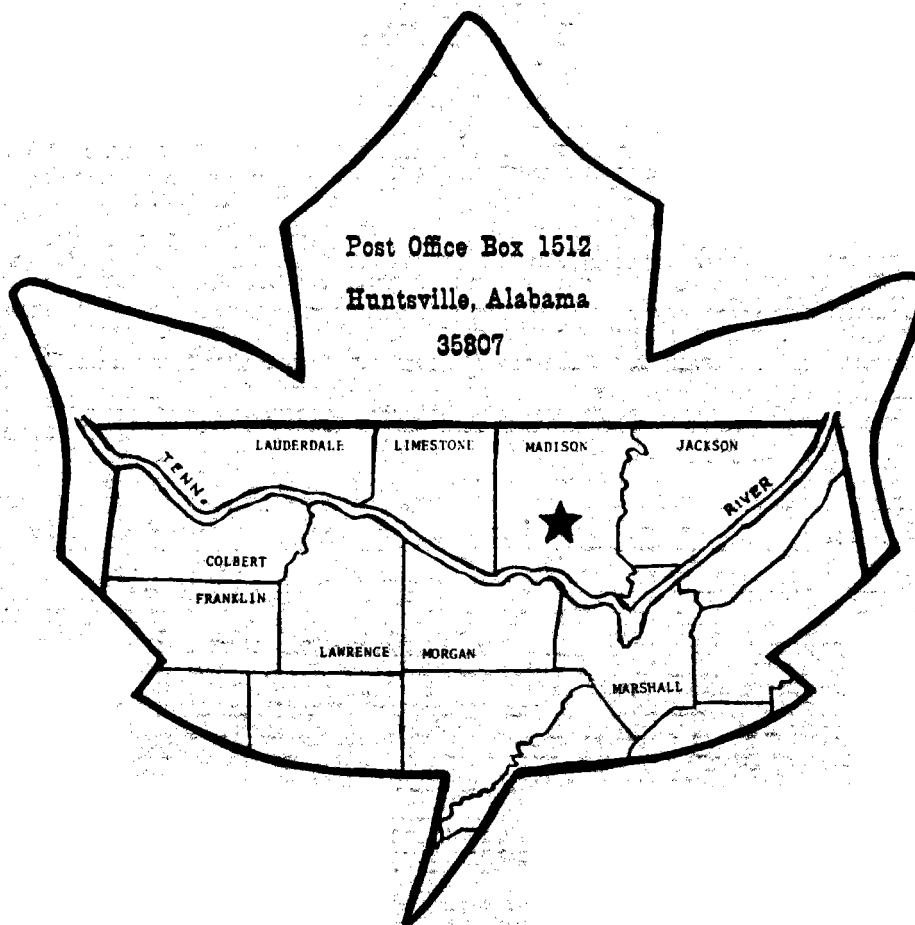


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 Happy Holidays!  
 From TVGS  
 Local members

EDITOR'S LEAF

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Although this issue is being prepared a month or so before you will receive it, your local TVGS members hope it brings you many Christmas "Goodies" for your Family Tree.

Have you considered sending a Valley Leaves GIFT SUBSCRIPTION to a friend or relative whose ancestors were in our Valley Counties? Can you think of a more enjoyable Christmas, birthday, or anniversary gift for one who shares our interests? Enclose your gift card with your check when you order for those special folks; our mailing committee will send the issue directly to the name and address you specify.

We were delighted to receive several new books for review. Some arrived as we were about to "put this issue to bed", and we were unable to squeeze in another review. Others will appear in the March issue. Genealogical and historical books are the types to send us for review. Many thanks to Jerry Webb, Ann Cochran, and Margaret Cowart for the reviews in this issue. And, of course, thanks to the authors who send us their books.

Mobile Genealogical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 6224, Mobile, Ala. 36606, has resumed publication (Aug. 1972) of Deep South Genealogical Quarterly, featuring the Gulf Coast States, with emphasis on Alabama. Published Aug., Nov., Feb., & May, each issue will contain over 50 pages. (Dues \$6.00) TVGS wishes you many successful years of publication.

On September 28th Dr. Richard W. Iobst, archivist at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, N. C., spoke to TVGS members about William Holland Thomas of Haywood Co., N. C. A champion of the rights of the Cherokee Indians, Mr. Thomas spent many years working with the Eastern Cherokee's claims. In a lively question period following his talk Dr. Iobst discussed specific items concerning the Cherokees, mentioning Indian records that are available including an Indian Collection at his University.

TVGS meetings for the remainder of the 1972-3 year will be at 7:00 p.m. (usually at the Huntsville Library): Nov. 30, Jan. 25, March 22, May 24, and July 26. Plan to be with us.

When our "staff" transcribes a Bible record from a photocopy sent us, we try to copy letter-for-letter and comma-for-comma, etc. This explains "out-dated" spelling, punctuation, and capitalization you have noticed in these records. We find this ensures a more accurate transcription and hope our readers find this attention-to-detail worthwhile.

Your contributions and queries are eagerly awaited. (We never know when a copy of our own missing family records will be discovered and contributed.) Isn't it fun to know you have put something into print that will help other searchers? A very special Merry Christmas to all of you wonderful contributors! Our deadline for material to be considered for publication in the March issue is February 1. Please see "TVGS Policies" in Vol. 7, no. 1, and send a contribution.

Our query numbering system is troubling some of you. We assign a number to each person's query. The name and address of the person submitting all the queries listed under one number are given on the last line under that number; for example, #161 - BOTH queries following that number were submitted by Miss Bettye Harrison.

"No return" following the issuance date of a marriage license means that the person performing the ceremony did not return the courthouse form giving the date the marriage was solemnized. Occasionally the marriage did not take place but more often it did. See the marriage announcement on page 58 and the marriage license on page 61 of this issue as one example of "No return".



CURRENT MAPS OF ALABAMA AREAS

"General Highway Maps" of Alabama counties ( $\frac{1}{2}$ " scale) may be ordered for 20 cents per county from Planning and Programming, Alabama State Highway Department, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Send check or money order (no stamps) payable to "Alabama State Highway Department" with the name of each county map desired. These county maps show section, township, and range numbers as well as highways, schools, churches, many cemeteries, etc.

For those interested in information on maps in more detail, order "Index to Topographical Maps of Alabama" (free) from Map Information Office, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. 20242. With that index you may choose the quadrangle maps in which you are interested and find the cost per map, etc.

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS IN PROBATE RECORD 4, MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA.

(Abstracted by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Ezell Terry, Huntsville, Ala.)

PR 4, p.19

WILL OF JOHN GRAYSONDated 19 July 1826  
Prob 3 Oct 1826

To dearly beloved wife Sarah Grayson --- until youngest son James G. Grayson shall arive to the age of 21.

--- equally divided among all the legatees to my estate except Abrose (Ambrose) Grayson, Sarah Grayson, Napoleon B. Grayson & James G. Grayson all of which is to have one horse each, over and above their portion.

Execs: Wife Sarah Grayson, George Grayson, John C. Grayson, Charles Grayson.

Wit: James Robinson, Labarn Craft (Laban in Prob.), Hiram Skelton, Rachel Lenord.

PR 4, p.20

WILL OF ALLEN BLEDSOEDated 17 Sept 1826  
Prob 13 Nov 1826

(Nun-cupative)

Complete

"This day Allen Bledsoe was taken suddenly ill, and being informed a few hours previous to his death that his case was a critical one; he in our presence stated that his Parents were very old, and from misfortune had been reduced to poverty; that they were insolvent, and were much in debt, that in order to administer some relief to them, he stated that he had been very economical, and had collected together some little property - and that all he had he wished to be applied toward their support during their lives without being subject to the call of their creditors and at their death to go to his brothers and sisters. Witness our hands & seals this 22 Sept 1826. Philip Woodson, Jr., John K. Dunn, Joseph Vokes."

PR 4, p.20

WILL OF THOMAS WALTERSDated 20 July 1826  
Prob 25 Sept 1826

To my lawful wife Elizabeth --- land joining Edward Dillard.

To my two youngest sons Thomas and John -- money due me in Tenn. on Thomas Rencan (?). To son David ---

Execs: Son Daniel Walters & Jessee Roan.

Wit: Isaac Moore, Abner Spence, William Cosby (or Cosley ?).

PR 4, p.21

WILL OF JOHN TAYLORDated 3 Mar 1824  
Prob 28 Aug 1826

Of Orange CO., Va.

To sons John M. Taylor & Gilbert D. Taylor.

Execs: My bro. Robert Taylor & my friend William Quarles. In consequence of the high opinion I hold for sd execs, I direct that they not be bound to give security. "The whole of the above will is written with my own hand."

Orange Co., 28 Aug 1826, this will was offered for probate, and there being no witnesses, Lawrence T. Dade, Hughs Darby, Joseph Atkins & Richard H. Taliaferro deposed that they were well acquainted with the hand-writing of the deceased and believed the will to be written by him -- whereupon the

(Continued next page)

(Madison Co., Ala. Will Abstracts, continued)  
writing was ordered to be recorded.

Test: Reynolds Chapman, C. C.

Recorded in Madison Co., Ala., 29 Nov 1826.

PR 4, p.22

WILL OF COLEBY JACKSON

Dated 20 Oct 1826  
Prob 1 Dec 1826

To dau Milly Jackson ---

To wife Elizabeth Jackson -- during her lifetime & at her death to be divided among the heirs of her body. (Not named or numbered.)

Execs: Wife Elizabeth & son Isiah Jackson.

Wit: James Cole, Archer Campbell.

PR 4, p.23

WILL OF WYATT P. WALKER

Dated 7 Dec 1826  
Prob 23 Dec 1826

To my nephew Robert James Walker, son of my brother Peter ---

All my interest both vested and contingent in my late father's estate in Va. to my sisters Ann Frances Susan and Sally. (No commas. Two sisters or four?)

Exec: My brother Peter Walker - no security required.

Wit: Wm H. Glascock, William M. Wofford, Horatio Griffith.

"Living at a distance it is not convenient for me to qualify as exec. of the within will of my deceased Brother. My wish is that my friend Mr. (or Wm ?) John Robinson should qualify as admr with the will annexed in my place."

(Signed) P. Walker.

PR 4, p.24

WILL OF JOHN B. BRUCE

Dated 7 Sept 1826  
Prob 1 Dec 1826

Personal estate to be divided into eight equal parts -- Wife (not named) to have two parts for life if she remarries before oldest child comes of age, three parts during widowhood if she remains single until oldest child comes of age. Children (not named) to have one of the remaining five parts as they shall become of age or marry.

Exec: Isaac Crowder.

Wit: Alexr Erskine, Albert G. Read, Thomas Lowery.

PR 4, p.24

WILL OF WILLIAM GRANT

Dated 2 Sept 1826  
Prob 11 Jan 1827

To beloved wife Nancy Grant ---

All my children: Eliza C. Gage, Sarah Ann Bibb, Nancy Lewis Grant, Alexander Grant, Harriet Grant, John S. Washington, Patsey A. W. Grant, Emily and Egbert.

Execs: William and Henry Bibb.

Wit: Eli Hammond, Hugh Burnett (Barnett in Probate), Edw. Davie.

PR 4, p.25

WILL OF JESSE LUNSFORD

Dated 28 July 1826  
Prob 28 Dec 1826

To my beloved brothers & sisters, their heirs, etc. -- all my earthly goods and chattels to be equally divided. (No names!)

Exec: John W. Falkener.

Wit: John McRae, Rufus C. Rathbone, Saml C. Faulkener, Bryant P. Ready.

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(Madison Co., Ala. Will Abstracts, continued)

PR 4, p.31

WILL OF JOHN LANE

Dated 27 Oct 1826

Prob 13 Mar 1827

To daus: Elizabeth Williamson, Nancy Lane, Arsena Gatewood, Fanny Clifton.

To sons: Sampson, John, William.

To grandson John William Lane Bullock ---

To beloved wife -- (not named.)

Execs: My wife with Roland Gatewood.

Wit: Wm H. Wyche, James Wilburn, B. J. Randle. (Benjamin J. in probate.)

Rowland Gatewood &amp; Elizabeth Lane, wife of dec'd, sign bond. Securities:

John Leonard, James Wilburn, William Lane, Thomas Clifton.

PR 4, p.34

WILL OF GEORGE P. HARRELL

Dated 25 Apr 1826

Prob 19 June 1826

To beloved son Slaughter C. Harrell ---

Balance equally divided between wife Polly Harrell &amp; my eight children:

Slaughter C., Henry W., Mary W., Sylvester C., Stephen W. V., Cutiar (?) W., George P., &amp; Emily E. Harrell. Daughter Nancy P. &amp; her husband Joseph Floyd have already received their share.

Execs: Friend James Wiggins, son Slaughter C. Harrell.

Wit: Wm. D. Hollowell, John H. Ackinson (Atkinson), John Mallory.

PR 4, p.35

WILL OF JOEL W. JONES

Dated 29 Jan 1827

Prob Mar Term 1827

To beloved wife Agnes Jones ---- To dau Elizabeth E. Jones ----

To my other ch as they come of age or marry. (Not named.)

Execs &amp; guardians of Ch: Wife Agnes Jones, friends John Y. (?) Winston &amp; Nathaniel Terry, bro. Arthur W. Jones. No security required &amp; no inventory to be made. My beloved father to keep possession of place where he now resides.

Wit: F. Watkins, Wm Clayton, Crud P. Halley.

PR 4, p.51

WILL OF MATTHEW ESTES

Will not dated

Prob 28 Nov 1825

Rec 30 Mar 1827

Wife Martha Estes to enjoy the whole of my estate for purpose of raising &amp; educating my children.

Daus: Martha Jane &amp; Eliza Ann Estes.

Sons: John, Robert, Benjamin, Samuel, Matthew, William, Abram, George and Joseph Estes.

Exec: Wife Martha Estes.

Wit: Geo. S. Smith, John W. Gray, Thomas Gray.

PR 4, p.81

WILL OF THOMAS H. BODDIE

Prob 24 Apr 1827

(Nun-cupative)

"He turned to Wm. D. Lanier in the presence of the undersigned & said that he wished his wife to have everything about the house -- he wished his property divided between his wife and children -- Wm. D. Lanier to have his shot  
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(Madison Co., Ala. Will Abstracts, continued)

gun and his dogs --- Clemen\_ G. Lanier to have his rifle gun --- each of his slaves to have something --- Isaac Lanier & Wm. D. Lanier to have management of his property --- His son George to have his Masonic apron & sash. Mr. Hardiman F. Jones named to Mr. Bodie that he had best have the above written down and he observed that it was not material as he had told W. D. Lanier all that he wished."

Wit: Jas Fazar (Frazar), H. F. Jones.

PR 4, p.83

WILL OF WILLIAM HOGAN

Dated 23 Oct 1817

Prob 5 May 1827

Madison Co., Ala. Terr.

To sons David Hogan & William Hogan -- land purchased of Robert Beaty --

To daug Nancy Herndon, Sally Grider and Lucy Hogan.

To grandch: Muhlinberry Beaty, William Beaty & John Beaty --- & 5 shares in the Planters & Merchants Bank of Huntsville.

To sons John Hogan & James Hogan -- land purchased of Willis Estill ---

To two youngest sons Elijah & Samuel -- land purchased of Robert Gillespie.

After 1 Jan next I relinquish & quit claim to ch & grand-ch all right and interest to the property in this will except 5 shares bank stock to grand-children & the farm whereon I now live.

Execs: Sons James Hogan, Elijah Hogan.

Wit: Lemuel Mead, Elias Bayles\_, Saml McAlister, Michael Byrd, Will Milan.

(Note: The widow of William Hogan is mentioned in the probate notice.)

PR 4, p.103

WILL OF DAN'L M. POWER

Dated 20 June 1827

Prob 2 July 1827

After debts are paid balance of estate to be equally divided between my two brothers & sister: Nath'l Power, John Power & Harriet M. Power.

Execs: Faithfull\_ friends John Power, Senr. & John T. Smith.

Wit: T. C. Rodgers, William Harton.

PR 4, p.117

WILL OF NANCY GRAVES

Dated 4 Aug 1827

Prob 24 Oct 1827

" -- in a languishing state of health."

To my sister Lucy Pettis --- (Pettus)

To my niece Maria Graves. To Thomas Arnett. To the heirs of Susanna Long, dec'd. To James O. Pettis. To Barbara Pettis. To Nancy Pettis.

To my sister Cathrine Graves.

Exec: My beloved friend James O. Pettis.

Wit: David Draper, William Rowe, Geo. T. Jones.

PR 4, p.165

WILL OF RICHARD M. HIX

Dated 28 Oct 1827

Prob 10 Dec 1827

"-- the money that is due me in Williamson be collected and appropriated to" (the paying of debts) --- balance to my father.

My remains to be buried in Masonic Order.

Exec: Friend Doctor Robert C. Rubre of Bainbridge.

Wit: Zeno T. Harris, David Sims, A. M. M. Upshaw.

(To be continued next issue)



HOW TO READ A TOMBSTONE

By

Dorothy Scott Johnson

When I canvass a cemetery I take with me certain Standard Operating Equipment. This includes: (1) Pencil and paper; (2) Lots and lots of chalk; (3) A plain ole' kitchen scouring brush; (4) Machetti.

Number 4 has probably raised some eyebrows so I'll explain it first. I've used it for: (a) Digging tombstones out of the earth; (b) Whacking my way into cemeteries since Alabama seems blessed with an abundance of foliage; (c) Killing snakes (in case I'm not up to out-running them); (d) Discouraging unwanted suitors while working in the hinterlands (which does happen - even at my age!). Warning: Keep it sharp.

Number 1 above hardly needs explaining but do take plenty of paper along in case the cemetery is much larger than you anticipated. If you use ballpoints take a spare along in case one runs out of ink; if you use pencils take several along and also have a small sharpener handy.

