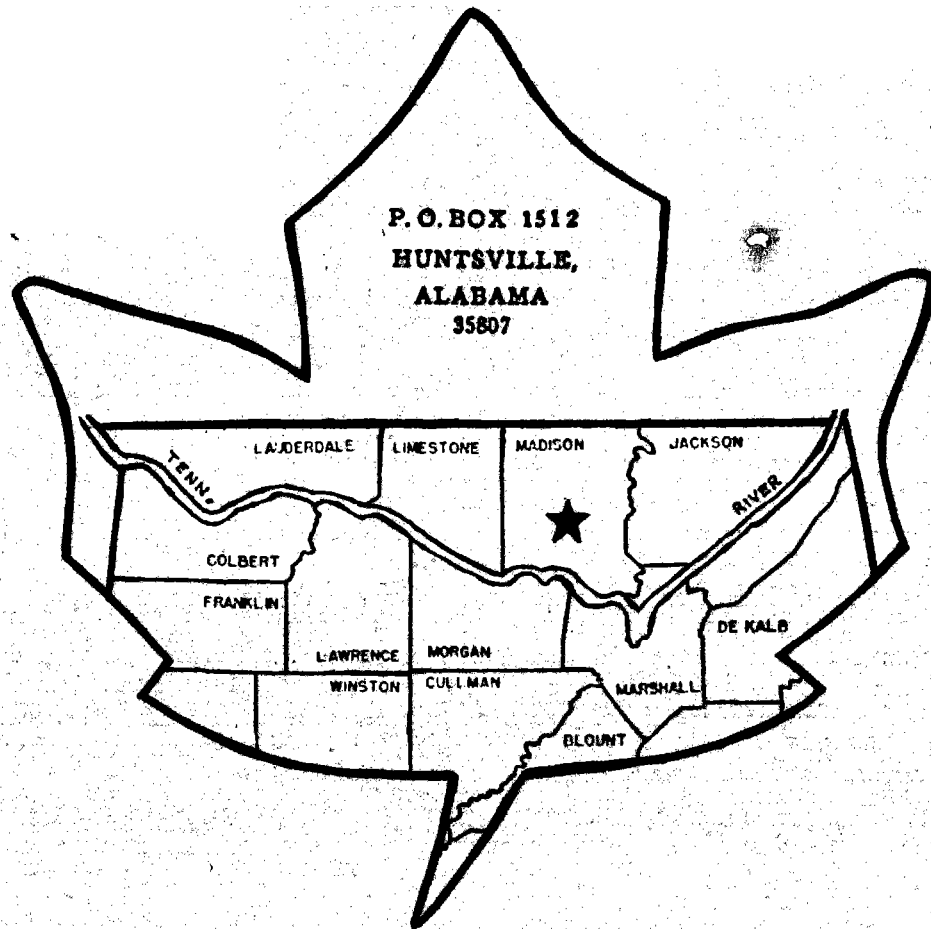


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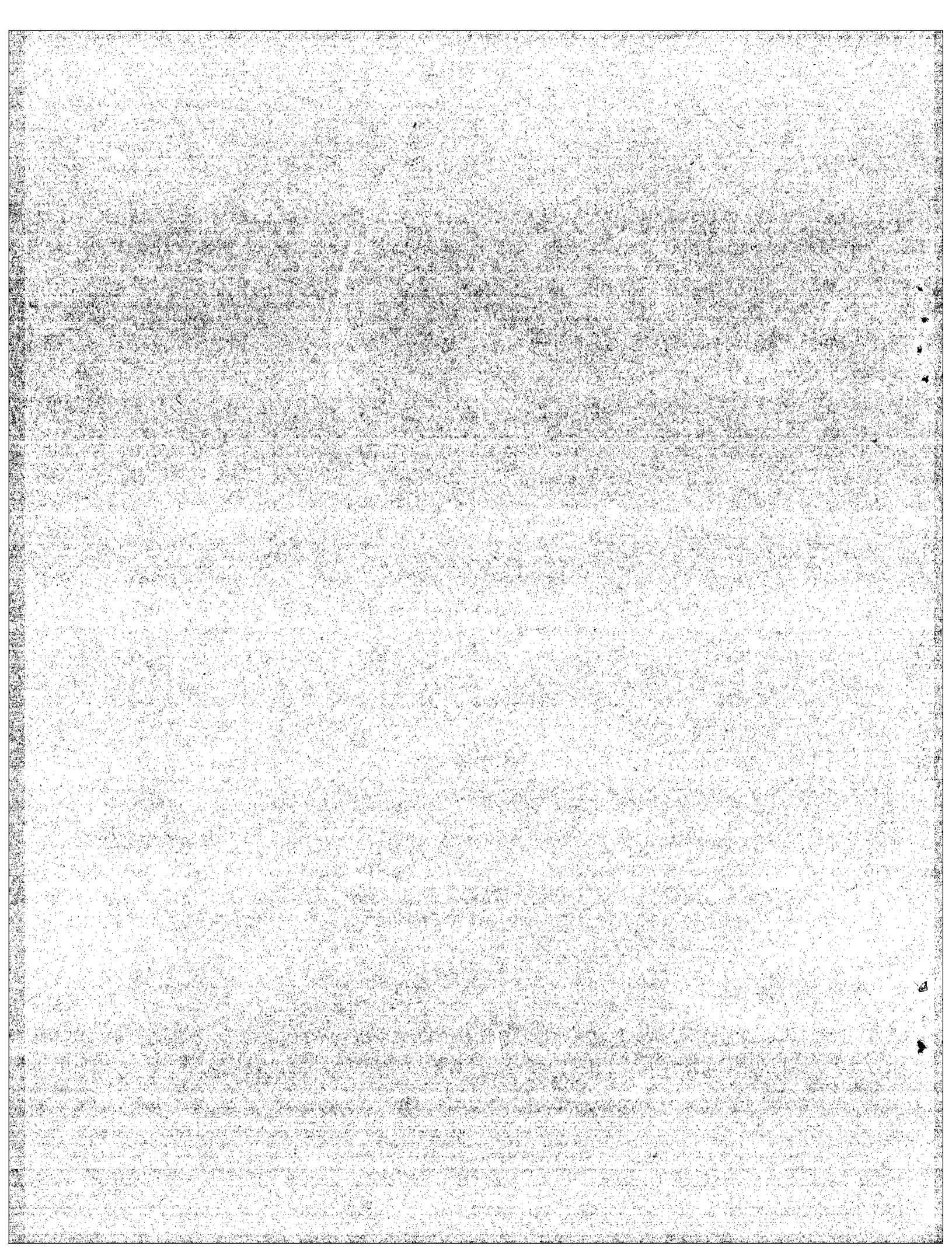


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TVGS RESEARCH COMMITTEE PLEA

As the quest for genealogical material continues, the Research Committee wishes to remind TVGS members that Bible records are one of the most difficult items to obtain. These are usually in private hands, and scattered across the country as our ancestors migrated from one area to another. So, if you possess Bible records of North Alabama residents, please share them with us for publication in Valley Leaves. The most beneficial presentation of Bible records for publication includes a xeroxed copy, if possible, accompanied by a typed copy of the contents.

Your contributions are most welcomed, and so are your suggestions. It is our desire to present in Valley Leaves material which is useful to you. We try to publish complete records so that all of our members can use the material; positively, if the record they seek is contained within; and negatively, to eliminate the records as a source of the information being sought.

Members who have access to genealogical material are encouraged to inform TVGS of their publication intentions in case a project is already underway on the same material. Member participation is necessary to keep valid material available and we hope each of you will enjoy the satisfaction of sharing with others through publication in Valley Leaves.

Ann E. Cochran (Mrs. Roy J.)
 Chairman, Research Committee
 Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc.

State of Alabama
Madison County

THIS INDENTURE made and entered into this nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand nine Hundred and seventy Between Rebecca Terry of the City of Huntsville of the one part and the Genealogical Society of the Valley of Tennessee of the other part, WITNESSETH that whereas Margaret Cowart, newly elected President of the sd Society, hath by covered wagon, or other suitable conveyance, departed with her husband and family this State for the Western Country for a temporary but indefinite time, and hath therefore, much to the regret and sorrow of the local membership, resigned her office, and whereas Jerry Webb, vice-president of the Society, aforesaid, hath for good and sufficient Reason or Reasons, declined to accept in her stead the pleasures and responsibilities of sd office, NOW THEREFORE THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the sd Rebecca Terry in consideration of the premises aforesaid and also for the love and affection which she bears to the sd Society, hath accepted, and by these presents doth accept, the rights, titles, troubles, encumbrances and responsibilities whatsoever of sd Presidency and further, that the sd Rebecca Terry will from time to time and at all times during her Term of Office, fulfil the Duties thereof to the best of her Ability, at the same time requesting and bespeaking the aid and abetment of all the members thereto belonging.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the sd Rebecca Terry hath hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year above written.

Rebecca Terry LS

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the day next before the day of the date of the within written Indenture, Ezell Terry, husband of the sd Rebecca Terry, being privately examined, hath given, and doth hereby give, his consent to the above Instrument of Writing.

THE EDITOR'S LEAF

Some members will no doubt be surprised to learn that the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society has another new President. After a far too short time into her two year term, Margaret Cowart resigned the Presidency to move to Seattle, Washington with her husband. Her resignation was accepted with deep regret. Margaret, hurry back, we miss you. As can be seen by the very original "Deed of Trust" on the preceeding page, Rebecca Terry (Mrs. A. Ezell) is our new President. Rebecca, a charter TVGS member, a "backbone" of our group, and a conscientious worker seldom receiving plaudit, will make our Society a fine President. Thank you, Rebecca, for accepting. From experience I can tell you, you have a great group with which to work.

The Wall Bible page found in the "rubbles of a demolished structure" (Valley Leaves, Vol. 5, No. 1, Sept. 1970, page 4) has been identified as the family of James S. Wall, 1003 Carmelian Street, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. Mr. Wall's parents were William Lafayette and Maggie (Jenkins) Wall mentioned on the page; and also Mr. Wall's son, Jimmy Wall, is one of Huntsville's newly elected City Councilmen. The original torn page has been returned to the Wall family by your Editor.

Jerry Webb, our program chairman, has presented fine programs for our last two meetings. In September he invited Mrs. Ted Kunstling, co-ordinator for the manuscript unit of the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville, Tennessee to speak. She told of the types of documents the Archives collects, the steps in processing, finding aids available, uses to which manuscripts can be put in genealogical research, and finally told of some of the collections they house relating specifically to Alabama. These include the Crockett collection (letters about Athens Female College, Athens, Ala.); Orr collection (gives data about the House family of Madison Co., Ala.); Oursley charts (pertain to agriculture, slaves, population, and schools for all Alabama 1840 counties); Map collection (many Tennessee maps show North Alabama counties); Cooper papers (letters about Tuscumbia, Colbert Co., Ala.); Coffee papers (Alabama boundaries and land) [Note: There are many descendants in this area of General (War of 1812) John Coffee. Editor]; Confederate collection (Fort in Athens, Ala.); and Cox family data from Limestone Co., Ala. Unfortunately I missed the November TVGS meeting, thus I can not give you a full report on the program. However, those present tell me Mr. T. R. Marsh gave an excellent talk on Lincoln Co., Tennessee, his native county. He and his wife have worked for years in the Lincoln County records and are preparing some for publication. Talks on South Middle Tennessee counties are always of interest in this area as there has long been a lot of traveling back and forth between that section and North Alabama.

Of interest to historians is the will of John Hutchings on page 65. His aunt, Mrs. Andrew Jackson (nee Rachel Donelson), was visiting her sister in Madison County when she witnessed his will and both Jacksons attended his funeral. Recently I discovered Hutchings' grave near Harvest, Alabama and the Madison County Commission restored it using the original 1817 brick and stone paid for by General Jackson. John Hutchings' only child, Andrew Jackson Hutchings (he has no descendants), lived the rest of his childhood at the Hermitage, but was not the Jackson's legally adopted son. Later he often visited President Andrew Jackson in the White House. (All statements have proof.)

