca. 1830 to Claiborne Co., Tenn., where m. William Cox, son of Aaron and Polly (Hill) Cox, ca. 1834. She d. 26 Jan 1874. Other Carrolls: Augustus, Henry, James, Benjamin, George, and William.

Dorothy Hale Amis, 8730 Ferncliff Ave NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-2940

HARRIS: Seeking ancestors and info on Charlotte Harris, b. Tenn. ca. 1818. She and Wiley Rose obtained marriage license 22 Apr 1825 in Pope, Ill. Charlotte d. 28 Oct 1858 in Elizabethtown, Hardin Co., Ill.

Helen F. Bentley, 365 Verdugo Way, Upland, CA 91786-7141

PUE/PUGH: Would appreciate any info on William H. Pue/Pugh/Pughe who m. Margaret Ann Norville in Crockett Co. on 20 Aug 1880.

Frances W. Thurtell, 341 Martins Cove Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401

HOLDEN, PACE: Seeking info on Eli H. Holden and wife Sarah L. Pace, both b. ca. 1831 Middle Tenn., m. 1850 in Bedford Co. One son, Wm. Charles Holden, b. 1855 Tenn., m. Margaret Rebecca Garst in Ky.

Patrick Holden, 6331 Rue Sophie, San Antonio, TX 78238-1533

BRUTON: Need wife and children of Thomas Bruton, b. ca. 1840, was in Civil War, and afterward said he was going to Mo. His father, Philip Bruton, Bedford Co., b. 1810. In 1850 Bedford census, Phillip's wife was Frances and children were Elizabeth, Thomas Berryman, George W., James B., and Cassioine A. Bruton. George's death certificate shows his mother as Truge Ray. Who were her parents?

Kenneth Bruton, Rt. 2, Box 135-B3, Sherman, TX 75092-9606

CLARKSON: Are you a descendant of Thomas Boston Clarkson? Contact me to exchange info.

Emily Iland, 28848 Woodside Dr., Saugus, CA 91350, emily@C-S.net

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RIDLEY: Seek info on Elias W. Ridley and wife Hannah/Anna listed on 1880 Madison Co. census with 9-year old David. Had 3 other children. In LeFlore Co., Miss., 1900 census. Is Elias related to Matthew Ridley who is in 1860 Henderson Co., Tenn., census?

Carolyn Cunningham, 17128 Randall's Ferry Rd., Norwood, NC 28128

HAMILTON: Who were parents of Jacob C. Hamilton, b. 1832/33 Tenn.? Was his father Jas. H. Hamilton who is in 1850 Independence Co., Ark., census as age 65, b. S.C., living with son Jacob C. Hamilton, 18, b. Tenn.?

Avis Oliver, 559 W. Davis Blvd., Tampa, FL 33606-4037

FAULKNER: Is Capt. John Faulkner who d. 1818 Montgomery Co., Tenn., same person who m. Catherine Wall in Halifax Co., Va.? Children: Wm. A. (m. Diana Burton), David (m. Lucy Burton), Redinna (m. Braxton Wall), Polly (m. Daniel Durham), Sarah "Sally" (m. Joseph McCarty), Martha Patsy (m. Charles J. Jones).

Sharon Smith Sherry, 4121 Glenrose Dr., Garland, TX 75042-4638

TIBBS: Who were parents of James M. "Jimmy" Tibbs who lived in Dickson Co. in 1880? Brother named Ephus. James b. ca. 1847/51, m. (1) Malissa Ragan in Dickson 1869, (2) Rose Green after 1886. His children: George (b. 1876), Leona (b. 1878), Oscar (b. 1880). James (d. 1933).