NEVER, NEVER try to canvass a cemetery without several boxes of chalk in your purse. And NEVER use anything but chalk. I've heard of people using everything from flour to stones to rub the face of a tombstone in order to make the lettering clearer, but I've never found anything as efficient, harmless, or easy to use as chalk. Don't use anything that will scratch the face of the marker; a clumsy scratch across a tombstone can change a "1" to appear a "4", a "c" to appear as an "e" and so on. Some tombstones have been so defaced by unthinking clods using abrasives that they are impossible to read today.

How to chalk a stone: Rub the chalk over the entire face of the stone. (It takes more chalk but you don't miss anything if you chalk it all). Then rub the face of the stone gently with the palm of your hand (it's hard on hands but they'll mend and a cloth or brush just isn't as efficient). THEN (and this is my trade secret) blow on the stone. You blow the chalk out of the lettering but it stays on the rest of the stone and don't ask why it works but it does. You'll be amazed at how sharp the lettering stands out. Try it.

More often than not you will find moss has covered the face of a tombstone. This is where your kitchen brush comes in. Just brush off the moss. Don't use a steel brush as that scratches the stone and is no more efficient than a bristle brush. I buy mine at the dime store or grocery store. I've heard of people hiring someone to clean their family tombstones chemically. That's a waste of money - and time. Some of the fungi found on tombstones thrive on certain chemicals, particularly those used to polish stone.

In reading weathered dates there are some things to watch for. Often we mis-read a "4" as a "1" due to weathering. If chalking (and blowing) doesn't bring out the cross-bar in the "4" then try my measure system: A "4" takes more space than a "1" so if the "1" appears a little too far from the other characters it's probably a "4". Another number that gives us headaches is a thinly carved "3" on a sandstone marker; they often weather out leaving a dot at the bottom point of the number where the stonecutter actually used a drill to start the number. So if you see something that looks like "18.8" you can pretty well judge it to be "1838".

By the way, if you find a sandstone marker lying on the ground, or worse yet, one under the ground, by all means clean it off and prop it against something. Sandstone will actually turn back to sand and dust if exposed to the minerals and acid in the earth for any length of time.

After copying a cemetery don't make the same mistake I did and put it in alphabetical order. It's a lot of extra work and serves no valid purpose if your work is indexed (as it should be). Leaving names in their natural order may give someone a clue to another branch of the family, a branch with a different name, or an inlaw.

And last but not least: accuracy. I've very carefully copied large cemeteries, typed my notes feeling very smug at how careful I was - only to take my typed copy back to the cemetery for a double check and find several errors. I actually canvass every cemetery twice, once to copy and once to check my work; but it pays off! Have fun!!

## GENERAL HISTORY OF MARSHALL COUNTY, ALABAMA

by James Arthur Thomasón

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

Chapter 55 "Sarah Ann Brown And Her 7 Children" (April 3, 1946)

Mrs Sarah Ann Brown and her three sons and four daughters moved from North Carolina to Arkansas, and moved to Marshall county above Guntersville, now Lane's Switch on the N C & St. L.

They moved to Brindlee Mountain in the early 80's, settled on Garrison Feemster's place near where Maze's store is now.

Joseph Brown was never married. He had typhoid fever and died. Robert Brown married Miss Belle Peters, lived on the road from Shoal Creek church to Arab. C W Hewett owns the place now. Mr Brown is dead and his widow married a Mr Hornsby and moved to Lawrence county, Ala. She is dead now.

Mattie Brown married L R Hill. They are buried at Brashier's Chapel.

Bettie Brown married Henry Lusk and lived a mile from Joppa, just across the line of Cullman county. The land joins Samuel Hyatt's place. Mr Lusk was a brother of Col. J A Lusk of Guntersville.

Alice Brown married Martin Wilks. She is buried on the place where Mr Wilks lived. It joins the place where S F Collins now lives on the line between Marshall and Cullman county. Mr Wilks was married the second time to Miss Martha Hall, a daughter of the late Robert Hall, and they moved to Tennessee.

Mollie Brown married Mack Mitchell. They lived on the Mrs Sarah Ann Brown place. 1896. Mr. Mitchell rented some corn land on the G W Thomason place and planted corn in February. There came a snow and it lay for 6 weeks. They moved beyond Union Grove not far from Flat Rock.

J W Brown and his mother lived in Brown's Valley at the Hall grist mill and moved back to Brindlee mountain about 1896, to the J B Billingsley place at the top of Fry gap.

Mr Brown married Miss Rachel Westbrook and they moved back to the old homestead, lived a few years. He traded 80 acres of the homestead to J M Westbrook, his father-in-law, near Shoal Creek and sold 80 acres of the old homestead to T P Fielding.

Mr. Brown sold out to Radford Mitchell, a nephew, moved to Arab and went into the mercantile business. He lives not far from the Baptist church at Arab.

His mother is buried at Brashier's Chapel.

J W. Brown is the only one of the family living.

T P Fielding sold out to Asa Phillips, he sold to S L Leak, he sold to J. B Kelly and he sold to Coe Allen.

The Westbrook part, J M. Westbrook sold 20 acres to his son T M Westbrook, and he sold to J B Kelly. Mr Westbrook is buried at the old cemetery at Arab.

Mrs Westbrook deeded 60 acres to B L Brown to take care of her during her life time. She is dead. B L Brown sold it to D. L. Bales.

Chapter 56 "Married for a Dime - But No Bargain" (April 10, 1946)

I will give some experiences I have had marrying couples.

In 1906 I was pastor on the New Hope Methodist circuit. I wasn't ordained. The General Conference met at Birmingham that year and passed a law giving pastors a right to marry folks and baptize.

That was when I married the first couple. I thought I could perform the ceremony and it wouldn't dash me, but my voice got pretty weak.

The next couple I married at the church and I forgot to have them join hands. The next couple the same thing happened. A Justice of the Peace called my attention.

Another couple I married, the man asked me "what do you charge?" I said, "I don't make charge. I leave it to you." He said, "Will a dime do?" This couple parted over a plate of fried chicken.

I married a couple and it came time for the woman to answer, "I will," she said, "I reckon so." She had a dip of snuff in her mouth and she had to spit before she answered.

I married them on the credit, but they never did pay.

One couple that I married was to pay when they sold their cotton. I reckon they never did sell their cotton. Another couple said, "I will pay you tomorrow." Tomorrow hasn't come yet.

A couple drove up to my home one night and hollered "Hello!" I got out of bed and put my pants on backwards. I asked my wife "You reckon they will notice me?" She said, "You change your pants." I asked them if they had run away. They said, "No, we started late."

One couple came and they had lost the marriage license and they had to go back and hunt it.

There are times it doesn't bother me so bad and others it does. I married a runaway couple and they hurried me. I married the woman first.

There are some funny things that happen and there are some serious thing that happen too.

(To be continued)

BIBLE OF THOMAS HENRY AND PRUDENCE B. (NEWSOM) WILLIAMS  
Marshall and Cullman Counties, Ala.

Until her death in November 1971, Miss Elvie V. Williams was the owner of this old Bible from which she had removed the family record pages, placing them in a safe deposit box in Cullman, Alabama. Her niece Mrs. Dolores Lott, Rt. 3, Box 255, Hartselle, Ala. 35640, sent TVGS member Mrs. C. H. Russell a photocopy of the pages. Mrs. Lott's father, Verlon A. Williams, is listed in the Bible as 'A. V. Williams'.

(1st page)                      FAMILY RECORD                      MARRIAGES (in two columns in Bible)  
William H. Newsom Olive Gray was married on the 10th of October in the year 1833  
Thomas H Williams & Prudence Newsom was married in the year 1851 in August 21st ('Sen.' written to the left of the above entry - Editor)  
~~Thos-H-Williams-was-married-April-the-8th-1899.~~  
Thos. H. Williams Jun. and A. M. Wood were married April the 8th 1899.  
Thomas H Williams & Prudence Newsom was married on th 21st of August in the year 1851  
Thomas Henry Williams and Prudence Newsom was married on the 21 of August in the year 1851  
William, H. Newsom and Olive Gray was married on the 10 of October in the year of our Lord 1833. 1833 1833

(2nd page)                      FAMILY RECORD                      BIRTHS (in two columns)  
Thomas Henry Williams was born on th 11th day of June in the year 1829  
W<sup>m</sup> H. Newsom was born July 17th 1799  
Olive Newsom was born January 13th 1800  
John Henry Williams was born April the 11, 1831  
William A Howl was born November (date torn) in the year of our lord A D 1835 (This entry written over another entry - Editor)  
Prudence Newsom was born July the 18th in 1834  
Obedience Newsom was born Dec. 6th. 1836  
Caroline Newsom was born May 3rd 1838  
Wm A. B. Newsom was born Feb 24th 1840  
William, Hopson, Williams, was born June the 26, 1854  
Caroline Williams was born January th 3rd 1856  
Winnie Williams was born July the 23 in 1858.  
Catharine Williams was born March the 29 - 1860

(3rd page)                      FAMILY RECORD                      BIRTHS (in two columns)  
Olive Priscilla Williams was born the 23rd December in the year 1861  
Martha Williams was born Dec the 20 1865  
Prudence Williams was born June the 3th 1867  
Sarah Elizabeth Williams was born the 22nd of February 1872  
Obedience Williams was born Decemb th 24th 1873  
Thomas Henry Williams was born Febuary 3st (a blur over a number that appears to end in '7' - Ed.) 1876.  
A. M. Williams born Feb 18th 1882  
William Osko Williams was born the 4th day of January 1900  
Ila Ethel Williams was born Nov th 23 1901.  
E. V. Williams born Jan 6 1905  
I. E. M. Williams born Aug 13, 1907  
A. V. Williams born Jan 27, 1910  
I. E Williams born March 30th 1912  
C H Williams born Nov 6, 1914  
P (or G?) C B Williams born July 14, 1917  
Ada. M. Wood was born Feb. 18, 1882.                      (Continued next page)

(Newsom-Williams Bible continued)

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FAMILY RECORD

DEATHS (in two columns)

William Hopson Williams died Sept. 26th 1854

John H. Williams was killed at chck Sept the 20 1864 (1863?)

William Hopson Newsom died 5th November, 1870

Olive P. Newsom Died 15th April 1881

T. H. Williams Died the 3rd April 1887

Caroline Cowen Died Nov. 20, 1897.

P. B. Williams, died March 13th 1906

(End of Family Records)

Additional information given us by Mrs. Lott -

Wm. H. Newsom and Olive Gray, parents of Prudence Newsom, were married in Columbia Co., Ga. (Marriage is recorded there.) Wm. H. Newsom died about 1867 in Edgefield Co., S. C., according to a deed of Thos. H. Williams located in the Marshall Co., Ala., courthouse.

Of the ten children of Thomas H. Williams, Sr. and Prudence B. Newsom, the four oldest, listed on the 2nd page of the family records, were born in S.C.; the six listed on the 3rd page were born in Marshall Co., Alabama.

Thomas H. and John H. Williams were the only children of Osbern (Ausbern) Williams and wife Martha Findley. Ausbern Williams died about 1836 (Estate Settlement - Edgefield Co., S. C.) Widow Martha married William A. Halbert Howle; and they moved to Blount Co., Alabama, about 1845.

John H. Williams was a Confederate soldier, killed in battle at Chickamauga.

Wm. A. Howl, son of Martha 'Patsy' (Williams) and Thomas Howle of Edgefield Co., S. C., was first cousin of Thos. H. Williams. He is listed in 1860 Marshall Co., Ala., Census in the household of Thomas H. Williams.

Ada Melissa (Wood) Williams, daughter of Charlotte Catherine (Lewis) and Henry William Wood, was born in Marshall County, Alabama.

The eight children of Ada (Wood) and Thomas H. Williams, Jr., listed on the 3rd page of family records, were born in Cullman County, Alabama.



## STEWART CEMETERY, Marshall County, Alabama

Located in Sec. 2, T 7S, R 3E, this cemetery is near the intersection of Alabama Road 63 & U. S. Highway 431 - in Honeycomb Valley, just a short distance North of the Troup Cemetery. (See TVA Map #83 NE, Mt. Carmel Quadrangle.) Copied by TVGS member Hal Word of Scottsboro, Ala., on May 28, 1972. Mr. Word adds, "There are graves of about 9 adults and 14 children with limestone markers - No inscriptions."

THOMAS S. STEWART---- Jan. 1, 1882 - June 30, 1957

BENTON L. STEWART----- 1893 - 1955

LEUVISA M. THOMPSON STEWART----July 22, 1869 - Aug. 11, 1943

AMANDA B. STEWART-----March 23, 1892 - Sept. 9, 1912

## STEWART

WILSON T. -- July 22, 1891 - Dec. 13, 1960 DELIA F. -- Dec. 27, 1899 -

MRS. LEE STEWART----- 1879 - 1917

INEZ STEWART KRITNER----July 12, 1928 - April 21, 1966

## BIBB-GRANT MARRIAGE, 1824, Madison Co., Ala.

\*MARRIED-On the 6th inst. By the Rev. Mr Moore, MR. HENRY BIBB, of this place, to MISS SARAH GRANT, daughter of Mr. William Grant, of this County."

(The Alabamian, Huntsville, Ala., Thursday, July 15, 1824, Vol. III, no. 22)

ABSTRACTS OF SOME BIBB FAMILY RECORDS, MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA  
Abstracted by Helen Bowling McKnight

ADMINISTRATOR'S PETITION - ESTATE of SARAH BIBB, deceased, 1868

Madison County, Alabama, Probate Record Book 29, pages 475-477

Petition of J H Bibb, Administrator of the Estate of Sarah Bibb Deceased, for an order to Sell a tract of Land.

-----Jas. H Bibb, as the administrator of the estate of Sarah Bibb late of Said (Madison) County deceased --- Said Sarah Bibb--- was at the time and had been for years before a resident Citizen of Said County, departed this life therein, intestate, on or about the sixteenth day of October 1868,---Letters of Administration----Issued to your Petitioner (he having given Bond and Security----- and taken--oath prescribed by law) ---Still in full force----; at the time of her death----the Same Sarah Bibb deceased---possessed---tract---of land lying and being in the Said County of Madison----The North East quarter of Section Ten (10) Township Four (4) Range Two (2) West of the basis Meridian of the District of land Subject to Sale at Huntsville Alabama according to Government Surveys,-----said--land ---purchased by Said decedent-----of Elijah M Hussey, administrator of the Estate of Elijah Hussey.----Sarah Bibb---left following named heirs and distributees of her Estate, in the absence of a will, to wit, (1st) The Children of Mary Ann Morton Deceased, who was a daughter of the Decedent, who died in her lifetime; Sarah Ann Shell, the wife of John Shell, William Fitzhugh, Nancy Fitzhugh, John Fitzhugh, and James Morton, all over the age of Twenty one years, and supposed to reside in the State of Tennessee, (2nd) The Children of Elizabeth Parham deceased, a Daughter of Said decedent who died in her lifetime, To wit, Mary Ann Cain now the wife of Thomas J Cain, and Eliza Cassandra Allen The Widow of Thomas F Allen Deceased both of whom are over the age of Twenty one years, and both of whom reside in Madison County State of Alabama (4th) (Ed.-There was no 3rd) Cornelia A D Bailey, now the wife of James F Bailey, & Daughter of Said decedent, over the age of Twenty one years who resides, and also her husband in the County of Marshall in the State of Alabama (5th) Harret N Stephens, now the wife of William H Stephens, & Daughter of the Said decedent, over the age of Twenty one years, who resides and her husband in the County of Madison, State of Alabama (6th) Louisa J Spragins, now the wife of Melcijah E Spragins Daughter of the Said decedent over the age of Twenty one years, who resides and also her Husband in the State of Mississippi (7th) and of your Petitioner James H Bibb, who is a Son of the said Decedent over the age of Twenty one years, who resides in the Said County of Madison-----a Sale of the land is necessary for the purpose of making--division---will not be necessary to Sell the Said land ---for the payment of--Debts-----Petitioner prays---day---be set for the hearing of the Petition, that Citation may be Issued for--heirs at law as reside in-----Alabama---publication as by law required may be made against Such of said heirs at law as reside beyond-----State of Alabama-----  
Sworn to & Subscribed before  
me, this Nov. 19th 1868

James H Bibb ad<sup>r</sup>  
Estate of Sarah Bibb dec<sup>d</sup>

Lewis M Douglas  
Judge Probate

Pursuant to the order of the Court the foregoing Petition was duly Recorded on the 11th day of August 1869

(See M B 12 Page 204)\*

\*(Ed. - M B 12 is Probate Minute Book 12.  
That copy is the same-no item numbered 3.)