GENERAL HISTORY OF MARSHALL COUNTY, ALABAMA

by

James Arthur Thomason

(As published in the 1945 & 1946 issues of The Guntersville Advertiser and Democrat. This series began in Valley Leaves Vol. 4, No. 1, Sept. 1969.)

Chapter XX - History of Union Grove (July 18, 1945)

The first postoffice was established near Ragsdale's mill, called Nabor's mill now.

It was called Ragsdale. Mrs. I. M. (Bud) Thompson was postmistress. The place where the office was kept was owned by the late Eugene Gibson.

The office was moved and the name changed to Union Grove in the 70's or 80's. Thomas Collier was postmaster, then N. P. Windsor, W. H. Williams and the present postmaster, Gus McDermott.

W. H. Williams took over the office Nov. 1, 1905, and kept it till the present postmaster took over.

The first house was built where Union Grove is by a grandfather of W. H. Williams, the late Josiah Williams, before the Civil War. Dr. W.R. Huckaby, later owned it and he sold the place to Bo Walker.

Capt. Walter Elliott owned the place. I will give his record later.

There were three rural routes out of Union Grove till they made Arab Rt. 4. The carriers from Union Grove were: J. B. Hipp, J. W. Rowe, Ernest Black, A. O. Thompson and D. C. Swords carried a lock pouch to Union Grove from Arab.

The following offices were discontinued in 1905, Neck (where J. K. Huckaby was postmaster); Taxit, (Dr. W. L. Hughes); Oleander, Eddy, Getup, Brisco, Wolfe, Center Grove and Bean Rock.

They have a good gravel road built by C. W. A. funds when T. C. Hough was commissioner.

Doctors that lived at Union Grove: W. L. Hughes, E. H. Couch, W. R. Huckaby and J. R. Watwood.

Merchants: M. F. Nearen, W. R. Barnard, Smith Nearen, Lon Nearen, N. P. Windsor, T. C. Hough, Herndon Porch, Wave Porch, West Owens, Bill King, Couch Bros., Huckaby Bros., J. K. Huckaby and might be others.

Blacksmiths: James Hughes, Bud Upchurch, Ben Blackmon, William Brewer, Lester Camp, Ted Casey, Gus Jones and Wash Duggett.

The first gin was $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Union Grove in 1883 by W. R. Barnard. It was operated by horses. They ginned two bales of cotton per day; had a wooden screw pin press, hitched a mule to one end of a lever. They carried the lint cotton in a basket up a flight of steps from the lint room.

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A cold still morning you could hear the press squeaking some distance.

They bought a steam engine to operate the gin with. They then ginned five bales of cotton per day. When they ordered the engine they had it shipped to Gullman and it took them three weeks to get it out, the roads were so bad.

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Chapter XXI - History of Union Grove (July 25, 1945)
(Continued from last week)

Among those that operated gins were W. R. Barnard and M. F. Nearen about 1893 or 94. E. C. Redmond got cut up in a gin and bled to death. In those days they didn't have any condensers, suction, etc., but fed the gin by hand.

The list of gidders from 1894 included W. R. Barnard, J. E. Barnard, W. W. Porch, F. M. Hipp, Curtis Huckaby and Robert Mason.

Those that served as Justices of the Peace: J. O. Johnston, William York, Lee Gulpepper, Jesse Windsor, J. K. Huckaby and probably others.

The first school house was built out of logs, one mile north of Union Grove at the Hogan place, about 1881 or 82. A. M. Preston taught school. They called it Bright Star school.

They later built a school at Union Grove where T. C. Hough's store house stands, and then built a two-story building on the same lot. Joe Collier taught the first school in the two-story building about 1893.

The third house they built was on the lot where the present school stands. J. O. Johnston and H. P. Barnard were the teachers.

About 1932 they put up a building with grammar school rooms, Junior High 4 rooms, auditorium, library, office and vocational shop. The building was destroyed by fire.

Other teachers: F. T. Stephenson, Miss Olla Stephenson, Welmer Hughes, J. R. Watwood, Hop Collins, J. W. Barnard, P. W. Shumate, Thomas Eubanks, Marion Pitts, Hulda Dunn, Nancy Duggett, Ruby Hanson, Tava Ham, Rosie Mae Patterson, J. K. Howard, Clatis Green, Lurlie Camp, Lessie Williams and others. Kyle Phillips, who carried the mail from Somerville to Guntersville in the 80's, would stay at Oleander at night and go Guntersville one day, stay at Oleander and go on to Somerville.

The Baptist church transferred the membership from Ebenezer known as New Friendship now. They moved in the 80's and changed the name to Union Grove in 1896. They asked Mt. Carmel church to ordain Rev. J. S. Phillips in 1887.

Those that served as church clerks: N. P. Windsor, James Powell, I. M. York, J. O. Johnston, J. E. Smith and might be others.

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Those that served as pastors: Revs. J. S. Phillips, M. K. Taylor, J. D. Fletcher, J. O. Johnston, R. L. Isdell and others.

When the first church was built the framing was hewn out and the lumber sawed on a sash saw mill by Robert Barnard, on the place owned by Pearce Herron about 1900. It had a membership of about 350.

They later built another large building.
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Chapter XXII - History of Union Grove (August 1, 1945)
(Continued from last week)

Some of the members who are dead were Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. York, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McVay, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Albright, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnston, James Marion Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Redmond, James M. Collier, James W. Barnard, J. A. Thacker, William Craig and others.

William (Uncle Billy) Craig was about 80 years old when the cattle ran at large. Soon one morning he was hunting the calves in the woods in his shirt tail and found a man dead. No one knew his name nor his whereabouts. The people dug a hole and placed some pine brush about him. It was known as the Bunch place, when J. O. Johnston came from Georgia to Alabama in 1889, now known as the W. H. Johnston place.

J. O. Johnston and his brother heard the story about the dead man. They dug down with their hands and found the bones.

There was a Methodist church at Union Grove, organized in the 70's or 80's.

The land was deeded by Thomas W. Thompson to church trustees Walton Cadenhead, W. T. Stone, C. W. Hewett, J. E. Porch, W. C. Hewett, H. F. Hewett, Gid Cadenhead, Walton Cadenhead and others.

Rev. Elijah Upton was its last pastor. Most of the strongest members have moved off and they moved the membership to Union Chapel. I will give history of it later.

John F. Thomason was born in 1807, died in 1891; he came from Douglass, Ga., in the 80's lived near Union Grove. His wife Martha O. Thomason was born in 1827; died in 1891. He belonged to that historic family of South Carolina and Georgia. He was married twice and had two sets of children. James Marion Thomason and V. D. Thomason were the sons of Jno. F. Thomason.

W. H. Johnston, born in 1840, died in 1928; he married a daughter of the late J. F. Thomason. Sallie A. Johnson, born in 1838, died in 1927.

Rev. J. O. Johnston, a son of W. H. Johnston, married a sister of his father's last wife, Maggie Thomason. I am related to two sets of Thomasons. My great grandfather; George Thomason and Elizabeth Thomason. They were

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first cousins.

My great-great-grandmother Annie Thomason, was 75 years old and she rode from Georgia to South Carolina on horseback. She could stand flat footed and jump up on her pony. She was burned to death in a house. She was living with a daughter and her son-in-law went hunting one night and the house caught fire and burned, and grandmother was old and couldn't get out.

Chapter XXIII - History of Red Hill (August 8, 1945)

Thomas W. Noble died in 1893; his wife, Mary Jane Gilbreath Noble, died in 1892. She was the daughter of Alexander Gilbreath, lived on the line of Marshall and Blount counties. Mrs. Sallie Noble Whitman, a daughter of Thomas W. Noble, born in 1847, died in 1928. Her husband, Thomas W. Whitman died in 1917.

The late T. W. Noble ran a grist mill and gin by water power on Brown's creek.

The Yankees visited the Thomas W. Noble home during the Civil War. A man named Lyons was at the home and they surrounded the house. Lyons shot an officer named Lyons and he escaped. I did have the story, but lost it.

The bullet holes show in the walls of the house. Mrs. Maud Whitman owns the place.

The house is over a hundred years old. All that witnessed the killing are dead. Mrs. Emmie Noble St. John was the last one to die.

Yancy Noble, who was postmaster at Red Hill, came from Blount County one mile south of Summit.

Thos W. and Reuben Noble were brothers. They came from Greenville County, S. C., before the war. H. R. Whitman, son of T. W. and Mrs. Sallie Noble Whitman, was married to Miss Savannah Roberts, a daughter of John Roberts and Martha A. Benson Roberts, who came from Paulding county, Ga. to Sand mountain near McLarty.

W. P. St. John son of Rev. G. B. St. John and Mrs. Emmie Noble St. John married Miss Belle Gilbreath, a daughter of the late John Gilbreath of Blount county.

Billy said: "I knew a preacher who kept a little whiskey around the house for sickness. He had two sons. One got a song book and sang 'Beautiful Land' to his father while the other son slipped the jug out. They both got drunk and fell in the watering trough and when the father found them he said, 'Oh yes, Beautiful Land got you in trouble.'"

The late Yancy Noble married a Miss Lasseter. He bought the place from

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the Lasseter estate. A. C. Whitaker owns the place. It is on the lot where the old post office site was. The old house that stood there was destroyed by fire.

When H. R. Whitman lived there Ben R. Berry, a son-in-law lived at the postoffice site. He sold to James Sharp.

A. C. Whitaker, who lived near Honey Comb church across the Tennessee River until TVA took over his place, bought the place at Red Hill. He was a county commissioner. He runs a store and a big farm at Red Hill.

His father, John R. Whitaker bought the late J. N. Nixon land near Red Hill.

The first merchant at Red Hill was Yancy Noble. He and Richard (Dick) Stephens ran a saloon. W. A. Hartsfield and William Boling ran a horse power gin.

J. H. Wedgeworth, W. A. Strange and J. J. Nichols operated the first saw mill in 1889. They operated the first steam power gin. Strange owned a third part and he took the saw mill for his part. He moved the mill to Brindlee mountain. James Little and Lum Hughes were his partners.

(No article in this series was printed in the issue of August 15, 1945 - Ed.)

Chapter XXIII - Dr. L. D. Lusk Had Versatile Career (August 22, 1945)
(Note: This is a second chapter numbered 23.)

Dr. Lorenzi D. Lusk was born October 7, 1829, near Walhalla, S. C., attended the common schools of his neighborhood, came to Alabama in 1852 and located in Marshall County; taught school for two years. He began reading medicine during those two years, and in 1856 moved to Guntersville.

He was graduated in medicine at Nashville in 1858, and began the practice of medicine and surgery at Guntersville in that year. He was actively engaged in the practice of medicine until 1888, when he retired and entered the banking business, subsequently becoming president of the Bank of Guntersville.

For thirty years Dr. Lusk was also an extensive and successful planter. He was elected Probate Judge of Marshall county in 1886, and held the office until 1874, when he was not a candidate for re-election.

He served as vice-president of the Wyeth City Land and Improvement Company, which he helped organize; and was interested in the Coosa and Tennessee railroad company.

He was an independent Democrat, opposed to secession; was a Methodist and a Mason. Married in 1859 Mary Emma, daughter of Allen and Roxanna (Hodges) Loveless, who lived where Decatur, Ga. now stands, and later at Guntersville.

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Children: Emerson, b. 1860, d. 1862; Margarette Euphrasia, b. 1863, - married Thomas L. Farrow; Phocian B., physician and farmer, b. 1866, m. Mary Thomason; Thurston G., physician, b. 1869, m. Mary Todd, (2) Clementine Tetedoux, New York City; Mary Emma, b. 1872, m. Oliver Day Street, Guntersville.

Dr. L. D. Lusk was of the old school style. He dressed plain and was common. He was firm in his decisions and you could depend on what he told you.

Chapter XXIV - Dr. W. L. Thomason Founded Drug Store (August 29, 1945)

William Levi Thomason, physician, was born in 1849 in Coweta county, Ga. and died in 1897 in Guntersville. Reared on a farm in Henry county, Alabama, he began the study of medicine under his father, then attended the Augusta medical school and was graduated from Nashville university.

