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EDITOR: YVONNE SPENCE PERKINS



# Editor's Leaf

Dear Members,

I am happy to report to you that the Alabama State Archives was open on a TRIAL bases each Saturday in October and November. We are hopeful that there was enough interest so that the Saturday opening will be continued. It could help if each of us would contact our state legislators to let them know that we appreciate having the Saturday opening in order that people who are employed the rest of the week may use the records. We need your help in this.

The staff of the Heritage Room in the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library are to be complimented for the fine bibliography recently published as a guide to the books on Southern genealogy and history in the Heritage Room. They have even offered to answer one question per letter concerning the books in the bibliography, when it is accompanied by a SASE. The information will be copied and mailed at cost when no infringement of copyright is involved.

TVGS would greatly appreciate your corporation in supplying us with your new address, as soon as possible, when you have moved. Our new bulk mailing rate does not guarantee the forwarding of VALLEY LEAVES to you nor the return of the quarterly to us. In these inflation days, this means a lost of money to TVGS.

There seems to be some confusion in the membership receiving their renewal slips. The "colored" slips are placed in each June issue. Be sure to watch for them in order that our "over-worked" corresponding secretary may be saved a lot of time and effort. We also want to be sure that our fine membership continues to receive VALLEY LEAVES.

I appreciate the complimentary copy of "Tree Talk" sent by the Cherokee County (TX) Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 964, Jacksonville, TX 75766. One of their articles was a list of several of their members who are researching the counties covered by VALLEY LEAVES. Many thanks for the mention and much luck to the researchers.



The Holt Association of America % Alfred H. Holt, 411 N. E. 15 Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301, sent a copy of "Holt Happenings". The association appears to locate and organize persons working on the Holt family. Some genealogical information is provided. We wish them continued success in their efforts.

Start making plans to attend the Spring Seminar on 15 March 1980. The topic will be South Carolina, which is one of the states we all need more information on. Beverly Sloan Shuler, second vice-president of the South Caroline Genealogical Society, will be our speaker. Mrs. Shuler is very knowledgeable on the state as well as Huguenot studies in the South. I have heard Mrs. Shuler speak at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, and I am looking forward to a very enjoyable day. We hope to see you there.

I am pleased to report that the Beginner's Class was well received. We had 27 people to attend and I sincerely hope that they received the help they needed to put them on the right road to research.

Sincerely,

*Yvonne S. Perkins*





# North Alabama



## COLDWATER

The area known as Coldwater was settled as early as 1780 as a trading post with the French from the Wabash country, according to Harris, Dead Towns of Alabama. Michael Dickson, the first known white resident of the area, was from Reynoldsburg, Tennessee, where he escaped the Johnson Indian massacre. Sometime in 1815, Dickson, his wife and four sons settled on the bluff above the spring which was purchased for five dollars and two pole axes from Tuscumbia, the Indian Chief. When the United States Government acquired the land by Indian Treaties in 1816, Dickson received several choice lots in lieu of his tomahawk claim.

In 1817 John Coffee was appointed to survey and lay out a town situated on the site of the Indian village Ococoposa, correctly spelled Oka Kopassa, meaning Cold Water in the Choctaw-Chickasaw dialect, Leftwick, Two Hundred Years at Muscle Shoals. The area provided an abundant supply of water from a large spring as well as a creek nearby to turn wheels for mills. Lots for the town of Coldwater were offered for sale on 6 March 1820 and the people petitioned the legislature for incorporation under the name of Coldwater on 20 December 1820. Six months later, 14 June 1821, the legislature changed the name to Big Spring, but that name did not last long for on 31 December 1822 the legislature again changed the name to Tuscumbia. The following purchasers of land were abstracted by Margaret Matthews Cowart, Huntsville, Alabama, from a microfilm copy of a book in the Alabama State Archive, Montgomery, Alabama, called The Sale of Public Lands, 1818-1825 (Archives number 129).

Lot No.		Lot No.	
1 - 2	Michael Dickson	61 - 62	William Donnelson
3 - 4	John S. Doxey	63 - 64	Calvin Morgan
5 -	David Hubbard	65 - 66	John S. Doxey
6 -	William W. Parham	67 - 68	Michael Dickson
7 - 8	Calvin Morgan	69 - 70	John S. Doxey
9 - 10	Marlin Wilson	71 - 72	Calvin Morgan
11 - 13	William Donnelson	73 -	Michael Dickson
14 -	Marlin Wilson	74 -	William W. Parham
15 - 16	Calvin Morgan	75 - 76	Marlin Wilson
17 -	Calvin Morgan	77 - 79	Calvin Morgan
	David R. Mitchell, Asse	80 - 82	William W. Parham
18 - 20	Michael Dickson	83 - 84	Henry Minor
21 - 22	Henry Minor	85 - 86	John S. Doxey
23 - 24	Arthur M. Henderson	87 -	William W. Parham
25 - 26	William Donnelson	88 -	David Hubbard
27 - 28	Calvin Morgan		Robert Payne, Asse
29 - 30	John S. Doxey	89 -	David Hubbard
31 - 32	David Hubbard	90 -	William Donnelson
33 - 36	Michael Dickson	91 -	Marlin Wilson
37 - 38	Calvin Morgan	92 - 93	Calvin Morgan
39 - 40	William W. Parham	94 -	Michael Dickson
41 -	John S. Doxey	95 -	John S. Doxey
42 -	David Hubbard	96 -	William Donnelson
43 -	Calvin Morgan	97 -	William W. Parham
44 -	William W. Parham	98 - 100	John S. Doxey
45 - 46	John S. Doxey	101 - 104	Michael Dickson
47 - 49	Henry Minor	105 - 106	John S. Doxey
50 - 51	William Donnelson	107 -	Calvin Morgan
52 -	John S. Doxey		Beverly Hughes, Asse
53 - 54	Michael Dickson	108 - 109	Calvin Morgan
55 -	David Hubbard	110 - 111	William W. Parham
56 -	William Donnelson	112 - 114	Michael Dickson
57 -	John S. Doxey	115 - 116	Marlin Wilson
58 - 59	William W. Parham	117 - 118	David Hubbard
60 -	Calvin Morgan		

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Lot No.		Lot No.	
119 -	William Donnelson	171 -	Marlin Wilson
	Jno. & Jos. Estill, Asse	172 -	Curtis Hooks
120 -	William Donnelson	173 - 174	Caesar Kennedy
121 - 122	Henry Minor	175 -	Benjamin B. Rodgers
123 - 124	John S. Doxey	176 -	Calvin Morgan
125 - 126	Calvin Morgan	177 -	Benjamin B. Rodgers
127 - 128	Michael Dickson	178 -	James H. Weakley
129 - 130	Willaim W. Parham	179 - 181	Michael Dickson
131 -	John S. Doxey	182 - 184	James Jackson
	Beverly Hughes, Asse	185 -	John Haynie
132 -	John S. Doxey	186 -	James McCartney
133 -	William W. Parham	187 -	Calvin Morgan
134 -	William W. Parham	188 -	Anthony White
	Beverly Hughes, Asse	189 -	William W. Parham
135 - 136	Michael Dickson	190 -	Calvin Morgan
137 - 139	Calvin Morgan	191 - 192	Anthony White
140 -	Hardy Clements	193 - 194	Curtis Hooks
141 - 143	William W. Parham	195 - 196	John Drake
144 - 146	James H. Weakley	197 - 198	Curtis Hooks
147 -	Ferdinand Sannoner	199 -	Michael Dickson
148 -	Calvin Morgan	200 -	William W. Parham
149 -	William W. Parham		Jno. & Jos. Estill, Asse
150 -	Hardy Clements	201 -	Calvin Morgan
151 -	Ferdinand Sannoner	202 -	Michael Dickson
152 -	Calvin Morgan	203 - 204	Curtis Hooks
153 -	Marlin Wilson	205 - 206	Theophilus W. Cockburn
154 - 155	James McCartney	207 - 208	David Hubbard
156 -	Marlin Wilson	209 -	Hunter Peel
157 -	Anthony White	210 -	Curtis Hooks
158 -	Caesar Kennedy	211 -	Hunter Peel
159 - 160	Anthony White	212 -	Calvin Morgan
161 - 162	Hardy Clements	213 - 214	Micajah Tarver
163 - 164	William W. Parham	215 - 216	Anthony White
165 - 167	John Drake	217 -	Theophilus W. Cockburn
168 -	James H. Weakley	218 -	Curtis Hooks
	Robert Payne, Asse	219 -	Theophilus W. Cockburn
169 -	Michael Dickson	221 -	Blank
170 -	Anthony White		

-END OF LIST OF PURCHASERS-

## MAPS OF COLDWATER

*The following two pages are maps of the town of Coldwater, Alabama:*

*Page 53 shows the location of the town on Spring Creek, south of the Tennessee River, in Colbert County. The area encompasses present day Tusculmbia, Alabama.*

*Page 54 is a map showing the survey of the town of Coldwater in lots laid out by John Coffee, surveyor.*

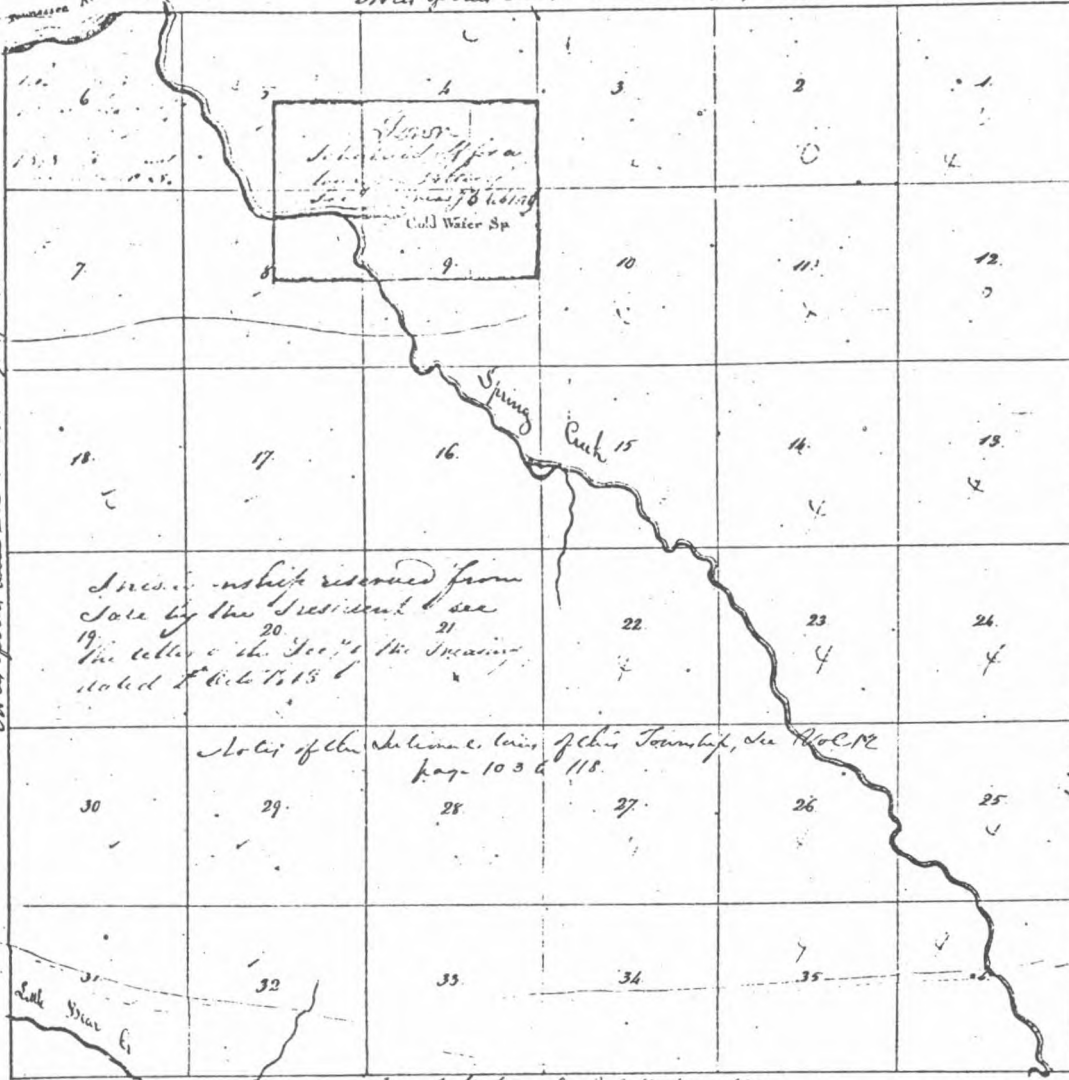
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See page 52 for explanation.