Lewis M Douglas  
Judge Probate Court  
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(Bibb Family continued)

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND and INVENTORY of ESTATE of JAMES BIBB, deceased, 1826  
Madison County, Alabama, Deed Book K, page 130

--We William Bibb, William E. Phillips & Lemuel Mead--- are bound---to John Murphey Governor of--Alabama--executors & administrator---2nd day of March 1826 --whereas the said William Bibb has this day been appointed to settle up the unfinished business of his deceased brother as Tax Collector and a/se/sor for the year eighteen hundred & twenty five----

Teste  
Saml Chapman  
Wm. Bibb  
W. E. Phillips  
L. Mead

(James Record's A Dream Come True, 1970, Vol. I, page 208, lists James Bibb as Madison Co., Ala., Tax Assessor-Tax Collector for the years 1824-1826. - Editor)

Madison County, Alabama, Probate Record Book 3, pages 381, 382

Inventory and appraisment of the perishable property belonging to the estate of James Bibb deceas<sup>d</sup> according to an order of the county court to us directed--made 9th March 1826 -- ( Editor's note- Items listed include " Amount in Darien bills(Georgia) refused and returned by the comptroller---\$73.00")-----

Melchijah E. Spragins  
Elijah Hussey  
Jas Fitzhugh

State of Alabama, Madison County This day (above three men) appeared--made oath ---valuation of property---is true one---25th March 1826---

Rich<sup>d</sup> B. Purdom JP

State of Alabama, Madison County, William Bibb administrator of James Bibb deceased makes oath---foregoing Inventory & appraisment is a correct one---29th March 1826---  
Tho: Brandon clk Wm Bibb Ad

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W. L. BIBB et al to R. A. WIGGINS, 1851 DEED

Madison County, Alabama, Deed Book Z, pages 464,465

-----Seventh day of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty one ('four' has been overwritten 'one' in old ink-Editor)--between William L. Bibb, John Bibb Thomas J. Bibb & Elizabeth his wife, Harriett N. Bibb & James H. Bibb of County of Madison in State of Alabama, James F Baily and his wife Cornelia Ann of County of Marshall in-Alabama, Malkijah Spragins and his wife Louisa J. of County of Jackson in-Alabama and Mary Ann Fitzhugh in (blank) County in State of Tennessee of the first part and Richard A. Wiggins of--County of Madison in --Alabama of the second part---consideration of \$600----sell---said party of the second part--land lying---in County of Madison--State of Alabama north half of South east quarter of section ten in Township four Range two, west of the Basis Meridian----80 acres----

----in presence of

William B. Dunn  
B. T. Moore  
Jn<sup>o</sup> H. Dunn

(signed)

W<sup>m</sup> L. Bibb Harriett N. Bibb  
John Bibb C. D. Bailey  
Thos J. Bibb E. F. Bibb  
M. E. Spragins L. J. Spragins  
James H. Bibb James F. Baily

I Ferdinand L. Hammond, Judge of the Court of Probate,---for said County--- certify--Thomas B. Dunn, Benjamin T. Moore, and John H. Dunn--- appeared before me, this-----4th day of May, AD 1854 -----

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Editor's note: See VALLEY LEAVES, Vols. 1 & 2, for birth and death dates of some members of the Bibb family buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Ala.

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(Bibb Family continued)

1850 Census of Madison Co., Alabama, 36th District, page 881

#152-152	Richard A. Wiggins	40	M	Farmer	N. Carolina
	Jackey G. "	40	F		Ditto
	James A. "	18	M	at school	Ditto
	Susan E. "	16	F		Alabama
	Ann E. "	14	F		Ditto
	Robert E "	7	M		Ditto
	Edward "	3	M		Ditto
	William B. Dunn	43	M	Doctor	N. Carolina
#153-153	John H. Dunn	28	M	Farmer	Ditto
#154-154	Sarah Bibb	66	F		Virginia
	Harriett "	28	F		Alabama
	James H. "	24	M	Farmer	Ditto
	Edward (Edmond?) L. Hussey	17	M	Farmer	Ditto

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BIBB MARRIAGES (1818-1899) Recorded at the Madison Co., Ala., Courthouse

The Bibb marriages recorded here before 1900 are listed below. I found none in Marriage Record Book 1 (1809-1817), Madison Co., Mississippi Territory. The date of the license is given; the marriage was solemnized the same date unless otherwise noted.

Adeline Bibb to James Bradly 14 Nov 1822 Book 3, page 196  
 Amanda A. Bibb to William B. Dennett 29 Sept 1828 Book 3, p. 575(m.2 Oct 1828)  
 (Amanda N. Dennett to John J. Coleman 5 June 1841 Book 4, p. 577, m. 6 June 1841)  
 Miss Amanda Bibb to Enoch M. McCarty 5 Feb 1872 Book 6, p. 118(m. 7 Feb 1872)  
 Caroline R. Bibb to John F. Hobbs 5 May 1832 Book 4, p. 35 (m. 22 May 1832)  
 Cornelia A. D. Bibb to James F. Bailey 27 July 1839 Book 4, p. 493(m.30 July 1839)  
 David P. Bibb to Ma(r)y P. Betts 7 July 1835 Book 4, p. 259  
 Elizabeth Bibb to Stephen Hussey 24 Dec 1832 Book 4, p. 71  
 (Elizabeth Hussey to William Parham 11 Jan 1836 Book 4, p. 296, No return)  
 Elizabeth Bibb to James C. Blackwell 15 May 1827 Book 3, p. 511 (No return)  
 Elizabeth J. Bibb to Lin(d)sey George 19 Jan 1848 Book 4-A, p. 218  
 Elizabeth F. Bibb to John Erwin 1 Jan 1863 Book 4-B, p. 524  
 Miss Ella C. Bibb to Mora B. Fariss 23 Dec 1890 Book 17, p. 541(m.24 Dec 1890)  
 Emila Julia Bibb to Jas. J. Pleasants 29 July 1824 Book 3, p. 309  
 George Bibb to Laura Parker 28 July 1899 Book 24, p. 363 (m. 30 July 1899)  
 Harriet N. Bibb to William H. Stevens 1 Nov 1859 Book 4-B, p. 365  
 Henry Bibb to Sally Grant 3 July 1824 Book 3, p. 306 (No return)  
 James H. Bibb to Laura M. Dillard 12 Feb 1855 Book 4-B, p. 97 (m.13 Feb 1855)  
 Joseph W. Bibb to Martha H. Dancy 3 Oct 1825 Book 3, p. 394 (m. 6 Oct 1825)  
 Miss Lelia P. Bibb to H. B. Eggleston 11 Nov 1867 Book 5, p. 411(m.13 Nov 1867)  
 Louisa Bibb to Malkijah E. Spraggins 29 Nov 1844 Book 4-A, p. 46(m. 3 Dec 1844)  
 Louisanna Bibb to James Pollard 22 April 1818 Book 2, p. 81 (No return)  
 Miss Lucy H. Bibb to Elijah S. Johnson 2 March 1875 Book 7, p. 596(m.4 March 1875)  
 Martha Bibb to Archibald Rison 7 April 1836 Book 4, p. 311  
 Mary A. M. Bibb to Saml Fitzhugh 21 Nov 1826 Book 3, p. 485 (m.15 Dec 1826)  
 Mary L. Bibb to Wm. B. Craig 5 Feb 1877 Book 9, p. 27 (m. 6 Feb 1877)  
 Miss Mattie E. Bibb to W.E. Harris 16 Jan 1884 Book 13, p. 257 (m.17 Jan 1884)  
 Miss Mattie S. Bibb to Benjamin H. Keyser 22 Dec 1870 Book 5, p. 1034  
 Sarah A. Bibb to Lorenza D. Leedy 2 Jan 1840 Book 4, p. 520  
 Semiza Ann Bibb to John F. Hobbs 17 April 1845 Book 4-A, p. 71  
 Thos. Bibb to Elizabeth C. Fielder 10 July 1834 Book 4, p. 199  
 Thomas J. Bibb to Elizabeth F. Martin 24 Feb 1849 Book 4-A, p.292(m. 27 Feb 1849)  
 Wm. Bibb Jr. to Polly G. Langford 24 Nov 1829 Book 3, p.640(m. 26 Decr 1829)  
 Wm. D. Bibb to Ma(r)y Chambers 24 Feb 1835 Book 4, p.237(m. 26 Feb 1835)

GRAVES ON THE OLD JAMES MALONE FARM  
Franklin County, Alabama

This farm, located near Frankfort, Alabama, on Tollison's Creek, is now owned by Mr. Clarence James, President of the Citizen Bank and Savings Company in Russellville, Ala. The inscriptions given below were copied prior to 1972 by Mr. Allen Wyatt O'Reilly, Russellville, Alabama.

Grave located in Garden, out from the old Malone house:

Polly Wife of James Malone, Born A. D. 1801 - Died Oct 26, 1842.

Graves in Malone Cemetery, south of the old house on bank of the creek:

Pearl M. Daughter of J.A. & L.A. Malone. Born November 27, 1905 - Died June 13, 1907.

Ettah, Daughter of J.A. & L.A. Malone Born Oct. 17, 1908 - Died Oct. 24, 1908.

Ollie M. Malone, Born Jan. 11, 1901 - Died Sept. 12, 1901.

Clarence Son of J.O. & M.A. Malone, Born July 21, 1908 - Died July 22, 1908.

Ramon, Son of J. O. & M.A. Malone, Born Jan. 21, 1914 - Died Aug. 9, 1914.

D.E. Malone, Born Oct. 3, 1868 - Died May 29, 1894.

Lillian, Wife of R.O. Sibley, Daughter of D.A. & M.J. Malone Sept. 6, 1875 - Died Oct. 19, 1892.

Mollie Wife of D.A. Malone, Born Dec. 8, 1847 - Died Mar. 24, 1882.

Lenis (Levis?) A. Malone, Born Aug. 11, 1857 - Died Jan. 11, 1880.

Daughter of L.A. & Malsey Malone, Died Nov. 22, 1876. Age 3 days.

Matilda Malone, Born July 13, 1823 (1828?) Died Dec. 29, 1898.

B. Docia Malone Jones, Born June 6, 1870 - Died Aug. 24, 1892.

Mary E. Wife of R.G. Malone, Born Aug. 22, 1838 - Died Feb. 11, 1892.

Roling Hester, Jan. 23, 1807 - Died July 19, 1882.

Lucinda Wife of Roling Hester, Born Dec. 9, 1805 - Died Oct. 9, 1875.

John Chesley Hester, Born May 28, 1831 - Died Feb. 23, 1907.

Mary Ann Wife of J.C. Hester, Born May 1, 1836 - Died June 13, 1916.

(These two, John & Mary, have the two largest markers at their graves.)

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Mrs. V. W. Hamner, Jr., Huntsville, Ala., contributed the following Malone notes from her copy of Distinguished Men, Women, and Families of Franklin County, (undated), by Robert L. James:

James Malone, prominent planter, came from North Carolina "early". He was born 1797 and died 13 August 1879. "Buried in private cemetery on his farm which is now owned by his youngest son, Arthur Malone."

1st wife - Polly Cook. Among children by first wife were 1) Sallie who married John Seal 2) Thomas 3) William, called "Deaf Bill" 4) Blackwell 5) Nancy who married Riley Sparks.

2nd wife - Mrs. Matilda (James) Betterton. Children of second wife: 1) David 2) Lee 3) Robert 4) Nomie 5) John 6) Welthy 7) Huldah 8) Sandy 9) Frank 10 & 11) Emmie and Evie (twins) 12) Mitchell 13 & 14) Arthur and Rose (twins) 15) Alice.



INHABITANTS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, ALABAMA, IN THE ACTS OF ALABAMA

This series of abstracts from the Acts of Alabama, 1818-1851, began in Valley Leaves, Volume 7, No. 1, September 1972. Abstracted by editor.

Acts of Alabama, 7th Session, Cahawba, 3rd Monday in Nov. 1825

## Page 62

Thomas Wooldridge, Alexander A. Campbell, William H. Wharton, and Robert B. Marshall incorporated as Trustees of Tuscumbia Academy.

(Act approved Jan. 13, 1826)

## Page 63

Alexander A. Campbell, Thomas Wooldridge, William H. Wharton, and John Hogan incorporated as Trustees of Tuscumbia Female Academy.

(Act approved Jan. 13, 1826)

## Pages 64-65

John Davis, Richard Ellis, James Smith, Richard Jones, Jesse H. Crooms, William H. Winter, Alexander Sledge, Willie J. Crooms, and Thomas E. Tart incorporated as Trustees of LaFayette Academy in the village of LaGrange.

(Jan. 6, 1826)

## Pages 84-86

Sum of \$24 allowed Benjamin Hudson for services rendered as bailiff of circuit court of Franklin Co., Oct. term 1822 and April term 1823.

Sum of \$82.80 appropriated William Murray, jailor of Franklin Co., for 'victualling certain prisoners in the jail of said county.'

(Jan. 14, 1826)

## Page 90

\$35.50 appropriated for payment of Jarrett Brandon, a constable of Franklin Co., for apprehending, and expenses incurred in carrying to justice, Wm. Walker, charged with negro stealing.

(Jan. 14, 1826)

## Page 94

Act authorizing Wm. H. Ragsdale and his associates to open a turnpike road at or near the point where the military road strikes the mountain south of Cedar Creek in Franklin Co., taking nearest and best way to the top of hill south of said Ragsdale's near the 56-mile post, on the military road. The three Franklin Co. (road) commissioners appointed were Francis Bullock, Claiborne Williams and Benjamin Harris. (3 Marion Co. commissioners- Wm. Clark, John D. Terrell, & Wm. Williams) (Jan. 14, 1826)

## Page 102

In conformity with the decision and decree of circuit court of Franklin Co., April term 1824, William Gates and Susannah Gates, his wife, are divorced.

(Jan. 12, 1826)

Acts of Alabama, 8th Session, Tuscaloosa, 3rd Monday in Nov. 1826

## Page 25

Two additional election precincts to be established in Franklin Co., one at house of Albert Horton near the village of La Grange and one in the town of South Port.

(Jan. 13, 1827)

## Pages 79-86

An act to incorporate the Muscle Shoals Canal Co. Benjamin Sherrod, Benjamin B. Jones, Wm. H. Winter, John Hogan, James Jackson, John Coffee, Thomas D. Crabb, Nicholas Davis, Waddy Tate, John Boardman, Thomas Fearn,

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(Inhabitants of Franklin Co. in Acts of Ala. cont'd)

Clement C. Clay, John Lindsay, Wm. I. Adair, and Jacob Swoope and their associates to incorporate the Muscle Shoals Canal Co. to open and construct a canal with suitable locks, docks, and basin around and through Muscle Shoals including Little Muscle Shoals, and Calbert's Shoals in Tenn. River. (All these men did not live in Franklin Co.-Ed.) (Jan. 13, 1827)

## Page 100

\$10 appropriated to pay Peter Martin for defending John C. Calvert, by order of circuit court of Franklin Co. (Charge not stated)  
(Jan. 13, 1827)

Acts of Alabama, 9th Session, Tuscaloosa, 3rd Monday in Nov. 1827

## Page 69

An additional election precinct established in Franklin County at the house of John Tharpe.  
(Jan. 15, 1828)

## Pages 87-88

Act to provide for keeping in repair that part of Bylers road from Bainbridge to the widow Bylers'.  
(Jan. 15, 1828)

## Page 90

Act to amend the act authorizing Wm. H. Ragsdale & associates to build a turnpike (passed 14 Jan. 1826). William Patterson of Franklin Co. and James Metcalf of Marion Co. named as commissioners.  
(Jan. 3d, 1828)

## Page 102 (Sec. 3)

Payment of expenses for attending the last Congressional election in Ala. Among those listed is Benjamin Hudson, returning officer for Franklin Co. \$43.  
(Jan. 15, 1828)

## Pages 104-105 (Sec. 17)

\$53.80 appropriated for payment of William Marrak, jailor of Franklin Co. for victualling prisoners in said jail.  
(Jan. 15, 1828)

## Page 109

In conformity with the decree of circuit court of Franklin Co. Oct. term 1827, Jane Gholson is divorced from John Gholson.  
(Jan. 15, 1828)

## Page 114

In conformity with the decree of circuit court of Franklin Co. (no term stated) Elizabeth W. Cowell is divorced from Samuel Cowell.  
(Dec. 14, 1827)

## Page 115

In conformity with decree of circuit court of Franklin Co. Oct. term 1827, William O. Russell is divorced from Nancy G. Russell.  
(Dec. 14, 1827)

## Pages 134-135

An act to incorporate Franklin Academy in the town of Russelville, Franklin Co. Trustees :

John B. Noah	Thomas Owen	Isaac H. Bell
William S. Jones	James Davis	David Owen
William Lucas	Gregory D. Stone	John H. Lewis
Samuel Bell	William Cooper	Michael Dickson
Peter Martin		

(Jan. 15, 1828)  
(To be continued next issue)

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, ALABAMA

"Inventory A-1" (1818-1822), 140 pages, laminated and rebound, is the earliest book in the Lauderdale County Courthouse, Florence, Alabama which contains estate records. This book is not indexed and, although it has an assortment of deeds, bonds, stock marks, estate inventories and sales, etc., it has no wills.

"Will Record 3 & 4" (1821-1825), 166 pages and 161 pages in the respective books which are indexed separately, laminated and bound together, is the earliest volume which we could locate containing wills. We have abstracted the twenty wills in this volume which also contains estate records, bonds, etc. Exact land locations have not always been abstracted here. Primary emphasis has been placed on names, relationships, dates and state-county locations. Abstracted by Mrs. Roy J. Cochran, June 1972.

WILL OF NANCY GILILAN dated 4 Feb 1821

.....to Nancy C. Vicars, dau of Green Vicars  
 .....to my dearly beloved brother, Thomas Gillilan of Ga.  
 .....children of Jacob Cody, viz: Elizabeth, Nancy, James, Thomas D., Green(torn), Edmond B. and Miles T(?) Cody, until they come of age or marry  
 Mentions one judgment "I obtained against James Hammons"  
 Executor: Bolin Brown-Horation pittis, my whole and sole executor (??)  
 Witnesses: Henry D. Allen, John Richardson, Nathaniel Ricco(?)  
 Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 1-3, 25 Apr 1821, W. W. Garrard, Clk.

WILL OF JOHN McDUGALL dated 9 June 1822

"being very sick and week in body"  
 ..to my dearly beloved wife, Barshaba Mcdugall  
 Children: William, Joseph, Lucy, John, Sarah, Eliza  
 .."if I die before the youngest child becomes of age"  
 Executor: wife, Barshaba Mcdugall  
 Witnesses: Allen Stewart, Aaron Askew, Malcom Sinclaire  
 Proven: Court, October term 1822  
 Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 54-55, 15 Oct 1822, W. W. Garrard, Clk.