After practicing medicine at Union Springs and Lafayette, he moved in 1875 to Blount county, where he engaged in merchandising and farming and practiced medicine at Summit with Dr. A. W. Haden. He was a charter member and the second president of the Blount County Medical Society, of which he served as secretary-treasurer for 5 years.

He located at Guntersville in 1882 and opened a drug store under the name of Thomason and Roden, in connection with his practice.

He was health officer of Marshall county, a member and junior censor of the Medical Assn. of Alabama; a Democrat; a steward of the Methodist Church for nearly 30 years; a Master Mason and a Knight of Pythias.

He was married in 1875 to Ida Pearce of Columbus, Ga. Their children: William Pearce, Paul, Mary Irene (Mrs. P. B. Lusk), James H. (also a physician), Ida Moore (Mrs. Wyeth Todd), Lillian (Mrs. Robert F. Murray), George S. and Wiley Justin.

I don't remember seeing Dr. Thomason but people gave him a good name. Dr. A. W. Haden said he was a fine physician. We were distantly related to him.

Chapter XXV - Mt. Oak Church Was Built In A Wilderness (Sept. 5, 1945)

Mt. Oak church was near the Ruth postoffice. The church was started in November 1896.

Rev. E. T. Pesnell, a local Methodist, preached in this community at people's houses and got a church started. He should have been given credit for organizing the church, but Rev. Milus E. (Bushwhacker) Johnston, the pastor, gets the credit.

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Charter Members: G. M. Blanton, Mary Blanton, John R. Saylor, Mary S. Saylor, Charles N. Peek, Fannie E. Peek, M. A. Peek, L. T. Oden, Mary E. Oden, Julia Oden, Jesse Oden and Hallie Oden.

M. A. Peek and Mrs. Fannie E. Peek are still living.

G. M. Blanton, J. J. Cleckler and J. J. Hutchison hauled the logs to the sawmill to build the church. R. M. Nabors, James Mabrey and William Brown sawed the lumber.

They have a new building at Mt. Oak now. The Baptist and Methodist folks pull together and help each other out.

When the church was built the community was in a wilderness. Uncle Rufus Morrow's wife was a member of the church. He wasn't a member but he helped pay the preacher. The Saylor, Peeks and others played their part in carrying on the church work.

Among its pastors were Rev. M. E. Johnston, J. C. Hunkapillar, W. R. Beal, L. P. Hunkapillar, R. J. Pollard, W. E. Aldrige, W. M. Yarbrough, J. F. Clark, J. O. Ray, J. H. Pass, W. A. Hambric, W. A. Lowery, A. B. McDonald, W. Williams, J. H. Hallman, L. A. Powell, J. L. B. McGill, J. W. Syler, F. T. Smith, J. T. Speer and others. This history was given in 1934.

Chapter XXVI - History of Arab (Sept. 12, 1945)

The founder of Arab, Stephen Tuttle Thompson son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Thompson, came to Alabama from East Tennessee in 1836 at the age of 4. He was born Feb. 22, 1832, died March 1, 1912.

They settled at Hobbs Island and later came to Marshall county. First to Brown's Valley. Later Joseph Thompson settled at the top of Brindlee mountain, at Thompson's falls gap, sometime in the 40's. Stephen Tuttle Thompson grew to manhood there.

The record of marriage licenses at Guntersville shows S. T. Thompson and Miss Louisa Prentice were married July 20, 1851, by C. W. Rogers Justice of the Peace.

She was the daughter of Samuel Prentice and Mrs. Melinda Cates Prentice. Uncle Sammy, as Mr. Prentice was called, was among the first settlers around Arab, before there were any roads, just paths through the woods.

Once when snow was on the ground he went hunting and got lost. He wore a No. 13 shoe and he got to noticing a big track. He followed that track and come out at home. It was his own track. He had a good laugh at himself.

B. V. Alexander said he visited Uncle Sammy just before he died. They got him up to make up his bed and he told this story:

"Back when they had grove meetings, the women would go one way and the

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men another way, have prayer before preaching. One woman went off in a trance, and couldn't speak. The women started to the house with her. They had to cross a branch and they said, 'We will put her in the branch.' She said 'Don't you do that'." Uncle Sammy was jovial up till he died.

He lived in Brown's Valley, near where Arab is now and at the Prentice Mill when he died. He had two sons. Bud Prentice married Miss Jane Nabors. He went West. Another son Daniel Prentice married a Cranford. He lived near Eddy. He went West. He had a daughter called Sis, married Riley Maze.

S. T. Thompson moved to where Arab is in 1858. He settled in woods. Luther Walker owns the homestead now. Mr. Thompson's first wife died and he married Miss Martha Maze about 1862.

The first marriage three children Billy, J. R. N., and J. S. Thompson. All are dead.

There were 5 girls, Laura, Eliza Ann, Rosie, Emmerline and Alice Thompson; 5 boys D. T., R. B., A. R., J. R., and W. H. Thompson. D. T. Thompson was married to Gena McDonald, R. B. Thompson to Lula Hanes, A. R. Thompson to Lula McDonald, J. R. Thompson to Florence Cobb and W. H. Thompson was married twice, but I don't know his wives names.

I will say more later about the history of Arab.

(Series to be continued.)

1847 OBITUARIES OF "AREA" RESIDENTS

DIED: -On the 3d May, at her residence in Chicot County, Arkansas, in the 60th year of her age, MRS. NANCY TAYLOR, wife of Judge John M. Taylor, and daughter of the late William Foote, of Fauquier County, Virginia.

-On the 30th April last, at the residence of James Schrocks, Leake County, Miss., AMMON SANDERS, formerly of Jefferson County, Alabama.

-In Austin County, Texas, in Feby. last, WM. B. HORTON, son of John B. Horton, of this County, in the 27th year of his age. He emigrated from this county to Texas in 1839.

-On the 18th inst., in Lawrence County, Alabama, GEO: T: SADLER, an old and much esteemed citizen.

Death seems to have made sad havoc in the family of Robert and Elmira Freeman, of the vicinity of Lowesville, in this County. They have lost three children, whose deaths occurred within a few days of each other. On the 15th inst. their son ALDIGONDA died, aged 3(? , blurred) years, 9 months, and 27 days - On the 16th, their son CLEMENT CLAY, aged 1 year, 9 months and 4 days - And on the 21st, ROBERT, aged 7 years, 6 months and 29 days.

The Democrat, Huntsville, Alabama, 26 May 1847, page 3, column 7

DECATUR COUNTY, ALABAMA CIVIL APPOINTMENTS
1822 - 1825

Decatur County, Alabama was created by the Alabama Legislature Dec. 13, 1821 and abolished by it Dec. 25, 1825 because a survey revealed it was not large enough to meet the constitutional requirements for a county. This short lived county was situated between Madison and Jackson Counties, and was divided between the two. Woodville, now known as Old Woodville in Jackson County, was the county seat of Decatur County.

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NAMES OF OFFICIALS	OFFICE	WHEN COMMISSIONED	WHEN RESIGNED	REMARKS
Hezekiah Bailes	Judge Cty Court	Jan 1st, 1822	Jan 1. 1823	Term Expired
David Boshart	Sheriff	Mar 15, "	Not Elected on the day mentioned in the Act of Assembly - Therefore not considered as legally Elected.	
William B. Jones	C. Circuit Court	" " "		
William Haney	" County Court	" " "		
David Boshart	Sheriff	Sept 5, 1822		
William B. Jones	C. Circuit Court	" " "		
William Haney	C. County Court	" " "		
Hezekiah Bailes	Judge County Court	Jan. 4, 1823		
Joseph B. Eason	" " "	June "	June 1823	Resigned vice Bailes
James B Robertson	" " "	Dec. 12, "	Dec. 12, "	
Joseph B Eason	" " "	May 4, 1824	May 4, 1824	
Joseph B Eason	" " "	March 5, 1825		vice Robertson
John Hill	Sheriff	23th May 1825		Executive Appt. Vice D Boshart

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Alexander W. Dulany	Justice Peace	May 24, 1822		
Ephraim Bridges	" "	" " "		
Jacob Groce	" "	" " "		
William Southerland	" "	" " "	Jan 21, 1823	
John Gaines	" "	" " "		
William F Scott	" "	" " "		
John McAnulty	" "	" " "		
Harris K. Wiley	" "	" " "	removed 21 Sept 1822	
Richard Campbell	" "	" " "		
Samuel Geaven	" "	" " "		
Isaac Whitecotton	" "	" " "	deceased	
Mathew Babb	" "	June 30 "		
David Parkhill	" "	" " "		
Madison E. Lewis	" "	July 4, 1822		
Nathan Kemp	" "	" " "		
James G. Holmes	" "	Octr. 15 "		vice Matthew Babb
William W. Fruit	" "	Oct. 19 "		vice Rich ^d Campbell
William Freeman	" "	Jan 21, 1823		
Daniel Meals				
	New Series 1823			
Alexander W. Dulaney	Justice Peace	Mar. 3, 1823	Oct. 22, 1823	Deceased
Ephraim Bridges	" "	" " "		
Jacob Groce	" "	" " "		
Isaiah Walker	" "	" " "	Sep ^r 7. 1824	
William W. Fruit	" "	" " "		
Ephraim Gaffy	" "	" " "	Aug. 21. 1823	
John McAnulty	" "	" " "	May 18, 1824	
James Robertson	" "	" " "		
Jonathan Tipton	" "	" " "		
John Eaton	" "	" " "		

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Joseph Barclay	" "	" 24 "		
Jeremiah H. Cloud	" "	" " "		
Troylous Borns	" "	" " "		
Daniel Meals	" "	" " "		
David Parkhill	" "	" " "		
Berry Greene	" "	Mar 3, 1823	Nov 29, 1823	
Samuel McGehee	" "	" " "	30 July 1825	Resigned
Jonathan Basham	" "	June 6: 1823		
Harris K. Wiley	" "	" " "		
Robert McCamy	" "	Sept 11 "		
William Wilbourn	" "	Oct. 22 "		vice J. McAnulty
Joseph T. M. Duke	" "	Nov 29 "		vice Dulany
Isaac Morrow	" "	May 18, 1824	22 Feb 1825	vice Meals
William Dodson	" "	July 26. "	15 Sept "	vice Robertson
John Walker	Y////////Y//	Sept 7 1824		Resigned
Thomas Bradshaw	Y////////Y//	Dec 31/1824		
	Y////////Y//	Dec 31/1824		

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Richard McAnulty	Justice Peace			
David Boshart	" "	Mar 5. 1825		Vice J T M Duke
William Griffit	" "	" "		Vice J. Walker
Wh H E Wheeler	" "	8 Oct. "		Vice D. Parkhill
William Bullington	" "	" " "		Vice J. Robertson
		31 Oct "		Vice J. Morrow

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NAMES OF OFFICIALS	OFFICE	WHEN COMMISSIONED	WHEN RESIGNED	REMARKS
Henry Baker	Constable	Mar. 3, 1823	4th March 1825	Resigned
Giles McAnulty	"	" " "	May 8, 1824	
James P. Daniel	"	" " "	May 1, 1824	
David Lacy	"	" " "	Sep: 7. 1824	
Felix Jones	"	" " "		Resigned
Isaac Moore	"	" " "	Oct. 4. 1824	Resigned
William Price	"	" " "	3, May 1825	Resigned
Absalom Hill	"	June 6: 1823		
Francis Rowen	"	May 22nd 1824		vice Isaac Moore
John Starns	"	May 1, 1824		
Samuel Stockton	"	May 8, "		
Samuel Grigsby	"	July 26. "	4th March 1825	Resigned
Benjamin Bullard	"	Sep 7. 1824		
Mathins Chitwood	"	Oct. 4. 1824		
William Matheny	"	Dec 3. 1824		
William Edwards	"	April 19th, 1825		Vice Benj Bullard
Andrew Burnside	"	" " "		Vice H Baker
Granville Griner	"	23 May "		Vice Abs. Hillon
William Woosley	"	8 Oct "		Vice A. Burntsides
William West	"	31 Oct "		Vice Wm. West.
William Buchanan	"			

(Submitted by Mrs. Richard H. Gilliam, Jr.)