Linda Campbell, 250 Butler School Ln., Bruceton, TN 38317, e-mail: lcampbel@usit.net

MCDOWELL: Need parents, birthplace of Charley Henry McDowell, b. ca. 1869, d. Haywood Co. 1921. Married Dora Etta Askew, daughter of George U. Askew and Sarah Buckner, Jackson (Madison Co.), Tenn., in 1902

Opal McDowell Keen, 4731 Nail Rd., Olive Branch, MS 38654-1869

TAYLOR, CASEBEER: Need parents, info on Wm. Mitchell Taylor, b. 25 Sep 1804, Franklin Co., N.C., came to Tenn. (county?) with family when young. At age 21 went to Ark., m. 1827 to Nancy Casebeer, b. 1807 Maury Co., Tenn. He d. 11 Dec 1884 in St. Francis Co., Ark. Daughter m. in 1851 to cousin Green Washington Taylor, (b. 1829, Ark.(?)), d. 1868 Cross Co.: Were his parents Noah Taylor and Elizabeth Giles who m. 1816 Livingston Co., Ky., divorced 1829 in St. Francis Co., Ark.?

Wanda Bouchee, 272 Emerald Oak Dr., Galt, CA 95632-2359, e-mail: w-bouchee@softcom.net

PRYOR, SMITH, BATTE: Henry Batte m. Rebecca Smith, daughter of John Smith, in Greenville Co., Va., 24 Dec 1801. Their son, Wm. Batte, m. 28 Feb 1827 in Rutherford Co., Tenn., to Amanda Pryor, daughter of John Hughes Pryor and Mary Smith and granddaughter of Robert Smith and Mary Jarrett. Seeking info on Smiths.

Ora Frankia Story, P.O. Box 607, Meeker, OK 74855-0607

SMITH: Joseph Smith, a Baptist, and wife Ritty (Lee?) lived in Overton Co. in 1832. Children: Pleasant, Elizabeth, James T. (my grandfather), Polly, Margaret, and Wm. Smith. Joseph, from Ky. or Va., moved to Polk Co. ca. 1850. Son Jas. T. Smith in Whitfield Co., Ga., in 1860, served in Confederate army, moved to Jacksonville, Ill. Where did his parents, siblings go?

David E. Smith, 3415 Surrey Lane, Falls Church, VA 22042-3524, e-mail: dsmith21@gis.net

TRAYLOR: Researching Robt. Traylor and unknown wife who both d. before 1846. Humphrey Co. records show Hiram Traylor on 6 Apr 1846 proved his right to guardianship of Robert's orphan heirs: Margaret Ann, Robert, and M. R. Traylor.

Faye Webster, 7822 Ferguson Rd., Dallas, TX 75228-6352

KING: Need family info on Francis King who d. ca. 1820 in Bedford Co. Had 9 children. Daughter Frances m. Edward Easley (b. 1791 S.C.). They were my great-grandparents.

Ruth Easley Branch, P. O. Box 263, Imboden, AR 72434

HILL: Seeking ancestors of Eliza Jane Hill, b. 10 Mar 1827, m. George Wesley Crunk 20 Jan 1846 in Marshall Co., d. 12 Nov 1908, buried Rives-Crunk Cemetery.

Dorothy D. Bates, Central Texas Genealogical Society, 1717 Austin Ave., Waco, TX 76701, FAX: 254-753-2488

DUNN: My g-g-grandfather, Francis "Frank" Dunn (1795-1815) of Claiborne Co., m. (1) Polly Lynch, had 2 children; (2) Elizabeth "Betty" Bolinger, had several children, and (3) Elalita [Eva Talitha] Counts Bolinger, had several more children. One was my g-grandfather, Issac Dunn, b. ca. 1812 Tenn., m. Mary Hicks. Need info on Dunn families.

Martha Shaw, 22902 Trailwood Lane, Tomball, TX 77375-7108, phone (281) 320-1159, mishaw@hal-pc.org

HIGHTOWER: Would appreciate any info about Memphis Law Academy from which John Oldham Hightower (1816-1848), son of Hardy (1779-1851), received his license to practice law in 1830's. Are records available?