WILL OF NOEL BROWN dated 26 Jan 1821

.."being in an infirm body & in a delicate state of Health"  
 Mentions: my wife and family; children until the youngest comes of age;  
 my son, should he live to be age of 16 shall be bound to a man who is  
 a goo\_ mechanic to learn some good trade  
 Executor: Hugh Campbell  
 Witnesses: James Craig, jurat and Abner (X) Leach  
 Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 69-71, 21 Jan 1823.

WILL OF THOMAS JINKINS dated 22 Dec 1822

.."sick and weak in body"  
 "my children" to live with John Epler, there grandfather  
 "when my children come of age."  
 Sell all land certificates except one where John Epler now lives  
 Executors: John P. Cunningham, Daniel Nance, John Epler  
 Witnesses: Abner Roper, William Miles, jurat  
 Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 73-75, 22 Jan 1823.

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## Abstracts of Wills, Lauderdale County, Alabama, continued

WILL OF ROBERT CHANDLER dated 25 Jan 1823

.."my affectionate wife, Lucretia Chandler"

..daus: Elizabeth Chandler (at her marriage), Nancy Turner, Dolly G. Chandler, Fanny G. Chandler, Lucretia G. (C?) Chandler, Jane H. Chandler, Polly G. Chandler

Sons: David, Robert, Elijah G. and Alexander (when he is of age or marries), Champell C. Chandler

"Jehu Turner pay my estate"

Executors: Wife, Zedekiah Tate, Thomas Barnett, Jehue Turner

Witnesses: Zedekiah Tate, jurat, Thomas W. Edwards, David Chandler, jurat, and Jahue Turner, jurat.

Proven: by David Chandler & Jehue Turner, 4 Mch 1823, W. W. Garrard, Clk.

Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 86-89, 4 Mch 1823

WILL OF DANIEL YOUNG dated 1 Apr 1823, signed (X)

My beloved wife, Ruth Young

My three sons: my eldest son, Joseph Young; my son William Young "only if he has lived one year from being intoxicated with spiritous Liquors;" my youngest son, Elijah Young, "as soon as he and his wife shall come to live loving and agreeably together with each other or otherwise entirely separate and not live with each other at all"

Executors: Joseph Young, my son and devenport Lathomb, my friend

Witnesses: Robert Martin, Thomas Mastindal(?), Jonathan Belew

Proven: 5 Sept 1823 by all witnesses, W. W. Garrard, Clk.

Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 105-108, 17 Oct 1823

NUNCUPATIVE WILL OF PETER PRYOR

8 Jan 1822 (Eaving) Peter Pryor stated that his brother Green should buy a little negro for Charles Sidney (also as Sidneyham) Johnson after a while.

Witnesses: Mary (X) Neal & John Floyd appearing before Isaac Southworth, acting J. P. 26 Jan 1822.

24 Apr 1823, Orphan's Court, William S(?) Fulton, judge.

Thomas Farmer, guardian to Charles Sidneyham Johnson vs Angline M. Pryor, widow of Peter Pryor, dec'd

Widow has since intermarried with William W. Crawford.

Jury found in favor of the will. Appointed Green Pryor, admr.

Jurors: C. B. Rountree, John Asher, Fayette Halland, N. B. Jarrett, Wm. Ross, Thomas Bond, Elijah Brown, William Wightmon, William Hickmon, William C. Bruce, John McClellan, John Robertson

Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 105-108, 24 Oct 1823, W. W. Garrard, Clk.

WILL OF GARRICK COCKBURN dated 27 Nov 1823

.."being somewhat indisposed"

..to my wife, Polly Cockburn and legal issue, if any"

My brothers Hedly Cockburn

..E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 29 T1 R10W or other interest in my father's, Heady Cockburn's estate

Executors: Richard McMahan and my brother Frans Cockburn

Witnesses: A. A. McKinsy, W. T. Rucker

Proven: 31 Dec 1823, W. W. Garrard, Clk.

Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 122-123

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## Abstracts of Wills, Lauderdale County, Alabama, continued

WILL OF JESSEE EVANS dated 6 May 1823

My beloved wife, Anny Evans

My beloved sons, Ezra Evans, David A. Evans, Jesse U. Evans

My beloved daughters, Betsy Metehale(?), Polly Nelson, Rachael Simpson,  
Saraan Evans, patienc Evans

"land and plantation"

Executors: Ezra Evans, David A. Evans, Jessue U. Evans and wife Anny Evans

Witnesses: Jacob Sirigly, Thomas F. Taylor, Alfred (X) Norman (also Normon)

Proven: by witnesses 29 Jan 1824, W. W. Garrard, Clk.

Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 123-124, 4 Feb 1824

(On page 126, there is no page 125, Will Record 3, Amy Evans relinquishes  
dower...all rights to plantation and mare secured on mariag contract.Acknowledged 27 Jan 1824 in open court, W. W. Garrard, Clk. Recorded 4 Feb  
1824.) (See Valley Leaves, Vol. 7, No. 1, p. 3 for marriage contract.)WILL OF HENRY MAY dated 10 Oct 1821

..."being aged"....."plantation where I now live"...

My loving wife Abey May

To heirs of my loving daughter Winifred Seat(?),

To my loving...dau, Sally Tomlinson, son, James May, son, John May, dau.,  
Frances, son Henry May Jnr., dau Polly Oneale, dau Judy Clark

My two grown children, Henry Tulness and Jourdon Tutness

Witnesses: Saml Craig, Richd. Baily, Wilson (X) English

Proven: 19 Mch 1824, W. W. Garrard, Clk.

Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 143-145, 27 Mch 1824

WILL OF ANDREW McMICKEN dated 1 Jan 1824

My beloved wife Mary...."my plantation"

My son Andrew

My grandson Andrew John Mosly(?)

My niece Ruth Cuningham if she be alive, her children if dead

Executors: James Farris, sener, Joseph Young

Witnesses: Levi Hawell, Seymore Bradly, William N(?) Douglass.

Proven: by Hawell &amp; Bradly, 15 May 1824, W. W. Garrard, Clk.

Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 158-162, 9 June 1824

WILL OF RICHARD C. CROSS dated 5 May 1823 in Hickman Co., Tenn.

.."being sick &amp; weak in body...." of Lauderdale Co., Ala.

To my nephew Baurling (also as Bourland) Gordon

To my nephews & nieces: John, Fielding L., William, Pouhatan (also as  
Panhaton & Paishalsn), Andrew J., Richard J., Mary ann, Dolly, and  
Louisia Gordon

"my land in Lauderdale Co., Ala."...."my town lots in Nashville"

My niece Ann Helm, my sister Mrs. Dolly Gordon, my nephew Acachin(?) Cross

Executor: Bourland Gordon, my nephew

Witnesses: Samul A. Baker, B. R. Charter, John Leeper

Certified that copy is on file, Hickman Co., Tenn., 5 June 1824, Samuel S.  
Chastain, Clk., by H. RisonCertified to above, William Wilson, presiding justice of court of pleas &  
quarter session for Hickman Co., Tenn.

Recorded: Will Record 3, p. 162-166, 12 June 1824.

(End of wills in Will Record 3.)

McKINEY - IRVIN FAMILY RECORD - Morgan County, Alabama

The Bible of William Jasper McKinney is in the possession of Mrs. William Irvin, Route 2, Somerville, Alabama, 35670. In 1971 the record section was photocopied and transcribed by TVGS member Mrs. David W. Allen of Huntsville, Alabama 35803. The earlier entries were made in pencil.

Title page: SELF-PRONOUNCING EDITION / in which all the Proper Names are Divided and Accented and the Variable Vowel / and Consonant Sounds Marked, Showing How to Pronounce Them Correctly. / The / HOLY BIBLE / containing the / OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS, / Translated out of / THE ORIGINAL TONGUES: / and with / The Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised / The Text Conformable to that of the Edition of 1611, Commonly Known as / The Authorized or King James' Version. / MARGINAL REFERENCES. / "Let There Be Light" / 20th Century Edition. /

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"What Therefore God Hath Joined Together Let Not Man Put Asunder"

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ----

w j mckiney and marthey henderson was married january the 13. 1872

john bell mckiney and else ray was married february the 3 1891

"Therefore Shall A Man Leave His Father And His Mother And Shall Cleave Unto His Wife And They Shall Be One Flesh. Gen. II. 24"

FAMILY RECORD (Five columns across two pages. The following entries were written across the top without regard to column headings. The last entries are copied as repeated at the bottom of the record under the proper headings.-Ed.)

Name	Place of Birth	Date of Birth	Date of Marriage	Date of Death
w j mckiney and cinthey	gorg was mared	march the 1	1908	
William Jasper McKinney	Etyward Co.*	May, 13, 1853	Jan.13,1872	(blank)
Martha McKinney	Morgan Co.	(blank)	Jan.13 1872	March,21.1904
John bill mckiney	Morgan Co.	March 1, 1873	feb. 3,1891	(blank)
James Doshier McKinney	Pontoc Miss.	Feb the 2,1877	(blank)	(blank)
Linney Arrow McKinney	Pontoc Miss.	May 12 1879	Jan.19,1897	Sept 1935
Monroe garson McKinney	Pontoc Miss.	March 26,1881	(blank)	July the 8 1882

MEMORANDUM

William Edward Irvin Borne March 28, 1897

\*Etowah Co.

\*\*Annie Beulah Irvin Borne Feb. 15. 1900

Gladys Laverine Irvin Borne March 28. 1919

Glenn Ralph Irvin Borne Dec. 26 1920

Walter Allen Irvin Borne March 4 1923

Margreath May Irvin Borne Oct. 31 1926

J. W. Irvin Borne April 24 1929

Rilda Fay Irvin Borne Oct. 20 1932

Wanda Ree Josephine Irvin Jan 17 1935

Mildred Annette Irvin Sept 10. 1941

Paulette Irvin May 25, 1944

William Edward Irvin and Annie Irvin was married in the year of 1918 July 28 29

\*\* (Mrs. Allen notes that Mrs. Annie Irvin's maiden name was Annie Brooks.)

COTACO (Morgan) COUNTY, ALA. ORPHANS COURT REGISTER 2, 1818-1827

This series, abstracted by your editor, began in Valley Leaves, Volume 7, No. 1, September 1972.

Page 51 "No.13" Inventory of Estate of Juleson (Julian?) Murray, Deceased  
Inventory includes two Negroes (named) and 75 acres in Madison County.  
Sworn 5th August 1822. (Test-Thos. McElderry, CCC) John Moore, Adm.

Page 52 "No. 14" Inventory of Estate of Lucy Murray, Deceased  
Inventory includes two Negroes (named) and 72½ acres in Madison County.  
5th August 1822. (Test- Thos. McElderry, CCC) John Moore, Adm.

Page 52 The Account of Estate of James Thompson, Deceased  
The account of Violet Thompson, administratrix, & Abraham Skidmore,  
administrator, of the Estate of James Thompson, late of Morgan Co., Dec'd.  
Sundry debts received by Violet Thompson & Abraham Skidmore----- 'Sworn  
(to be a correct accounting) 6th July 1822', before Robert Tapscott, JCC.

Pages 53-55 "15" List of Property of Estate of David Duvault, Deceased,  
of Morgan County. List by William Bird, the administrator, on 11 Dec 1822.  
Full & Correct Statement according J. W. Garth  
to William Byrd, Adm., 6 Jan 1823 John Menefee  
(Test-Thos. McElderry CCC) John Owens

Jan 1st 1823 - The Amount of Sale of Property of David Duvault, Deceased  
A True account, 6th Jan 1823 William Byrd, Adm.

Pages 55-57 "16" Articles of Sale of Phillip Ryan, Deceased  
Articles of Sale, dated Sept. 2, 1822, include the following purchasers:  
Elizabeth Blevins David Rutleg William Ryan  
Jabe Barnett John Bleavens  
Sworn to be correct Elizabeth Bleavens, Exct.  
5 Oct 1822 (before Robt. Tapscott, JCC) of Philip Ryan, Deceased

Pages 57-59 "17" Value of Property of the Widow Murray, Deceased  
The following property was valued, 'also the two Decd children Lucy and  
Julian Murray'. Wm. Griffin  
Jan. 13, 1823 Thos. Hewlett  
Marcus Roby

Page 59 "18" Property of Lucy Murray & Infants, Deceased  
Inventory by John S. Moore, administrator, includes 'One Bond - James Harland'.  
Sworn 4th Feb 1823 John S. Moore, Adm.  
before M. Cyrus, J. P.

Page 59 Property of Julian Murray, an Infant, Deceased  
Returned by John S. Moore, administrator, the list includes two Negroes (same  
2 named on 'Page 51 "No.13") and 'one bond on Daniel Kirkland'.  
Sworn 4th Feb 1823 John S. Moore, Adm.  
M. Cyrus, J. P.

Pages 60-61 Property Sale by John S. Moore, Jan. 17, 1823

List includes names of the following purchasers:

John A. L. Murray	William Griffin	C. W. Sturgus
John S. Moore	Richard Priddy	Thornton Griffin
William Owens	Thomas Hubbard	John Love
William O. Murray	Samuel Palmer (also Palmer)	John L. Murray
William Tipton	Abram Skidmore	G. Mills

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(Cotaco Co., Ala., Orphans Court Register 2, cont'd)

(Property Sale by John S. Moore, cont'd)

'Bonds belonging to the estate of Lucy Murray Julia Ann Murray (?Julian?)

Mrs. Lucy Murray deceas'

'Note on Daniel Kirkland belonging to Mrs. Lucy Murray'

'Note on Thomas Hewlett belonging to Mrs. Lucy Murray'

'One Lot of Land in Decatur belonging to Mrs. Lucy Murray'

'bonds was due 1st January 1822'

Sworn 4th Feb 1823

By

John S. Moore, Admr

M. Cyrus J. P.

Page 61 Statement of Guardian of William O. Murray, an infant (No date-Ed.)  
Schedule of Property of William O. Murray, an infant under the age of 14 years  
for whom I am appointed guardian - (Includes several Negroes, three notes on  
John S. Moore, and 106 and 3/4 acres land)

John S. Moore

Pages 62-63 Appraisal of Estate of Robt. Morrow, Deceased  
John Bishop, Wm. Johnson, John McClanahan met 4th Oct 1823 (to inventory &  
appraise). List includes the usual household and farm items plus several  
books - religious, etc., 1 silver watch,---

John Bishop John McClanahan  
Wm Johnson

Pages 63-65 Amount of Sales of Estate of Robert Morrow, Dec'd  
Purchases named were (No date of Sale given)

Widow Morrow	Burril Priddy	Thos. Crow
Hugh Morrow	Thos. Priddy	Francis Crow
Wm Morrow	Richard Priddy	John Moore
Jonathan Burlason	John Locke	Thos. Hewlett
William White	John McClanahan	Wm. Priddy
Thomas Morrow	Zed Madkin	Thos. Johnson
Henry McColloch	James Eckford	

Page 65 Statement of Guardian of William O. Murray, Jan 3d 1823 (1824?)  
Expenses included "Dr. Sturges acct. in 1823 for practice & md"  
"Greens acct in 1823"

William O. Murray to John S. Moore for clothing, school & board Jan.20, 1823;  
also 7 months' board with J. S. Moore, 1823

Schooling & board with Capt. Mosely

Jan. 23d, the acct. Rec'd by John S. Moore for W. O. Murray - the income from  
rent of land and hire of Negroes April 20, 1824

Sworn 24th April 1824 before

John S. Moore, Guardian for  
Wm. O. Murray

M. C. Houston, Clk. CC

Page 66 Statement of Guardian of Matilda, Lydia, & Elizabeth Duvault (?Duvantt?)

To Wm. Byrd for clothing and schooling for Matilda Duvault - 1823 \$15.75

To Wm. Byrd for clothing and schooling for Lydia Duvault - 1823 \$7.75

To. Wm. Byrd for clothing for Elizabeth Duvault (No date) \$29.00

Sworn to 24th April 1824 before

(No signature of Guardian)

M. C. Houston CCC

Pages 67-68 Appraisal of Estate of Samuel Glaze, Deceased

Thos. Morrow, James Hamblen, and John McClanahan met 20th May 1824 and May 25th;  
we certify this as the valuation of property presented to us.

Thomas Morrow  
James Hamblen  
John McClanahan

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(Cotaco (Morgan) Co., Ala. Orphans Court Register 2, cont'd)

Pages 69-71 Amount of Sales of Estate of Saml Glaze, Deceased

The following purchasers were named:

William Johnson	William White	William Childress
Thomas Johnson	Jonathan Burlason	Henery Ellis
Augustin Zeager (?Yeager?)	Wm. Taylor	James Vest
Timothy W. McCartey	Wm. McGane	Abraham Skidmore
Sampson D. Blankenship	Nehemiah Harvey	Archibald Kirkland
Hezekiah Blankenship	Hugh Evans	John McClanahan
Thomas Johnson, Junr	George Riggs	Wiley Hudson
James Eckford	James Hamblen	John Adams

(No date)

(Signed) William Johnson  
Timothy ( ) McCartey

Pages 72-73 Amount of Sales of Personal Estate of Robert Morrow, Dec'd  
(This seems to be a copy of pages 63-65; same names, same items, same total amount - no date of sale given - Editor)

Pages 74-75 Inventory of Estate of Benjamin Steward, Deceased  
Inventory taken 26th of August 1824 (includes the usual items for house and farm, Negroes, animals, books, etc.)