*Surveyors District, Northern Part, M. S.  
Tract Towns No. 1 Range N. W. West of the Basis M. S. South of Ten. River.*

*Notes of this line, see vol. 12, page 84.*



*A Table Showing the contents of each section and frac. Sec. in this Township in Acres and Decimals of an Acre.*

N <sup>o</sup> of Section	Contents	N <sup>o</sup> of Section	Contents	N <sup>o</sup> of Section	Contents	N <sup>o</sup> of Section	Contents	N <sup>o</sup> of Section	Contents	N <sup>o</sup> of Section	Contents
1.	635. 05.	7.	635. 06.	13.	636. 05.	19.	637. 07.	25.	638. 06.	31.	639. 06.
2.	636. 06.	8.	636. 08.	14.	637. 06.	20.	637. 20.	26.	638. 06.	32.	638. 11.
3.	637. 07.	9.	637. 09.	15.	638. 07.	21.	638. 21.	27.	639. 07.	33.	639. 07.
4.	638. 08.	10.	638. 10.	16.	639. 08.	22.	639. 22.	28.	640. 08.	34.	640. 08.
5.	639. 09.	11.	639. 11.	17.	640. 09.	23.	640. 23.	29.	641. 09.	35.	641. 09.
6.	640. 10.	12.	640. 12.	18.	641. 10.	24.	641. 24.	30.	642. 10.	36.	642. 10.
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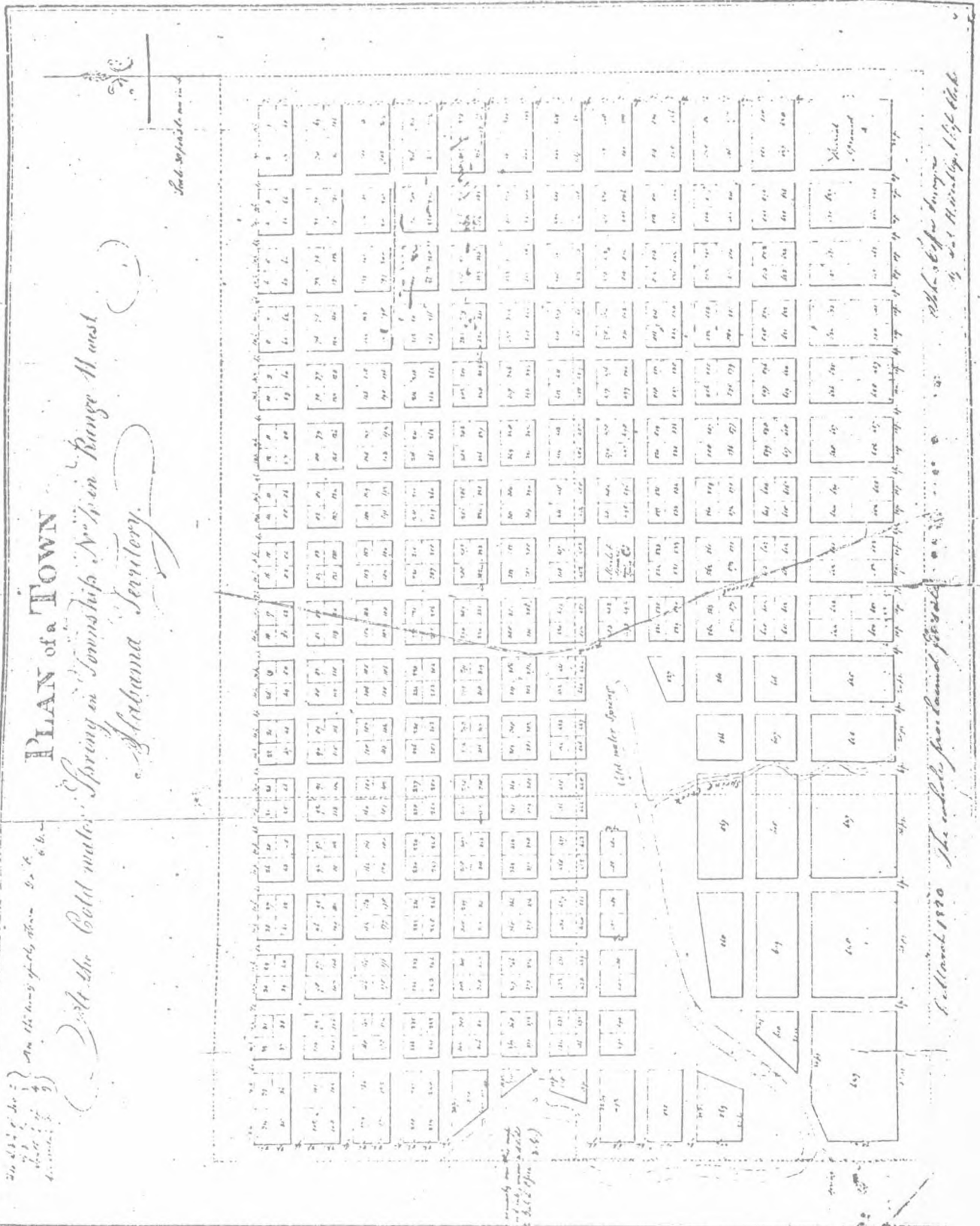
*Total 22,167.92*

*John Coffee Surveyor*

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*See page 52 for explanation.*







# Colbert-Franklin



SHAW CEMETERY  
(Colbert County)

(Third Installment)

*This small cemetery may be found by going north 3 miles from the intersection of Interstate 20 and County Road #48; turn right on County Road #24 and go approximately 4 miles. The cemetery sets off the road to the left approximately a quarter of a mile and is surrounded by a fence bordered by tall cedar trees. The older part of the cemetery is grown up in tall grass and has several unmarked graves. The newer part is well cared for but has several graves marked with only stones and blocks. Copied for publication by Ted and Yvonne Spence Perkins on 18 March 1979.*

Linda Watson Campbell  
Jul 7, 1945  
Sep 13, 1966

WATSON  
Guy Levert Letha Jane  
1904-1966 1913- (No date)  
(Funeral Marker)  
Letha Jane Watson  
Born 11-2-1913  
Died 12-2-1978  
66 yrs 1 mon

A. J. Turner  
Born  
Oct 19, 1802  
Died  
May 10, 1879

Margarett Jane Nelms  
wife of  
R. A. T. Shaw  
Sep 8, 1831  
Mar 22, 1913

R. A. T. Shaw  
Born Dec 25, 1832  
Died Sep 17, 1904

(Funeral Marker)  
James F. Flanagan  
Jan 16, 19(?)  
19 yrs 7 mons 26 dys

FULLER  
Greenberry Hattie M.  
Mar 13, 1900 Oct 2, 1906  
Jan 3, 1969 (No other date)

Son  
Daryl E. Minor  
May 13, 1970  
Aug 5, 1978

Della V. Berry  
Dec 14, 1884  
Nov 28, 1972

Eva  
Daut of  
C. D. & Laminder Mitchell  
Born Feb 14, 1906  
Died Nov 19, 1916

Mealia  
wife of  
P. H. Holt  
Born Dec 15, 1846  
Died Apr 1, 1909

L. G. Berry  
Aug 11, 1880  
May 5, 1959

MITCHELL  
Charles D. (No other  
1882 - 1946 name or date)

Annie Bell Berry  
Feb 10, 1907  
Jun 16, 1967

NICHOLS  
John S. Annie L.  
Aug 13, 1903 May 27, 1905  
Oct 20, 1961 (No other date)

Chester C. Berry  
Nov 22, 1906  
Sep 24, 1968

Lyzindia Rene  
Dau of  
Mr. & Mrs. Odie Grissom  
Jul 26, 1960

Martha Christine Flanagan  
Nov 1, 1918  
Oct 7, 1973

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Shaw Cemetery  
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## NICHOLS

James Larry	Lela Morris
Sep 17, 1900	Nov 3, 1907
Feb 1, 1966	(No other date)

## NICHOLS

Albert L.	Mary Belle
Oct 14, 1919	Mar 22, 1923
Jun 10, 1923	(No other date)

## PATTERSON

Father		Mother	
Joe Thomas Patterson	Mary Ella Patterson		
Jul 9, 1898	Apr 19, 1905		
May 14, 1965	Dec 27, 1979		

Claud Fred Patterson  
Born Oct 20, 1889  
Died Jun 9, 1966

Master James Robert Minor  
Born May 15, 1978  
Died Jan 15, 1979

Tammy  
Our Angel  
Tamara Kathrine  
Patterson  
Jan 9, 1972  
Dec 4, 1975

Lawrence Michael  
Peden  
Feb 28, 1958  
Jun 26, 1976

Carlyon Jean Chaney  
Born Apr 13, 1948  
Died Apr 14, 1948

## PENICK

Etta B.	Elmo H.
Mar 12, 1894	May 28, 1888
Jan 16, 1968	May 10, 1947

"Heavy"  
Lloyd Ray Staggs  
Apr 2, 1957  
Nov 20, 1976

Father  
John R. Purser  
Aug 7, 1913  
Jul 20, 1957

Mother  
Mary P. Shaver  
May 21, 1921  
Oct 8, 1971

## STAGGS

Nellie J.	J. Raymond
Feb 10, 1909	Nov 8, 1906
Feb 7, 1975	(No other date)

Arthur O. Green  
Born Died  
Aug 22, 1946 Jul 13, 1974

(Funeral Marker)  
Clinton Eugene  
Kelsie  
Died  
Jun 24, 1943

Edward Paul Bracken  
Born Jan 24, 1929  
Died Jun 15, 1932

## GREEN

Father		Mother	
James H.	Hazel A.		
Mar 11, 1907	Jul 20, 1919		
	Aug 28, 1976		

George W. Berry  
Jul 22, 1909  
Mar 14, 1943

Wm. Haskell  
Son of  
W. N. & Lucille  
Brackin  
Jun 15, 1921  
Feb 25, 1940

Teresa Jan  
Smart  
May 9, 1955  
Mar 30, 1971

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Shaw Cemetery  
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BRACKEN	
Maude P.	Ben F.
Feb 18, 1904	Nov 10, 1905
May 24, 1974	Aug 10, 1962

Ezekiel Y.  
Gowers  
Dec 2, 1888  
Dec 25, 1960

Leonard Hayes Gower  
Alabama  
Sgt. Co. B  
185 Engineer Bn.  
World War II  
Jul 13, 1917  
Oct 11, 1969

Minnie E. Gowers  
Jan 27, 1897  
Jul 16, 1968

James E. Davenport  
Mar 15, 1888  
Jun 9, 1955

Martha Ann Brackin  
Mar 1, 1877  
Apr 14, 1960

Samuel E. Brackin  
Oct 28, 1871  
Dec 18, 1955

*(Funeral Marker)*  
James Milton Aday  
Died May 29, 1961

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BENJAMIN BURGESS

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

*The following was contributed by Mrs. V. M. Hammer, Jr., through the courtesy of Allen O'Reilly who is now deceased. See Volume 10, Number 4 (June, 1976) page 160 for a copy of the State Certificate issued to Benjamin Burgess.*

The State of Alabama ) ) ) Franklin County )	I, Gregory D. Stone, Judge of the County Court of said County, do here- by certify that Benjamin <del>B</del> <i>(crossed out)</i> Burgess has Taken the necessary oaths of office as a Justice of the Peace for said County, before me & is consequently authorised to discharge the duties of said office. Given under my hand this 21st day of December, 1829.
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G. D. Stone  
Judge



MUSTER ROLL: CAPT. SHACKLEFORD'S CO., "RED ROVERS"  
 (formed at Courtland, Alabama)  
 from 19th January to 29th February 1836: Col. Fannin's Command  
 ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS  
 Texas War of Independence

Names	Rank	Remarks <sup>(1)</sup>	Names	Rank	Remarks
Jack Shackelford	Captain	Escaped	J. H. Grimes	Private	
F. S. Earley	1st Lieut.	Sick & on furlough	W <sup>m</sup> Hemphill	"	
W. H. Francis	2nd Lieut.	In adv. with Horten	John Hiser	"	
F. S. Shackelford	1 Sergt	[son of Capt Shackelford]	John Jackson	"	
I. D. Hamilton	2 do	Escaped	H. W. Jones	"	
A. G. Foley	3 "		Jno. N. Jackson	"	
C. M. Short	4 "		Jno. Kelley	"	
H. H. Bentley	1 Corporal		Danl. A. Murdock	"	
D. Moore	2 do		Chas. McKinley	"	
J. H. Barkley	3 do		J. H. Miller	"	
A. Winter	4 do		J. N. Seaton	"	
T. H. Anderson	Private		W. J. Shackelford	"	
Joseph Blackwell	"		B. Strunk	"	
B. F. Burts	"		W. F. Savage	"	
Thomas Burbridge	"		W. E. Vaughan	"	
J. N. Bamhill	"		James Vaughan	"	
J. W. Cain	"		Robert Wilson	"	
Harvey Cox	"		James Wilder	"	
Seth Clark	"		W <sup>m</sup> Quinn	"	
J. G. Coe	"		Henry L. Douglass	"	
Alfred Dorsey	"		W. C. Douglass	"	
G. L. Davis	"		Z. L. Brooks	"	Escaped
H. B. Day	"		G. W. Brooks	"	In advance with Horten
A. Dickson	"		W <sup>m</sup> Bowhay	"	Left
J. W. Duncan	"		Dr. J. H. Bamard	" [sic]	Saved
R. T. Davison	"		D. Cooper	"	" Escaped
J. E. Ellis	"		Thomas Cantwell	"	In adv. with Horten
Sam <sup>l</sup> Farney	"		Jos. Fenner	"	" " " "
Robt. Fenner	"		Simpson Tenant <sup>(2)</sup>	"	" " " "
E. B. Franklin	"		Seth Conner	"	On Express
Jos. Ferguson	"		Silas Derritt	"	Left night before battle
M. C. Garner	"		E. Luddington	"	" " " "
D. Gamble	"		W. Simpson	"	Escaped
W. Gunter	"		Milton Irish	"	do

(1) Remarks column gives disposition of troops after the massacre at Goliad.

(2) An application to the Court of Claims dated 2 August 1858 made by M. M. Young, attorney for the heirs of SIMPSON TENNANT, in Decatur, Alabama, for his Texas bounty land grant is on file in the State of Texas General Land Office, Records Division, Austin, Texas.