Mary M. Griffin, 1602 Russell Ave., Lufkin, TX 75904-4430

GOFORTH, HOPPER: Seek info on Thos. Jefferson Goforth (b. 1846 Ky.) and sister Mahulda/Huldy (b. ca. 1844) who came from Ballard Co., Ky., ca. 1878 to Lauderdale Co., Tenn., and were still there in 1900. Thomas m. (1) Elizara Wicks ca. 1866 Ky., (2) Rhoda Staggs 1868 Ky., (3) Amanda Smith, 1879 Dyer Co., and (4) Josephine Clementine Cannon Allen, 1881 Dyer Co. Family moved to Greene and Craighead Co., Ark., ca. 1902. Mahulda m. (1) ___ Gambrel ca. 1860, (2) Geo. W. Hopper ca. 1871..

Barbara Fitzwater, 2703 Largo Pl., Bowie, MD 20715, fitzwatr@erols.com

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HALL, COOPER: Seeking parents of Elizabeth Ann Hall who m. William Monroe Henry Cooper in Williamson County in 1843. They moved to Izard Co., Ark., in 1845-46. Believe her brother William "Billy" Hall also came to Arkansas.

Joyce Cooper Walker, 724 Spruce St., Heber Springs, AR 72543-3414, e-mail: Jskywalker@Arkansas.net

MORRIS: Ambrose Morris (b. 1809) and wife Lucinda (b. 1809) are in 1850 census in Fayette Co., where their daughter Mary Jane m. Hiram M. Jones in 1845, and daughter Sarah m. Myrick Allen Jones in 1845. Other known children: Wm. H., James, David C., Elizabeth, Susan, Martha A., and Ambrose, Jr. Ambrose, Sr., d. in Cross Co., Ark., in 1858. Who were his parents, where in N.C. were they born, where married?

Wanda Bouchey, 272 Emerald Oak Dr., Galt, CA 95632, e-mail w-bouchey@softcom.net

RESEARCHING Underwood, Powell, Channell, Yarbrough, Vaughn, and Weaver in Montgomery and Dickson counties.

Sam Weaver, 140 Liberty Ln., Mountain Home, AR 72653; tel. (870) 492-4603; sweaver@centrytel.net

GRAHAM: My g-g-g grandfather, Wm. Graham, b. 16 Jun 1813 Tenn., county unknown. Believe his parents were John, Sr., and Catherine (?) who may have been in Ala. before moving to Mo. 1832 Have read that families of John Graham, Sr., Milton Kincaid, and George Blanton "came up from Auglaise where they had stopped for a year or two." Does this mean anything to anyone? Joshua Graham, maybe John's brother, d. Benton Co., Mo., 1848. Will mentions his "land in Tenn." but names no county. Help?

Mrs. Doy Groenenberg, 816 S. 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198-6331, dgroenenberg@juno.com

KING, BROWNING: Edward King (1764- 1836) and wife Sarah Browning (1766 - ?) daughter of Jacob Browning and Eliz. Bywaters, Culpeper Co., Va., migrated from Caswell Co., N.C., to Bedford Co., Tenn., where they bought land. When Edward died, Rev. Isaiah King (1793 N.C. - 1854 Ky.) and wife Susannah "Sukey" Hartsfield (daughter of Wm. H. Hartsfield and Ceily Sexton, daughter of John Sexton, Wake Co., N.C.) returned from Benton, Ky., to bury him. Isaiah also had been Bedford Co. landowner. Does anyone have info on these families?

Barbara King Hayes, 930 Oreintal Gardens Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32207, FAX (904) 396-2838, e-mail: jhayes@mediaone.net.

THOMPSON: Need parents of Stephen Thompson, b. ca. 1814 Tenn., listed in Henderson Co. 1850 census.

Neva King Barnhart, 2240 Mohigan Way, Las Vegas, NV 89109-3374, nbarnhart@juno.com

THOMPSON: Seeking info on Flora Amelia Thompson, b. 25 Jan 1863 Tenn., m. Robert Tyler Smith 5 Jul 1861 in Lamar, Barton Co., Mo., d. 16 Mar 1923 in Los Angeles, Calif.

Myrtle Harwood, 9007 Fanita Rancho Rd., Santee, CA 92071-3949

CHURCHWELL, COLLINS: Who were parents of Ailsey M. Churchwell, b. 26 Sep 1870 in Tenn., d. 31 Jul 1907 Conway Co., Ark.? Ailsey m. Joseph Pinkney Collins on 7 Feb 1889 in Conway Co. Any help greatly appreciated.