Inventory of Notes & Accounts - Estate of Benj. Steward, Deceased  
Notes against Joseph Lane, due 9 Sept 1824

" " Allen Dupree, due 1st of July 1822

" " John B. Stanback, due 9 Decr 1823

'One open account Henery Adkins, due Jany 20, 1824'

Abalipa Steward, administr

Pages 75-76 Appraisal of Estate of Benj. Steward, Deceased  
Isaac Lane, John Owen, and Dickson Stanback appraised the estate  
'as shown us by administrator' (not named - Editor)

Recorded 22 Sept 1824

I Lane

Sworn before

John Owen

William Dancy, J. P.

Dixon Stanback

Pages 76-77 Inventory of Estate of Reuben L. Bayless, Dec'd  
Includes - 'one note on John B. Payne'

'note on John (Zoney or Zorny?)'

(No date)

G. Burnett, Adm.

Page 78 Inventory of Property of William Hewlett, 24th Sept. 1824  
'one note of hand belonging to Estate given by M. H. Hutson to Wm. (Zorny?)  
dated 4th Dec. 1822, 'due 1st April next after date'

Due estate by book acct. by Henery Flowers, dated Novr 13th 1819

Josiah Minter, Adr.

Page 79 Inventory of Estate of Edward Harland, Deceased  
Appraised at the House of Moses Harland 30th July 1824

John McClellan

Thos. Hodges

Pages 80-83 Inventory & Appraisal of Estate of Marcus Roby, Deceased  
of Morgan. (List includes 31 slaves, books, silver spoons, waffle irons,  
as well as usual items.) July 19, 1824.

Sworn before

Joseph Lane Junr

Jona Burlason

John McClanahan, J. P.

Dixon Stanback

Peter Stovall

McKinry Holderness

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(Cotaco Co., Ala. Orphans Court Register 2, cont'd)

Pages 84-85 Appraisal of Estate of William Hewlett, Deceased  
27 Oct 1824, Sworn before Thos. Wallace Wm Milligan  
David McClung, Acting J. P. John Gipson

Page 86 Inventory of Property of Johnson Crow, Deceased  
(includes one note given by James Crow)  
27th Nov 1824, Sworn before Gabriel (X) Crow, Adm.  
M. C. Houston CCC Nathern Bagley ( or Bagby?)

Page 87 Statement of Guardian of Roby children  
I have been appointed Guardian of six of the children of Marcus Roby, Dec'd.  
--required by law to report on estate or effects that come to my hands--  
Nothing has been received; estate has not been divided. 10th Nov 1824  
I. Lane, Guardian

Page 87 Statement of Guardian of heirs of James Dancy, Deceased  
No property coming into hands of Estate of James Dancy, Deceased, there being  
some injunctions filed in court & appeals to the Supreme Court which are not  
determined. No settlement can be made with the adms. until these suits are  
determined. William Dancy, Guardian for heirs  
Returned 27th Nov. 1824 of James Dancy, Dec'd

Page 87 Statement of Guardian of son of Robert A. High  
William Mosely, guardian of infant son of Robert A. High (son's name not given).  
Have received as property of the infant two Negroes (named) which I hired  
until 1 Jan. next. Oct. 27, 1824 William Mosely, Guardian

Pages 88-89 Inventory of Theodorik Jones, Deceased  
Inventory dated Nov 27th 1824 includes slaves, silver teaspoons, etc.  
L H Jones , administrator

Pages 89-90 Inventory & Appraisal of Estate of Lydda Green, Deceased  
25th Dec 1824 Joseph Blalock  
M. C. Houston CCC Gabriel (X) Crow  
David (X) Lises

Pages 90-91 Sale of Estate of Lydia Green, Deceased  
The following purchasers were named:  
John Eagan E. Green Wm Polston  
James McNair W. Hudgeons Joseph K. Blalock  
John Stokes John Hamilton Owen C. Dennis  
Elisha Green David Lises Saml. McNair  
Willson Hud(g or s)ions H. Wright Jesom (Jesion?) Lasseter  
26th March 1825 J. K. Blalock Leorne Lasseter  
Sworn before M. C. Houston CCC Elisha (X) Green

Pages 91-92 Additional Inventory of Estate of Edward Harland  
Note on Henry Tedford & Gilbert Marshal, dated 1st March 1820, due two  
years after date. Moses Harland, Adm.

Inventory of Sale of Estate of Edward Harland, Deceased  
August 28, 1824 - Purchasers named were  
Sarah Harland Saml. Moonahan Joseph Ballew  
Kinchen Harred (or Honed?) John Willcockson Moses Harland  
Josiah Evans John T. Rather Rolley Harlan  
Robt Elaser

Sworn before M. C. Houston CCC 31 April 1825 Moses Harland, Adm.  
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LIMESTONE COUNTY, ALABAMA, 1882 DEATH RECORDS

(These records, copied by Bettye Harrison in May, 1971, began in Valley Leaves, Vol. 7, No. 1, Sept. 1972; concluded in this issue.)

Hazelwood, S. L. - Female

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Sept. 29, 1882

Age: 1 year, 8 months

Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.

Informant: J. C. M. Rankin

Higgins, Beulah

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Feb. 16, 1882

Age: 1 year, 4 months, 26 days

Buried: Limestone County, Ala.

Informant: J. A. Pettus

Hine, Letitia - Female

Born: Athens, Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., July 20, 1882

Age: 1 month, 16 days

Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.

Informant: J. R. Hoffman

Hodson, \_\_\_\_\_ Male

Born: Limestone Co., Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Oct. 14, 1882

Age: 13 days

Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.

Informant: Martha A. Bond

Hogan, Frances E. - Single

Born: Giles Co., Tenn. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Jan. 4, 1882

Age: 39 years, 5 months, 15 days

Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.

Informant: J. A. Pettus

Holt, Charles Monroe

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Sept. 23, 1882

Age: 14 years, 10 months, 10 days

Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.

Informant: Martha Stoner

Hudson, \_\_\_\_\_ Male

Born: Limestone Co., Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala.,

Oct. 18, 1882

Age: 3 years

Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.

Informant: J. J. Carter

Hudson, Charles

Born: Limestone Co., Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Nov. 12,  
1882

Age: 10 years

Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.

Informant: J. J. Carter

Hudson, \_\_\_\_\_ Male

Child of J. Hudson

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., June 22, 1882

Age: 1 year

Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.

Informant: J. J. Carter

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## (Limestone Co., Ala., 1882 Deaths cont'd)

- Hudson, Mary B. - Married  
 Born: Limestone Co., Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Aug. 8, 1882  
 Age: 64 years  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.  
 Informant: J. J. Carter
- Hunt, Decey - Widow  
 Born: North Carolina Died: Athens, Ala., Oct. 7, 1882  
 Age: 92 years, 7 months, 24 days  
 Buried: Athens, Ala.  
 Informant: J. R. Hoffman
- Hussey, Elijah M. - Widowed, physician  
 Born: Madison Co., Ala. Died: Mooresville, Ala., Oct. 12, 1882  
 Age: 66 years, 3 months, 29 days  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.  
 Informant: S. J. Withers
- Irvin, Ed  
 Born: Ala. Died: Athens, Ala., May 6, 1882  
 Age: 24 years, 4 months, 24 days  
 Buried: Athens, Ala.  
 Informant: Theo Westmoreland
- Irvine, Emily B. - widow  
 Born: Phila., Pa. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Nov. 4, 1882  
 Age: 76 years  
 Buried: Florence, Ala.  
 Informant: S. J. Withers
- Johnson, Fl\_\_\_y - male  
 Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., May 25, 1882  
 Age: 11 months  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.  
 Informant: J. J. Carter
- Johnson, Nathan C. - married, farmer  
 Born: Tenn. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., May 21, 1882  
 Age: 71 years, 5 months, 15 days  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.  
 Informant: W. A. Milhous
- King, \_\_\_\_\_ - male  
 Child of Thomas C. King  
 Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Mar. 19, 1882  
 Age: Stillborn  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.  
 Informant: Thomas C. King
- Lane, Eliza A. F. - widow  
 Born: Virginia Died: Athens, Ala., May 16, 1882  
 Age: 77 years, 8 months, 17 days  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.  
 Informant: J. R. Hoffman
- Legg, James H. - married, farmer  
 Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Sept. 29, 1882  
 Age: 46 years, 9 months, 13 days  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.  
 Informant: W. J. Dupree
- Lipscomb, Mollie - single  
 Born: Alabama Died: Limestone Co., Ala., July 18, 1882  
 Age: 16 years, 5 months, 18 days  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: O. B. Cartwright

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## (Limestone Co., Ala., 1882 Deaths cont'd)

Lovel, Elizabeth - married

Born: Kentucky Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Aug. 8, 1882

Age: 55 years

Buried: Limestone County, Alabama

Informant: W. A. Cosby

Malone, Samuel P. - single, clerk

Born: Alabama Died: Athens, Alabama, Oct. 3, 1882

Age: 20 years, 2 months, 18 days

Buried: Athens, Alabama

Informant: J. R. Hoffman

Mason, Mary P. - married

Born: Alabama Died: Athens, Alabama, Mar. 31, 1882

Age: 33 years, 7 months, 14 days

Buried: Limestone County, Alabama

Informant: J. R. Hoffman

McClellan, \_\_\_\_\_ - Male

Child of R. A. McClellan

Born: Athens, Ala. Died: Athens, Ala., Sept. 12, 1882

Age: 1 day

Buried: Athens, Alabama

Informant: J. R. Hoffman

McDonald, John S.

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone County, Ala., Jan. 15, 1882

Age: 5 months

Buried: Limestone County, Alabama

Informant: J. R. McDonald

McDowney, \_\_\_\_\_ - Female

Child of J. M. Downey

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Feb. 8, 1882

Age: Stillborn

Buried: Limestone County, Alabama

Informant: J. A. Pettus

McElhinny, Mary L.

Born: \_\_\_\_\_ Died: Limestone County, Ala., Jan. 25, 1882

Age: 10 years, 9 months, 23 days

Buried: Limestone County, Alabama

Informant: S. E. York

McGlöcklin, George

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., June 27, 1882

Age: 10 months, 9 days

Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.,

Informant: G. W. Johnson

Miller, Cassie

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., April 21, 1882

Age: 5 years, 1 month, 15 days

Buried: Limestone County, Alabama

Informant: O. B. Cartwright

Miller, George A. - Single

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Feb. 10, 1882

Age: 31 years, 4 months

Buried: Limestone County, Alabama

Informant: J. R. Hoffman

Mitchell, Eliza Jane - married

Born: Tenn. Died: Athens, Ala., Aug. 29, 1882

Age: 61 years, 7 months, 9 days

Buried: Athens, Alabama

Informant: J. R. Hoffman

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## (Limestone Co., Ala. 1882 Deaths cont'd)

Moore, Charles Rush

Born: Limestone Co., Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Aug. 16, 1882  
 Age: 9 days  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: W. A. Roberson

Moore, Geo.

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., June 25, 1882  
 Age: 1 year, 4 months  
 Buried: Limestone County, Ala.  
 Informant: J. J. Carter

Moore, Mattie S.

Born: Athens, Ala. Died: Athens, Ala., Nov. 4, 1882  
 Age: 3 months, 14 days  
 Buried: Athens, Ala.  
 Informant: J. R. Hoffman

Moseley, Martha R. - single

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Jan. 10, 1882  
 Age: 47 years  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.  
 Informant: S. J. Withers

Myers, Naomi - single

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., April 2, 1882  
 Age: 27 years, 10 months, 1 day  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.  
 Informant: J. R. Hoffman

Owens, Leona

Born: Ala. Died: Athens, Ala., April \_\_\_\_, 1882  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buried: Athens, Ala.  
 Informant: J. R. Hoffman

Patterson, Sophia W. - single

Born: Limestone Co., Ala. Died: Athens, Ala., Nov. 23, 1882  
 Age: 53 years, 8 months, 19 days  
 Buried: Athens, Alabama  
 Informant: J. R. Hoffman

Peebles, S. C. - Widow

Born: Mass. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Feb. 25, 1882  
 Age: 75 years, 5 months, 3 days  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: H. W. Hall

Perryman, Martha A.

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Jan. 15, 1882  
 Age: 8 years, 9 months, 22 days  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: J. A. Pettus

Reid, Anna

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Sept. 15, 1882  
 Age: 2 years  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: S. E. York

Riley, C. E. - Married, Female

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., April 26, 1882  
 Age: 25 years  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: J. A. Pettus

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- Roberts, James M. - Single, Farmer  
 Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Sept. 30, 1882  
 Age: 15 years, 10 months, 10 days  
 Buried: Limestone County, Ala.  
 Informant: M. R. Wilkinson
- Ross, Colby - Married  
 Born: North Carolina Died: Limestone Co., Ala, Jan. 22, 1882  
 Age: 81 years  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: Thomas Edgmon
- Sanderson, Wm. - Single  
 Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Aug. 19, 1882  
 Age: 51 years  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: J. R. Hoffman
- Simmons, Marshall - Married, Farmer  
 Born: Tenn. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Mar. 3, 1882  
 Age: 27 years, 11 months, 25 days  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: J. R. Hoffman
- Sloss, Clarissa - married  
 Born: \_\_\_\_\_ Died: Limestone Co., Ala., May 10, 1882  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buried: Athens, Ala.  
 Informant: J. R. Hoffman
- Smith, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child of Jessie Smith  
 Born: Alabama Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Aug. 7, 1882  
 Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: J. R. Hoffman
- Smith, Mattie - married  
 Born: Alabama Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Sept. 28, 1882  
 Age: 30 years  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Ala.  
 Informant: J. A. Pettus
- Spencer, Molly  
 Born: Limestone Co., Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala.,  
 Age: 1 year, 5 months, 20 days Oct. 17, 1882  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: W. H. Dupree
- Stewart, Thomas A.  
 Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Sept. 3, 1882  
 Age: 2 years  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: Theo Westmoreland
- Taylor, John - widowed  
 Born: Limestone Co., Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala.,  
 Age: 65 years Aug. 20, 1882  
 Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
 Informant: B. G. Copeland
- Taylor, John - widowed  
 Born: Tenn. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Nov. 10, 1882  
 Age: 59 years, 6 months, 10 days  
 Buried: Limestone Co., Alabama  
 Informant: M. R. Wilkinson

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Temple, Martha - widow

Born: Alabama Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Jan. 6, 1882  
Age: 67 years, 8 months, 27 days  
Buried: Limestone Co., Alabama  
Informant: J. E. Fielding

Thach, Katie

Born: Alabama Died: Mooresville, Ala., Oct. 9, 1882  
Age: 5 years, 9 months, 23 days  
Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
Informant: H. W. Hill

Thompson, \_\_\_\_\_ - male

Child of John W. Thompson  
Born: Alabama Died: Limestone County, Ala., Sept. 4, 1882  
Age: 6 days  
Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
Informant: J. A. Pettus

Thompson, Jocela - married

Born: Tenn. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Oct. 3, 1882  
Age: 34 years  
Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
Informant: J. J. Carter

Thompson, Josie E.

Born: Limestone Co., Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., Nov. 3, 1882  
Age: 1 month, 12 days  
Buried: Athens, Alabama  
Informant: J. J. Carter

Tucker, Lucy

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., May 30, 1882  
Age: 71 years  
Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
Informant: \_\_\_\_\_

Wiley, \_\_\_\_\_ - Female

Born: Ala. Died: Limestone Co., Ala., July 12, 1882  
Age: 4 years  
Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
Informant: A. J. Rowe

York, E. J. - Single, Female

Born: \_\_\_\_\_ Died: Limestone County, Ala., Sept. 15, 1882  
Age: 55 years  
Buried: Limestone County, Alabama  
Informant: W. A. Cosby

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A CORRECTION and AN ADDITION

Correction by Mrs. R.J. Cochran: Valley Leaves, Vol. 7, no. 1, p. 7. Phillip J. Irion-Victoria Wylie Marriage Contract was proven before ELLJAH G. CHANDLER. (A torn page in the deed book resulted in the wrong name being copied.)

Addition by Mrs. Dewey Underwood, 907 Picardy, Lufkin, Texas: Valley Leaves, Vol. 1, no. 4, pp. 94-95. Mrs. Underwood's aunt visited the late Dr. Ambrose Tilden Grayson several years ago and secured a certified copy of the Grayson Family Bible. Her certified copy lists an additional child - "Polly Grayson, born October 8, 1795, died about 1845, and married Bryant Cobb in 1813." Thank you for this addition, Mrs. Underwood.



## DEEDS, LAWRENCE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Compiled by Mrs. Roy J. Cochran in September 1972, Moulton, Alabama. These records are in the Probate Record Room in the Lawrence County Courthouse.

Direct Index to Deeds 1, Reverse Index to Deeds 1, Direct Index to Mortgages and Deeds of Trust 1, and Reverse Index to Mortgages and Deeds of Trust 1 are the general indexes to instruments recorded in the deed books of Lawrence County in its early years. The deeds prior to the formation of the Probate Court (in 1850) are indexed as "Orphan's Court" (deed books); the later ones are indexed as "Probate Court" (deed books). A complete search should include indexes of the individual deed books since some entries appear to have been omitted from the general indexes.

The "Orphan's Court" Deed Records now located in the Probate Office are:  
C. Sept 1824-Feb 1829, D. Dec 1828-July 1831, E. July 1831-Sept 1833,  
F. Sept 1833-Jan 1835, H. Apr 1838-Aug 1839, I. July 1839-Nov 1841,  
K. Sept 1841-July 1844, L. Aug 1844-Sept 1847, and M. Sept 1847-June 1850.

The "Probate Court" Deed Records now located in this office are in Books A-Z and Books AA-ZZ and numbered volumes thereafter.

"Orphan's Court" Deed Records "A" and "B" and "G" are missing, apparently there was no "J." We have copied references to these books from the general indexes. There were no references in these indexes for "G," obviously it was missing when the indexes were prepared. It is evident that many entries were omitted and some in the direct are not in the reverse, and vice versa. NONE of the deeds listed in the indexes following can be obtained by writing to the courthouse since the deed books are missing. A few original papers of instruments recorded in these missing deed books have been uncovered and Valley Leaves will publish them in future issues.