# Jackson

## PROBATE RECORDS 1856 - 1857

(Tenth Installment)

*This series began in Volume 11, Number 1 (June, 1977) and is the earliest probate record in Jackson County. It is a large red volume entitled "Will Record K", and begins in 1855. The title is somewhat misleading in that it is primarily probate proceedings and covers intestate proceedings as well as wills. The information was abstracted by David Whitehorn.*

- Pages 147-148 Estate of Richd. B. Harris 1 December 1856  
 Sale list of the property belonging to the estate of Richd. B. Harris, deceased: corn sheller, 3 iron wedges, 3 frowes and coulter, 3 sweeps, stretchers, 3 weeding hoes, 45 barrels of corn, 900 bundles fodder, 800 bundles oats, saddle, 4 sows & 25 shoats, 40 bushels of wheat, sow & 5 pigs, 10,000 shingles of wheat, silver watch, clock, wardrobe, 800 boards, 10,926 lbs. of seed cotton, 4 shares of R. R. Stock, bedstead, 119½ acres of land being the SW¼ of NE¼ Section 13 Township 4 Range 4E and E½ of SE¼ Section 13 Township 4 Range 4E, 140 acres of land being NW¼ of SW¼ Section 24 Township 4 Range 4E and S½ of NW¼ (except 20 acres off of the west end) Section 24 Township 4 Range 4E and SW¼ of SW¼ Section 24 Township 4 Range 4E, 19 hogs, 2 gray horses, yoke of oxen, bay mare, bull tongue plow, shovel plow, 2 carey(?) plow (broken), cotton scraper, harrow, 3 diamond carey(?) plow, 5 gear plow, log chain, 3 singletree & clivis, lot of sundry irons & crowbar, 2 scythe & cradle, and slaves: Sarah; Nancy; Jeff; Robert; Mariah & 2 children; Jim; and Tom. Wm. F. Hunt, administrator, appeared before Jno. H. Norwood, Judge of Probate Court 22 December 1856.
- Pages 149-151 Estate of Mrs. Henrietta Johnson 16 March 1857  
 List of property belonging to Mrs. Henrietta Johnson late of Jackson County, AL: oven, coffee mill, skillet, iron & 1 pot, 3 feather beds, bedstead & furniture, straw & feather bed & furniture, trunk, tin safe, Negroes: Samuel (48 yrs.); Pantrica (42 yrs.); Mariah (18 yrs.); Moses (13 yrs.); Ridy (8 yrs.); George (5 yrs.); Anderson (38 yrs.); Jane (20 yrs.); Rachel (7 yrs.); Malinda (8 yrs.); Jesse (43 yrs.); Large & infant (36 yrs.); Christiana (12 yrs.); Betsy (38 yrs.); Ailsey (7 yrs.); Hennie (47 yrs.); Shepard (11 yrs.); Harriete crippled (49 yrs.); Rial (10 yrs.); Fannie (38 yrs.); Emily (7 yrs.); Logan (19 yrs.); Housan (23 yrs.); Pagie (65 yrs.); Julia Ann (16 yrs.); Pollie & infant 6 mons. (35 yrs.); Burrell (11 yrs.); Charles (10 yrs.); Gabriel (6 yrs.); Nellie Ann (3 yrs.); Malchia (14 yrs.); Fannie (69 yrs.); Lydia (8 yrs.); Powatour (20 yrs.); Jim & child (25 yrs.); Tom (7 yrs.); Henry (63 yrs.); Vance (18 yrs.); Lucy (57 yrs.); Matilda (35 yrs.); Jack (35 yrs.), a number of horses, cattle & hogs, 3 yoke of oxen, 1 odd ox, 16 bull tongue plows, 4 shovels, 13 turning plows, 10 pr. plow gear, 43 hoes, 16 single trees, 13 chivis, stretchers, 3 sythes & cradles, 2 coulter, 9 axes, 8 cotton harrows, 3,800 lbs. bacon, 3,000 bundles fodder, 660 barrels corn, 14 stacks oats, 15,000 lbs. cotton (supposed), lot of sundry irons anvil vice, 1,520 acres of land (no description), 300 barrels lard, and 45 barrels corn at M. Johnsons. W. F. Hunts and J. F. N. Card appeared before John H. Norwood, Judge of Probate Court 9 March 1857.

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CHANCERY COURT RECORD BOOK "O" 1846-47  
Madison County, Alabama

*The following information was compiled by Dorothy Scott Johnson from a law suit recorded in Chancery Court Record Book "O" 1846-47, pages 284-328, Madison County, Alabama. The case was filed in Jackson County and was tried in the 32nd Chancery District, Northern Chancery Division, with the court sitting in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama.*

Edward H. Vann, Thomas Vann, and Sarah (Sally) Vann were siblings and were originally from North Carolina. Sarah married John Lanier and had children by him. At his death in 1819 John Lanier lived near Calwell's Bridge in Franklin County, Tennessee. He left a will and his wife, Sarah, received a child's portion of his estate valued at approximately \$2500. Sarah's brother, Thomas Vann, was named executor of Lanier's will and her brother, Edward H. Vann, became the administrator.

Sarah moved to Madison County, Alabama in the latter part of the year 1819. She married Burkett Green February 22, 1827 in Madison County. Sarah and Burkett then moved to that part of Jackson County that became a part of Marshall County in 1836.

Burkett Green was a widower with eight children by his first wife (not named) plus two grandchildren by a daughter who died several years before him. The eight children were Reuben, Samuel, Fanny, John and William Green; Matilda who married James Glover in Madison County May 7, 1822 (Marriage Book 3, page 166); Lucinda who married Ezekiel Craft March 20, 1823 in Madison County (Marriage Book 3, page 224); Sally who married John McGill November 12, 1824 in Madison County (Marriage Book 3, page 326). The grand children were Jarasha and Ritha Glover.

Burkett Green and Sarah evidently were not compatible as the marriage lasted only a month or so and ended in a separation in the spring of 1827. There was no issue from this marriage. Green "run her off" and she went, in the night, to the home of her nephew by marriage, Duncastle Buford in Madison County. (Duncastle S. Buford married Lucretia Vann Feb. 2, 1826 in Madison County, Ala. Marriage Book 3, page 432.) Afterwards, Sarah made her residence in Madison County at the home of her brother, Edward H. Vann.

At the time of Sarah's marriage to Green she had an estate valued at approximately \$2500 consisting of six slaves, kitchen & household furniture, and some cattle. When Burkett and Sarah separated they agreed that she would retain all the property she had at the time of their marriage, that he would do the same, and that neither of them would ever make any demands upon the property of the other. There was no divorce mentioned.

Burkett Green died in June, 1833. A short time before his death Sarah told John C. Grayson that she had heard "the old man" (Burkett Green) was very low in health and could not live long. After Green died she told Grayson she was very sorry to hear of "the old man's" death. She had intended to go see him for the purpose of getting his written statement verifying the verbal agreement they made when they separated regarding their properties. She did not feel, however, that Burkett's heirs would make demands upon any of her property and besides that it had all been disposed of.

When Green's will was submitted for probate in Jackson County, however, Sarah contested its validity saying she was his wife, had been left out of the will, and was due a portion of the estate as widow's dower. The case went before a jury in the Jackson County Orphans Court on Sept. 27, 1833. Jurors were:

Bailey, Hiram	Fulcher, Valentine	Mundy, James
Delaney, Hiram H.	Harris, McNairy	Renshaw, Francis
Easley, Hugh	Justice, Charles G.	Thompson, Samuel F.
Fanaran[?], Thomas	Liddan, Wm. H.	Winn, Anderson

Verdict: The will of Burkett Green is valid and should be admitted to record. The jury further decreed that Sarah pay the costs of the suit.

On October 9, 1833 John Green and William Green applied for and received Letters Testamentary on the will of Burkett Green after giving \$6000 bond with Archibald R. Barclay and John Baker their securities. The perishable and personal property of the estate appraised at \$2616.62-1/2. Simeon Nichols, B. B. Goodrich, and John C. Johnson were the appraisers and the appraisal was sworn to before John Johnson, J.P.

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Chancery Court Record Book "O"  
Madison County, Alabama

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A sale of the estate's property was held November 20, 1833 and purchasers at the sale were:

Allen, Felix G. [also written Field G.]	Green, R. W.	McGuire, Reuben
Allen, Mat	Green, Reuben	McKee, William
Anderson, John	Green, Reuben A.	Moore, Samuel
Baker, John	Green, Reuben M.	Morris, George
Barclay, A. R.	Green, William	Pelesher, John
Beard, A. C.	Griffin, William	Peters, A.
Belger, John	Hodges, Thomas	Peters, Emanuel
Bryant, H. H.	Holt, A. G.	Power[s], Holloway
Campbell, W. G.	Johnson, John	Robinson, James
Chandler, Robert	Johnson, John C.	Smith, John
Goodrich, B. B.	Johnson, Joshua	Techeler, John
Green, John	[also written Green]	Telesher, John
Green, Joshua	Law, Peyton	Thompson, Ephraim
[also written Joshua Johnson]	Laren, Jacob	

There were also outstanding notes due the estate from Thomas P. Hawkins, John Thorton, Thomas Jones, W. H. E. Wheeler Jr., John Hill, and Thomas Ricketts, all insolvent. Notes were also due from Joseph Tipton, Josh Johnson, John Smith, William Devenport, John Wittorn, Christ Cobb, A. Bain, H. Rose, H. H. Bryant, Jonathan Scoond[?], Jesse Chick, William Pickens, William Manley, B. A. Manley, and Robert Shute. Said outstanding accounts totaled \$281.47-3/4.

Sarah (Vann) Lanier Green filed suit in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, under the name of Sarah Green, against John Green and William Green as executors of Burkett Green's estate prior to September, 1836. In her suit she claimed that as the legal wife of Burkett Green she was entitled to 1/3 of his estate as widow's dower even though the Orphans Court had already decreed the will valid. She claimed the executors had refused her claim and thereby defrauded her of her just share of the estate which she said was substantial.

By September, 1836, the suit was in the Chancery Court, Madison County, Alabama. The case was postponed again and again until October, 1838 when she was given permission to file an amended petition to include "Burgess McGaha as guardian of John Green, and John Baker." At some time after he was made an executor in 1833 John Green was declared a lunatic and in October, 1838 Burgess McGaha was appointed his guardian by the Madison County Court. Apparently John Baker was made a defendant in her suit since he was a security on the executors' bond as he is mentioned nowhere else in the entire suit. The amended Petition was actually filed December 14, 1839.

William Green answered Sarah's allegations on May 18, 1840 stating she had no rights to his father's estate since they had agreed to keep their own property after the separation and make no claim upon each other's estate.

Depositions were taken in this case from the following witness in behalf of the defendants:

Edward H. Vann	Robert McGaha	John H. Miller
Thomas Vann	William Wright	Jonathan Glover
Duncastle Buford	John C. Grayson	Ezeriah Cobb
Jeremiah V. Elliott	Ezekiel Craft	Thomas Brandon

The final decree was handed down the first Monday after the 4th Monday in May, 1846. The judge ruled that Sarah Green had no right to any of Burkett Green's estate and ordered her to pay the court costs of the suit.

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Chancery Court Record Book "O"  
Madison County, Alabama

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WILL OF BURKETT GREEN

Dated: April 1, 1833  
Died: June, 1833  
Probated: Nov. 18, 1833

In the name of God, Aman. I Burkett Green of the County [of Jackson] & State of Alabama being of sound mind & memory but low in health, do by these presents make & ordain this my last will and testament, revoking each & all other will or wills heretofore made by me.

Item 1st. It is my will & desire that all my debts be paid as soon as the law of the State makes it necessary that debts of deceased persons should be paid, thereby avoiding all costs.

Item 2nd. It is my will & desire, & I hereby give to my son ~~Richard~~ [marked out] Reuben 35 acres of the tract of land on which he now lives running East and West of my said fraction and adjoining John Baker's land on which he lives.

Item 3rd. It is my will & desire & I hereby give & bequeath unto my son Samuel 50 acres of my [tract of land?] for a cabin, so as to join Guners' reservation, said 50 to be taken on the South-East side of said fraction.

Item 4th. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Fanny Green \$50 in cash to be paid her by my executors whenever she becomes of age or marries.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Matilda Glover \$1 in cash & also to my grand children Jarusha & Retha Glover each \$1 in cash to be paid to them when called for by my executors, whenever the will is legally proven.

Item 5th. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Lucinda Craft \$50 in cash to be paid by my executor in 18 months after my decease.

Item 6th. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sally McGill \$1 in cash to be paid by my executors at any time after my will is proven.

Item 7th. I give & bequeath unto my son John a negro boy named Ellick about 5 or 6 years old and also I give & bequeath to my son Samuel a feather bed & furniture & my bay colt about 2 years old.

Item 8th. I give & bequeath unto my children John Green, William Green, Reubin Green, Samuel Green, and Fanny Green all my negroes not otherwise disposed of, say nine in number, viz: Susan, Betsy & her child, Daniel, Jenny, Lucy, Mint, Sarah, and Wash to be equally divided among my said mentioned children.

It is also my desire that all my household & kitchen furniture, stock of horses, cattle, and hogs be equally divided among my said above mentioned children, said division to be made as soon as the legacies of Samuel Green, Martha Glover, Jarusha Glover, Retha Glover, Lucinda Craft and Sally McGill are paid off and \$50 reserved ~~to my wife~~ [marked out] to Fanny Green.

Item 9th. It is my will and desire that all my land not above divided should be equally divided among my children John Green, William Green, Reuben Green, Samuel Green and Fanny Green.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of April, 1833.