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Jesse Vanhooose	Clk Cir: Court	Oct 28, 1819		Term expired
Joseph Wofford	" Cty "	" " "		" "
James Frazier	Sheriff	" " "		Expired
Wilson H. McKissick	Notary Public	" " "		
John Brown	Auctioneer	" " "		
Anthony White	Coroner	" " "		
John S. Fulton	Judge Cty Court	June 14, 1821	Resigned	
James Davis	" " "	Dec 1, 1821	Jan 1, 1823	Term Expired
William L. Gray	Sheriff	Aug: 26, 1822	Term expired	
James Davis	Judge County Court	Jan. 4, 1823	24th Feb 18 <u>25</u>	Resigned
William Lucas	Clk of Cir Court	Sept 10 "		Vice J Vanhooose
Joseph Wofford	" " County "	" " "		" se(?)
Gregory D Stone	Judge County Court.	Feb 1825		Vice James Davis
Benjamin Hudson	Sheriff	Aug 22 "	Term expired	Vice W L Gray
Gregory D Stone	Judge County Ct.	26 Nov "		
Abram W Bell	Prest of T.C. Tuscumbia	27th Nov 1826		
William Lucas	Clk Cir Court	10th Sept 1827.		
Michael Dickson	" Cty " "	" " " "		
Tho: Limerick	Prest of T C. Tuscumbia	6 June 1828		
Wm H Moore	Prest of T C Tuscumbia	15 Aug " "		
Anderson Bean	Sheriff	14 Aug " "		
Thos Keenan	Prest of Tuscumbia.	20 Nov 1832 -		

[Note: "Prest of T.C." probably President of Town Council. Editor]

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Joseph T. Cook	Justice Peace	Apr 26, 1820		
Joshua(?) Brown	" "	" " "	Nov. 30, 1822	
William H. Cook	" "	" " "		
John Duke	" "	" " "		
Henry S Simonton(?)	" "	" " "		
Hance McWhorter	" "	" " "		
Anthony White	" "	" " "		
Philip Cates	" "	" " "		
Francis Gholston	" "	" " "		
Robert Sibley	" "	Sep: 16, "		
Ebenezer Rowland	" "	" " "		
William H Duke	" "	" " "		
John Harvey	" "	" " "		
Levi J. Guest	" "	" " "		
Edward Pearsal	" "	" " "		
Samuel Bruton	" "	" " "		
James Hogan	" "	" " "		
Abner Hill	" "	Nov 17 "	Nov 30, 1822	
Joshua Gotcher	" "	" " "	" " "	
John Dugan		Feb 26, 1821		
Anthony White	Prest: Russellville	Mar 26 "		
Isaac Anderson	Justice Peace	May 29 "		
John Hainey	" "	June 7 "		
Robert McMicken	" "	Dec 10, "	Oct 30, 1822	
Benedict Bacon	" "	" " "		
Bernard McKiernan	" "	" " "		
Ezekiel Bates	" "	Feb 11, 1822		
Thomas L. Duncan	" "	" " "		
George Taylor		Mar 15 "		
Robert Gillespie	Prest: of Russellville			

John May	Justice Peace	(blank)	
Ira Olive	" "	Nov 30,	" "
James Gotcher	" "	" "	" "
Charles B. Matlock	" "	" "	" "
George Martin	" "	" "	" "
John Anderson	" "	" "	" "
Samuel Neeley	" "	" "	" "

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New	Series 1823			
Isaac Anderson	Justice Peace	Mar. 3 1823		
Joseph Wofford	" "	" " "	Nov. 17, 1824	
Robert S McMicken	" "	" " "		
Thomas Moss	" "	" " "		
John Wylie	" "	" " "		
William Pyron	" "	" " "	Nov. 17, 1823	
Philip Gates	" "	" " "		
Enoch Bruton	" "	" " "		
Glaiborne Williams	" "	" " "	Nov. 17, 1824	
William T. Patterson	" "	" " "		
George M. Taylor	" "	" " "		
George Martin	" "	" " "	30 Oct 1825	Resigned
Thomas L. Duncan	" "	" " "	Nov. 17, 1823	
Willis Bonner	" "	" " "		
Samuel Perry	" "	" " "		
Edward Pearsall	" "	" " "		
William Skinner	" "	" " "		

Charles B. Metlock	" "	" " "	5th Feby. 1824	Term expired
William L. Gray	Prest. Russelville	(blank)		
John Anderson	Justice Peace	Mar. 3		
Thomas Northcross	" "	" " "		
Michael Bird	" "	" " "	Nov 15th, 1824	Resigned
William W. Parham	" "	" " "		Resigned
Micajah Taner	" "	" " "		
Thomas M. Pope	" "	Nov. 17,		
Philip E. Davis	" "	" " "		
Reece Hambleton	" "	" " "		
Elisha Thomas	" "	" " "		
Benjamin Burgess	" "	" " "		
Reuben Waggoner	Prest. Russelville	(blank)	16th Feby. 1824	vice Wm L. Gray
Francis Bullock	Justice Peace	Nov. 17, 1824		
Ebenezer Bolling	" "	" " "	1st Aug 1827	Term expired
Thomas B. Malone	" "	" " "	10th Sept 1825	Resigned
George Ward	" "	Dec 10th, 1824		vice W W Parham
Colin Bishop	" "	Dec 14, 1824		vice Micajah Taner
Abraham W Ball	" "	Dec 14, 1824	18 June 1827	vice G W Martin
Ebeneza Boland	" "	22 Dec 1825	" " "	vice Thos B Malone
Joseph Wofford	" "	" " "	17 May 1828	vice John Bate
George Deewody	" "	" " "	Nov 1827	Vice Wm Skinner
Wm Brutton	" "	" " "		Vice G.D. Stone
Aaron Day	Prest. Russelville	25 Jany 1826.		

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William Hester	Justice Peace	20 Sept 1826.		
Benjamin Burgess	" "	" " "		
Willis Bonner	" "	" " "		
Reed Hamilton	" "	" " "		

William T Pallerson	"	"	"	"	"		
Samuel F Prescott	"	"	"	"	"		
George Ward	"	"	"	"	"		
William Dickson	"	"	"	"	"		
James M Banks	"	"	"	"	"	Oct 3rd 1828.	Deed
Elisha Thomas	"	"	"	"	"		
Davis Gurley	"	"	"	"	"	17 May 1828	Resigned
Elisha Meredith	"	"	"	"	"		
Elijah Henly	"	"					
E Taylor	"	"	5 July	1827	"		Vice Jon. Wood
Abraham W Bell	"	"	"	"	"		" E Hardwick
Wm A Moor	"	"	"	"	"		
James J. Benham	"	"	"	"	"		Collin Bishop
Ebenazar Boland	"	"	17 Aug	"	"		" L Guy
Bernard McKernon	"	"	"	"	"		
James M Kirks	"	"	"	"	"		Vice Robt Brenson
Ezekiel Taylor	"	"	"	"	"		" Sml Smith
Benjamin Burgess	"	"	23 Sep ^r .	"	"		" E Hardwick
Gabriel Couch	"	"	"	"	"		
Wm Moss	"	"	10th Apl	1828.	"		Vice John Wylie
Joseph Birdwill	"	"	"	"	"		" Elijah McCulloch
Daniel R Garland	"	"	"	"	"		" G W Dewoody
Elsy C. Owen	"	"	27 May	"	"		" Elisha Thomas
Bartholomew Gates	"	"	"	"	"	Oct 3. 1828.	" Jos Wofford
Joseph Wofford		(blank)	"	"	"		" Fras Bullock
Geo D. Fant		Notary Public	7 July	"	"		
Henry A Hubble		Justice Peace	6 Oct	"	"		Vice Wm Dickson
William Moore	"	"	"	"	"		Vice Barthol. Gates
John Weatherford	"	"	"	"	"		Vic_ James Frasier
Wm H Moore		New Series 1829.	7 April	1829	"		
George D Fant	"	"	"	"	"		
Joseph W	"	"	"	"	"		
John Weatherford	"	"	7 Apl	1829	"	12 Sept 1829	Resigned
Wm D Hart	"	"	"	"	"		
Richard H Leigh	"	"	"	"	"		
Bernard McKearman	"	"	"	"	"		
James M Banks	"	"	"	"	"		
John Adams	"	"	"	"	"		

Elijah McCulloch	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Nov 10. 1830.	Resigned
Wm Moss	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
Thomas B Malone	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
Christopher Tomkins	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		
Benjamin Burgess	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		

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James M Kirk	Justice Peace	April 7. 1829	12 Sept 1829.	Resigned
Wm Dickson	New Series 1829	" " " "		
Philip Gates	" " " "	" " "		
Daniel McInlay	" " " "	" " "		
Daniel B Garland	" " " "	" " "		
Davis Gurley	" " " "	6 July " "		
Edmund Wiggins	" " " "	" " " "		
Plate(?) Stord(?)	" " " "	17 Sept " "		
Josiah Carbell	" " " "	" " " "		
James Ramsey	" " Nov 16. 1830.	" " " "		
Lewis McAnnally	" " " " "	" " " "		
Dabney Ware	" " " Jany	Jany 16. 1832		
John Northerop	" " " "	" " " "		
James W Liggon	" " " "	" " " "		
Charles N Burgess	" " " "	" " " "		

Vice J. Weatheford
 " Wm Dickson
 " Green B Godlin
 " Thos B Malone

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Samuel Skinner	Constable	Mar. 3, 1823		
William L. Duncan	"	"		
Stephen Hermant	"	" " "		
William Warren	"	" " "		Removed
Benjamin Hudson	"	" " "		
Moses Hurley	"	" " "		
James Corbet	"	" " "	26th March 1824	Resigned
Michael Davis	"	" " "		
Pallas Neeley	"	" " "		
James Gotcher	"	" " "	21st Nov 1825	Resigned
Christopher Tompkins	"	" " "		
James Wylie	"	Oct. 25 "		
William White	"	Aug. 2 "		
John M. Riddle	"	Mar. 3, "		
John Keller	"	" " "		
Joseph L. Gray	Town - " Russelville	Feb. 16th. 1824	Aug. 9. 1824	Resigned
Phillip O Riley	" " "	Aug. 9. 1824		Vice J. L. Gray
Ira Olive	" " "	Nov 21. 1825		Vice Jas Gotcher
Joseph Olive	" " "	22nd Dec. 1825		Vice James Corbit
Anderson Bean	" " "	" " "		Vice A B Hundley
Gabriel Bourland	" " "	20 Sept 1826.		
Charles C Barne	" " "	" " "		
William Alsobrook	" " "	" " "		
George Clarke	" " "	" " "		
Brackton Smith	" " "	2 Feb 1827		Vice L Hodges
Ira Olive	" " "	5 July " "		
Robert Hooker	" " "	23 Sept "		
Hugh Petit	" " "	" " "		
James S. Murchie	" " "	10 April 1828.		Vice Adam S Stewart
John J Minifee	" " "	6 Oct " "		Original
Thomas Cook	" " "	" " " "		Vice J. Horn
Dolphin Floyd	" " "	" " " "		" Anderson Bean
Charles H. J. Brisco	New Series Justice of the Peace	6 July 1829 16 Nov. _____		Vice Jno. Adams

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John Wylie	Justice Peace	1832 April 2		
William Moss	-	-	-	
Francis Bullock	-	-	-	
William T. Patterson	-	-	-	
James M Kirk	-	-	-	
Josiah Corbell	-	-	-	
Daniel R. Garland	-	-	-	
William Moor	-	-	-	
John Benson	-	-	-	
Christopher Tompkins	-	-	-	
Hiram Townsend	-	-	-	
Charles N. Burgess	-	-	-	
James M Banks	-	-	-	
James Hodges	-	-	-	
Philip Gates	-	-	-	
Danl. McKinly	-	-	-	
William D Hart	-	-	-	
William Hill	-	-	-	
Robert P. Bates	-	-	-	
Reece Hamilton	-	-	-	
Colin Bishop	-	-	-	
Wa. H Moore	-	-	-	

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Jonathan Davis	Constable	1832 April 2		
Nathan Williams	-	- -		
John S. Gatcher	-	- -		
Armstead Bean	-	- -		
John M. Richardson	-	- -		
Charles B. Matlock	-	- -		
Henry Seales	-	- -		
James East	-	- -		
John Weatherford	-	- -		
Willis Bonner	-	- -		
Jesse Hodge	-	- -		

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Thomas Keenan	Mayor of Tusc	28 Aug 1832		

(Submitted by Mrs. Richard H. Gilliam, Jr.)				
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FIRST SCHOOLS OF RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA

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Submitted by Mrs. V. W. Hammer, Jr., Huntsville, Ala.