Virginia Beach Jimenez, 2804 Texoma Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73119-4645

OZMENT, BLAND: Seek info about Thomas Ozment, b. 1797 N.C., d. after 1880 in Rutherford Co., Tenn. Who was his father? Thomas' wife Mary Bland (b. 1896 N.C.), d. before 1880 in Wilson or Rutherford Co. Her brother, Arthur Bland, lived in McNairy Co. Thomas and Mary's son Newton came to McNairy Co. after 1850, m. Margaret Phillips.

Evelyn Thoos, 3 Willowbrook Circle, Athens, TX 75751-3547

WEBB: Researching family of Joseph Webb, b. 1796 S.C., d. 25 Aug 1873 in Hickman, Tenn. Married (1) Elizabeth Carothers, b. 1802 Ga., d. before 1853; (2) Clarissa ____, b. 1813 Tenn.

Diane Easley, 73-4250 A Kauwila St., Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740-9430

WILLIAMS: Who were parents, siblings of James McHenry Williams, b. 1827 in Tenn. or Va., m. Mary Elizabeth Johnson in Shelby Co. in 1849? Died in Fayette Co. 1880.

Anne Batten, 540 Archer Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27106, phone 336-794-2122, FAX 336-794-2121, e-mail: abatten@freewwweb.com

PHILLIPS, SWEATTS: Need Wilson and Sumner Co. correspondence on William Phillips and Sweatt family.

Mrs. Betty Suber, 1000 Moylan Ln., Lexington, KY 40514, Bsube@cs.com

CRUMLEY: Seeking descendants of Jesse Crumley (b. ca. 1801) and wife Emily Loftis/Lovelace (b. ca. 1818.) They lived in Cocke Co. 1850-1880.

Janis Micalizzi, P.O. Box 958, Levittown, NY 11756

MEDEARIS: Seeking confirmation of death of Benjamin Whitehead Hicks Medearis. Family legend is he d. 15 Mar 1841 in Carroll or Gibson Co.

Grace L. Maglione, 776 Seven Hills Lane, St. Charles MO 63304-1437, gracelm@aol.com

CLARKE, REID: Seek info on Hugh McRainey Clarke, b. 17 Apr 1812 Cumberland Co., N.C., d. 14 Dec 1872 Haywood Co., Tenn. Married 26 Dec 1839 in Denmark, Madison Co., Tenn., to Mary Jane Reid, b. 18 Sep 1818 in Gulf, Chatham Co., N.C., d. 1 Oct 1891 Haywood Co. Both buried in Clarke-Currie Cemetery near Brownsville. He was Whig, represented Haywood in 1845-47 Tennessee House, founded *Brownsville Democrat*. Would like to know how his estate was settled. Family legend is that he gave each of six children 500 acres.

Catherine Porteous-Sutton, P. O. Box 412, Pittsboro, NC 27312-0412

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DAVIS: C. Hommer Davis, b. 1867 in Malden, Mo., d. 1914, m. James Riley Batten in Decatur Co., Tenn., in 1887. Who were her siblings and parents? Any help greatly appreciated.

Glenn Batten, 540 Archer Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27106, phone 336-794-2122, FAX 336-794-2121, e-mail: batten1120@aol.com

DRAPER, FRENSELY: Who were parents of Letitia Susan Draper, b. 1819 Va. and attended school in Murfreesboro, Tenn.? She m. Charles Alfred Frensley in 1838. Oldest child was Martin Draper Frensley. Also will exchange info on family of Ann Reese, b. 1811 Tenn., mother of Canzada Jane Reese (b. 1834). Ann m. John Thurman in Jackson Co., Ala., in 1835.

Roma Lenehan, 3317 Lake Mendota Dr., Madison, WI 53705-1470

DEAN, ASHLEY: Alexander Ashley m. Mary Geneva Dean (b. 1866, d. 1892). Only son, Alton Euin Ashley, b. 1891, raised by aunt, Luvenia Dean Roberson. Lived in Maury and Obion counties. Did Alexander m. again? If so, who? Any more children?