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HOW TO PAY TAXES WHEN THE WOLF IS AT YOUR DOOR  
Franklin and Lawrence Counties, Alabama

After passage of this Act, it shall be lawful for tax collectors of Franklin and Lawrence Counties to receive all wolf scalps in payment of any county tax due from any person in the county, on prior affidavit made before an acting Justice of the Peace that the wolves were killed in Franklin or Lawrence County, as the case may be - Scalps received at the following rate; all scalps under one year \$1; all scalps one year and upward \$1.50. Tax collector of each county to return affidavits with scalps to the county treasurer as money for any county tax due from them as tax collectors - no money to be paid out for scalps; only receive scalps in payment of taxes. (Act passed Jan. 9, 1835(?))

(Abstracted from Acts of Alabama passed at the Session beginning on the Third Monday in November 1835 at Tuscaloosa. Act number 123, pages 119, 120)

Contributed by Helen Bowling McKnight

DEATH'S HARVEST 1898-99  
from The Leighton News  
F. W. McCormack, Editor and Publisher  
Leighton, Colbert County, Alabama

Friday, February 11, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 2

MR. FOUNTAIN ARMSTEAD, SR. [FONTAINE ARMISTEAD, SR.] - died on Monday, February 7, at his home south of Tuscumbia. Was probably the oldest man in the county, being 95 years old. [Buried Winston Family Cemetery, Tuscumbia.]

Friday, February 18, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 3

BEDFORD PULLEN - died Friday, February 11, after a lingering illness of consumption. Farmer of near Town Creek. Was a son of the late Alex Pullen; was a brother of W. A., Robert, and Webb Pullen of Town Creek. Leaves young wife and two small children. Interment at Rock Spring Cemetery near Mt. Hope on Sunday.

"MARLEY" BENNETT - W. M. Bennett died of pneumonia at his home on Wednesday, February 16, after a short illness. Was married to Miss Cegar Mayes, daughter of Mr. R. R. Mayes of Sheffield. The wife and three small children are left to mourn his death. Interment at Rock Spring Cemetery near Mt. Hope yesterday, the Rev. Theo. Copeland officiating.

Friday, February 25, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 4

MR. COMPERE CHITWOOD - of Tuscumbia, died Monday, February 21, in Cincinnati. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery on Tuesday.

Friday, March 4, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 5

THE REV. F. "ALEX" ROSS - died at the home of his son, Fred Ross, in Canton, Miss., on Thursday, February 24. Burial in Tuscumbia on Sunday morning.

JOHN WILSON - employee of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad died at his home in Tuscumbia on Friday, February 25. Remains taken to Scottsboro for burial on Saturday.

Friday, March 11, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 6

MRS. H. C. McCLANAHAN - of Mt. Hope, died suddenly on March 5. Leaves a husband and five children. Remains interred at Rock Spring Cemetery on Sunday; the Rev. Bradley of Russellville officiating.

MRS. MARY H. KING - died on Sunday, March 6. Funeral services conducted by her life long friend, the Rev. J. S. Davis, on Monday. Final resting place the old family cemetery.

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Death's Harvest 1898-99, from The Leighton News - continued

Friday, March 18, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 7

CAPT. B. F. LITTLE - died suddenly on March 10; prominent citizen of Tuscumbia. Interred Oakwood Cemetery.

MR. SOWELL - "Mr. J. P. Sowell of Tuscumbia, was called to Columbia, Tennessee, on Monday due to the death of his father."

Friday, March 25, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 8

MRS. C. A. SIMPSON - of Tuscumbia, formerly Mrs. Mary G. Abernathy, died suddenly Sunday night, March 20. A young husband, little son, and a number of relatives and friends mourn her death.

MRS. OCTAVIA HOBBS - wife of Preston H. Hobbs of near South Florence, died on March 23. About sixty-five years of age. Mrs. Hobbs, whose maiden name was Jones, was born in Charleston, S.C., came to Tuscumbia when a young lady and taught school until her marriage to Mr. Hobbs. Was a sister to the late Mrs. S. A. Delony of this place. Buried Oakwood Cemetery, Tuscumbia.

Friday, April 1, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 9

JOHN CAGLE, SR. - old and respected citizen of Mt. Hope, died of heart failure on March 28. Attended church on Sunday at Landersville. Interred Smith Graveyard on Tuesday.

MRS. Z. WEATHERFORD - passed away March 28. Services on Tuesday from the family residence on 4th Street, Tuscumbia. Interred Oakwood Cemetery.

Friday, April 8, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 10

MR. TOM SMITH - well known young man of Hatton, died of consumption on April 6. Deceased was about 23 years old; leaves a wife and a little child. Was a nephew of Mrs. H. J. Stephenson. Burial today at Town Creek Church.

Friday, April 15, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 11

M. J. GILCHRIST, SR. - of Courtland, died on April 14. One of the oldest and most influential citizens of this section. Age about 78. Two sons, M. J. Gilchrist, Jr., and J. H. Gilchrist, with a large family connection mourn his death.

Friday, April 29, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 13

MRS. LUCY PARSHALL - died April 24 at the home of Ed Almon in Tuscumbia.  
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Death's Harvest 1898-99, from The Leighton News - continued

Friday, May 27, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 17

MRS. EWING - died on May 22 at Tuscumbia. Her death had been expected for some time. Interment at Oakwood Cemetery on Monday.

Friday, June 3, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 18

J. WASH SIZEMORE - died June 2 at his home three miles southeast of Leighton after a three weeks illness of pneumonia. Deceased leaves an aged mother, his wife, and eight small children. Burial will take place on Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Friday, June 10, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 19

H. J. WHIPPLE - farmer, who resided on the Henderson place southeast of Tuscumbia, committed suicide on June 3. Whipple was about 34 years of age and came to this locality from South Alabama about a year ago. He leaves a wife and three small children.

Friday, June 17, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 20

MRS. SIZEMORE - aged mother of J. Wash Sizemore who died two weeks ago, followed her son to the grave on June 11 after a brief illness of pneumonia.

MRS. OLIVE RODEN - died on Tuesday, June 14, near Wolf Spring, Lawrence County. She was ninety-eight years old. When the war took place in 1861 she furnished in the cause of the South four sons, three of whom lost their lives. She is survived by one son and many grandchildren.

Friday, July 1, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 22

CAPTAIN ROLAND C. McFARLAND - editor of the Florence Standard-Journal died at his home in Florence on June 24 of injuries received on June 18 in a fight with James McClure, son of Probate Judge W. B. McClure. The fight occurred late Saturday night in the probate judge's office. McFarland was for several years captain of the Wheeler Rifles of Florence.

Friday, July 8, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 23

MISS JULIA MAY COMSTOCK - died on July 5 after a lingering illness of consumption. Eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Comstock of Sheffield. Died at her father's country home - Hidden Spring Farm, near Roscoe. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Theo. Copeland; burial at Oakwood Cemetery, Tuscumbia.

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Death's Harvest 1898-99, from The Leighton News - continued

Friday, July 29, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 26

JOHN B. WEAKLEY, SR. - [Florence, Ala.] thrown from a wagon with a runaway team and killed instantly on July 23. Accident occurred in going down a steep hill. Mr. Weakley was the son of the late General S. D. Weakley. His son, John B. Weakley, Jr., is mayor of Florence. Mr. Weakley was prominent in business and political circles for many years, and for the past two years has lived on his plantation near Florence.

MRS. W. CLARK BRACKEN - of Town Creek died July 25 after a long and painful illness. Buried at Roden Graveyard.

Friday, August 5, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 27

MR. KERG CARPENTER - died suddenly on July 31. Old and respected citizen of the Avoca neighborhood. Mr. Carpenter was in his 70th year. Brother to B. F. Carpenter, substantial citizen of Lawrence. Buried Masterson Cemetery.

WALDEN WALDREP - [King's Bridge] died on August 2 as a result of an accident. Had been working at the pump factory in East Florence. Leaves a wife and three small children. Interred Jeffrey's Cemetery.

Friday, August 19, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 29

MRS. P. A. FINNEY - died on August 14 at her home in Tuscumbia. Was widow of the late P. A. Finney, well-known employee of the Southern Railroad. Was 50 years of age. Leaves a large family of sons and daughters.

Friday, August 26, 1898 Vol. VII, No. 30

WILLIAM ANDERSON - died suddenly on August 22 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. A. Clark, of Tuscumbia. Was 74 years of age, and had been a resident of Tuscumbia since a young man. Leaves his daughter, Mrs. Clark, and two sons, one a passenger engineer on the Southern Railroad, the other a younger son, a private in Company B, First Regiment, Alabama Volunteers, now encamped at Jacksonville, Fla.

[William Anderson was a native of Virginia, son of William Armistead and Octavia (Brown) Anderson.]

["Death's Harvest," from The Leighton News, Vol. VI (1897-98), appeared in VALLEY LEAVES, Vol. 6, No. 2, December 1971. These obituaries are abstracted and contributed by Mrs. V. W. Hamner, Jr., Huntsville, Alabama.]

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HARRIS FAMILY BOOK - Jackson County, Alabama

A photocopy of this old book, owned by William Parks Sumner, Jr., of Rt. 5, Box 123, Scottsboro, Alabama 35768, was contributed by his wife Christine Paradise Sumner. Mrs. Sumner stated that this book belonged first to Francis Epps Harris, a doctor in the Paint Rock Valley; then to his daughter Eugenia Harris-Harrison-Keeble; then to her daughter Carrie Keeble Thompson; then to her daughter Fay Thompson Sumner; and then to her son, its present owner. Note: The pages in the book are unnumbered.

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My Father Richard Harris was born 20. Novr 1758  
Judith W Harris, my Mother was born 24; May 1775

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Francis E Harris Was born 18th Decr 1800

Mahala Harris Was born 4th Novr. 1801

Sarah M. Harris Was born 9th August 1807

George Milton Harris Was born 14th July 1820

Mary Eliza Harris Was born 30th Novr 1825

Francis Richard Benjamin Harris Was born 23rd May 1827

Thomas Eppes Harris Was born 17th February 1829

Sarah Ann Lavinia Harris Was born 15th Jany 1831

John William Harris Was born 26th March 1833

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Claudius Alexander Harris Was born 27th March 1835

Beverly Ellis Harris Was born 25th October 1837

Evaline T Marshall Was born 18th May 1820

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George M Harris was married by the Rev. P B Robinson to Miss Mary A E Ford 10 May 1842

Mary E Roper was married by the Rev Thos M King, to Doctor Wm G Rodes 30th July 1844

Sarah A L Harris was married by the Rev I W Sullivan to Lewis Moore, 24, Decr, 1846

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(Harris Family Book continued)

(7th page - marriages)

Francis B Harris Was married by the Rev. (blank) Ransom to Miss Mary Allen of Athens Ala 21 January 1857

Claudius, A, Harris Was married by th\_ Rev A, K. Erwin to Miss Mary Hussey. 3rd November 1857

Thomas, E, Harris Was married by the Rev A F Driskel to Miss Laura Wallace on the 1st December 1857

(8th page - marriages)

Beatrice, E, Harris, was married by the Rev. L. H. Grubbs to George, Munro, Harrison on the 14. December 1859, and moved to Shelby County Tennessee, the 23rd Decr. 1859

Laura J Harris was married by the Rev. William Burr, to Matthew Roberts on the 25. January 1866 and moved to Limestone County Ala. the 26 of the same month

(9th page - marriage and death)

Josephine Harris, was married by the Rev. A, T, Crawford, to Joseph, James, Yeates, on the 5th day of November 1867. and started to Starkesville Mississippi on Monday the 11th of November 1867 at 9. oclock, A M.

Josie Harris Yeates Died 26 April 1916 at 1 oclock P.M. (Note: This death entry is in different handwriting from marriage entry.) (10th page is blank)

(11th page)

DEATHS

Mahala Harris died 5th July 1824 half after three oclock in the evening.

Judith Harris, my mother died 25th Novr 1837

William D Roper died 29 January 1844 half after Seven oclock in the evening

Richard Harris my Father died 23rd day of January 1853. 20 minutes before 8,A,M.

(12th page - deaths)

Mr Benjamin Ellis died on Friday Evening the 30th day September 1853, at 15 minutes after 4, oclock

Mrs. Mary Ellis died on Friday Evening the 4th day of June 1852 at 3 oclock

Mrs Emma Ellis Died on Saturday morning the 12 April 1856

(13th page - deaths)

Sarah M Harris Died the 19 of October 1857, quarter after 10. P. M.

Claudius A Harris Died in the Army, at Columbus Mississippi on the. 8. day of July 1862

John Wm Harris, is said to have died in the Army near Chatanooga, in the summer of 1863. I have never learned anything certa\_ about it.

(14th page - deaths)

Thomas E Harris Died on the 19. day of March 1864, about 3. oclock, in the eavening, Saturday

Laura, J. Roberts Died on the 14, day of March 1867, about 10. oclock in the eavening. Thursday

My Father F. E. Harris died on the 8 day of May 1869. Saturday Evening  
Killed by a tree

Mrs Mary, E, Rodes died August 5th 1869 Thursday 10 minutes befor\_ 2. 0 clock

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(Harris Family Book continued)

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## DEATHS

B. E. Harris, died 3rd of May Tuesday 1881, died of consumption.

W. B. Keeble, my Father died on the morning of the 28th Sept 1896 aged 72 years 11 mos - and 2 days.

George Monroe Harrison was killed by a Train 17th March 1897 -aged (31) years

Beatrice, E. Keeble, my Mother, died at her Home near Randall's Chapel on the morning of Sept 28" 1904 at 25 minutes after 6 = o clock

(16th page) Blank except for one line - "Aged 64 years &amp; 7 mos."

(17th page)

## BIRTHS

Beatrice E. Harris was born 28th of Feb, 1840.

Laura E. Harrison was born 15th of Jan 1861.

Cora Harrison was born 16 of Feb 1863.

George M. Harrison was born 22 of Jan 1866

Josie E. Keeble was born 16 of June, 1872

Willie. B. Keeble was born 27 of May, 1874

Robt. M. Keeble was born 1st of Jan 1876

Carrie Keeble was born 7th of Nov. 1878

George Keeble was born 30 of March 1879

(18th page - marriage, births, deaths)

Laura Harrison was married to. W. W. Hamlet 28 of Dec - 1883.

Jesse M. Hamlet was born 4 of Mar. 1885

Tera W. Hamlet was born, 2 of Nov. 1887

William R. Hamlet, was born 20 of Nov. 1889.

Laura E. Hamlet died Feb 15th 1935 at Brooklyn N.Y. brought to Larkinsville and Buried Feb 19.

John L Thompson died Feb 2nd 1932

Lizzie Keeble Carter died at Nashville Oct 29 1936 and was buried there Oct 30

(19th page - marriages, birth)

Cora Harrison was married to J P Hamlet. 24 of Feb. 1886

Fred Hamlet was born (no date given)

Eugene Harris, was married to Dixon Swafford 3rd Day. Jan. 1893

Wm B. Keeble was married to Miss Temple Green Wednesday Dec 11th 1901 by Rev. G. W. Alley. at his home at Larkinsville

Carrie Keeble was married to John L. Thompson at her home near Randall's Chapel on Wed night Dec 24 = 1902 by Rev Samuel Parrish

(20th page - births)

1939 Aug 12 Opals Sanders baby was born Sat 11<sup>20</sup> PM

1939 Aug 29 Bobbie Keebles baby was born, Bobbie

Harris Keeble was born Febuary. 17. 1904

Hugh Keeble was born June 19, 1906

Boby Keeble was born Feb. 19, 1909

Gilbert L. Thompson was born Jan 31 - 1904. Scrarton, T-Faye B. Thompson was born Sept 14 - 1906 Scranton Tex (Continued next page)

(Harris Family Book continued)

(21st page, marriages, deaths, births)

Harris Keeble was married to Rosa Hunt Feb 20, 1931 by W F Brooks

Rosa died Jan-14-1942.

Maragret Ann Keeble was born Jan 17, 1932

Nancy Elizabeth Keeble (Betty) was born Aug 9 1935

Hugh Keeble was married to Verginia Anderson March 16 1929

Bobbie Keeble was married to Daisy Brandon Nov. 21, 1937

Harris Keeble, was married to Mabel Todd Thomas Sept 5 1946 by W. F. Brooks

(22nd page, marriages)

Margaret Ann Keeble was married to Charles Harold Loyd June 18, 1953 (Bo)

Nancey Elizabeth Keeble was married to Arthur <sup>(Betty)</sup> <sup>(Jim)</sup> Roberts Dec. 27, 1955.

(23rd page)

DEATHS

Carrie Keeble Thompson died April 19, 1951.

Harris B Keeble Died Sept, 21, 1955

(24th page. Recorded here is the marriage of the present owners of this book- July 16, 1960, at Scottsboro, Ala. Also listed is the birth of their daughter Ann Elizabeth Sumner on August 23, 1964, and of their son John William Sumner on January 6, 1967. - Editor)

The remaining eleven pages of this book contain lists of slaves purchased from 11 January 1824 through 26 May 1855, giving names and ages. Slaves' births and deaths are recorded here through 23 August 1865. The names of five persons from whom slaves were purchased are stated:

(page 29) I bought (Slave) of Dr W. H Allen, on the 9th day of September 1852----

(page 30) I bought (Slaves) on 26th day of May 1855 of David Larkin----

(page 37) (Slaves) I got from Mr. B. Ellis in 1825

(Slave) I got from Lewis Moore, in the fall of 1850-----

I got (Slave) from Mrs. Smith in 1845-----

(End of Harris Family records contributed by Mrs. Sumner)

CAPT. RICHARD HARRIS - 1853 Obituary

(Abstracted from The Southern Advocate, Huntsville, Ala., Wed., 9 Feb. 1853, page 3, column 3. Microfilm at the Huntsville Public Library.)