FRANKLIN COUNTY TIMES

"FIRST SCHOOLS OF
RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA"

(By Mrs. Etta Moody)

In 1820, a Mr. Wauldy conducted a private school at the Suggs School House, (known as the Suggs' School). This was four miles east of Russellville, south of Dr. E. M. Harris' farm, near Mr. Jurell Drake's farm. Rev. Thomas Moss' wife, Phoebe (Moss), attended this school two months. Later she became sister-in-law to Mr Wauldy. Phoebe Moss was grandmother of Dr. E. M. Harris and Mrs. P. L. O'Reilly.

John C. Stevenson conducted a school in a cedar-log-cabin, in the Drake Bottom community. Sunday school was also taught in this log-cabin. Other teachers of this community were Miss Sue Cummins, (wife of Ben Reed), Miss Sallie Davis, (Dr. Abner Farned's step-grandmother), Mr. Jabes Drake, (writer's grandfather). Mrs. Henrietta Jones attended this school. Another teacher was Miss Belle Stone. Two of Miss Stone's pupils were Mrs. Belle Bowen, (mother of Mrs. Y. M. Quinn and Mrs. Shellie Ross), and Mrs. "Sippie" Nance, (mother of Mrs. Chas. R. Wilson).

Prof. Robert H. Ransom conducted a school at the Jim Sheffield house, in the Waco community. Among his pupils were the Ransoms, Woods, Suggs, Arnolds, Farneds, Hortons, Richersons and Drakes. Mr. Ransom taught Bullion Latin Series.

One of the most noted schools of Alabama was conducted by Mr. John W. Harris, (grandfather of Dr. E. M. Harris and Mrs. P. L. O'Reilly), near his home, about one mile south of Russellville, the site known now as the Uritee Mines. This school was taught soon after the year 1820. "A lady who attended this school related that she had seen as many as 75 pupils, all the way from A. B. C.'s, to high Greek and Latin, in his room at one time. He had no help except some of the more advanced students, who acted as assistants." (Quoted from James' History).

This was a boarding school, and boys and girls from different states attended. A number of students boarded with Mr. Harris, while others in the community rode horses to and from school. Often they preferred to walk, and thought nothing of walking two or three miles. Among the books used were Davies' and Ray's Arithmetic, Bruton's Latin Grammar, and Murray's Grammar. It was said Mrs. Amelia Watkins, (Mrs. Lottie Allen's mother), knew this grammar "by heart." Mr. Harris possessed a winning personality and was much beloved by all his pupils. This school house was afterwards converted into a gin, known as Harris' gin.

The pupils of these schools wore homespun clothing and wool-knitted hose, made by their mothers and grandmothers. In 1820, Mr. Harris and Capt. Wm. Jones, (Dr. Tom Jones' grandfather), came to this country "horse-back" from Virginia. Mr. Harris was a descendant of John Rolfe and the renowned Princess Pocahontas. Born 1803, died 1883. "A notice of the death of Mr. Harris appeared in the Franklin News, published at Belgreen, by Peter White, issue of March 24, 1883; he stated, no purer name ever bloomed on History's page than that of John W. Harris, Sr." (Quoted from James History).

In 1870 Miss Mary Hentz taught school at the Baptist Valley church, south of Russellville. She boarded with Mr. Tom East. Among her pupils were Arthur, Harvey and Ben Orman, Jones Nance, Tom Ezzell, Dr. Tom Jones, Black Jones and Mesdames Sherrod and Cross.

In 1869 Col. John W. Harris, son of J. W. Harris, Sr., taught school at the old Franklin Institute. This was one of the largest schools of that day. This institution was on west Lawrence street, west of the present store of J. R. Moody. There were two stories to this building. It was owned by the Masons. Among those who attended this school are Dr. E. M. Harris, (son of Col. Harris),

Mrs. Tom Jones, Misses Kate and Maggie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Isbell,

Dr. John O'Reilly and Phillip O'Reilly, Mrs. Bob Ramsey and others living here in Russellville. Two distinguished pupils are Prof. M. C. Wilson, Winter Park, Fla., once principal of Florence Normal, and Dr. Henry F. Hill, Baltimore, Md. Among the books used in this school were McGuffie's Reader, Davis' and Ray's Arithmetic, Blue-Back-Speller, Kirkham English Grammar and Bullion Latin Series. Many pupils know the Blue-Back Speller "by heart." Col. Harris' assistant teachers were Mr. C. E. Wilson, Sr., Misses Mollie Rivers and Ann S. Trimble, a graduate of Athens College. Water was furnished from a well in front of Dr. Sevier's home, (where W. A. Dearing's store now stands and occupied by Keeton), also from the Five Oaks spring and the Walker spring, belonging now to Mr. Wm. Chenault. (We can picture the girls and boys bringing water in the cedar buckets and drinking it from the old fashioned gourd). In after years, Profs. Williams, Robt. Reeves and L. S. McRight taught school in this same old institute building. Many of their pupils are living in Russellville now. The last school taught in this building was in 1900, by Prof. L. S. McRight. The building has since been torn down.

From 1872 to 1882 Col. Harris taught at Kirkwood school. This noted school house stood near Payne's creek, about two miles east of Russellville, on the right hand side of the pike, above the Sloss mines pump, (near the cabin). Mr. Jimmie Kirk gave one acre of ground for this school, hence the name Kirkwood. Among those who attended this school are Addie Drake, Oklahoma, Julia Drake Jackson, Mt. Hope, Ben Orman, Dr. E. M. Harris, Mrs. P. L. O'Reilly and Mr. John Sibley, of Russellville. Col. Harris was first superintendent of education in Franklin county.

NATURALIZATION OF WILLIAM H. McCANN, LAWRENCE CO., ALABAMA

Lawrence Co., Alabama Court Minute Book B, pages 137-138

Friday Morning, January 28th 1825. Court met pursuant to adjournment.

William H. McCann, now of the said County, with permission of the Court, and in pursurance of the Acts of Congress upon the subject of the naturalization of foreigners, reports here to be entered of record; That in the year 1819, being then a subject of the United Kingdom of Great Britttian and Ireland, he emigrated from Belfast in the County of Antrium in Ireland and on the 6th day of August in the same year landed at Philadelphia, that ever since his arrival, he has resided in the United States, about four years of that time in the County and State aforesaid,.....bona fide intention to become a citizen of the United States.....ordered to be certified.

Contributed by Spencer A. Waters, 512 Coffey Street, Moulton, Alabama 35650

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## SHACKLEFORD GRAVES, LAWRENCE COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Northwest corner of Section 18, Township 4 South, Range 7 West, about two miles North of Courtland, then  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile off road on the McMinis place. We located it by the Iris. An area some 350 by 50 feet is not cultivated and is presumed to be a cemetery. Only two markers were found, and one was dug out of the leaves and sticks. The colored are known to have used this cemetery lately. Copied by Spencer A. Waters, Moulton, Alabama. Submitted by James O. Vassar (deceased).

MARGARET G. B. SHACKLEFORD

Born November 23, 1822

Died August 17, 1842

McMAHOM SHACKLEFORD

Born June 6, 1842

Died August 20, 1842

(???Probably Mother and Son???)

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LENTZ CEMETERY, LAWRENCE COUNTY, ALABAMA

In the center of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 33, Township 5 South, Range 6 West; on the property of Bruce Terry, at the rear of Dan Aday's home; Earl Ready informant. Copied 13 Feb. 1966 by Spencer A. Waters, Moulton, Ala. Submitted by James O. Vassar (deceased).

MAGGIE E. LENTZ

wife of

G. D. McCULLOCH

Born January 28, 1884

Died June 21, 1910

TENNIE C., wife of

W. R. SIMMS

Born June 23, 1880

Died July 10, 1910

LAWRENCE CO., ALA. HOUSTON CEMETERY AND LIKELY FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Cemetery found and copied in 1964 by Mrs. William B. McKnight, Route #3, Somerville, Alabama 35670, who also submitted the family notes.

This Lawrence Co., Alabama cemetery is west of Courtland and north of Highway 20 (Alternate 72) near the site of Col. James Saunders' (wrote Early Settlers of Alabama) father's house. I do not know the exact location, but think it is in Range 8 West, Township 3 South, Section 34, the same land granted to Joseph Martin in the 1830's. The plot was so overgrown that fear of snakes kept me from lingering too long, but I believe all the monuments were copied. (Also I was trespassing!) I climbed under fences and did not open any gates, being from an old farming family that has had a few too many gaps left open by trespassers from time to time.

John H. Houston	born 1 March 1826	died 26 Aug. 1896
Mary E. "	" 21 Oct. 1831	" 25 Dec. 1872
Fed A. "	" 16 Feb. 1868	" 20 Feb. 1891
Mary F. "	" 21 Dec. 1872	" 22 Dec. 1872
Walton B. "	" 14 Dec. 1854	" 13 Sept. 1855
Molly K. "	" 13 Feb. 1863	" 14 Jan. 1864
James W. "	" 27 Dec. 1865	" 24 July 1896

These Houstons aren't mine, but they appear to be related to my Walton line:

My ancestor, George Walton (son of Jesse and Mary Walton of Franklin Co., Ga.), lived in Lincoln Co., Tenn. 1813, was in Alabama by or before 1819, and moved about 1830 to Lawrence Co., Ala. with his wife Rebecca (Isaacs) Walton, and family which included several grown sons. George's daughter, Elizabeth C. Walton, was my great-grandmother. These Waltons lived near Courtland, Hillsboro and Leighton before moving to Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas in the 1840's.

The records in Franklin Co., Georgia show that my George Walton had a sister, Mary Walton, who married Joseph Martin by October 1804 (perhaps much earlier). According to Col. Saunders' "Early Settlers" (pages 49 & 50) George Walton moved to Lawrence Co., Ala. with his sister and her husband, Joseph Martin, who settled seven miles north of Courtland in sight of his (Saunders) father's house. The Martin's oldest daughter, Caroline, married John Gallagher; their son Walton Martin died in an 1824 epidemic; and daughter, Rachel, married Braham Battle. Saunders further states that a daughter of Rachel (Martin) and (A)braham Battle married John H. Houston who lived on land originally owned by Joseph Martin. This certainly ties in with the location of the Houston cemetery given above.

So, it appears the Mary E. Houston buried here was the wife of John H. Houston and thus was a descendant of my ancestor, Major Jesse Walton of Franklin Co., Ga. Now whether these Houstons have any descendants or not, I do not know, but perhaps other Walton or Martin descendants might be interested in this information.

Helen Bowling McKnight (Mrs. Wm. B.)

JOHN W(ATTS) CRUNK, REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERAN

Pension #38646

State of Tennessee) On this 2nd day of July 1827 Before me the subscriber,
 County) a Justice of the Peace for the said county of Davidson
 personally appeared, John W. Crunk, who on his oath, declares that he is the
 same person, who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain John
 Armstrong in the regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Martin, in the ser-
 vice of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of
 the State of Alabama that he received a certificate of that fact, under the
 signature and seal of the Secretary of War, which certificate was lost or
 destroyed and a duplicate issued sometime in the year 1825, he made applica-
 tion for a transfer from the state of Alabama to Tennessee. In March 1826
 he was transferred from Alabama to be paid at Nashville the 4th of March
 1826. About the 24th day of October 1825 he was assaulted in the house where
 he lived by four men and cruelly beaten, he believes they done this with the
 intention of robbing him, believing he had drawn his Pension money as the
 pension certificate cannot be found since that attack. It is believed they
 robbed me of the certificate & some other things that he has not been able
 to draw his pension since for the want of his certificate and now asks for
 a triplicate.