Ruth Ashley, 1138 Collierville-Arlington Rd., Collierville, TN 38017-4813, e-mail stumnr/@juno.com

BROWN, COOPER: Need info on William Riley Brown, b. 1876 in Greene Co., m. Fannie Lou Cooper, b. 1878. Lived in Morgan Co., then Harriman, Tenn.

Ruth W. Meyer, 212 Cecelia Dr., Memphis, TN 38117

McNAIRY COUNTY RESEARCH: Have info on many families who lived in McNairy and surrounding counties 1830-1930s. Also have computer data bases on marriages, censuses, cemeteries, court records, wills, estate, tax and land records. Will search any record for any surname.

Albert Brown, 1772 Buena Vista Rd., Bethel Springs, TN 38315-2503, phone (901) 934-7349

ALLEN, GILLESPIE, BAGGETT: Seeking info on Abraham Boiler Allen, b. 20 Mar 1819 in West Tenn. Family tradition is that his first wife d. at birth of son Munro, and Abraham took baby to sister Harriett Gillespie somewhere in Tenn. In 1861 Abraham m. Sarrah E. Baggett in Texas.

Eva M. Eckstein, 470 Churchdale Ave. N., Salem, OR 97303-5402

GILLIHAN, BRAWNER: Who were parents of Andrew V. Gillihan, b. Tenn. 1838, m. Mary Brawner. What county was he b. in? Where did he d.? Would appreciate any other info on him and his wife. Their son, Sidney B. Gillihan, was my g-grandfather.

Major Deborah Milano, 8725 Majestic Pine Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89131-1355

CHECK THIS OUT: Am collecting all Neill/NeilNeal/Nail, Harris, Glidewell, Coffey/Coffee, Campbell info. Any one working on these names, please write!

Noreva J. Sharr, P.O. Box 770, Lucerne Valley, CA 92356-0770

NEED HELP: Searching for Hood-enpyle and Billingsley in Tennessee as well as other states.

Dorothy Ball, P.O. Box 443, Pikeville, TN 37367-0443

DAVIS, MARTIN: Will exchange info on Davis and Martin families of East Tenn. Mary "Polly" Fulkerson Davis, (b. 16 Feb 1819, Mulberry Gap, Hancock Co.), daughter of Eli Davis, Sr., and Martha "Patsy" Baker of Va., m. Adam Yeary Hatfield (b. ca. 1815 Claiborne Co.). Had at least 10 children. My g-g-grandfather, James Click, m. Mary "Polly" Martin who was adopted by Daniel Slavens in 1830 when her mother d. on day Polly was b. [Her mother, b. 1800, also was a Polly Martin and may have been wife of John Martin, son of Gen. Joseph Martin.]

Yvonne Click Lovern, 264 Apache Dr., Paint Lick, KY 40461-9751, (606) 986-8304, yvonne@lovernrealty.com

SOLLIS: Need info on Sollis family of Gibson, Obion, and Weakley counties. Moved from N.C. ca. 1835 to Gibson Co. Who were their ancestors in Duplin Co., N.C., and France?

Don L. Porter, 380 Bluff Point Lane, Waverly, TN 37185

PARSLEY: Who were parents and siblings of Jesse S. Parsley? Born 1813 Va., he m. (1) Sarah Coleman 1830 in Rutherford Co., Tenn., (2) Susan Coleman 1837 in Rutherford. Also need Susan's parents, siblings as well as those of Susan Elliott (b. 1844) who m. Minus Cannon Parsley in Rutherford Co. in 1867.

Frances Walls, 2921 N. Main, Mansfield, TX 76063-6026 or e-mail at franceswalls@star-telegram.com

FREEMAN: Seeking info on Fred Freeman and wife Mollie Chism (ca. 1870-1909) of Lauderdale Co. After Fred d. ca. 1907, Mollie placed their children in Catholic orphanage in Memphis, and m. a Pennington. Hartwell Chism of Ripley was her relative.