Witnesses:  
R. R. Goodrich  
W. H. Mayfield  
his  
Richard (X) Tidwell  
mark

his  
Burkett (X) Green  
mark

-THE END-





# Lauderdale



## NORTH CAROLINA CEMETERY

### (Fifth Installment)

*This is the fifth part of the cemetery which began in Volume 13, No. 3 (December, 1978). It is located north of Florence, Alabama, adjacent to the North Carolina Church of Christ. Tradition says that the church and cemetery derived its name from the area settlers from North Carolina. For more information, we refer you to the foreword of the first part. The cemetery was copied and contributed by William Q. Hill, Florence, Alabama. The information in parentheses was given by Mr. Hill.*

- Thompson, Bulah Mar 17, 1880 - (No dates) (Wife of Charlie W. Thompson) (NOTE: See Volume 14 Number 1, page 17 for grave of Charlie W. Thompson.)
- Thompson, Ricky Vann Oct 11, 1954 (Dates could be either death or birth)
- Thompson, Wiley J. Jan 25, 1880 - Nov 13, 1948
- Thompson, Ada E. Feb 6, 1887 - Aug 25, 1943 (Wife of Wiley J. Thompson above and dau of Duncan and Narciss Stewart/Stuart)
- Thompson, Jim B. Jan 24, 1906 - Jul 30, 1935 (Son of Wiley J. and Ada E. Thompson)
- Thompson, Rudy A. Born and Died Apr 25, 1926
- Thompson, Flane May 24, 1921 - Jul 22, 1935 (Dau of Wiley J. and Ada E. Thompson)
- Thompson, Clarence B. Mar 3, 1911 - Oct 27, 1945 (Son of Wiley J. and Ada E. Thompson)
- Thompson, R. L. Jul 14, 1851 - Dec 16, 1926 Masonic Emblem
- Thompson, P. C. Dec 1, 1851 - Dec 1, 1905 Estern Star Emblem
- Thompson, Infant of R. L. & Edna Thompson Born and Died Jan 8, 1908
- Thompson, Roland H. Jan 8, 1908 - Aug 10, 1909
- Thompson, Jackie B. Sep 14, 1903 - Sep 22, 1930
- Thompson, Glen B. Alabama FL, USNR World War II, PH Apr 28, 1908 - Feb 19, 1964 (Son of Wiley J. and Ada E. Thompson)
- Thompson, J. W. Mar 30, 1846 - Dec 27, 1922 (Son of Charlie W. and Harriet Thompson)
- Thompson, Mary, Wife of J. W. Thompson Oct 30, 1858 - Jan 29, 1921

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North Carolina Cemetery  
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- Thompson, J. T. Aug 26, 1881 - Sep 16, 1919
- Thompson, Infant dau of T. F. and Maxie Thompson Nov 24, 1916
- Thompson, E. G. Aug 20, 1902 - Jul 4, 1904
- Thompson, S. G. Sep 3, 1857 - Oct 14, 1902 (Son of Charley  
W. and Harriet Thompson)
- Thompson, Mary, Wife of S. G. Thompson Apr 22, 1865 - Aug  
1, 1947
- Thompson, Taylor Jan 8, 1885 - (No dates but deceased)
- Thompson, Maxie S. Oct 4, 1887 - Oct 25, 1968 (Wife of  
Taylor Thompson above)
- (Four graves next to above with fieldstones)
- Thompson, Samuel T. Sep 11, 1862 - Jan 7, 1944 (Son of  
Charlie W. and Harriet Thompson)
- Thompson, Mammie Danley, Wife of S. T. Thompson Nov 5, 1870 -  
May 9, 1928
- (The initials "L. V. T." on a fieldstone next to above grave)
- Thompson, Andrew Aug 13, 1855 - Apr 1, 1912 (Son of Charlie  
W. and Harriet Thompson)
- Thompson, Sallie A. Apr 22, 1874 - Aug 2, 1944
- Thompson, B. F. Aug 9, 1849 - Jul 21, 1921 (Son of Charlie  
W. and Harriet Thompson)
- Thompson, Mary F., Wife of B. F. Thompson Jul ?, 1847 -  
Nov 1, 1910
- Thompson, Robert Henry, Son of B. F. & M. E. Thompson Dec  
24, 1904 - Dec 30, 1904
- Thompson, Jack, Son of Charlie & Blanch Thompson 1931 - 1932
- Thompson, Lavinie, Dau of Charlie & Blanch Thompson 1927 -  
1928
- Thompson, M. L. Jan 22, 1860 - Jul 12, 1870
- Thompson, Mrs. H. H. Dec 27, 1826 - Nov 20, 1898 (Wife of  
Charlie W. Thompson. It is believed that he was buried  
in Lawrence Co., TN, near Saint Joseph.)
- Thigpen, Julia A. Jul 24, 1856 - Apr 23, 1942
- Thigpen, Amous M. May 19, 1881 - Jul 31, 1943
- Thigpen, Carl Jan 11, 1937 - Sep ?, 1937
- (Five graves next to above with fieldstones)
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## Bible Record

### HOOKS BIBLE

*A Xerox copy of this Bible was contributed by Mary Fran Destree Moore, Torrance, California. The Bible probably belonged to John McCullough Hooks, Sr. The record consists of 13 pages of information, many pages appear to have been copied and recopied. TVGS presents a composite of the pages, any differences in the various copies will be shown in parentheses. All of the pages appear to be old and it is impossible to tell which may be the oldest. The handwriting also appears to be the same, except for the first page of births. The information was abstracted by Margaret Matthews Cowart, Huntsville, Alabama.*

### BIRTHS

Ann Walker Barnet daughter of Precilla & Joseph Barnet  
born in 1805  
Maj. Curtis Hooks son of Hillary & Elizabeth Cannon Hooks  
born Duplin Co., NC 30 November 1778  
John McCollough Hooks son of David & Mary (McCullough)  
his wife was born at Holly Shelter (Hollis Shelton),  
NC 19th September 1817  
Eliza Stout Deats daughter of Grover Stout Deats & Ann  
(Walker Barnet) his wife was born in Tuscumbia, AL  
September 18th 1822  
Romelia Cannon Hooks born September 15th 1830  
Orleana B. Hooks born January 10th 1833  
Curtis Deats Hooks son of John McC. & Eliza S. his wife  
was born 15th March 1842 in Tuscumbia, AL  
Charles David Hooks son of John McC. Hooks & Eliza his  
wife was born May 12th 1846 in Florence, AL  
John Thomas Hooks son of John Hooks & Eliza his wife  
born March 6, 1848 (in Florence, AL)  
Mary Ann Hooks daughter of John McC. & Eliza his wife  
born in Florence June 14th 1850  
Elizabeth (Bettie) Worrell Hooks born Florence June  
22, 1853  
John McCullough, Jr. born January 3rd 1856 in Florence  
Orleana Eliza born in Florence March 21st 1859  
Hays(Hayes) Warson(Wason, Wasson) born December 28th  
1866 in Florence  
Annie born May 12th (Torn)  
Grover S. Deats born in New Jersey

### MARRIAGES

Ann Walker Barnet married Grover Stout Deats in Tuscumbia,  
AL 1821  
Maj. Curtis Hooks married to Mrs. Ann Deats January 8th  
1829

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Hooks Bible  
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Marriages (-continued-)

John McC. Hooks & Eliza S. Deats were married Sunday PM  
20th (21st) day of March 1841 in Florence  
Orleana B. Hooks married Dr. W. M. Kogar May 15, 1849  
Romelia C. Hooks married Jessey (Jessy) Kogar August 16th  
1849  
Orlie(Orleana) E(liza) married Dr. John A. P. Robinson  
27 April 1880  
Elizabeth (Bettie) W(orrell) Hooks married Zebulon Liles  
January 12, 1893  
Curtis Hooks married Jennie Wade  
Charles Hooks married Emma Myrick  
Hayes Hooks married Maud Whitlock April 23, 1903

DEATHS

Grover Stout Deats died 1824 in Tuscumbia  
Maj. Curtis Hooks died May 28th 1848 (in Tuscumbia)  
Mary Ann Hooks died July Sunday 1851 (Aged 1 yr, 1 mo)  
John Thomas Hooks died December 13th 1853 (Tuesday, Aged  
5 yr, 3 mo, 6 days)  
Ann Walker Hooks wife of Maj. Curtis Hooks died in Nash-  
ville, TN September 11th 1856 She was first the wife  
of Grover Stout Deats.  
Orleana B. Hooks daughter of Curtis & Ann Hooks, wife of  
Wm. Kogar died Tuesday 22 February 1859  
Romelia Cannon Hooks daughter of Curtis Hooks, wife of  
Jessy Kogar died Thursday January 21st 1869

*(NOTE: Romelia Cannon Hooks and Orleana B. Hooks were listed under  
a heading of Aunts in the Bible.)*

John McCullough (Sr.) died December 23, 1894 (Sunday)  
Jennie (Wade) Hooks wife of Curtis (Deats) Hooks died August  
8th 1896  
John McCullough, Jr. died November 19, 1898 (Saturday  
in Leighton, 42 yrs, 3 mo, 3 days)  
Orleana Eliza Hooks Robinson died Wednesday November  
16th 1904  
Charles D. Hooks died June 9 *(Torn)*

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# Lawrence



## CHARACTER SKETCHES (Seventh Installment)

*The following character sketches, written by Prof. Charles Gibson Lynch and carried in The Moulton Advertiser in 1911, were begun in Vol. 12, No. 4 (June, 1978). The sketches were collected, typed and edited for their genealogical value by Spencer A. Waters, Moulton, Alabama.*

June 21, 1911  
THE PREUITS

About five miles just East or Southeast of Moulton lives John W. Preuit. If I were asked who, among all the men that I have ever known, has lived the happiest, the most contented life, I would say John Preuit. He has never envied the great, the wealth of anybody else. He has lived a life of honor, of usefulness, of industry, of peace, of happiness. In all my life, of sixty years, I have never heard men say ought against John W. Preuit. A negro once said to me: "If the poorest white man or the most illiterate negro works for Mr. Preuit, he gets every cent that is due him, he never has to give us an order at the store, he always has the money to pay him." I heard a man who lives in Moulton say: "If I were to die and every cent of property I have in the world was in money, and was in John W. Preuit's hands and no one knew it but him and me, I would die content, because I would know my children would get every cent of it". I have heard my father say: "Son, of all the men I ever knew J. W. Preuit is one of the best of all." Some might say: "That would sound better if John Preuit were dead." To you my friend, let me say: Let us scatter more flowers along each others pathway while we live, instead of putting all on their graves after death.

Travis, Clebe, Brintz, and Minnie Preuit were my pupils. I want the boys who read this to know that I think that one of the greatest reasons for the success of John Preuit was the placing of the greatest confidence in the judgement of his mother who was one of the most business and practical women I ever knew. He did not think his mother was ever wrong and took her advise after his father's death, over and above that of anybody else. I believe the Scriptures say "Honor thy father and mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord

thy God giveth thee." So John Preuit is living to a good old age.

I herewith send a sketch of the ancestors of John W. Preuit To all the Preuits, whom I have known who have been my friends and they all have been, I send a hearty "God bless you."

## FAMILY TREE

At an early date, long before the great Revolutionary War, two Preuit brothers came from Scotland and settled in South Carolina. From one of them our family came, which was my father's (J. W. Preuit) great great-grand father. His name was William M. Preuit. I don't know who he married, but his children were:

1. Martin Preuit, who lived in Virginia.
2. William M. Preuit, who was killed in Kentucky by Indians.
3. Fallops Preuit who went to Alabama.
4. & 5. Abraham and Issac Preuit, twin brothers, who married the same woman. Abraham was also killed by the Indians, and before he died, he suggested that his twin brother marry his widow, which he did.
6. Jacob Preuit, who married Nancy Richey, an Irish lady. This Jacob was the grandfather of John W. Preuit now living in Lawrence county, Alabama.

Jacob Preuit's children were: 1. William M. Preuit who married first, Sallie Cavitt, and after her death he married the widow Hodges, whose name was Martha Patsie Luney (Looney). This William M. Preuit was the father of John W. Preuit now living near Moulton; 2. James Preuit, who married a Miss Carter; 3. John Preuit who married Martah Hart first, and after her death he married a widow Walker, who was a sister of his first wife; 4. Peggie Preuit who married a Hellems; 5. Elizabeth Preuit who married a Lee; 6. Mary Ann Preuit, who married R. H. Hollmark; 7. Nancy Preuit married John Preuit, her cousin; 8. Lavina Preuit, who married a Underwood; 9. Rebecca Preuit, who married a Roden; 10. Tabitha Preuit who married Levi Warren.

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Character Sketches  
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The names of William M. Preuit's children are as follows:

1. Ruth Preuit, who married John Moore and lived near Moulton.
2. Richard Preuit married Moriah Hodges first. His second wife was a widow Preuit from Tuscaloosa. He lived near Leighton.
3. James A. Preuit was first married to Fannie Cooper; his second wife was a widow Rose, nee Taylor.
4. Nancy A. Preuit married John Hodges first; after his death she married Daniel Hodges.
5. Polly A. Preuit married John A. Wear.
6. Betsey Ann Preuit married T. Jeff. MsDaniel.
7. Jacob M. Preuit married Nancy J. Johnson, went to Texas and was Properous. He has a son, Drew Preuit, who is a very talented lawyer now living in Los Angeles, California.
8. Robert Preuit married Mary Gibson.
9. John W. Preuit married Elizabeth E. McDaniel.
10. Bluet Preuit married Anna Rose.
11. Sallie J. Preuit married W. D. McDaniel.

This closes the list of the ancestors of my father, John W. Preuit. They have all passed over the river, also his brothers and sisters are all dead; he is the only one living.

He, John W. Preuit, son of William M. Preuit and Martha Patsie Luney, was born August 8, 1834, and is living in the same house, five miles East of Moulton, in which he was reared.

Martha E. (Elizabeth) McDaniel, wife of John W. Preuit, and daughter of P. A. McDaniel and Ann Leeper was born Aug. 13, 1839, died September 20, 1907. She was born and reared in Lawrence County.

Martha Patsie Preuit (nee Luney) and mother of John W. Preuit, died June 1, 1869, aged 72 years. She was born in Virginia, her people moved to Tennessee and later to Alabama. She was of Irish descent, her people having coming from Ireland. She also was a descent of the poet, Sir Thomas Moore.

William M. Preuit, the father of John M. Preuit, died in 1840.

Both the McDaniels and Leepers were prominent in the Revolutionary War. Ann Leeper was a descendent of General Smallwood of Revolutionary War fame and Governor of Maryland.

The children of John W. Preuit and Elizabeth E. McDaniel follows:

1. Cora A. married P. E. Cartwright.
2. Travis Lamar died single.
3. Vastie A. A. died at the age of five
4. Blanche married O. B. Cartwright
5. Sallie O. married first R. T. Burleson, after his death she married Richard Martin.
6. J. W. died in infancy.
7. Patrick Claburne married Sallie Hodges, she died just a few weeks ago.
8. Brentz Elmo married Maude Bracken first, and after her death he married Elizabeth Brown.
9. Jacob Anderson married Jennie Wilkins of Denton, Texas.
10. Minnie (dead) married Tom Simms.

This family tree of the Preuit was written by Jacob M. Preuit, and older brother of John M. Preuit.

June 28, 1911

CAPT. A. A. MCGREGOR

Sometime ago I wrote of some of the teachers whom I had known. I confined my remarks to those who had been my teachers. I wish I knew more about the grand old men and women who lived in the Tennessee Valley of Lawrence county, so I could say as much about them as I have said about the teachers above the mountain.

A few miles East of Town Creek -- Lawrence county, Alabama, William McGregor located years ago, when magnificent forests covered that beautiful valley. He was born in North Carolina, and his father has emigrated from Scotland. We will venture an assertion that they were originally Presbyterians.

In this home on March 1, 1835 Albert Alexander McGregor was born, who was destined to play an important part in the things that was to make the Tennessee Valley a better place to live. A. A. McGregor was raised on his father's farm, was taught to work with his hands, as well as given a literary education.

Happy for him, LaGrange College was in the zenith of its glory, and he entered the great institution of learning and applied himself diligently to his work. It became his Alma Mater, and he loved and revered it to his death.