Another Revolutionary Soldier Gone

Died, in Madison county, Ala., January 23d, 1853, Capt. Richard Harris. The deceased was born in Powhatan county, Va., on the 20th November, 1758. When but a youth, at the age of 17, he entered the army-----devoted himself to his country's interests till the close of the war.----was an eyewitness of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Little York. --returned to his home---

Soon after the war, he devoted himself to the service of God and the good of his fellow men. He professed religion in Powhatan county, Va., and soon--united himself with the M.E. church, where he remained, for more than half a century, a consistent, useful, and much loved member. ----- He removed from Virginia to Madison county, Ala., in 1809, and resided near Blue Spring till the day of his death.-----few men have lived as long as he did with as few censurers and with as few enemies.----He has left many friends to mourn his loss.

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1869-1911 OBITUARIES - MT. TABOR BAPTIST CHURCH  
Marshall County, Alabama

Mt. Tabor Baptist Church is located in Marshall Co., Ala., in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, T7S, R1E. The Church Minute Book, photocopied and microfilmed by the Huntsville Public Library, contains obituaries of many of its members. The first five obituaries are numbered; thereafter a committee is appointed each time and the numbers are discontinued. Abstracted by TVGS member Mrs. David W. Allen, Huntsville, Alabama 35803.

No. 1

REV. M. A. VERSER was born Dec. 28, 1811, joined the church the year of 1826, and commenced calling on sinners to repent in the year of 1827, which he never ceased to do till he departed this life May 2, 1878. We regret the loss and sympathize with his bereaved wife and children.

J. M. Black c.c

A. W. Black c.m.

No. 2

Sister GEORGIA KING was born Jan. 4, 1858, joined Mt. Tabor Church Sept. 20, 1872, and lived a faithful member until she departed this life Jan. 27, 1878. Our sympathy with her husband and friends.

J. M. Black c.c

A. W. Black c.m.

No. 3

Bro. RICHARD COULTER was born in the year 1799, made a profession of religion early in life, joined Mt. Tabor Church Nov. 25, 1866. Lived a faithful Christian until he departed this life Dec. 5, 1869. Sympathy with his bereaved family and friends.

J. M. Black c.c.

A. W. Black c.m.

No. 4

NANCY J. COULTER was born in the year 1804 and joined the church Nov. 25, 1866. Lived a faithful life until she departed this life May 16, 1878. Our sympathy to her children and friends.

J. M. Black c.c

A. W. Black c.m.

No. 5

Sister ELIZABETH BENSON was born June 9, 1854, and made a profession of religion and joined Mt. Tabor Church Sept. 20, 1872 -- lived a faithful life until she departed this life Feb. 10, 1878. Our sympathy with her bereaved husband and relatives.

J. M. Black C.C.

A. W. Black c.m.

A committee of three - A. W. Black, G. W. Criscoe, and J. H. Dossey - was appointed in church conference to write the obituary of Sister SARAH C. BRISCOE.

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SARAH C. BRISCOE was born Feb. 17, 1848, and made a profession of religion and joined Mt. Tabor Church Sept. 1865 -- lived a faithful member until she departed this life Feb. 11, 1879. Our sympathy with relatives and friends.

J. M. Black c.c.

A. W. Black c.m.

Oct. 1879 committee appointed to write obituary of Bro. JAMES LEMONS.

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Brother JAMES LEMONS was born Jan. 10, 1814, and made a profession of faith early in life -- lived a faithful life until he departed this life Aug. 6, 1879. Our sympathy with his bereaved wife, children, and friends.

Done in conference Sat, before the first Sun. 1879.

J. M. Black c.c.

A. W. Black c.m.

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(Obituaries - Mt. Tabor Church, Marshall Co., Ala., continued)

Church conference first Lord's Day July 1883. Appointed a committee - Bro. P. M. B. Garriett, John M. Black, and James M. Black - to write the obituary of Bro. BARNEY KING.

J. M. Simpson, c.m.

J. M. Black c.c.

In the conference meeting first Lord's Day in Sept. 1883, Bro. King's obituary referred to next meeting. (Mrs. Allen notes, "I did not find an obituary.")

Appointed a committee of three - P. M. B. Garriett, G. W. Criscoe, James M. Black - to write the obituary of Sister CATHARINE JANE BLACK.

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CATHARINE JANE BLACK was born April 13, A.D. 1822. Professed religion early in life; was a faithful believer until this life departed Sept. 26, 1883. Age 61 years, 5 months, 12 days. Our condolence to her husband and children. Respectfully submitted Nov. 17, A.D. 1883.

P. M. B. Garriett

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Bro. A. W. BLACK was born March 20 A.D. 1837 and departed this life Nov. 23, 1883. A good and true officer -- companion, a devoted and affectionate husband, and to his children a tender father.

Respectfully submitted Dec. 22, 1883.

J. M. Black c.c.

Pierce M. B. Garriett, chairman

In conference the 4th Lord's Day in Feb. 1884, -- committee to write the obituary of sister MARGARET BROOKS : P. B. Garriett, J. M. Black, Sr.

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The State of Ala. Marshall Co. March 22nd A.D. 1884

Sister MARGARET BROOKS was born Jan. 15, 1815 and departed this life Feb. 19, 1884. Age 69 years, one month, and four days. Sister Brooks has been a consistent member of Mt. Tabor Church for a number of years.

J. M. Black Sr. c.c.

P. M. B. Garriett  
J. M. Black Sr. } committee

Done in conference 4th Lord's Day Oct. 1884. Appointed a committee to write the obituary of Sister NANCY C. CURRY. Committee - P.M.B. Garriett, J.M. Black Sr.

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NANCY C. CURRY was born Sept. 1823. Departed this life Oct. 3rd 1884. Joined Mt. Tabor Church July 25, 1871. Age 61. Have been acquainted with Sister Curry more than 20 years. She has been afflicted for a number of years. Her dear, dear children and near friends are most heart stricken.

Respectfully submitted Nov. 21, 1884

P. M. B. Garriett, chairman

J. M. Black c.c.

Conference before the first Lord's Day in June 1886. I. M. Thompson c.m. J. M. Black c.c. The committee - P. M. Garriett, J. M. Black, to write SARAH DUNN's obituary.

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Sister SARAH DUNN, who was born June 16, 18(18, smeared) and professed religion in the year 1861--departed this life April 8, 1886--Sister Dunn was a good neighbor, a dutiful and affectionate companion and mother.

Done by order this July 18th A.D. 1886. P.M. B. Garriett and J. M. Black Sr. committee.

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(Obituaries - Mt. Tabor Church, Marshall Co., Ala., continued)

In conference the first Lord's Day Oct. 1886 -- committee-J. M. Black and E. B. Coulter- to write obituary of Sister CHANDLER.

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ELENDAR CHANDLER --- was born Oct. 6th 1804 and professed faith in Christ 1830. Joined the Baptist Church and was true to Baptist Cause 56 years. Departed this life Sept. 16th 1886. Age 81 years, 11 months, 10 days. Our sympathy with her bereaved daughter and grandchildren. By order of the Church Oct. 2nd 1886.

J. M. Black, Senior, chairman of committee.

Done in conference the first Sun. in Jan. 1888. To write the obituary of JENY BOWLING ; P. M. B. Garriett, committee.

Done in conference Sat. before the first Lord's Day. Appointed P. M. B. Garriett to write a consolidated obituary of Sister and Bro. BENJAMIN BOWLING.

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Sister JENNIE BOWLING, who was born in York District, South Carolina, some where between 1800 and 1805 and moved to Ala., joined Mt. Tabor Baptist Church in the summer or fall of 1860 and was a faithful member until she died Dec. 7, 1887.

(Dated) Feb. 26, 1888 P. M. B. Garriett, chairman J. M. Black c.c.

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Brother BENJAMIN BOWLING was born in the year 1807; joined Salem Church nearly 50 years ago and then joined Mt. Tabor in the fall of 1860 --- lived a faithful member until he departed this life Jan. 28, 1888. Age 80 years.

(Dated) April 4, 1888 J. M. Black, Sr. chairman

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WILL OF RICHARD HARRIS of Madison Co., Ala.  
(Abstract)

Madison County, Alabama  
Probate Record Book 16, pp. 322,323

Dated 5 Dec 1844  
Pro. Feb. term 1853

my son William, now deceased  
my son Richard B. "the quarter section of land in (Madison) county on which said Richard B. now resides, except one half acre including the graveyard, OR the tract of land lying in Jackson County, in said State which I purchased of William L. Reynolds"  
my grand-daughter Ann Eliza, wife of Archer B. James  
my four children - Francis E., Richard B., Mary Ann, wife of Isaac W. Sullivan, and Eliza P., wife of George R. Wharton  
EXECUTORS: my sons, Francis E. & Richard B. and Isaac W. Sullivan & George R. Wharton

Witnesses: A. H. Ford  
Henry P. Turner  
George Inde  
John Connally

(signed) Richard Harris



SOME 1828-29 AREA MARRIAGES from THE DEMOCRAT, Huntsville, Ala., Newspaper

Friday, August 22, 1828, page 3, column 4

MARRIED on Wednesday evening by the Rev. John Allan, MR. PHARES T. POSEY to MRS. ELIZABETH HUTCHINGS, both of this place (See Valley Leaves, Vol. 6, no. 1, p. 2, for Posey Bible record. - Ed.)  
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Friday, Nov. 21, 1828, page 3, col. 6

MARRIED on Thursday the 20th inst. by the Rev. Robert Donald, the REV. ALBERT G. GIBSON, of Lincoln Co., Tenn., to MISS SARAH ERWIN, of Hazlegreen, Madison Co., (Ala.).  
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Friday, Feby. 6, 1829, page 3, col. 5

MARRIED on Tuesday evening the 3d inst. by the Rev. John Allen, MR. GEO. W. SMITH, of the House of Bradford & Smith, to MISS MARTHA PATTON, daughter of Wm. Patton, Esq., all of this place (Huntsville).  
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Friday, August 21, 1829, page 3, col. 6

MARRIED in Athens, (Limestone Co.), on the 13th inst. by the Rev. Wm. McMahon, MR. ELDRED ROWLINES of this (Madison) county to MISS SARAH JANE BASS, daughter of Thos. Bass, Esq., of the former place.  
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Friday, August 28, 1829, page 3, col. 4

MARRIED at the Presbyterian Church in this town (Huntsville) on Wednesday morning last at 9 o'clock by the Rev. John Allen, DR. H. A. G. ROBERTS to MISS EMILY E. JONES - all of Limestone Co., (Ala.).  
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Friday, Sept. 18, 1829, page 3, col. 3

MARRIED on the 11th inst. at the residence of John Vining, Esq., by P. N. Booker, Esq., MR. WILLIAM WEBSTER to MISS SARAH PERRYMAN, all of this county.  
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Friday, Oct. 9, 1829, page 3, col. 4

MARRIED on Thursday evening, Oct. 1, by the Rev. Mr. Rowe, MR. HOWEL D. EASON, to MRS. MARY MAYS, all of this county. (Madison Co., Ala.)  
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Friday, Nov. 27, 1829, page 3, col. 6

MARRIED in Winchester (Franklin Co.), Tenn. on the 17th inst. by the Revd. Mr. Whitten, (torn) COB TIPTON BRADFORD, merchant of (Belle)fonte, (Jackson Co.), Ala., to MISS LOUISIANA only daughter of Col. M. TAUL.

MARRIED on Thurs. the 19th last by the Rev. J. W. Allen, JOHN M. CULLEN, Esq., of Triana (Madison Co.) to MRS. REBECCA, widow of the late (torn) TATE of Limestone Co., (Ala.).  
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Friday, Dec. 18, 1829, page 3, col. 6 (See will of Wm. E. Collier, V. L., Vol. 1) p.90  
MARRIED on Tuesday evening the 8th inst. by the Rev. T. Perrien, MR. WILLIAM E. COLLIER to MRS. JANE O. SLAUGHTER, both of Triana, (Madison Co., Ala.).

MARRIED in this town (Huntsville) Thurs. the 10th inst. by the Rev. John H. Thompson, MR. T. T. MOSELEY to MISS ABIGAIL MARTIN.  
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Friday, Dec. 25, 1829, page 3, col. 4

MARRIED on Tuesday the 8th inst. by the Rev. William Crutcher, MR. GEORGE DUPREE to MISS POLLY GRAVIT, both of Gallatin. (?Tennessee?)  
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Friday, Jan. 1, 1830, page 3, col. 5

MARRIED on the evening of the 24th ult. (Dec. 1829) by the Revd. Hugh Barr, JOHN J. COLEMAN, Esq., Editor of The Southern Advocate (Huntsville newspaper) to MISS EMELINE R. WILLIAMS of Courtland, (Lawrence Co., Ala. ).

MARRIED by the Rev. William Woods on Sunday the 6th of Dec. (1829) DR. A.G.A. ANDERSON to MISS EMILY H. CALLOWAY, daughter of Col. Richard Calloway, both of Salem, (Franklin Co.), Tennessee. \*\*\*\*



1808 DEED - ZACHARIAH COX to MARTIN BEATY  
(Madison County), Mississippi Territory

The earliest deed we find recorded for Madison County, M. T. (now Alabama) is the one transcribed below - bound in the front of Deed Book EE, pages 1 and 2. Page '3' has a deed recorded June 1863, and the last deed in EE was recorded June 1866.

Zachariah Cox, the grantor, was the head of 'The Tennessee (Land) Company', which in 1789 and again in 1795 procured extensive grants from the State of Georgia for land in what is now the Tennessee Valley area of North Alabama. (See Valley Leaves, Vol. 6, no. 1, pp. 15-16).

The oldest deed book in Madison Co., Ala., Probate Record Room, Deeds A & B, 1810-1816, begins with page 3. A note on the inside cover reads, "See 1st page in Book EE - earlier Cox deed".

A note at the top of Deed Book EE, page 1, reads, "A copy of 1st Deed in Book A".

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- Twickenham 1810 -

Paid. This Indenture Witnesseth that Zachariah Cox, one of the grantees of the Tennessee Company by his Attorney in fact Michael Harrison formerly of Washington County and State of Tennessee, but now of the great bend of the Tennessee River within the bounds of the Mississippi Territory, for and in consideration of One thousand Dollars lawful money of the United States to him in hand paid by Martin Beaty of the County of Lee, and State of Virginia before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath granted bargained sold delivered and confirmed and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Martin Beaty his heirs and assigns, one certain tract or parcel of land containing One Thousand acres, situated lying and being in the great bend of the Tennessee River on the Waters of Indian Creek a Branch of said River it being part of a Territory or tract of county granted to Zachariah Cox, Matthew Mahoe, and their associates from the State of Georgia, by a grant bearing date in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five and bounded as follows, (to wit) beginning at the mouth of the first branch from the head of the large spring, known by the name of Hunts Spring which branch empties into the said Hunts Spring branch, on the west side, thence west eight poles (turn over) P.2. thence North four hundred poles - thence East four hundred poles - thence South four hundred poles, thence a straight line to the beginning, including the head of the before mentioned Hunts big Spring together with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and to hold the said One thousand

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acres of land, to him the said Martin Beaty his heirs and assigns to the sole use and behoof of him the said Martin Beaty, his heirs and assigns forever, against the claim or claims of the aforesaid Zachariah Cox, Matthew Maher and their associates or either of them, their heirs and assigns, as also against the claim or claims, of all and every person claiming by through or under them the said Zachariah Cox, or Matthias Maher or their associates, as likewise against the claim of all and every person whatsoever, will warrant and forever defend in fee simple. In witness whereof the said Zachariah Cox by his said attorney in fact hereunto set his name and affixed his seal the Eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and eight. -

Michael Harrison, (Seal)

Attorney in fact for Zachariah Cox. -

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(1808 Deed - Cox to Beaty, (Madison Co.), M. T., continued)

(Deeds A & B, page 3, begins at this point. I shall continue transcribing from 'Page 2' bound in Deed Book EE, however.)

P. 3. Mississippi Territory, Madison County. - I do hereby certify that Michael Harrison came before me this day and acknowledge signing, sealing and delivering of the within conveyance. Witness my hand the fourth day of October 1810. -

Obadiah Jones, J. M. T.

I do hereby certify that the above deed was delivered to me to be recorded on the tenth day of October 1810. -

W. H. Winston, Clk.

(Another deed, recorded in its entirety in Deeds A & B, begins beneath the above entry; but that deed is not completed in Book EE.

There are two bound copies of Deeds A & B in the courthouse; the 2nd copy, prepared by WPA in 1938 & 1939, also begins with 'page 3'.

The wills recorded in Deeds A & B have been abstracted in Valley Leaves, Vol. 4, no. 3, and Vol. 5, no. 1. - Editor's notes) (End of article)

### Book review



BLEVINS ANCESTRY, Volume I, compiled and published by Bill D. Blevins, 716 East Sixth Street, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653; published August 1972; 8 1/2 x 11, 144 pages, spiral binding. Copies are available from the compiler at \$15.00.

This volume is subtitled "A historical and genealogical record of the descendants of Richard Blevins and Rhoda Scott" and is ostensibly the first of several planned volumes. Richard Blevins was born circa 1800 in Tennessee, and his wife Rhoda Scott was born ca. 1798 in Ohio; they were the parents of nine children, and both Richard and Rhoda died in DeKalb County, Alabama.

The present volume gives a brief description of the Blevins Coat of Arms, the origin of the Blevins name, and a few Blevins family locations from 18th century records. Also presented is a section on the Richard Blevins (wife Rhoda) family and several pages of family photographs.