Sworn and subscribed
 before me the day and year
 aforesaid
 Stephen Cantrell, J. P.

John W Crunk (seal)

This may certify that I have been well acquainted with the deponent J. W.
 Crunk as above and have no doubt but what he is the same person that was
 placed on the pension Roll for the state of Alabama as by him stated
 Stephen Cantrell, J. P.

Be it known that on this third day of July 1827 before me, Willoughby Will-
 iams, an acting Justice of the peace in and for said county above named, per-
 sonally appeared Harvey Cobler who declares on oath that he was well acquaint-
 ed with John W Crunk, who has signed the foregoing oath of Identity and knows
 him to be the same person now on the pension roll of the United States

Harvey ^{his}
 X
 mark Cobler

The Declaration of John W. Crunk of Madison County in the Alabama Territory
 made this eleventh day of January 1819 before me Leroy Pope one of the Judges
 and Chief Justices of the County court of said county

Said John W. Crunk declares & says that in the month of March 1776 in
 Guilford County North Carolina he was enlisted by Lieutenant Robin Ralston
 with the company commanded by Captain Davidson of the Second Regiment of the
 North Carolina line on Continental Establishment commanded by Colonel Alex-
 ander Martin. That in or about the month of May following, he was transferr-
 ed to the company commanded by Captain Armstrong in the same regiment and was
 appointed a Serjeant That he continued to serve as such in said company untill
 in or about the month of September following when he was commissioned an En-
 sign in the company commanded by Captain Knox, in the same regiment. He re-
 ceived this commission at Charleston, South Carolina, and soon afterwards mar-
 ched under the command of Major White for Savannah in Georgia. On his arrival
 in the neigbourhood of Savannah he was taken ill of a fever & remained here-

(John W. Crunk, Revolutionary War Veteran, cont.)

abouts sick & unfit for duty untill the month of April following. Before this time Captain Knox with his company marched to the Northward shortly before this affiant set out from the neighbourhood of Savannah he wrote to Captain Knox to inform him that he would soon be fit for duty again & to request that Captain Knox would inform him where he should join him. About the month of June 1777 at Monk's corner this affiant received a letter from Captain Knox informing him that he had believed this affiant to be dead, that the officers in his company were then all filled & that if this affiant wished to continue in the service it would be as well for him to join some other part of the army. This Letter as well as this affiant recollects was dated from Chesnut Hill Pennsylvania where this affiant believes Capt. Knox's company then was. In or about the month of June 1777 & soon after receiving the aforesaid Letter from Captain Knox, this affiant joined the company of Dragoons commanded by Captain Duff of Colonel William Fair's Regiment, and at Camden in South Carolina received the commission of first Lieutenant in said company, and marched with said company from Camden and joined the Regiment at or near the Fish Dam Ford of Broad River. He continued in service acting as Lieutenant in said company & Regiment untill the month of March 1778 when he resigned his commission and left the Regiment near said Fish Dam Ford and set out to return to his connexions in Guilford County on his way thither he met with Captain Joseph Bassett of the South Carolina Militia then about to march with his company on an expedition against the Cherokees to the head of Pacelot river and at the request of said Captain Bassett joined his company, went with him on said service & continued for three months when the company was discharged. In or about the year 1779 this affiant went as a private in the Militia of Virginia on an expedition against the Tories on New River and continued in said service untill regularly discharged.

In or about the year 1799 when this affiant resided in Lee County, Virginia, his house was burnt, together with his furniture & papers and as he believes his aforesaid commission as Lieutenant and Ensign were then consumed. He believes that the aforesaid company of Capt. Duff & Col. Fair's regiment were on the continental Establishment, and well recollects that said Second Regiment commanded by Col. Martin was.

This affiant is now a resident citizen of the United States residing in said county of Madison. He owns a horse & four cows & some few articles of Household furniture but neither Land, negroes, nor any other property to the value of Five Dollars except as above mentioned. And he has no other evidence now in his power, to prove his having been in service as above stated. Said John W. Crunk further saith that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his country for support. The foregoing Declaration was on said 11th day of January 1819 at Huntsville, sworn to & subscribed by said John W. Crunk before me

John W Crunk

LeRoy Pope, J.Q.

LeRoy Pope states that from evidence aforesaid it appears that John W. Crunk served in the Revolutionary War as above stated in the 2nd Regiment of N. C. from Mar. 1776 to Apr. 1777, during a part of which time he was an ensign of said Regiment.

(Contributed by Pauline Jones Gandrud (Mrs. B.W.), 311 Caplewood Terrace, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401, who says that John W. Crunk did not remain in Madison County, Alabama long, but did leave descendants there.)

ABSTRACTS OF THE WILLS FOUND IN "RECORD OF WILLS, INVENTORIES
& OTHER RETURNS 1818-1820" - MADISON COUNTY, ALA.

- p. 1 WILL of JOHN HUTCHINGS Dated 7 Nov 1817
To my beloved mother --- Proven 12 Jan 1818
To my beloved & only son Andrew J. Hutchings ---
Beloved friend Andrew Jackson to be son's guardian & to have
the sole management of him and his education.
Money to be invested in land within the Ala. Terr., within
bounds of Jackson's Purchase, for benefit of said son.
Execs: Well beloved friends Genl John Coffee, Stockley D. Hut-
chings and Andrew Jackson.
Wit: Rachel Jackson, Thos Hutchings, Christopher Hutchings.
- p. 2 WILL of GEORGE M. BROWN Dated 21 Oct 1817
Madison Co., Ala. Terr. Proven 12 Jan 1818
"Weak & low condition of body ---"
To beloved wife Sally Brown - all property during life or
widowhood.
To my five children: Armelia Brown, Betsey Martin Brown,
George Washington Brown, LeRoy Pope Brown, Nancy Devonport
Brown -- also the child with which my wife is now pregnant.
Execs: Trusty friends Nicholas Pope, Thomas M. Pope.
Wit: Nancy Brown, Bennett (or Burnett) Wood, James B. Wood.
- p. 30 WILL of JOHN LOVE Dated 28 Feb 1818
Madison Co., Ala. Terr. Proven ca 30 Apr 1818
Daus: Sally B., Eliza J., Rebecah W., Martha H.
Sons: Thomas, William W., John T.
Beloved wife Elizabeth Love to have property until younger
son John T. Love is 21 or marries.
All children are under 21 and unmarried.
Execs: Wife Elizabeth, Bro. Charles Love & Benjamin Allen.
Wit: Calvin Him (?), James Hame, Gabriel Moore, Robt Hancock,
James Wilburn.

p. 47 WILL of JOHN SMITH Dated 2 Sept 1816
Proven 22 Jun 1818

Sons: James, Green W., John Thomas, Morgan.

Daus: Lindamisa Simms, Mary Cleveland, Frances Sandidge.

Execs: friends Major Nathaniel Power, Major Robert Walton, &
son-in-law Garrett L. Sandidge.

Wit: George Shackelford, John McCarly, James (X) Power, Tho-
mas Johnston.

(Note by AET: John Smith was born in England, married Mary
Morgan, one of 7 children of David Morgan of Wales & of Debo-
rah (Rose) Morgan.)

p. 105 WILL of SAM'L SMITH Dated 1 May 1818
Madison Co., Ala. Terr. Proven 28 Dec 1818

--- desire that Col. Rufus Morgan of Knoxville & my brother
Bowker Smith unite with my partner Luther Morgan in continu-
ing our joint business until the business of Morgan & Smith
can be closed to advantage -- then an equal division between
my father, brothers & sisters.

Execs: Rufus Morgan, Bowker Smith.

Wit: James Clemens, John Lorance.

p. 106 WILL of BENJAMIN EDDINS Dated 20 May 1816
Miss. Terr., Madison Dist. Proven Oct Term 1818

To my nine children: William, James, Theophilus, Fanny, Anny,
Joseph, John, Rebekah and Washington.

Rebeka McMaster shall have her part with my son James' last
children.

Execs: Sons Wm Eddins, John Eddins, Washington Eddins.

Wit: S. Marshall, Wiley Roberts, Benjamin Eddins, Jr.

p. 109 WILL of JOHN N. BELL Dated 5 Jan 1817
Madison Co., Miss. Terr. Proven Mar Term 1819

"-- being unwell in body & mind, though in perfect sence --"

To wife Judith Bell.

My eight children: George, Zeforuiah, John, Molly, Nancy,
Betsey, Lucinda & Sally.

Execs: William Bell & John Bell.

Wit: George J. Poindexter, James H. Bell, E. Andrews.

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WILL of JOHN HAMPTON

Dated: 9 Dec 1817

Proven Oct Term 1818

Late of Bedford Co., Va., but now of Madison Co., Ala. Terr.

"In bad health -- & expecting my time will soon come --."

To my great-grand daughter Mary Stratton ---

To my grandson Francis Haynes to act as trustee for above Mary.

Rest of grandchildren & great-grandchildren already provided for.

Exec: Francis Haynes.

Wit: John M. Leake, Charles (X) Toney, Martha Toney.

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WILL of JOHN BETEN

Dated: 22 Nov _____

(Complete)

Proven Dec Term 1818

In the name of God, Aman

John Belen of Madison County, Mississippi terittory weak of

Boddy of perfect mind & memory this my last will & testomony

I bequith mi sole to god hoo gave it my boddy to be Committed to the grave and bered in a cristian manner.

Itam after all my Jest Debts is paid Bequith a certain sorrel mare to my Deer wife Nancy Beten and nine hod of Cattle and foreteen hed of hogs and all my hous hold firneture and all my farming yeu tenstials all this I do Bequith to the said Nancy Beten doreing her life and at her deth to Be disposed of she sess Cause. Sind with my seel and dated this twenty second Day of November

John (X) Beten

in the presents of: Mathew Lankford.

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WILL of JOHN HODGES

Dated 7 Sept 1816

Madison Co., Miss. Terr.

Proven Oct Term 1818

To my mother -- also money due me from Captn John Brahan --

To my two sisters Nancy & Lucy --

To my three bros Pleasant, Rich'd Thompson, & Willis Hodges.

Execs: John M. Leake, Henry Cose.

Wit: Henry Cox, John P. Neal, John R. B. Eldridge.

Grandch: Marrah, Nancy, George & Millenda Christian.

Exec: Wife Elizabeth & son James G. Holmes.

Wit: Elizabeth Rice, Samuel Miller, Jr.

p. 129 WILL of STEPHEN PATE Dated 28 Apr 1817

Madison Co., Miss. Terr.

Proven 14 July 1817

All estate to remain in hands of beloved wife until children come of age, with exception of that lent to son James Pate & son-in-law James Millikin. "My 5 youngest children --"

Exec: Beloved friends Thomas Willingham, Mathew Pate.

Wit: Daniel (X) Long, John Willingham, J. L. Thompson.

p. 132 WILL of CHARLES McCARTNEY Dated 11 Jan 1818

Madison Co., Ala. Terr.

Proven Dec Term 1818

Ch: John, Ann Chambles, Polly Taylor, Eliza McCartney.

Beloved wife Polly McCartney ---

Exec: Sons James & John.

Wit: John Sprowl, Caleb Brown, Daniel Brown.

p. 135 WILL of JESSEE SCRUGGS Dated 29 Dec 1817

Madison Co., Ala. Terr.

Proven 8 July 1819

To loving wife Martha Scruggs - furniture, stock, crops, etc.

Exec: Richard Walpole, James Cold.

Wit: John Cocke, Martin Cole, William Miller.

p. 137 WILL of STEPHEN CHENNAULT Dated 29 Mar 1819

Madison Co., Ala. Terr.

Sale 21 May 1824

Debts due me from John H. Taylor & James Taylor -- to my sons Morress, William, John, Stephen & George Chennault.

Wife Fanny Chennault -- all other property except negro girl and that to dau Fanny Chennault.