He entered it as a student in 1849, and graduated with distinction in 1854.

He made such a fine record, he was elected Professor of Mathematics in 1855 in this great educational institution,

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Character Sketches  
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and taught there until 1862, when he donned the uniform of the uniform of a Confederate soldier and won his title, Captain. He followed Roddy and Forest till he was transferred to the 11th Alabama Cavalry.

In 1870 he opened a school at La-Grange, where a great many young men were taught by him, who became leading citizens of our country.

His reputation as a teacher spread beyond the limits of his own county, and he was called to several places to take charge of different schools. In 1875 he took charge of the Tuscumbia Male Academy but his health not being good he returned to his home, four or five miles east of Town Creek.

After building up his health, he was called to Hartselle in 1885 where he taught successfully for four years.

Through the influence of his friend, Prof. John C. Stephenson, he was influenced to accept the Superintendency of Waco, Texas Public schools, where he remained only one year.

His thoughts, best wishes and love still cling around the home of his boyhood and young manhood, and he returned to the state and country of his nativity, where he lived till his death.

Capt. McGregor was a busy, upright, honest man. He was a strict member of the Methodist church, but had love for all mankind. In his early manhood he wooed and won the heart and hand of Miss Celia King, who was his devoted, inspiring companion the rest of her life. Capt. and Mrs. McGregor raised several children.

Miss Kate, one of their daughters married Dr. D. W. Day of Hartselle.

Will McGregor married Miss Annie Powers. They lived for quite awhile at Tuscumbia, but I hear that they now live in the old homestead.

Don McGregor married Miss Birdie Freeman. He began the practice of law at Moulton, but moved to Jasper where he built up a fine practice. I had the pleasure in 1910 to witness the graduation of one of his daughters, Miss Lelia; and as Birdie had been my pupil, I was glad to see her daughter complete that part of her education which public schools afford. Having the spirit of industry of her parents, Miss Lelia has taught successfully in the public schools at Cordova, Ala. during the scholastic

year of 1910-11 and next fall will enter one of the great female schools of Virginia, perhaps Martha Washington, where she will take a two year course. It is so nice to see our young ladies realizing it to be a fact that they must prepare themselves for life and be able to care for themselves.

I have also met Don and Birdie's son, Edward, who is a very nice, modest, dignified young man. He is at present a pupil in the Walker County High School, from which he will graduate in 1912.

Miss Madgie married Robert Alexander, and I think live in New Decatur.

Miss Celia married G. W. Boatwright, and died at New Decatur at the time of the death of her illustrious father.

George married Minnie Irwin and they live in Hartselle.

I feel a special attachment for both of these. George boarded with us, and is quite a friend to us and will always come to see us when passing. Minnie went to school to us for quite a long while and we can now see her as a good little girl, with a smile on her face and a kind word to and for us and I think always had a good lesson.

Edward McGregor was the youngest son of Capt. and Mrs. McGregor; and, at the age of 14, when life was beginning to open to him, beautiful and fair, death, the fell destroyer, claimed him for his own.

Mrs. McGregor was the daughter of Robert and Margarette King. The Kings constitute a large portion of the inhabitants at and around Leighton. They have given cast and influence to that community for perhaps 75 years.

Mrs. McGregor died about 1900. After the death of his first wife, Capt. McGregor married Miss Happy C. Cooper of Tuscumbia, a daughter of the late L. B. Cooper.

It is a great pleasure in my remniscent moods to contemplate the life and character of such a man as Capt. McGregor.

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TRACT BOOK  
(Second Installment)

*This large red book, located in the Lawrence County Courthouse, Moulton, Alabama, is entitled "Track Book". The first page of the book gives the following statement: "Montgomery 12 Novr. 1855-This volume was copied from the original and has been examined from the same, and found to be correct. John B. Jones." The information was copied for publication by Mary Fran Destree Moore, Torrance, California, who copied only the section, township and range, and did not include the exact location within the section. This series was begun in Volume 14, Number 1 (September, 1979).*

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	River Improvements:			
	S. Montgomery	1829		
	Jas. Fennell	1830		
	W. Cargill	1831		
	Wm. Thomas(?)	1831		
	John Holland	1831		
	Richard Stacey	1832		
	E. Bishop	1832		
	Willie Holt	1832		
	Joseph Heflin	1833		
Sec 27	Robert A. High, Asse	28 Jun 1831	937	
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	River Improvements:			
	Sam <sup>1</sup> Watkins	1832		
	W. Cargill	1833		
	Redick Stevens	19 Oct 1833	6532	
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	Charles Anderson	1833		
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	Charles Anderson	7 Sep 1818	1684	
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Sec 29	State	23 May 1828		
	River Improvements:			
	John Clardy	1834		
	Jonathan Gray	1834		
	A. G. Austin	1834		
	Alexander Austin, Asse	28 Sep 1818	1449	
	John Clardy, Asse	28 Sep 1818	2641	
	Jonathan Gray	19 Dec 1836	10820	
	Robert Hawkins Hicks	3 May 1836	9401	
	Thomas G. Dobbins	1 Jan 1834	6944	
	Jonathan Gray	5 Jun 1832	4907	
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	Thomas G. Dobbins	1 Jan 1834	6945	

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	Hugh A. Anderson	7 Sep 1818	663	
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	Jonathan Gray, Asse	18 Jun 1830	733	
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	R. H. Hicks	1829		
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	Jesse Vaughn	1830		
	Major Ivy	1830		
	R. H. Hicks	1830		
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Sec 32	Charles Anderson, Asse	28 Sep 1818	2808	
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	Morris Jones & Madison Asse	7 Sep 1818	454	
	President & Directors of the Tuscumbia, Courtland & Decatur R. R.	19 Dec 1833	6877	
	Leon <sup>d</sup> Peyton, Clements Burford	7 Nov 1831	4531	
	William Moore	4 Jul 1831	1456	
Sec 33	State	23 May 1828		
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	Cha <sup>s</sup> Anderson	1830, 1831, 1832		
	Charles Anderson, Asse	7 Sep 1818	661	
	Samuel Elliott, Asse	7 Sep 1818	1192	
	" " "	7 Sep 1818	1150	
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	" " "	7 Sep 1818	86	
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Sec 34	State	23 May 1828		
	River Improvements:			
	P. Bromley	1830		
	Sam <sup>l</sup> Elliott, Sr.	1830		
	L. P. Burford	1831		
	P. J. Watkins	1834		
	John T(?) Phinizz(?)	4 Mar 1850	14745	
	Charles Anderson	24 Sep 1832	5213	
	Thomas Davidson	10 Mar 1834	7144	

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ABRAHAM RANDOLPH  
Revolutionary War Patriot

*The following papers from the pension file of Abraham Randolph were contributed by Lorene B. Randolph, Mountain Brook, Alabama. Abraham was drafted into the army in 1780 at the Caswell County Courthouse in North Carolina. After the Revolution he moved to the Greenville District of South Carolina, where he married Lydia Dill in 1792. Mrs. Randolph further stated that the family later moved to near Courtland in Lawrence County, where Abraham died 29 April 1837.*

7876  
Alabama

Abraham Randolph of Courtland in the State of Alabama who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain Tate, of the Regiment commanded by Col. Moore in the N. Carolina line for six months.

The declaration is made in Lawrence Co.  
Inscribed in the Roll of Alabama at the rate of 20. Dollars 00 Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March 1831.  
Certificate of Pension issued the 13th day of April 1833 and sent to Peter W. Taylor, Courtland. Ala.

Arrears to the 4th of Mar 1833	40.00	
Semi-ant. allowance ending 4 Sept 1833	10.00	
	<u>\$50.00</u>	Revolutionary Claim
Recorded by Wm. R. Balwind Clerk		Act June 7, 1832

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Claim for Military Service

I certify, in conformity with the laws of the United States of the 7 July 1838 Lydia Randolph, deceased, widow of Abraham Randolph, who was a private in the Revolution, was entitled to a pension, and having died on the 4th October 1847 her only surviving children John D. Randolph, James Randolph, Abraham Randolph, Robert Randolph and Christiana Givens are entitled to the amount at the rate of twenty dollars per annum, from 29 April 1837 when he died, to 4 March 1841.

Also acts 3d March 1843 & 17 June 1844, at the same rate, from 4 March 1843 to 4 October 1847 when she died payable to John D. Randolph, Administrator.

Given at the Department of the Interior  
this 24 day of April 1854

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# Limestone



## 1857

*Contributed by Mrs. Eulalia Wellden, Athens, Alabama. This is the twenty-fifth in a series of Limestone County marriage records dating from 1832 through 1862 to be run in VALLEY LEAVES.*

- Page 804 James M. Roberts to Phoebe A. C. Batts  
2959 27 July 1857 (*No return*)
- Page 805 James Curry to Sarah Ann Hargrove  
2960 1 August 1857, sol. 1 August 1857 by A. C. Holland, J. P. at residence of A. C. Holland
- Page 805 William T. Clardy to Martha Frances Wales  
2961 12 August 1857, sol. 16 August 1857 by J. H. Ermin, M. G., at residence of Thomas J. Wales
- Page 805 Howel Horton to Amanda C. Meadows  
2962 25 August 1857, sol. 25 August 1857 by J. A. Johnson, J. P.
- Page 806 Masten C. Haney to Mary C. Clem  
2963 2 September 1857, sol. 3 September 1857 by J. A. Johnson, J. P.
- Page 806 William L. Toone to Mary Cox  
2964 12 September 1857, sol. 13 September 1857 by Murphy Bruce, M. G., at residence of Polly Shoemaker
- Page 806 Wiley B. Stinnett to Laura Ann Johnson  
2965 14 September 1857, sol. 14 September 1857 by Jones Coleman, J. P., at residence of Clay Stinnett
- Page 807 Gilbert M. Sandifer to Sarah E. A. Mills  
2966 15 September 1857, sol. 16 September 1857 by J. G. Wilson, J. P., at residence of Robert Davis
- Page 807 William W. Bates to Martha A. F. Sandlin  
2967 16 September 1857, sol. 17 September 1857 by R. P. Riddle, M. G., at residence of Wm. D. Sandlin
- Page 807 John H. Oglesby to Mary T. Inman  
2968 24 September 1857 (*No return*)
- Page 808 Alfred A. Clem to Irene Harvey  
2969 28 September 1857 (*No return*)
- Page 808 James Schrimsher to Nancy Henry  
2970 7 October 1857, sol. 7 October 1857 by J. A. Johnson, J. P. in Probate Judge's office
- Page 808 William H. Burt to Sallie Lynch  
2971 19 October 1857, sol. 21 October by G. W. Mitchell, M. G. at residence of Thomas Lynch
- Page 809 Joseph G. Mason to Margaret C. Grigsby  
2972 26 October 1857 (*No return*)

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2973 Thomas Bibb to Ann Pickett  
6 November 1857, sol. 11 November 1857
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2974 Robert E. Tweedy to Harriet A. Featherstone  
24 November 1857, sol. 25 November 1857 by J. G. Wilson, M. G.  
at residence of H. C. Featherstone
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2975 Pleasant A. Peace to Frances Christopher  
25 November 1857, sol. 26 November 1857 by J. A. Johnson, J. P.
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2976 P. G. Gill to Mary L. S. Calvin  
25 November 1857, sol. 26 November 1857 by J. A. Johnson, J. P.
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2977 Lewis Hearn to Francia Moore  
25 November 1857, sol. 25 November 1857 by G. W. Mitchell, M. G.  
at residence of Wm. Moore
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2978 John H. David to Mary Ann Chapman  
5 December 1857, sol. 8 December 1857 by H. F. Arthur, J. P. at  
residence of Mrs. Mariah Chapman
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2979 Andrew J. Lewis to Sarah Hughey  
7 December 1857 (*No return*)
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2980 Lanson Byrd to Martha Venable  
8 December 1857, sol. 8 December 1857 by John L. Nelson, J. P.  
at residence of James Lambert
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2981 John W. Raney to Mary J. Nesbit  
8 December 1857, sol. 8 December 1857 by J. A. Johnson, J. P.
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2982 William W. Simpson to Mary A. McBroom  
12 December 1857, sol. 12 December 1857 by J. A. Johnson, J. P.
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2983 Levi S. Hill to Ammire (?) Fogg  
21 December 1857 (*No return*)
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2984 Thomas M. Higgs to Mary J. Sartin  
25 December 1857, sol. 25 December 1857 by Jno. Turrentine, J. P. at  
residence of William H. Oglesby in Athens, Ala.