The majority of Volume I is devoted to the family record of Jonathan Blevins and his wife Emily Maxwell. Jonathan was born 17 July 1817 in Kentucky, possibly Wayne County, and was the first child of Richard Blevins and his wife Rhoda. Jonathan and Emily (Maxwell) Blevins were married 27 August 1837, possibly in Marion County, Tennessee, and lived their married life in DeKalb County, Alabama, Dade County, Georgia, and, in 1873, emigrated to Grapevine, Texas. They were the parents of thirteen children.

Volume I of the BLEVINS ANCESTRY is a well-arranged family record, with each member given a relationship code from a chart in the front of the book. The source for information on each family member is provided in a bibliography, and it is evident that the research has been carefully done. There is no index.

One of the contributors to this volume was local TVGS member Harold R. Blevins, who presented the volume. Mr. Harold Blevins points out that additional volumes are contemplated and Blevins families are invited to submit family data to the compiler or to himself at 514 Jeffrey Drive, NW, Huntsville, Alabama. 35806. (Reviewed by Jerry J. Webb, Huntsville, Ala.)



## Book reviews



Madison County, Alabama Orphans Court Minutes, 1810-1817 compiled by Dorothy Scott Johnson (1972). Red cardstock cover, 56 pages, full name index, 8½x11, \$3.50. Available from Johnson Historical Publications, 2409 Gaboury Lane, Huntsville, Alabama, 35811.

Orphans Court, the forerunner of Probate Court, dealt with matters concerning the settlement of estates, guardianships, care of the poor, laying out of roads, licensing of ministers and other cases. The first session of Madison County, Mississippi Territory (later Alabama), Orphans Court was held on 4 January 1810; the last session covered in this volume was held in July 1817. The names of men, women, children, friends, relatives and many early settlers of North Alabama appear. The fact that the volume is transcribed in its entirety is especially important since the original of this book is no longer in the Madison County Courthouse in Huntsville and has been virtually unavailable to researchers in this area. Mrs. Johnson has done an excellent job of deciphering the early handwriting from xerox copies of the original book now in the Alabama Archives.

Dorothy Scott Johnson, the author of Cemeteries of Madison County, Volume 1 (reviewed in Valley Leaves, September 1971, \$13.00), and several other books relating to local history, is becoming a major contributor to the libraries of genealogists and historians in North Alabama.

Reviewed by Mrs. Roy J. Cochran, Huntsville, Alabama.

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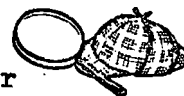
A Souvenir of FIRST MONDAY TRADE DAY (Way Down Yonner in Scottsboro Alabama!)  
by Chris Sumner. White soft cover (5½ by 8½) 75 pages. Copies of this book may be ordered from the author at Route 5, Box 123, Scottsboro, Ala. 35768. No price listed.

This rollicking fun-filled souvenir booklet is completely written in country folks dialect ("better no'd as hillbillies"), and it attempts to explain First Monday in Scottsboro - started in 1900 and still going strong. This unique festivity takes place on the first Monday of each month; and the town square of Scottsboro is turned into a horse-swapping, chicken-clucking, duck-quacking, hot-peanut, cold-coke, bonnet-selling, antique-heaven, tobacco-chewing flea market! It's great fun with everyone getting into the act. Some very persuasive person talked the most important men in Scottsboro (Doctor, Lawyer, Merchant, Chief) into posing for pictures in rumpled snap overalls (sans shirt and shoes in some instances) looking like the world's worst country bumpkins and then captioned each picture hillbillyese. I can't help wondering what the U.S. House of Representatives would think if they could see Mr. Bob Jones "takin' time offen his plowin" or our own TVGS member Wendall Page, Scottsboro Jr. High Principal, with mop and bucket "takin' his janitorin' day". Even Chris Sumner in "poke bonnet" is in the book. Lots of First Monday snaps of local characters who compare favorably to the town fathers. This would be a great booklet to own for blackmailing purposes or if you just want to see, feel, and smell First Monday.

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Q U E R I E S

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#152. HOPKINS, CHAMBERS, CRANFORD, WILLIS, HENDRICKS: Who were the parents & siblings of David/Daniel Hopkins & wf. Della Chambers probably b. Va. A son Hampton b. Va. or N. C. (age 75 on 1850 Ga. Census) m. Susannah ---? age 66 on 1850 Ga. Census b. N. C. d. Ga. They had 19 known ch (2nd- 16th born N.C.): Wiley b. 31 Oct. 1804 m. 8 Jan 1835 Frances Daniel Smithwick; Elijah (twin) b. 6 May 1806, m. 1836 Leah Steed, d. 12 July 1875; Eli (twin) b. 6 May 1806 m. 1st Mary Cranford b. 1814 N. C. m. 2nd Mary Horton (?Mollie Whorton?) 23 Nov. 1876 Lee Co., Miss. Eli & Mary (Cranford) Hopkins were my 3rd g.g-parents; Polly (Mary?) b. ca 1808; Sarah b. ca 1810, d. 1900, m. Jesse Hendricks b. Ga.; Elisha b. 1813, d. 1892/3, m. 30 Sept. 1835 Elizabeth Smithwick; Benjamin b. 1814, d. 1863, m. Sarah Elizabeth Hyatt; John b. 1816; Elizabeth b. 1818 m. 2 Dec. 1837 Wm. D. Morris; James M. b. 1820, d. 18 Apr. 1893, m. 1 Apr. 1842 Sarah Gathers; Willis b. 1821 m. 23 Mar. 1846 Margaret Jackson; Calline b. ca 1823; Bethana b. 1825 m. 27 Sept. 1853 Caleb Bonds; Thomas H. b. 1826 m. 14 June 1846 Martha Meggs; William b. 22 Sept. 1829, d. 8 Oct. 1863, m. 23 March 1851 Nancy Caroline Styles; Rachel b. 1831 m. 17 Nov. 1846; Edd b. ---m. Martha ---; Thane b. ---; Patsy b. ---. Anyone know of my 3rd g.g-parents Archie Willis b. Ga. m. Mary Hendricks b. Ga. ca 1800?

HOPKINS, CRANFORD; Eli Hopkins b. 6 May 1806 N.C. m. Mary Cranford b. 1814 N.C. She died 31 Oct 1875. Both buried Unity Cemetery, Itawamba Co., Miss. 14 ch: Elizabeth Brown Hopkins b. 9 Feb. 1828 N.C. d. 25 Dec. 1912, m. William Geo. Washington Kellum 26 Sept. 1849, my 2nd g.g.parents. (W.G.W. Kellum b. 19 June 1823 Henry Co., Ga. d. 23 Jan. 1890 Guntown, Miss.); Agrippa b. 1830 m. Nancy E. Kinard; Ann b. 1831 m. Jack Jennings; Jane b. ---; Tempie b. 1832 m. Jerry Coggins; Nancy Caroline b. 1837 m. David Johnson (State Senator); William Foley b. 1838-9 in Ga. (wf. ?Martha, age 18 on 1860 census b. S.C.); James b. 1841/2 Ga.; Susan Frances b. 1843/4 Ala. m. 1st T. L. Jones m. 2nd ---Dulaney; Mary b. 1844 Ala.; Sarah Adeline b. 1845 Miss. m. John Henry Wool-bridge; Susan F. b. --- (1860 Miss. census has 2 Susan F. Hopkins, one age 12); E. Willis b. 1850 Miss, d. 1930, m. 28 Jan 1871 Nancy Mansel b. 1860 d. 1921 (both buried at Unity); John b. 1853 Miss. Interested in any info. on above Hopkins, especially Mary Cranford.

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#153. CAPSHAW: When & where did Josiah/Joseph Capshaw die - Warren or DeKalb Co., Tenn.? Is he the Josiah who m. Eliza. Tabor in Rutherford Co., N.C.? Are these their ch: Ellander, Mary, Adeline, Josiah Jason, Thomas, Daniel W., Wm. S., & prob. John?? In Warren Co., Tenn. 1850 Census are Wm. S. Capshaw & wf. Priscilla ---age 50 b. N. C. Is this Wm. S. the son of Josiah & Elizabeth? Exchange info. Mrs. Eloise Talley, 1212 3rd Ave., Safford, Ariz. 85546

#154. McKNIGHT, LEWIS, MORTON: James McKnight b. ca 1746; William McKnight b. ca 1752; David McKnight b. ca 1755 - said to be brothers, came from N.C. to Tenn., settling near Murfreesboro ca 1800. James m. Elinor McEwen 1770 Rowan Co., N.C.; William m. 1777 Isabell Waddell, said to be sister of Rev. Moses Waddell; David m. Eleanor 'Nellie' Lewis, place & date unknown. (Who were her parents?) These McKnights said to be sons of William & Jane (Morton) McKnight who moved from N. Ireland to Va. to Rowan Co. N.C. in 1700's. Need info on Wm. & Jane (Morton) McKnight - when & where married, died, etc. Also need info. on David's son John McKnight, born about 1780 Rowan Co. N.C. and d. Fayette Co. Tenn; am particularly interested in life bf. 1830 - who & when 1st married, etc.

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#155. WESTOVER, SMITH: Need info. on Oliver Westover b. 1812 in Ky. Where? Is he son of Samuel Westover & Ruth Smith who m. 1805 Mason Co., Ky.? If so, they went to Ill. Where? Oliver m. Sarah Ann ---prob. in Ill.; they had these ch; dau. Farmerly b. 1836 Ill; Sarah 'Sally' b. 1838 Ill.; Richard b. 1840 Ill.; Benjamin b. 1843 Ill. m. 1867 in McDonald Co., Mo. Elizabeth Hooper, dau. of John Hooper of Bates & McDonald Co., Mo.; Nancy b. 1847 prob. Cass Co. Mo. m. Solomon W. 'Butch' Baker in McDonald Co., Mo.; Youver S. b. 1849 Mo.; Mary C. b. 1850 m. Wm. M. Mullvaney 1870; Jeff b. ca 1852 Mo. Will exchange information.

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#156. WILKS, YOUNG, CROWDER: Need info on parents of John Wm. Wilks b. 13 Oct. 1855 Randolph Co., Ala. d. 22 Jan. 1924 Cedartown, Ga., son of Walker Wilks b. S.C. & Becky Young b. Ga. John Wilks m. Josephine Crowder b. 30 Jan. 1853 Randolph or Chambers Co., Ala. d. 14 July 1920 Cedartown, Ga., dau. of Dr. Daniel Crowder, d. Chambers Co., Ala. and 1st wife Louisa Ann Estes.

HUSKEY, TYLER, WEDGEWORTH: Need parents of Fred Emmet Huskey who d. 24 Feb. 1915 Guntersville, Ala. prob. b. in Ala. He m. 2nd Ora Etta Tyler who d. 27 June--- Union Grove, Ala., dau. of Sam and Sally (Wedgeworth) Tyler. They lived in Huntsville, Union Grove, and Decatur, Ala.\*

WILSON, LOWRY, BROWN: Need parents of Sarah Catherine Wilson b. 9 Aug. 1867 in Texas d. 1946 in Texas, dau. of John Samson Wilson who moved from Ala. (just before Civil War) to Texas. His wife may have been Catherine or Louise Lowry or a widow Emma Brown (maybe 2nd wife?).

PULLON: Any info. about John Calvin Pullon b. 1872 Texas appreciated. His parents came from Alabama before the Civil War.

Mrs. Patricia D'Ettel, 109 School St., Daly City, Calif. 94014

#157. GRIFFIN: Sophie Griffin b. ca 1830 in Ala. m. Benjamin M. Lauderdale in 1849 in Pontotoc Co., Miss. She had brothers named Thomas, Willis, and Thornton. Who were their parents?

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#158. BYRD, DAY, McDANIEL, PENN: Richard Byrd d. Hawkins Co., Tenn. m. Elizabeth Buster, dau. of William & Jane Woods Buster. According to Richard's will he left 11 children; children moved to Ala. Exchange info on Byrd, Day, McDaniel, & Penn of Madison & Morgan Counties, Alabama. (No dates given)

Mrs. R. A. Buster, 3306 S. Tyler, Amarillo, Texas 79109

#159. FRY: Anna Fry b. 25 Dec. 1796 m. 16 Aug. 1814 to Joel Blackburn b. 12 Dec. 1794 (son of Rev. James Blackburn) in Anderson Co., Tenn. Moved Blount Co., Ala. ca 1816. Exchange info these families particularly in Tenn. (N.C.)

Mrs. J. Clifford Hill, 418 W. Matthews Ave., Jonesboro, Ark. 72401

#160. JOHNSON, HYDE, YEARGEN: Who were parents of Josiah Johnson b. 25 March 1786 Fairfax Co., Va. d. 25 May 1858 buried Johnson Cemetery in Williamson Co., Tenn. m. 1st Micky Pryor Jefferson, (widow, b. Va.) 1 May 1819; m. 2nd Ferreby Hyde 31 Sept. 1825. He moved from Nolenville, Tenn. to Manchester, Tenn. in 1820's. Josiah & Ferreby had a son, Josephus Johnson b. 4 Oct. 1830 m. Martha A. Yeargen b. 18 Sept. 1835. Who were her parents?

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\*ALA. DEATH CERTIFICATES--Order from Bureau of Vital Statistics, Dept. Public Health, Montgomery, Ala. 36104 (\$2.00 each). State full name, date & place of death, & date & place of birth, if known. Death certificates have all this PLUS names & states of birth for both parents, if completed. (From 1908)-Ed.

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#161. CHAPMAN: Need parents of William Chapman b. Va. bf. 1775 & wf. Dolly b. 1785 in Va. In 1817 they owned land in Dist. 16, Giles Co., Tenn. on waters of Blue Creek & Richland Creek. William's will, probated 1838 Giles Co. Tenn. lists 10 children: Elijah, Asa, Nancy, Elizabeth, John P., Sophronia, Margaret, Martha, Delilah, and Emaline.

CHRISTOPHER: Need parents of the following Christopher brothers: John U. b. 1796; William; Theodrick Love; Robert; & Coleman. They were in Lunenburg Co., Va. in early 1800's. John U. & William were in Limestone Co., Ala. by 1837. Miss Bettye Harrison, 1219 W. Market St., Athens, Alabama 35611

#162. HARDY, McCANTS: Anyone finding a Robert Retherford Hardy listed in 1840 or 1850 Ala. Census, please let me know. He was b. S.C. and family was in Jasper Co., Miss. Census in 1860 (also 1870): Robert, age 52; wife Adaline McCants, 46 b. S.C.; Eliza McCants, 18, (sister-in-law) b. S.C.; ch. b. Ala.: M.M. (male), 20, married during year to M. A. \_\_\_\_\_, 20, b. S.C.; W.F. (male), 19; J. F. (male), 15; Lawrence R., 13; Sarah E. 11; Virgil R. 8; George 5; Hugh Wilson 4. Believe there were sons or younger brothers of R.R. Hardy by names of John, Gilbert, and Monroe. Any info. will be appreciated.  
Mrs. Martin W. McKinnon, II, 829 Baylor Dr. S.E., Huntsville, Ala. 35802

#163. FARISS (FARRISS), WILSON, SHANKLIN: Dandridge Fariss and his brother John L. Fariss both b. Va. in 1800's m. sisters, Harriette & Catherine C. Wilson, respectively, who had bros. Robert & William Wilson - all b. Pa. Believe Dandridge & John L. published The Southern Advocate (Huntsville newspaper). Sarah Catherine, dau. of Dandridge & Harriette Fariss, b. 13 March 1830 in Huntsville, Ala. m. Samuel James Shanklin (Shanklins came from Va. to Tenn. at an early date). Their 1st ch. Kate Dickson Shanklin, b. 1850 Huntsville, Ala., was my grandmother. Will pay for or exchange info. as to names of parents of Dandridge & John L. Fariss of Va. & parents of their wives.  
Mrs. Robert R. Hunter, 10715 Dreamland Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78230

#164. Anyone with information pertaining to "Early Tennessee Valley History" (Unpublished) by F. R. King of Leighton, Ala. please contact me. (Phone 837-5821)

BALL: Need parents of John F. Ball, 36, 1850 Census of Stewart Co., Ga. with wife Helen 27, children: Frances 12, Kenedy 10, Caroline 8, Sarah 6, Mitchel 4. Hartwell Ball of Barbour Co., Ala. probably a brother. Son Kenedy lived and died Bowie Co., Texas.

Mary Fran Moore (Mrs. T. W. ) 418 Rice Drive, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35808

#165. STINSON, WILLIFORD: John Henry Stinson b. ca 1855 (a preacher?) m. Sarah Williford. Their son Onie Lucien b. 1879 in Louieville (Louisville?) Ky. m. Minnie Cornett. Appreciate any help on these and following lines.

OLDHAM, SMITHERS: John Oldham b. 1850? in Tenn. m. Mary Kathryn Smithers ca 1870. (A Baptist preacher?). Moved to Arkansas. When? Where?

SHANE, MASSENGILL: Alford Green Shane b. 1834 Va. or Ga. m. Sarah R. Massengill, b. 1838 in Tenn.

WOODRAL, ESSMAN: Henry Clay Woodral b. 1861 Tenn. m. Nancy Essman.  
Mrs. Lonnie McKey, Star Route Box 122-A, Liberty, Texas 77575

#166. GOLDEN, VICRY: G-grandfather Shadrack Golden b. 4 July 1808 Ga. came to New Market, Madison Co., Ala. with parents William & Mary Golden, brothers & sisters ca 1818. Shadrack m. Charlotte Vicry ca 1830; they had 9 children. Feb. 1845 Shadrack m. Martha Combs. What happened to Charlotte? Where is she buried? 13 Jan. 1865 Shadrack was murdered by the rebels & buried in Bragg Cemetery. Cornell Allred, 9906 E. Flower Street, Apt. #1, Bellflower, California 90706