To my two grandchildren Fanny Teague & Magnia Teague when they come of age or marry.

Exec: Sons Morris & William Chennault.

Wit: Z. W. Baker, J. H. Taylor, Wm Arnold, Thomas (X) Horton.

(Abstracted by Mr. & Mrs. Ezell Terry, Huntsville, Alabama.)

UNRELATED ALABAMA AND GEORGIA VANN FAMILIES IN TEXAS

Letter addressed to: Bob Vann, Jr., 1712 Sylvania St., Fort Worth, Texas

From: Kay Vann, Montague, Tex., Box 45 Postmarked "May__, 8:30 AM, 1949"

(Quote) Montague, Texas. May 7th 1949. Dear Bob: I am a little girl. My name is Kay Vann. I saw your piece in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram about someone poisoned your dog. I had a little dog. His name was Smokey. Daddy ran over him with the truck yesterday and killed him. I know how you feel about your dog. As we have the same name, reckon we are kinfolks. My daddy's name is Tony James Vann. My grandfather's name was William Ithamer Vann. My great-grandfather's name was Jessie John Calvin Vann, and my great great grandfather's name was William Vann. They were all born and raised in New Hope, Alabama. I am not big enough to write; so, my grandmother is writing for me. Tomorrow is Mother's Day. Hope you have a mother and dad. Well I guess this will be all. Sorry about your dog, Blackie. Kay Vann, Montague, Tex., Box 45. (End quote)

Copied 9/3/1967 from the original letter by Troy Young Collins, 2104 Fairmount Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76110. Mr. Collins states Bob Vann, Jr., to whom the letter was written, is "a nephew of my wife's and the Vanns mentioned in the letter are not known to be my wife's kin." Mrs. Collins was Elizabeth Vann, born 1909 Weatherford, Texas, daughter of Robert Franklin Vann, born Dec. 12, 1870 in Georgia, who was a son of James Vann who paid taxes in 1884 in Chattooga Co., Georgia. From Mr. Collins.

New Hope, Alabama mentioned in the letter is in the extreme southeast corner of Madison County about a mile from Paint Rock River and the Marshall County, Alabama line. Editor.

MINOR CEMETERY, MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

Located SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the East $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 29, Township 1 South, Range 2 West; about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile NW of Shady Grove Cemetery on Wall Triana Highway. In a pasture, under a tree on top of a small rise. There is evidence of other graves, but the markers are gone. Contributed by Mrs. Walter Johnson, Huntsville, Ala.

Sacred to the Memory of WILLIAM MINOR SEVR., Son of Daniel and Mary Minor who was born in Halifax Va., Decr. 8th, 1786, and Departed this life June 5, 1844 aged 58 years.

*** SEND IN A QUERY TO VALLEY LEAVES NOW ***

MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY APPOINTMENTS 1808-1812

These civil and military appointments were copied from microfilm (Bell & Howell Roll #1361) of the original 1805-1812 Mississippi Territory Register of Appointments located in the State Archives in Jackson, Mississippi. In the December 1969 Special Edition of Valley Leaves the appointments for this period were published as copied from records in the National Archives; however, even though there is much duplication, the additional entries and remarks in the original Register makes reprinting worthwhile. Pages 1-32 include the appointments made from June 15, 1805 through June 23, 1808. Three attorneys, who later lived in Madison County, received their licenses somewhere in the Territory before Madison County was created on December 13, 1808 -- viz Gabriel Moore on 12 May 1807 (page 21); Minor Sturgus, no date given, but in 1807 (page 21); and Louis Winston on 10 October 1808 (page 37). As in the December 1969 issue, all of and only the Madison County, Mississippi Territory (later Alabama) appointments are given here. The "Remarks" were usually in a different handwriting than the original entry, which indicates they were added "later."

NAMES	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	OFFICE	DISTRICT, COUNTY & C/ /REMARKS
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(Pages 33-39 Appointments from July 4, 1808 through Dec. 31, 1808)

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Stephen Neal	Dec. 19. 1808	Sheriff	Madison County
Thomas Freeman	" 19. "	Justice of Peace	Ditto
Stephen Neal	" 19. "	ditto	ditto

page 39--"An abstract of the foregoing Register commencing July 1, 1808 was this day transmitted to the Department of State January 1, 1809
The H. Williams, Secretary of the Mississippi Territory."

(Pages 40-47 Appointments Jan. 1, 1809 through June 26, 1809)

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Hugh McVay	Jan'y 1. 1809	Justice of Peace	Madison County
Benjamin Williams	Jan'y 1. 1809	Justice of Peace	Madison County

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Louis Winston	March 3. "	Att ^o General	Madison County/ /Resigned 20th August 1817
Peter Perkins	" 3. "	Clerk. Circuit Court	Madison County/ /Resigned
William Winston	" 3. "	Clerk County Court	Madison County
John Carter	" 11th "	Justice of the Peace	Madison County

page 47--"A copy of the foregoing Register of appointments from the 1st of January to the 30th June 1809 was this day transmitted to the Department of State. July 1, 1809 The H. Williams Secretary of the Mississippi Territory"

(Madison Co., Miss. Territory Appointments 1808-1812, cont.)

(Pages 48-53 Appointments from July 6, 1809 through Dec. 30, 1809)

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John M. Taylor September 1809 Attorney at Law -----

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William Dickson Novem. 7. 1809 Chief Justice Orp. Court Madison County/
/Resigned

Edward Ward " 7. " Justice of peace & quorum Madison County/
/Resigned

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John Withers Novem. 7. 1809. Justice of peace & quorum Madison County

Leeroy Pope " 7. " Ditto Ditto

Thomas Bibb " 7. " Ditto Ditto

Nicholas Perkins " 8. " Lt Col Commandant 7th Regiment

Stephen Neal " 8. " 1st Major 7th Regiment/
/Resigned

Alexander Galbreath " 8. " 2nd Major 7th Regiment/
/Resigned

William H. Winston " 8. " Adjutant 7th Regiment

Joseph Sessions " 8. " Aid de Camp to the Commander in Chief

Minor Sturgus " 8. " Ditto Ditto/

/Out of office. Since the Governor had directed
Sturgus to be entered out of office his letter of
resignation has been received.

Thomas G. Percy " 8. " Ditto Ditto

John Haines " 8. " Ditto Ditto

page 53--"A copy of the foregoing Register of appointments, from the 1st
July, to the 31. December 1809 has been this day transmitted to the Depart-
ment of State. January 1. 1810 The H. Williams Secretary"

(Pages 54-82 Appointments from Jan. 1, 1810 through Dec. 29, 1810)

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Gabriel Moor_ Jany 1. 1810 Assessor & Collector for 1810 Madison County

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Peter Perkins " 4. " Lt Col. Commandant 7th Regiment

Stephen Neal " 4. " Major 7th Regiment

Alex. Galbreath " 4. " Major 7th Regiment

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Peter Perkins " 15. " Clerk Superior Court Madison County

George Coalter " 19. " Attorney at Law

Marmaduke Williams " 19. " Attorney at Law

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James Rodgers February 20. " Attorney at Law

(Madison Co., Miss. Territory Appointments 1808-1812, cont.)

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John Grayson	May 9.	"	Justice of the peace	Madison County
Jehu Kirksey	" 9.	"	ditto ditto	ditto ditto
William Lanier	" 9.	"	ditto ditto	ditto ditto
Abraham Perkins	" 9.	"	ditto ditto	ditto ditto
Francis E. Harris	" 9.	"	ditto ditto	ditto ditto/ /declines accepting
John Martin	" 9.	"	ditto ditto	ditto ditto
George Dilworth	" 9.	"	ditto ditto	ditto ditto
James Titus	" 9.	"	Captain	7th Regt ^t
John Grayson	" 9.	"	Captain	7th Regt ^t
Robert Beatty	" 9.	"	Captain	7. Regt ^t / /declines accepting
Joseph Acklin	" 9.	"	Captain	7th Regt
William Howson	" 9.	"	Captain of Cavalry	Madison Troop
William H. Winston	" 9.	"	Adjutant	7th Regt
Peter Wright	" 9.	"	Lieutenant	7th Regt
Isaac Johnston	" 9.	"	Lieutenant	7th Regt ^t
Thomas Couch	" 9.	"	Lieutenant	7th Regt ^t
William Crawford	" 9.	"	Ensign	7th Regt ^t
David Cobb	" 9.	"	Constable	Madison County
Allen C. Thompson	" 9.	"	Captain	7th Regt ^t
William Wyatt	" 9.	"	Captain	7. Regt ^t

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Henry Cox	May 9 th	1810	Captain	7th Regt
James Neely	" 9.	"	Captain	7. Regt
John Hunt	" 16	"	Coroner	Madison County
John C. Hamilton	" 18.	"	Attorney at Law	
John Walker	" 18.	"	Attorney at Law	
Nicholas Gilbreath	" 18	"	Constable	Madison County

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John D. Bibb	Octr 27,	1810	Attorney at Law	
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Gabriel Moore	Decr 26.	"	Assessor & Collector for 1811	Madison County
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page 82--"A copy of the foregoing Register of appointments from the 31st December 1809 to the 1st January 1811 has been this day transmitted to the department of State. January 1, 1811" (unsigned)

(Pages 82-101 Appointments from Jan. 1, 1811 through Dec. 31, 1811)

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Andrew Riley	May 11th	1811	Constable	Madison County
Mathew Stoker	" 11th		Do	Do
John Allison	" 11th		Do	Do

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Francis Epps Harris	Augt 20	1811	Clerk of Superior Court	Madison County/ /vice P. Perkins resigned
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Clement C. Clay Oct 28th 1811 Attorney at law

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Joseph P. Kennedy Decr. 14th 1811 Brigade Major County of Madison/
/and those East of Pearl River Resigned
Hugh McVay 17th County Surveyor Madison County

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Gabriel Moore 17 Aid de Camp to Brigadier General Claiborne/
/with the rank of Major

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Leroy Pope Decr. 22 1811 Chief Justice of Orpahn's Court Madison County/
/vice Wm. Dickson resigned
Abner Tatom 22 Justice of Quorum Madison County
John Bunch 22 Justice of Quorum Madison County/
/David Moore appointed to succeed him on the 9th July 1813
John Chissum 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
James Sturgus 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
Nathaniel Power 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
Javan McVay 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
John Rogers 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
Thomas Moore 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
John Allisson 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
Joseph Wofford 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
Thomas Miller 22 Justice of Peace Madison County/
/Resigned
James McCartney 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
Benjamin Murrell 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
Samuel Davis 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
Shadrack Webster 22 Justice of Peace Madison County
Thomas Couch 22 Constable Madison County
Alfred Massengale 22 Constable Madison County

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William McBroom Decr. 22. 1811 Constable Madison County
William Hunt 22 Constable Madison County
Mathew Stoker 22 Constable Madison County
Andrew Riley 22 Constable Madison County
Benjamin Hinds 22 Constable Madison County
William Young 22 Constable Madison County
Michael Byrd 22 Constable. Town of Huntsville Madison County
Bennett Wood 22 Treasurer " Madison County
James Cotton 23 Constable Madison County
James McCartney 23 Assessor & Tax Collector for 1812 Madison County/
/Year Out
Joseph Mason 23 Justice of Peace Madison County
George C. Witt 24 Attorney at law moved away
John Webster 24 Justice of Peace Madison County

(Madison Co., Miss. Territory Appointments 1808-1812, cont.)

(Pages 101-107 Appointments from Jan'y 3, 1812 through May 26, 1812; none for Madison County or 7th Regiment; and no "statement" on page 107.)