Betty Parker Martin, 101 Stone Creek Circle, Hot Springs, AR 71913-7154, e-mail bpmartin@prodigy.net

VANCE: William Vance, Jr., m. Francis E. Wright Winchester (native of Tenn.) 4 Oct 1846 in Memphis. One of their children, Lucy, b. 26 Aug 1849 before they moved across river to Crittenden Co., Ark. William b. ca. 1823 in Ireland. Are there any records in Tenn. of his naturalization or anything that would help me trace his naturalization?

Barbara Davis, 1107 La Vista Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110-1236, e-mail: barbness1@home.com or Web page: http://members.home.net/barbness1/archives.htm

NEAL/NEILL: Need parents, siblings, data on Robert, Stephen Carroll, Millington, and Nathaniel Neal, all b. between 1812-1822 in Tenn. Robert's sister Louisa m. Joliffe. All in Carroll Co. or adj. Panola Co., Miss., by 1840, and all d. by 1858.

Rosemary C. Neal, C.G., 23 Terrace Rd., Hampton, VA 23661-3436

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FITTS: Seeking info on wife of Reuben Fitts, m. ca. 1800 in Tenn. or S. C. Possibly daughter of Joel Chandler. Reuben was in Cheatham's Brigade, Robertson Co., in War of 1812. Possibly had a brother William and a sister Lucy. Migrated to Ala. in 1820s.

Doreen Lowe Shewmaker, 2061 CR 371, Dublin, TX 76446

PEYTON: Am descendant of John Wm. Peyton (b. before 1775 in N.C.) who m. (1) Sina Phillips in Davidson Co., Tenn., and (2) Frances Kelley of Wilson Co. Wish to correspond with any connections.

Martha Peyton Dunlop, 604 Huron St., Shreveport, LA 71106

HARRIS, SIMPSON: Tyree Harris, Sr., b. 8 Apr 1728, Albemarle Co., Va., m. (2) Mary Ann Simpson, daughter of Capt Richard and Mary (Kincheloe) Simpson, Caswell Co., N.C. When was Mary Ann born? Died? Where buried? Need data on her children: Tyree, Jr., Robert, Ede, Simpson, Christopher, Lydia, Nancy, and Frances. Daughter Lydia, b. 31 Dec 1776, m. Robert Adkins Brown. After he d. 1837, she moved to Fayette Co., Tenn., to be with several of her children including Ede Brown who m. Wm. B. Reid.

Mary Hare Nelson, 4653 Chickasaw Rd., Memphis, TN 38117 - 1001, e-mail: mfhnelson@worldnet.att.net

THOMPSON, TABOR: Seeking descendants, ancestors, and other family connections of William Thompson (1760-1811) and Mary Tabor (1768-1860) of Anderson Co., Tenn., and Rutherford Co., N.C. Children: David (b. 1784), John (b. 1787), Elizabeth Young (b. 1789), William (b. 1791), Jehoidah (1793-1880), Elenor (b. 1796), Mary "Polly" Lewis (b. 1798), Margaret "Peggy" (b. 1801), James (b. 1803), Caswell (1805), Jonathan (1808-1863), and S. Almon (b. 1811).

Inez Freeman, 425 E. Scooteny, Othello, WA 99344

STAPP: Seeking info on family of John Stapp, b. ca. 1815. Lived Bradley Co. in 1860 with children Margaret 16, Manerva 14, Robert 12, Jesse 8 (my g-grandfather), and Thomas 6. No spouse listed. In 1870 census, all children except Margaret in household of Jane Stapp, age 48. What happened to John? Was Jane his second wife? Who were his parents?

Nellie D. Tomlin, 2934 Paces Lake Dr., N.W., Atlanta, GA 30339-4209

JOHNSON, SLATER: Lucy A. Johnson (b. Aug 1847) and Thos. Louis Slater (b. 10 Oct 1838) m. in Lauderdale Co. on 10 Jul 1868. Who were their parents?