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2985 Darvis Lynch to E. A. Hurt  
9 January 1858, sol. 10 January 1858 by G. W. Mitchell, M. G.  
at residence of R. B. Peebles
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2986 W. N. Hargrove to America Ann Gatlin  
18 January 1858, sol. 21 January 1858 by Wm. Tillery  
at residence of Isaac Gatlin
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2987 Andrew J. Clay to Sarah A. Webb  
25 January 1858, sol. 28 January 1858 by W. M. J. Gladish
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2988 Robert P. Vaughan to Jane D. Hendricks  
25 January 1858, sol. 27 January 1858 by J. W. Wilson, P. G.  
at residence of Holding Hendricks
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2989 Willis W. Green to Nancy J. Summers  
4 February 1858, sol. 4 February 1858 by L. G. Bullington, J. P.  
at residence of Andrew Summers

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2990 James E. McCracken to Elizabeth Ann Chapman  
11 February 1858, sol. 11 February 1858 by H. F. Arthur, J. P.
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2991 James R. Harris to Martha Jane Higgins  
13 February 1858, sol. 13 February 1858 by Wm. H. Lentz, J. P.
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2992 William H. Lusby to Louisa J. Brooks  
25 February 1858, sol. 25 February 1858 by J. A. Johnson
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2993 Andrew C. Witty to Mahala C. Collier  
27 February 1858, sol. 28 February 1858 by Robt. P. Riddle, M. G. at  
residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Collier
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2994 William Grinnet to Nancy E. Stewart  
4 March 1858, sol. 4 March 1858 by John A. Johnson, J. P.
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2995 William N. Wilbanks to Harriet S. Smith  
9 March 1858, sol. 10 March 1858 by Wm. H. Lentz, J. P. at  
residence of Elizabeth Demments in Beat No. 7
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2996 F. F. Steel to Mary A. Tucker  
17 March 1858, sol. 17 March 1858 by G. W. Puckett at  
residence of W. W. Tucker
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2997 Thomas J. Sweaney to Nancy E. Patterson  
17 March 1858, sol. 18 March 1858 by H. F. Arthur, J. P. at  
residence of John Patterson
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2998 Joseph R. Boucher to Sarah A. Gatlin  
31 March 1858, sol. 31 March 1858 by J. A. Johnson, J. P.
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2999 James W. Martin to Nancy B. Fogg  
13 April 1858, sol. 13 April 1858 by J. H. Dunn(?), M. G.  
at residence of Granville N. Fogg
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3000 Mial Ramsey to Sarah E. Goode  
17 April 1858, sol. 22 April 1858 by Benjamin Lentz, M. G. at  
residence of Milton Goode
- Page 818  
3001 Andrew J. Pilant to Martha Ann Haney  
7 May 1858, sol. 9 May 1858 by L. G. Bullington, J. P. at  
residence of George Haney
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3002 James L. Lesslie to Serrepty Brown  
10 May 1858, sol. 11 May 1858 by John J. Vickers, J. P. at  
the residence of Mrs. Brown
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3003 George R. Smith to Mary F. Steward  
13 May 1858, sol. 13 May 1858 by J. A. Johnson, J. P.
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3004 David M. Elliott to Sarah Ann Elliott  
18 May 1858, sol. 18 May 1858 by J. A. Johnson, J. P.
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3005 D. H. Bingham to Sarah C. Moy(?)  
22 May 1858, sol. 22 May 1858 by John Harris
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3006 Hardridge Furgason to Martha D. Minor  
12 June 1858, sol. 13 June 1858 by A. C. Holland, J. P. at  
residence of Solomin Waids
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3007 James W. Allen to Eliza J. W. Cox  
12 June 1858, sol. 13 June 1858 by Wm. G. Hensley at  
Methodist Episcopal Church South in Athens, Ala.

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3008 John McCafferty to Elizabeth Ann Davis  
30 June 1858, sol. 1 July 1858 by H. F. Arthur, J. P., at  
residence of James Davis
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3009 Richard R. Easter to Sarah E. Hendricks  
1 July 1858, sol. 1 July 1858 by John Harris, at  
Baptist Church in Athens, Ala.
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3010 Charles N. Belland to Mary Jane Houk  
1 July 1858, sol. 1 July 1858 by J. A. Johnson, J. P.
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3011 Noah Chronney to Sarah Jane Bayles  
9 July 1858, sol. 11 July 1858 by A. C. Holland, J. P. at  
residence of Nathaniel Clardy
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3012 John R. Hathcock to Mary Ann Haley  
15 July 1858, sol. 15 July 1858 by James C. Elliott, M. G. at  
residence of Mr. Hathcock
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3013 Michal J. Dolin to Mary W. Hendricks  
17 July 1858, sol. 20 July 1858 by George E. Noff(?), M. G. at  
residence of Jno. Jackson, Esq.
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3014 James Allen Clem to Rachel C. Moore  
31 July 1858, sol. 3 August 1858 by A. C. Holland, J. P. at  
residence of Samuel Moore
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3015 Hiram J. Black to Sarah E. Simpson  
2 August 1858, sol. 2 August 1858 by John A. Johnson, J. P. in the  
street near the Institute in Athens, Alabama
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3016 William Still to Martha Ann Guthrie  
10 August 1858, sol. 10 August 1858 by John Turrentine, J. P.  
on the T&H Central Railroad about 3 miles north of Athens, Alabama
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3017 Micajah Prewett to Ellenda L. McAllister  
11 August 1858, sol. 12 August 1858 by Jno. Turrentine, J. P. at  
residence of Mr. Isabells
- Page 824  
3018 James D. Martin to Susan M. Hargrove  
11 August 1858 (No return)
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3019 Charles Phillips to Sarah A. E. Scott  
12 August 1858 (No return)
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3020 James Thomas Smith to Susan Ray  
21 August 1858, sol. 22 August 1858 by A. C. Holland, J. P. at  
residence of E. H. Holland
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3021 Pleasant M. Horton to Eliza W. Colwell(?)  
28 August 1858, sol. 29 August 1858 by Wm. M. Harwell, M. G. at  
residence of John Davis
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3022 Freeman M. Crenshaw to Cornelia G. Redus  
1 September 1858, sol. 2 September 1858 by Jesse Seal, M. G. at  
residence of Thos. Redus
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3023 Thomas D. Hastings to Emily C. Murphy  
9 September 1858, sol. 12 September 1858 by Thos. C. Jones, J. P.  
at residence of John R. Murphy
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3024 John W. Roberts to Louisa A. Cox  
14 September 1858, sol. 15 September 1858 by B. Lentz at  
residence of Joseph Elledge

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DEED RECORD I

1819 - 1825  
(Eleventh Installment)

*These deed were abstracted from Deed Record I, 1819-1825 in the Probate Judge's off in the Limestone County Courthouse, Athens, Alabama, by Helen Bowling McKnight, Huntsville, Alabama. The first installment was carried in Volume 8, No. 2 (December, 1973). For a listing of other installments see the foreword of the ninth installment, Volume 13, No. 4 (June, 1979).*

Pages 174-175 7 Aug 1822. John Fox of Kentucky is indebted to Arthur Fox of Limestone Co., AL, for \$238 by note of this date and executes this deed of trust: John Fox (1st part), Arthur Fox (2nd part), Daniel Coleman (3rd part). Coleman pays John Fox \$1 for Negroes (named but listed here). John Fox pays \$238 on or before 8 Sep next or slaves will be sold.

No witnesses

John Fox  
Arthur Fox  
Danl Coleman

Pages 176-178 4 Jun 1822. For \$2,500 in merchandise and promisory notes Thomas B. Moseley and Rebecca Mosely sell to Reubin Tillman (all parties from Limestone Co.) 312 acres in Limestone Co., on waters of Tyrone and Tillman forks of Limestone Creek. Beginning at the NW corner of Section 36 Township 1 Range 3 and running E to Tyrone Creek thence down meanderings of creek to Edward A. Mosleys spring which breaks out the W bank of said creek thence around spring so as not to include it and back down creek to junction of Tyrone's Creek and Tillman Creek thence running S to a stake in section line and running W to SW corner of said section and N to the beginning.

Witnesses: Lewis Tillman  
Samuel Vernon

Thomas B. Moseley  
Rebecca Mosely

Daniel Coleman, Judge of County Court, Limestone Co., certifies Rebecca voluntarily consented to the above deed. 2 Aug 1822.

Pages 178-179 16 Jul 1822. For \$1,500 John Maples sells 450 acres in Limestone Co. on waters of Limestone Creek to Walter Gray (Both of Limestone Co.). Land was conveyed from Charles Carroll, Senr., to Solomon Marshall and from Marshall to Benjamin Harris. It was sold by virtue of force execution at instance of Solomon Marshall and bought by John Maples.

Witnesses: Reubin Tillman  
Scott Bayne

John Maples  
Mary Maples

(NOTE BY HBM: This would indicate that Mary is wife of John Maples, but it is not stated.)

Pages 179-180 26 Jan 1822. For \$3,000 John S. Doxey(?) of Blunt Co., Al, sells to Richard Henderson of Limestone Co. the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15 Township 3 Range 5W "as soon as I obtain my Patent from the general Governement for said quarter section of Land".

Witnesses: W. B. Locke  
James Miller

J. S. Doxey

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# Madison



## NATURALIZATION RECORDS Circuit Court and County Court Minutes

### Madison County, Alabama Prior To 1850

*Aliens applying for naturalization in early Madison County, Alabama, were governed by a Congressional law passed 14 April 1802 which required residence in a state one year and in the United States for five years. The Declaration of Intention was to have been filed three years previous to citizenship. There was also a need to have good moral character, take an oath of allegiance, and renounce forever "all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, State or Sovereignty whatever" and particularly the head of the country from whence the applicant came. This law also provided automatic citizenship of children of naturalized parents and made special provisions for wives of naturalized males. Despite minor modifications the law remained basically the same until the Civil War.*

*The immigrant was required to present himself in a "court of record." Naturalization applications and final papers for persons residing in Madison County during the 19th Century are found in the Minute Books of the Circuit and County Courts (and one additional record from Probate Court is included here). Although there are some indexes, a page by page search of the records is often necessary. The Minute Books of the Circuit and County Courts of Madison County are found in the Old Records Department in the Elbert J. Parsons Law Library on East Side Square in Huntsville. The Circuit Court records collection is quite extensive, however Circuit Court Minutes which are missing for sessions prior to 1850 are those before 1820, May 1823, November 1826, May 1827, Spring 1839, Fall 1841, Fall 1847, all of 1848 and Spring 1849. Although the volume containing records for Fall 1849, 1850, and 1851 is rotting away, with parts completely gone or illegible, it was completely searched. Books which include Circuit Court Minutes are not always correctly labeled.*

*The County Court record collection is not as extensive as the Circuit Court, but a good representation is made. The minutes begin in the Spring of 1823 and continue unbroken until a large break occurs from 1848 to 1876 and then continue again until the turn of the century. Labels of County Court Minutes are more recognizable with exception of Volume 5. Containing County Court Minutes for August 1825, February, August 1826, and February 1827, Volume 5 is bound with pages completely out of order in a new red binding which is titled "Minutes 1820-Madison County Circuit Court."*

*Another source for naturalization records in Madison County is a book entitled "Certificates of Naturalization 1871-1872" which contains some records after 1850 and all naturalization records after 1878.*

*The information contained in the Declaration of Intention (to become a citizen of the United States) and the admission (to naturalized citizenship) some years later varies with the individual. The following records were located by George A. O'Reilly, Jr., Huntsville, Alabama, and abstracted by Ann Esslinger Cochran, Huntsville, Alabama, 1979. The information given is pertinent to the individual's identification and whereabouts, past or present. The last number given in parenthesis after the abstract is the number painted on the volume's spine and circled. In no two books are the numbers repetitive.*

ALLISON, JOHN, born in County of Londonderry, Ireland about 1769. Emigrated in 1797, arriving New Castle, Delaware the same year. Came to Madison County, Mississippi Territory and married there in 1810, resided there since. Proven by oaths of William Brandon, Jesse Searcy, Henry Brazelton. Oath of naturalization; admitted as a citizen. 5 Nov 1834, "No. 23 1834-35 CIR MIN" pages 144-145. (824)

ALLISON, WILLIAM, born in County of Londonderry, Ireland, parish of (blank). Now about 57 years of age. Departed Ireland in 1818, landed Baltimore, Aug 1818. Declaration, 20 Nov 1825, "CIR CT MIN 1825 (Book) 14" page 195b/397. (570)

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Naturalization Records  
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BLACKWOOD, JOHN, aged 25 years, born County of Donegal, Ireland about 1809. Arrived U. S. Jul 1826, having sailed from Londonderry, Ireland May 1826. Came to City of Philadelphia, PA same year, to TN in 1826 where he resided until 1829 when he came to AL. Resided there since. Declaration, 6 Nov 1834, "No. 23 1834-35 CIR MIN" page 147. (824)

BODE, PHILIP, aged 24 years, born 7 Mar 1809 in Germany, born a member of the British nation. Migrated from Germany in U. S. arriving Baltimore 24 Aug 1832. Declaration, 23 Aug 1833, "County Court 1832-35 Minute Book No. 8" Pages 267-268. (345)

BODE, PHILIP, made Declaration at Aug 1833 County Court. Adjures allegiance to King of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Citizen, 17 Feb 1836, "CO. CT. MIN. 1836-1839 No. 9" page 21. (343)

CARREN, JOHN, 30, from Ireland, County Kildair, parish of Battinnglass. Landed in Boston in 1818, intends to settle Huntsville, AL. Declaration 31 Jan 1823, "CO. MINUTES BOOK 1823-1824" pages 43-44. (344)

CARREN, JOHN, "Nov. 1826 Carren, John, Alien, Admitted as a Citizen, page 329," of Circuit Court Minute Book 16 which is missing. This information from "INDEX TO MINUTES 1813 TO 1828" (old copy) page 99. (77)

COCHRAN, JOHN STUART, born in Ireland and migrated from Great Britain and arrived port of New Orleans 22 Jun 1845. Declaration 4 Sep 1845, "MINUTES CIR. CT. 1844-45-46" page 312. (602)

COCHRAN, WILLIAM A., born 24 Sep 1792, County of Antrim, Ireland. Migrated to U. S. and arrived New York City 9 Nov 1811. Oaths of John K. Dunn and James Gaston that he resided in Madison County, AL more than 5 years. Citizen 20 Aug 1828. "COUNTY CT. 1827-1828 MINUTES No. 6" pages 449-450. (311)

COLLINS, THOMAS P., formerly a subject of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Made his declaration 11 Nov 1818 in U. S. District Court of Maryland. Resident of U. S. since and of AL more than one year. Citizen 26 Nov 1823, CIR CT MIN 11 1823-1824" page 166/330-331. (568)

COLTART, JAMES, 23, born 13 Jun 1811 in Scotland, county of Kirkcudbright, town of Galehouse of Fleet. Emigrated from Scotland to U. S. arriving 11 Apr 1833 port of New York. Intends to reside in AL. Declaration 10 Nov 1834, "No. 23 1834-35 CIR MIN" pages 173-174. (824)

COLTART, JOHN, produced declaration made 10 Jun 1822 in Circuit Court for District of W. TN at Nashville stating he was born 8 Oct 1796 in Scotland from whence he emigrated arriving 30 Sep 1818 at Philadelphia. Has resided in state more than one year. Citizen 10 May 1828, "CIR CT MINUTES 1827-1828" pages 363-4. (599)

COLTART, SAMUEL, made declaration 2 May 1821 in Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia Co., PA stating he was born 16 Mar 1794 in Scotland from whence he emigrated, arriving New York 3 Oct 1817. Has resided in U. S. since and in this state more than one year. Citizen 24 May 1824. "MIN CIR CT No. 12 1824" pages 63ab/124-125. (601)