(Unnumbered page following page 107; right side of sheet torn)

Names of persons licensed to trade with indian tribes (no locations given)

Jesse Dodson	License dated	20th	of	June	1811	to	1st	June	181
Christopher Stump	Ditto	26		June	1811	to	1st	Aug.	181
Joseph McRaven	Ditto	25		July	1811	to	1st	July	1813
Henry Moore	Ditto	11		September	1811	to	1st	Sept	1812
John Norton	Ditto	6		October	1811	to	1st	Octr	1813
Perry Cohee	Ditto	8		October	1811	to			(blank)

[Note: These licenses were for all of Mississippi Territory. Editor]

(Unnumbered page following the one above)

Number of the Regiment by the Act of the 23rd December 1809

Amite	No.--1.
Wilkinson-----	2.
Adams-----	3.
Jefferson-----	4.
Claiborne-----	5.
Washington-----	6.
Madison-----	7.
Baldwin-----	8.
Wayne-----	9.
Warren-----	10.
Franklin-----	11.
Green-----	12.
Marion-----	13.

(End Mississippi Territory Register of Appointments 1805 - 1812)

(Contributed by Mrs. Richard H. Gilliam, Jr.)

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DID YOU KNOW.....

that in Alabama a death certificate cannot be recorded after one year from the date of death? (Letter 12 May 1969 to Mrs. Roy J. Cochran, Huntsville, Alabama from State of Alabama, Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Office Building, Montgomery, Alabama 36104)

Q U E R I E S

Prepared for publication by Mrs. K.K. Spooner

- # 80. LEMLEY, COLLIER, BIGGS, VANN: Seek antecedents of John Lemley, married Margaret Biggs, Jan. 6, 1847, Madison Co., Ala.; John William (Bill) Lemley, married Mary Catherine (Kate) Collier, 1886, Madison Co., daughter of James Collier and Margaret Vann. Lived Owens Cross Roads and New Hope. Were any of these of Indian ancestry, as our family legends have it?  
Mrs. R. C. Honeycutt, 4805 Shackelford St., Ft. Worth, Texas 76119
- # 81. CUNNINGHAM, McHENRY: Desire to contact the descendants of the following: Joseph H. Cunningham, about 1850, Lancaster District, So. Car., later Shelby Co., Ala. John V. and Rezia McHenry, lived Shelby Co., Ala. ca 1840. Dr. Thomas D. McHenry, 1808-1843, Shelby Co., Ala. Nancy McHenry, 1782-1844, Shelby Co., Ala. Barabas McHenry, 1800-1850, Shelby Co., Ala. Will supply limited data on the above.  
Edwin L. Grady, Rt. 2, Box 390, Somerville, Ala. 35670
- # 82. BOLEN, BOLING, SUGGS, WESSON: Who were the parents of Brantley B. Bolen, Mary Boling Suggs, Nancy Boling Wesson? Were they brother and sisters? All were in Lawrence Co., Ala. in the 1820s and 1830s? Will answer letters.  
Mrs. W. J. Miellmier, 2521 Forest Park Blvd., Ft. Worth, Texas 76110
- # 83. FRY: Want to correspond with all Alabama Frys. Anna Fry married Joel Blackburn, East Tennessee (Anderson Co.), ca 1810.  
Mrs. J. Clifford Hill, 418 W. Matthews Ave., Jonesboro, Ark. 72401
- # 84. FRY, FRYE: Wish to correspond with all Frys, Fryes in Tennessee, particularly with those in Gallatin. Will exchange information.  
Mrs. Viora Frye Spooner, 7903 Regent Cir., S.W., Apt. 1, Huntsville, Ala. 35802

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Note! Note! Note!

Please read the letters on the following pages and support this project. Also refer to Valley Leaves, Vol. II, No. 3, March 1968, page 85. Editor

ASSOCIATION FOR RECORDS AND CENSUS INDEXING
P. O. Box 9621, Arlington, VA 22209

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14 November, 1970

The objective of this letter is to acquaint you with work which has been and is being done to index the census records for the years 1850 through 1880 and to ask you to specifically write for us your appraisal of the value and uses of the census records. We also need the name and address of each person you know who has made an extensive research use of the census records.

Federal manuscript census records are constantly gaining attention by researchers in many different fields. An increased number of researchers, in their quest for solutions to new problems and the obtainment of new answers to old problems, have accelerated greatly their use of the records. A particularly important factor has been the impact of the electronic digital computer by which large amounts of data can be processed easily, rapidly, and reliably, with new techniques and methods. This factor is brought into sharp focus and clear meaning when all of the data contained in the census schedules have been put into computer language so it can be indexed or programmed for obtaining desired information in usable form.

To have indices of all available census records from 1790 to 1880 or to have the data therefrom appropriately stored in computer language for ready access would be of inestimable value to genealogists, historians, sociologists, demographers, and many others who are searching for information which will make possible a better understanding of the economic growth and history as it is made.

The census records for the years 1850 through 1880, however, contain such a wealth of information on each individual in comparison with the earlier census records that most researchers have been primarily concerned with the records for those four decades. In view of this situation, present efforts would be more effective and beneficial for everyone if concentrated on the manuscripts of census schedules for 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880.

Work on the 1850 census has been initiated. More than 150 volunteers scattered across the United States have already participated. These dedicated workers devoted approximately 20,000 hours on the Census Project, most of which were in transcribing the data into a more readable form. Tennessee has been used as a pilot State. In order to test the practicability of putting the census data into computer language, the population schedule for one of the counties was programmed, key punched, and then indexed by the computer for genealogical and other purposes. The results were highly satisfactory.

Although progress on the Tennessee Project has been very encouraging, much remains to be done to get all of the data ready for indexing by computer. The principal preparatory work is largely key punching, which could be done directly from the microfilm copy of the census records, if closely supervised. Such work would be particularly suitable for college and university students--students who are capable and who are in need of funds to continue their attendance in school. An employment procedure of this type would require sizable grants from foundations, organizations, or individuals having an interest in the data and in aiding students.

Placing the bulk of the work of the Census Project in a university has several favorable aspects. Among the most noteworthy of these are:

1. Performance of uniformly good work under supervision, and
2. Completion of the Census Project for the four censuses of 1850 through 1880 could be expedited.

Financing the Census Project is a large undertaking. Its potential financial supporters must be informed adequately regarding the significance and lasting value of the endeavor. Each will have to become personally involved to such an extent that he will have the urge to see the work through to completion, regardless of the magnitude of the work and the costs encountered.

Potential users of the census records will need to be apprised of their wealth as a research source of a large variety of vital information and statistical data. The value of the census records is largely unknown to the general public. An increasing number of researchers and analysts are discovering their usefulness, but many other specialists could benefit from their use.

Plans have been made to compile a brochure on the 1850-1880 census compilation and indexing work. The object of such a brochure is twofold. In the first place, it is to give the background of each Federal Census and its history, the method of enumeration, and the type of data collected and its value to the Government. Second, the currently more important part of the brochure is to be devoted to the value of and the use of the manuscript census records by the general public, including researchers in many fields of endeavor. Among the researchers are historians, genealogists, sociologists, economists, lawyers, geneticists, and demographers. Still others will develop during the course of compilation. Essentially, all of the research done using the manuscript records to date by such specialists has involved slow, time-consuming work, in which millions of hours have been productive toward only one endeavor. Had the data been indexed or in the computer language, only a small fraction of the time expended would have been required.

A general outline of indexing the census records will be made starting with 1850. In actual operation, the 1850 census will be completed before proceeding with the succeeding records. Full names will be recorded and the indexing will be on a State-wide basis.

The greatest asset to the brochure will come from individuals who have actually used the manuscript census records in an important research endeavor which has been completed or is now underway. A personal appraisal of the value of these records in actual service will have more convincing power for financial support than all other factors combined. This is the principal reason for writing to you. We need your appraisal from your point of view of the value and uses of the census records. Particularly significant in your appraisal will be an assessment of the potential value of an index by the names of persons recorded on the census records.

Moreover, in view of the importance of the appraisals for inclusion in the brochure, this letter is being sent to each person who has made extensive research use of the manuscript census records in making major compilations for publication. Many of these people are unknown to us at present. Consequently, any help you can give in furnishing their names and addresses will be appreciated. Perhaps you also have other helpful suggestions. Each will be most welcome.

Still further, we shall appreciate the privilege of placing in the brochure along with your name, title, university, organization, or institution with which you are associated, your appraisal of the value of having the manuscript census records in computers for retrieval, and of an index thereof, as desired.

You will be interested to learn that the Association for Records and Census Indexing is a nonprofit organization. It was incorporated in Virginia during 1967, and financial contributions to the Association may be deducted from Federal Income taxes. Among the primary objectives of the Association are providing leadership for and organizing efforts in accomplishing all work required to complete the foregoing endeavor. This includes the recruiting of workers and sponsors of workers and the encouragement of financial supporters.

Let us hear from you soon. In the meantime, best of success in all of your work.

Sincerely yours,

William T. Pryor

William T. Pryor, President

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Report to Contributors and Co-workers on the 1850 Census Project

(This is a delayed interim report on work accomplished and work underway by the Association for Records and Census Indexing since our last communication to you.)

We are happily reporting that, on November 5, 1969, Tax Exemption Status was granted to the Association by the Internal Revenue Service.

A pilot County in Tennessee, namely Van Buren, was selected for use in testing an electronic digital computer program for writing a transcription of the 1850 Census and also for making and writing an alphabetical index of the Census. This work was successfully completed and can now be used in compiling and writing an index and a transcription of the entire 1850 Census on a State-wide basis.

Currently, efforts are being made to acquire an historical record of uses made of the census records and to obtain expressions of opinion regarding the economic value of an index to census users. One of the efforts in this direction will be evidenced by an enclosure which has been, is being, and will be mailed to individuals, institutions, and group users of the censuses. Reason for this continuing program is the fact that users become known as replies are received. Accordingly, this is a continuing effort.

Data acquired from the foregoing will be used in the preparation of a factual brochure to inform individuals and institutions, and others who will likely provide financial assistance to the Association for the furtherance of its work.

Should you have suggestions or comments to make regarding our current efforts, they will be most welcome. Your past and continuing support of and work for the Association are greatly appreciated, and will eventually be of benefit to an innumerable number of people.

Sincerely yours,

William T. Pryor

William T. Pryor, President

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NEW MICROFILM IN LIBRARY

The following microfilm has been placed in the Public Library, Huntsville, Alabama by TVGS. All genealogical data on this film pertaining to Madison County, Mississippi Territory has been published in Valley Leaves. Before 1817 this was the only county in the area that later became North Alabama.

Ordered from National Archives, Washington, D.C.; these originals kept there.

Appointments in Mississippi Territory 1809-1815
One roll - #NND69-667

Ordered from Bell & Howell, Micro Photo Division, Wooster, Ohio 44691. The original books are in the Mississippi State Archives, Jackson, Mississippi.

Mississippi Territory Tax Lists 1802-1817

Two rolls - #299 & #300

Mississippi Territory and Mississippi State Census Records 1792-1866

Three rolls - #546, #547 & #548

Mississippi Territory Register of Appointments County Officers 1805-1812

One roll - #1361

Mississippi Territory Register of Appointments County Officers 1812-1817

One roll - #??? (not on box)

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CORRECTIONS FOR PAST ISSUES OF VALLEY LEAVES

(Submitted by Mrs. Walter Johnson, Huntsville, Alabama)

Vol. I, No. 3, March 1967

Sixth grave inscription on page 69:

Elizabeth Wife of F.M. Lewis was born February 10th, 1862 (not 1863)

Tenth grave inscription on page 69:

Susan White, Born Lunenburg Co., Virginia March 30, 1808 (date was omitted)

"Erected as a token of her many virtues by her children." (inscription " ")

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Fourth grave inscription on page 70:

William S., Son of Eli and Mary Hammond (piece of broken stone recovered)

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Second grave inscription on page 71:

In Memory of Spelman C. Routt (The "S" was omitted)

Fourth grave inscription on page 71:

Aged 25 yrs. 8 mo. 6 da. (This line omitted from Jane C. Baldrige's stone)

Vol. II, No. 3, March 1968

Third inscription in right-hand column of page 68:

Mary C. Steele ("t" instead of "y")

Vol. III, No. 3, March 1969

Bottom of page 79:

The cemeteries are in Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama (not Madison County)

Also add page 79 to Place Index under Morgan Co., Alabama on page 121.

Vol. IV, No. 1, September 1969

Bottom of page 22:

Robert T. Clark was born in Halifax Co., N.C. (State was omitted)





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