Lyle D. Sexton, P.O. Box 681087, Franklin, TN 37068-1087

HOLT, GALLION, JONES: Seeking info on Benjamin Holt (b. N.C.) and Elizabeth Gallion (b. Tenn.). Their son Ames/Amos Ammon Holt (b. June 1825 Tenn., d. 1913 Searcy Co., Ark.) m. Sabrey Jones in 1844. Who were Ames' siblings? His son, Wm. S. "Bud" Holt (b. Apr 1848 Tenn.) m. Nancy Jane Wallace (b. Mar 1884 Tenn.) Also researching Thos. Wallis (d. 1800 N.C.) whose wife (name unknown) possibly b. Lawrence Co., Tenn. Their son Isaac in 1820 Lawrence Co. census, and 1830-60 Wayne Co., censuses; d. 1862.

Connie Pearl, 3309 E. Mt. Vernon, Wichita, KS 67218-3955, e-mail at cpearl@kscable.com

STRICKLAND, GRANTHAM: Who were parents, siblings of Robert G. Strickland/Stricklin, b. ca. 1844 Ill., m. Ganzada Caldonia (Callie) Grantham in Fayette Co., Tenn., 10 Jul 1868? Children: Henderson Lafayette (Fayette), Richard D., Robert Frank, Walter Henry Strickland.

Janice Trimmer, 9808 Redwood Rd., Millington, TN 38053-4926, or BTRI582479@aol.com

TARKINGTON: I collect any and all data on Tarkington surname. Always ready to share.

Sharleen J. Rhinock, 8609 Horsehoe Bend Lane, Ooltewah, Tn 37363-8636, srhinock@mindspring.com

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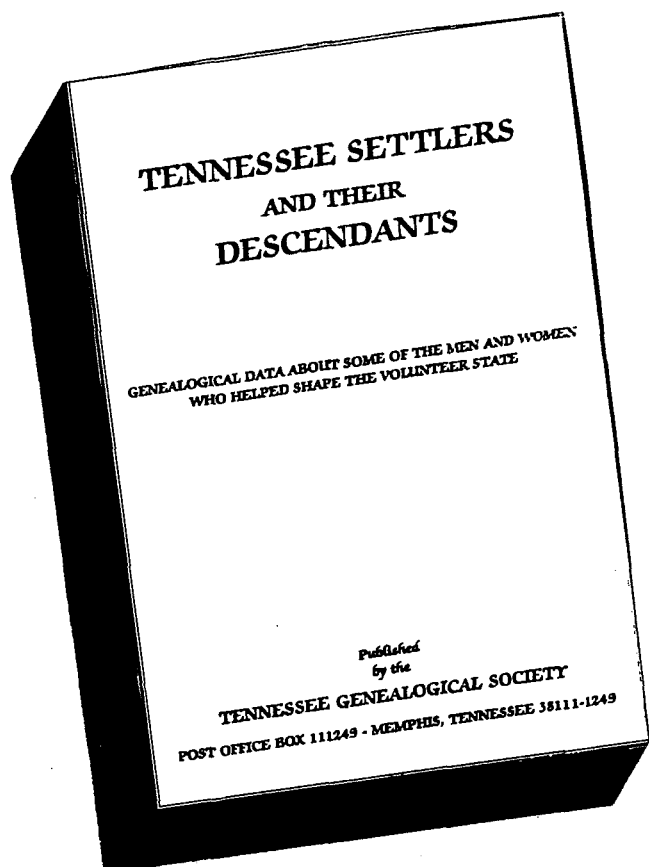
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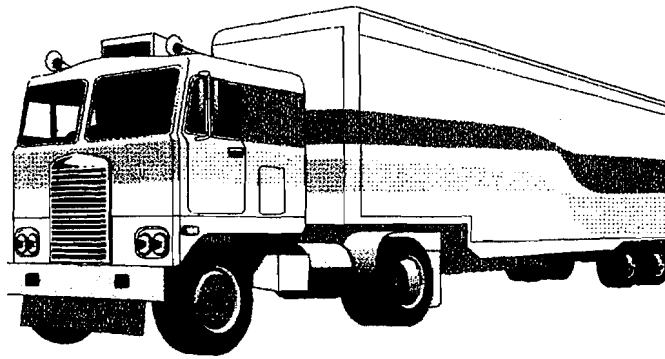
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