DAVIDSON, JAMES, made declaration 7 Oct 1841 in Lincoln Co., TN, where he resided, aged 24, a native of Ireland. Citizen 12 Mar 1844. "CIR CT MIN 1843-44" pages 237-240. (611)

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DEVENDEL, E., presents declaration previously made. Oath and citizen 26 Aug 1826, "MINUTES 1820 MADISON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT" (misnamed, is COUNTY COURT MINUTE BOOK 5, see introduction), page 319. (1066)

DOE, JOHN, born in City of Belfast, County of Antrim, Ireland. Declaration 8 Nov 1837, "MIN. CIR. CT. 1837-1838" page 105. (604)

DOE, JOHN, previously filed declaration 8 Nov 1837, renounces Victoria, Queen of United Kingdom. Citizen 9 Nov 1840, "CIR CT MIN 1840" page 227. (605)

ENGLES, JAMES, files declaration 13 Nov 1823, "CIR. CT. MIN 11 1823-1824" page 87/172. (568)

FRAZER, DANIEL, 21, born at Leval in parish of Kirkhill, Scotland. Embarked at Leith, Scotland, landed Philadelphia, PA, 29 Aug 1819. Declaration 24 Feb 1821, "CIR CT MIN 1820 1821" page 251/540. (998)

GALLAGHER, JOHN, now a resident of Lawrence County, AL, where he has lived 5 years, 6 years in AL. Emigrated 1812 from Letterkeany, County Donnegal, Ireland, landing 20 Aug 1812 in Philadelphia. Declaration 27 Nov 1823. "CIR CT MIN 11 1823 1824" page 169/336. (568)

GIBSON, GEORGE, born 1797 in County Coven, parish of Bailiborough, town of Lesboll, Ireland. Embarked 27 May 1816 at Belfast on the brig John & William, landing 19 Aug 1816 NY. Been in U. S. 9 years. Declaration 22 May 1826, "CIR CT 1826 MIN No. 15" page 137. (566)

GORMLEY, WILLIAM, filed declaration 14 Nov 1831 in Circuit Court of First Judicial District of MS in Vicksburg, stating he was born in county of Taronne, Ireland, and was 26 years old, had been in U. S. 15 years, lived last 11 months in MS, a saddler by occupation. Now recommended by James J. Chewing and William J. Redd of Warren Co., MS, 16 Sep 1840. Citizen 9 Nov 1840. "CIR CT MIN 1840" pages 228-231. (605)

GRAHAM, ROBERT, born in County of Monaghan, Ireland. Resided in U. S. since Oct 1823. Declaration 23 Aug 1839, "CO. CT. MIN. 1836-1839 No. 9" page 523. (343)

GRAHAM, ROBERT, previously filed declaration Aug term 1839. Citizen 22 Feb 1842, "MIN. CO. CT. 1841 1842 No. 11" page 269. (364)

HANNA, JOHN, 22, born in parish of Macosguin, county Londonderry, Ireland, in 1800. Emigrated to U. S. arriving Philadelphia 28 Aug 1818 and has resided in U. S. since. Intends to make Madison County, AL, his future residence. Declaration 25 May 1822, "CIR CT MIN 1822 No. 7" pages 198b, 199a/289-290. (569)

HANNA, JOHN, repeats declaration above. William Kelly and William H. Campbell testify that he has resided in U. S. more than four years and AL one year, of good character, etc. Citizen 25 Aug 1827, "COUNTY CT 1827 1828 MINUTES No. 6" pages 187-189. (311)

HARRIS, ADAM, born county and parish of Managh, Ireland, about 1790 (as nearly as he can recollect!). Embarked at Belfast in Jun 1824 on (can't remember the name of the vessel) for U. S. and landed in Baltimore in 1824. Declaration 30 May 1829, "CIR CT MIN 1829" pages 249-250. (597)

HASLETT, HOOD, 53, born in County Antrim, province of Ulster, Ireland, in 1780. Embarked from Belfast, Ireland, Sep 1830 and landed in Charleston, SC, Nov 1830. Resided in SC until Nov 1831 when he came to Madison County, AL, where he has lived since. Declaration 23 Aug 1833, "COUNTY COURT 1832-35 MINUTE BOOK No. 8" pages 268-269. (345)

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HASLETT, HOOD, made declaration in Aug 1833. Adjures allegiance to United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Citizen 23 Aug 1837, "CO. CT. MIN. 1836-39 No. 9" Pages 137-138. (343)

HASLETT, JOHN, 25, born county of Antrim, province of Ulster, Ireland in 1808. Sailed from Belfast, Ireland, Sep 1830, landed in Charleston, SC, Nov 1830. Lived there until Nov 1831 when he came to Madison County where he has lived since. Declaration 23 Aug 1833, "COUNTY COURT 1832-35 MINUTE BOOK No. 8" pages 269-270. (345)

HASLETT, SAMUEL, 22 born county Antrim, province of Ulster, Ireland in 1811. Embarked from Belfast, Ireland, in Sep 1830 and landed in Charleston, SC, Nov 1830. Resided there until Nov 1831 when he came to Madison County, AL, where he has lived since. Declaration 22 Oct 1833, "CIRCUIT COURT (IN CHANCERY marked through) 1833" page 159. (624)

HAYES, WILLIAM ALBERT, late of Hamberg of Circuit of Lower Saxony of the Empire of Germany until 1816 when he emigrated to U. S., lived there since. Made declaration in July term 1820 of Circuit Court of Nicholas Co., KY. Has resided in AL since 1823. Citizen 13 May 1826, "CIR CT 1826 MIN No. 15" pages 71-72. (566)

HOCKING, JOHN, born 1780 in parish of Stokes, county of Devonshire, England. Embarked 9 Apr 1819 from port of Plymouth, landed at St. John's, New Brunswick in British America, remaining there until Spring 1821 when he left for U. S. Declaration 13 Nov 1832, "MINUTES 1831-32" page 342. (606)

HOCKING, JOHN, previously filed declaration, has resided U. S. at least 5 years and state 1 year. Adjures allegiance to King of United Kingdom. Citizen 3 May 1836, "MINUTES CIR. CT. 1836-37" pages 133-134. (603)

HOLDAN, WILLIAM H., 28, born in county of Havrbain, Ireland, emigrated from Ireland, intends to settle in AL. Declaration, 21 Aug 1822, "CIR CT MIN 1822 No. 7" pages 267ab/424-425. (569)

HOLDEN, WILLIAM, previously filed declaration in this court. Resided U. S. 5 years, AL 1 year at least. Renounces King of United Kingdom. Citizen 23 May 1826, "CIR CT 1826 MIN No. 15" pages 146-147. (566)

HU(GH)EY, JOHN, member of British nation hereto files his declaration; oath. Citizen 2 Mar 1845, "MINUTES CIR. CT. 1844-45-46" page 456". (602)

JOHNSON, THOMAS, born 30 Apr 17\_\_ (blank) in county of Down, Ireland. Emigrated to U. S. arriving Norfolk, VA 1 Sep 1801. By oaths of Lemuel Mead and Stephen Neale, proof he resided more than 5 years past in Madison County, AL, etc. Citizen 22 Aug 1828 "COUNTY CT. 1827 1828 MINUTES No 6" pages 474-475. (311)

KEATING WILLIAM, previous filed declaration in Court of Common Pleas for Huntingdon Co., PA, in Apr 1830 where he then resided in township of Henderson. Declaration stated that he was born in 1798 in province of Minster, county of Tipperary, Ireland. Emigrated 20 Jul 1824 landing in Philadelphia Sep 1824. Court is satisfied he has lived in U. S. over 5 years and in the state more than 1 year. Citizen 1 Nov 1834, " No. 23 1834-35 CIR MIN" pages 119-121. (824)

KELLY, MICHAEL. "Michael Kelly a native of Ireland made in open court a declaration preparatory to his becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States & having taken the oath prescribed by law. It is ordered that he be certified accordingly." (complete) 24 Nov 1823 "CIR CT MIN 11, 1823 1824" page 156a/310. (568)

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REGISTER OF BIRTHS  
(1886-1902)

## (Eleventh Installment)

This series began in Volume 11, Number 3 (March, 1977). This ledger is housed in the Law Library across the street from the Madison County Courthouse. Only white births have been copied, all other information is included here except "Birth Presentation" and the name of the doctor or midwife. These records were copied and contributed by Diane Mooney and Carol Gordon through the courtesy of Judge William Page, Judge of the Circuit Court of Madison County, Alabama.

## County of Madison - 1895

BIRTH		CHILD		MOTHER		FATHER		
Mo	Day	Sex	Born	Name	Born	Name	Born	Occupation
7	14	F	Beat 2	Ida Hess	AL	Eugene Hess	AL	Farmer
7	15	M	Beat 8	Fanny Cawfer	"	Dureck Cawfer	"	"
7	16	F	Beat 1	Mrs. Gurley	"	Wm. B. Gurley	"	"
7	22	M	Beat 1	Mrs. Carter	TN	J. B. Carter	TN	Mechanic
7	22	M	Beat 6	O. Smith	IA	J. B. Smith	PA	"
7	23	M	Beat 2	Elizabeth Hecton	AL	Wm. Hecton	"	Farmer
7	25	F	Beat 9	Alice Freeman	"	Jeo(?) Freeman	AL	Mechanic
7	26	M	Beat 15	Mrs. Maria Barnett	"	Marvin(?) Barnett	"	Farmer
7	27	M	Beat 1	Terry Silbey	TN	J. L. Silbey	"	Mechanic
7	28	F	Beat 9	Ada Garner	AL	Wm. J. Garner	"	Planter
7	28	M	Beat 7	Lucy Dillard	TX	C. G. Dillard	"	Mechanic
7	28	M	Beat 1	Mrs. Knight	Eng.	Mr. Knight	Eng	Nurseryman
7	30	F	Beat 9	Lula Carroll	OH	E. D. Carroll	AL	Mechanic
7	30	M	Beat 12	Mrs. Campbell(?)	AL	Mr. Campbell(?)	"	Farmer
7	30	M	Beat 12	Sue Cowley	"	John Cowley	"	Merchant
7	22	F	Beat 5	Annie Fuler	"	Bill Fuler	"	Farmer
7	6	F	Beat 16	Bettie Davis	"	S. C. Davis	"	"
7	27	M	Beat 5	Allie Baker	"	A. P. Baker	"	"
7	27	F	Beat 19	Josephine Braunon	"	Robt. Braunon	"	"
7	28	M	Beat 13	Mary Sims	"	Joe Sims	"	"
7	3	F	Beat 5	Mattie Mann	"	C. P. Mann	"	"
7	3	F	Beat 5	Nancy Webster	"	Bill Webster	"	"
7	11	F	Beat 5	Ida Whitaker	"	J. D. Whitaker	"	"
7	12	M	Beat 5	Lula Hunter	GA	W. T. Hunter	GA	"
7	14	M	Beat 5	Dora Keel	AL	Geo(?) Keel	AL	Merchant
7	14	F	Beat 5	Lillie Keel	"	Thos. Keel	"	Farmer
7	19	F	Beat 5	Nancy Holt	"	J. E. Holt	"	"
8	1	F	Beat 1	Katie B. Vaught	"	Wm. N. Vaught	TN	Merchant
8	1	M	Beat 1	Willie N. Smith	"	David N. Smith	AL	Watchman
8	4	F	Beat 1	Levania L. Stevlins	"	E. E. Stevins	"	Weaver
8	4	M	Beat 1	Sadie E. Vaughn	"	Jack H. Vaughn	"	"
8	6	F	Beat 9	Susy Croft(Craft?)	"	Wallis Croft(Craft?)	"	Farmer
8	7	M	Beat 11	Mary Strong	"	B. Strong	"	"
8	8	M	Beat 1	Mary Ethridge	TN	Saml. Ethridge	TN	Laborer
8	10	M	Beat 21	Emma J. Stevens	AL	Thos. C. Stevens	AL	Farmer
8	15	M	Beat 2	Sara Sharp	"	Wilson Sharp	"	"
8	15	F	Beat 1	Alice Lacy	TN	Wm. Lacy	"	Laborer
8	15	M	Beat 8	Mattie Pride	AL	Sam Pride	"	Farmer
8	6	M	Beat 4	R. Brown	"	Leitha Brown	"	Mechanic
8	6	M	Beat 11	Mary McLaughlin	"	Jno. B. McLaughlin	PA	Farmer
8	18	M	Beat 19	Mary Comhan	"	Ben Comhan	AL	"
8	18	F	Beat 9	Branchy Thrift	"	Ben Thrift	"	"
8	21	F	Beat 2	Sallie Crow (Crow?)	"	J. J. Crow (Crow?)	LA	Minister
8	22	F	Beat 21	Sallie Wall	"	T. J. Wall	AL	Farmer
8	23	F	Beat 11	Jane Smitherman	"	Wm. Smitherman	"	"
8	26	F	Beat 19	M. G.(?) Baker	"	T. L. Baker	"	Merchant
T	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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## County of Madison - 1895

BIRTH CHILD				MOTHER	FATHER			
Mo	Day	Sex	Born	Name	Born	Name	Born	Occupation
8	28	M	Beat 4	Ann Jenkins	AL	Louis Jenkins	AL	Farmer
8	30	F	Beat 1	Ellen White Newman	"	W. W. Newman	"	(?)Theatrical
8	11	M	Beat 11	Sallie Manning	IL	Wm. Manning	IL	Farmer
8	12	F	Beat 10	Elizabeth Lock	AL	Alex Lock	TN	"
8	20	M	Beat 10	Matilda Bridges	TN	Wm. Bridges	AL	"
8	25	F	Beat 10	Susan Little	AL	Geo. Little	IN	"
8	28	F	Beat 1	Venice A. Soloman	"	James Solomon	AL	"
9	2	M	Beat 12	Ida Kelley	"	Larkin Kelly	TN	"
9	1	M	Beat 4	Mollie Stanley	"	A. E. Stanley	AL	Teacher
9	2	M	Beat 15	Mrs. Chas. Goosby	"	Chas. Goosby	"	Laborer
9	3	M	Beat 5	Mary Woody	"	James Woody	"	Farmer
9	3	M	Beat 19	Anna P. Haden	"	W. W. Haden MD	"	Physician
9	4	M	Beat 15	Leila Brannum	"	Jas. St. Brannum	"	Bucket Maker
9	4	M	Beat 7	Lucy D. Dillard	TX	Chas. G. Dillard	"	Merchant
9	6	F	Beat 4	Annie Holder	AL	Elmoore Holder	"	Farmer
9	10	F	Beat 19	Kitty Craft	"	Peter C. Craft	"	"
9	10	F	Beat 1	Mattie Clark	"	James Clark	TN	Laborer
9	11	M	Beat 2	Virginia McClew	TN	Gordon McClew	"	"
9	12	M	Beat 4	Sarah Sanders	AL	O. B. Sanders	AL	Farmer
9	12	F	Beat 19	Francis Craft	"	Wm. C. Craft	"	"
9	14	M	Beat 3	Nannie J. Bragg	TN	Jas. J. Bragg	"	"
9	14	F	Beat 3	Jennie Trotter	AL	David Trotter	"	"
T(9	"	M	"	"	"	"	"	"
9	18	M	Beat 3	Mrs. Robt. Tipton	"	Robt. Tipton	"	"
9	15	F	Beat 1	Mary Posey	GA	Wm. Posey	GA	Factory Hand
9	16	F	Beat 21	Sue Parker	AL	Thos. E. Parker	TN	Farmer
9	18	M	Beat 4	Lera Esslinger	"	Ben F. Esslinger	AL	"
9	18	F	Beat 6	Cynthia Davis	"	C. M. Davis	"	"
9	21	F	Beat 1	Mannie Carney	"	Bruck Carney	"	Factory Hand
9	21	M	Beat 1	Mattie K. Smith	"	A. Smith	"	Farmer
9	22	M	Beat 1	Cynthia Durnes(?)	TN	Unknown	"	"
9	24	M	Beat 15	Lerra Davis	AL	Miles Davis	"	Farmer
9	26	F	Beat 12	Lizzie Parsons	TN	Jno. Parsons	TN	"
9	27	M	Beat 19	June Clarkston	AL	Chas. W. Clarkston	AL	Laborer
9	27	F	Beat 19	Mary M. Brad	"	Wm. B. Brad	"	Farmer
9	27	M	Beat 21	Ellen Green	"	Muiler(?) Green	"	"
9	28	F	Beat 1	Carrie Schrimsher	"	Henry Schrimsher	"	"
9	28	F	Beat 1	Hattie Williams	"	Nathan Williams	"	"
9	29	F	Beat 11	Eady Murjant(?)	"	Jno. Murjant(?)	"	"
9	29	M	Beat 1	Mattie Saunders(?)	"	Jim Saunders(?)	"	"
10	1	M	Beat 1	Bettie McKay	TN	Milligan McKay	TN	"
10	1	F	Beat 5	Lucy Cooper	AL	Charlie Cooper	AL	"
10	2	F	Beat 19	Mamie Gifford	"	B. E. Gifford	"	"
10	3	F	Beat 6	Nellie Morrow	"	Edw. Morrow	"	"
10	3	M	Beat 13	Olivia Cooper	"	T. Haden	"	"
10	5	F	Beat 19	Idella McGahn	"	G. W. McGahn	"	"
10	6	M	Beat 8	Maggie Whitworth	"	Chas. Whitworth	"	"
10	9	F	Beat 19	Lula Hunt	"	Wm. Hunt	"	"
10	9	F	Beat 19	Lillie Armstrong	"	Lee Armstrong	"	"
10	10	M	Beat 12	Sarah Wallace	"	Frank Wallace	TN	"
10	14	F	Beat 9	Pattie Pettus	"	W. H. Pettus	"	"
10	15	M	Beat 8	Blanche(?) Dill	"	C. J. M. Dill	AL	"
10	21	M	Beat 11	Mollie Moring	"	Thos. J. Moring	"	"
10	22	F	Beat 5	Fran(?) Holt	"	J. E. Holt	"	"

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SESSION BOOK (MINUTES)

(Big Cove) Mt. Pleasant Society (Presbyterian Church)  
(Eighth Installment)

*This series began in Volume 12, Number 3 (March, 1978). This old Session Book is in the Zeitler Room of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. A Xerox copy was provided by Rena' Pruitt of the library, was transcribed by Margaret Matthews Cowart, and proof read by Ann Esslinger Cochran. We refer you to the March, 1978, issue for the forward to these minutes. The Session Book began in 1835 and ended in 1857.*

MINUTESMt. Pleasant Sept. 28th 1866

A session convened during religious services consisting of Bros J. J. Burdine, J. H. Drake & J. R. Morris, Mins. Elds John McGaha & J. A. M. Hunter Morris Mod, Hunter Clk. Wade N. Drake, Wm. R. Marcum came forward & gave satisfactory evidence of a change from nature to grace were received & baptized. Session closed with prayer.

Sept 29th 1866

A session convened at Bro Joseph Pickens consisting of Bro J. R. Morris Min. Elds Joseph Pickens & J. A. M. Hunter. Morris Mod, Hunter Clk. Opened by prayer. Mary S. Collier & Elizabeth A. Pickens came forward & gave satisfactory evidence of a change from nature to grace were received & baptized. At which time Bro. J. W. I. Pickens children 3, Sister Elizabeth E. Mills 2, Joseph G. Collier 1 & John T. Hadens' were christened. Session closed with prayer.

Next pageMt. Pleasant Oct 14th 1866

A session convened consisting of Bro J. R. Morris Min. Elds S. M. Brazelton, Mills Jenkins, John McGaha & J. A. M. Hunter. Morris Mod, Hunter Clk. Opened by prayer. Ann E. M. McGaha came forward and gave satisfactory evidence of a change from nature to grace was received & baptized that night at the next appointment it not being convenient to attend to that in the morning exercises. Session closed with prayer.

Mt. Pleasant (No date)

The session of Mt. Pleasant Cong convened at Joseph Pickens consisting of Rev J. H. Drake & Elders Joseph Pickens, S. M. Brazzelton & John M. McGaha. Opened by prayer. On motion the session appointed Jno M. McGaha as principal & Mills Jenkins his alternate to the next Pres. which meets at Walnut grove on Friday before the 1st Sab in Oct next. Closed with prayer. J. H. Drake, Mod & Clk protem.

Sept. 30th 1867

A session met Sept 30th 1867 and Catharine McKinney & Martha A. Hodges, Lewis Bowers, Barbary Bowers, Andrew J. Hanor. Also on the 30th Moses M. Marcum, Mary C. Brazzelton & Mary A. Bowers came forward & gave a relation of their religious experience & were baptized except those that were baptized in infancy. Opened & closed with prayer each meeting.

Next pageOct. 25, 1868

The session met at the church Oct 25, 1868. Members present J. H. Drake, Mills Jinkins, and James P. Miller. After preaching the door was opened for the reception of members and Mary A. Drake & Miss (Mrs?) Caldonia Drak\_ joined by letter and Eugenia H. Miller came forward & gave a relation of her experimental acquaintance with religion & was baptized. Closed with prayer.

March 11th 1869

The Mt. Pleasant session met on the 11th day of Mch 1869 Members present Mills Jinkins, J. W. Pickens & J. H. Drake. On motion J. H. Drake was called to the chair. Opened by prayer. On Motion J. W. Pickens was appointed to represent said congregation in the next Presbytery which is to meet at Mt. Zion (in) Marshall Co. Ala. Closed with prayer. J. H. Drake Mod & Clk protem.

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Mt. Pleasant Society Church Minutes  
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A list of Members belonging to Mt. Pleasant Society in the Year A. D. 1869

Bowers, Lewis	McGaha, William A.	
Brazelton, S. M.	McGaha, Lyda C.	
Brazelton, Margret	McKiny, E. C.	
Brown, Nancy	McGaha, B. J.	
Bowers, Mary	Moore, Faney C.	
Bowers, Margret	McGaha, F. C.	
Brazelton, James E.	Miller, Mariah E.	
Collier, J.G.	Miller, Eugene H.	
Collier, Mary S.	McKiny, Margret M.	
Drake, Rev. J. H.	Miller, Rebekah	
Drake, T. B.	Moore, M. C.	
Drake, Wade	McGaha, A. E.	
Drake, Z. N.	Markrum, M. A (?)	
Drake, E. D.	Miller, M. J.	
Drake, Mary	Miller, Matha J.	El
Drake, N. C.	Miller, James P.	El
Grayson, Parlee	Pickens, J. W.	
Hannah, Andrew ( <i>Honor elsewhere</i> )	Pickens, Salina	
Himer, Mary	Pickens, Lizza A.	Died March 15, 1893(?)
Hunter, Mary M.	Pickens, L. E.	Removed
Hunter S. E.	Russel, H. S.	
Hunter, Jane E.	Schrimsher, S. T.	
Hunter, Rebeke (?) <i>Dismist</i> by letter	Smith, Harriet	
Hinds, Catharine B.	Sibely, Eveline	
Hodges, Mathe (?) A.	Sanford, Marina	
	Smith, F. C.	
	Sadler, I. C.	
	Stidger, Sallie	
	Taylor, J. T.	
	Taylor, Matilda	
	Vann, Mrs. E. † ( <i>J crossed out here.</i> )	Deceased

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Jinkens, Mills El  
 Jinkens, Jane  
 Johnson, J. W. Removed  
 Lasley, Winey A.  
 McGaha, John El  
 Miller, John W.  
 McGaha, Bob S.  
 Miller, William A.(?)  
 Miller, B. M.  
 Markrum, M. H(A?)  
 Markrum, W. R.

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Mt. Pleasant Sept 20th (18)69

The session met after preaching at the call of Bro Jinkens & Pickens. Members present J. H. Drake & F. M. Proctor. Elders Mills Jenkins, J. W. Pickens. Bro W. P. Brazelton and Sister Laura Conley ask for letters of dismission and recommendation which were granted. The session adopted the following resolution to wit - whereas the Mt. Pleasant congregation of the Jackson Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has not bin in a pro(s)perous condition for some time past, its membership and disciplin\_ having bin neglected: it is therefore resolved that a new record be made as follows general publicity be given that all persons being desirous to continue their membership with said congregation for its edification and the advancement of Christ Kindom, in this part of his moral vineyard come forward and have their names placed the new record whereupon on the 22nd....(page torn..... above Resolution being ....(torn)...in the .....(torn). ...following.....their..... (entire bottom of page torn off)

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# Marshall



## PROBATE MINUTES March 1836 - December 1839

### (Fourth Installment)

*This 136 page indexed book, located in the Marshall County Courthouse, Guntersville, Alabama, is the earliest probate minute book in the county. Abstracted by Yvonne Spence Perkins, the book consists of the records between March 1836 and December 1839. For more information on the probate minute books to Marshall County, see the foreword of the first installment in Volume 13, Number 3 (March, 1979).*

- Page 47 Absolom Hillian, John Toliver(?) and John Carter are appointed appraisers for the personal estate of James Williams, deceased.
- Pages 47-48 Unicy(?) D. Williams, administratrix of the estate of James Williams, deceased, is ordered to sell the personal property of the estate by public sale.
- Page 48 John O. Feemster files last Will and Testament of John Griffin, deceased. William M. Griffin and John O. Feemster are appointed executors and Sarah Griffin (wife of the testator) is appointed executrix. Bond for \$10,000. Securities: Percival M. Bush and Minis(?) B. Feemster. Tuesday, 22 August 1837  
(NOTE: See Orphan's Court Minutes Volume 14, Number 2, page 90.)
- Page 48 David Ricketts, John Neeley and Bailis W. Lewis are appointed appraisers for the estate of John Griffin, deceased.
- Pages 48-49 William M. Griffin, John O. Feemster, executors, and Sarah Griffin, executrix of the estate of John Griffin, deceased, are ordered, by public sale, to dispose of the personal property of said estate.
- Pages 49-50 James Dobbs files petition that he bought from Abner Vaughn (now of Marshall County, Alabama, then of Jackson County) on 17 November 1835 property then in Jackson County, now in Marshall County, Alabama, as follows: S part of NE part of fractional Section 6 Township 7 Range 3E containing 72 and 45/100 acres. Abner Vaughn has since died without making title to James Dobbs who petitions the court to order William Riche, administrator of the estate of Abner Vaughn, deceased, to make a good title to said property. Tuesday, 22 August 1837
- Court orders that publication be made in the "Jacksonian", a newspaper in the town of Bellefonte (*Jackson County, Alabama*) once a month for three months requiring all interested persons to appear before the Judge of County Court in Claysville, Marshall County, Alabama, the first Monday in December next to show cause by title should not be granted Dobbs.
- Page 50 Charles P. Cabaniss and Daniel S. Dickinson apply for and were granted Letters of Administration for the estate of John M. Cabaniss, deceased. Bond for \$5,000. Security: John M. Tate. Wednesday, 30 August 1837
- Page 50 Wm. H. E. Wheeler and Joseph G. Garrett are appointed appraisers of the personal estate of John M. Cabiness, deceased.

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- Page 50 Charles P. Cabaniss and Daniel S. Dickinson, administration of the estate of John M. Cabaniss, deceased, are ordered to dispose of the personal estate by public sale.
- Page 51 Court receives no objection to the petition made by William C. Thomas against the estate of John Hill, deceased, and orders that Little D. Bashart, administrator of the estate, to make title to said property to William C. Thomas, reserving to the Widow of said decedent her dower in land. Monday, 4 September 1837  
*(NOTE: Petition given on pages 30 and 31 of Probate Minutes Book. See Volume 13, Number 4, page 187.)*
- Page 51 Wm. H. E. Wheeler, Joseph G. Garrett and James H. Beard, appraisers of the estate of Joseph M. Cabaniss, deceased, filed an inventory of said estate. Saturday, 16 September 1837
- Page 51 Baylis W. Lewis and John Neeley, appraisers of the estate of John Griffin, deceased, file an inventory of said estate. 18 September 1837
- Page 52 On the application of Mary Evett, a guardian has been appointed by the County Court Judge for the benefit of the following named children of Joshua Thompson, deceased, agreeably to the choice of Mary Evitt:
1. Court appoints William Marton guardian for Louisa Thompson, minor under the age of 21, daughter of Joshua Thompson, deceased.
  2. Court appoints William Marton guardian for Ethaline(?) Thompson, minor daughter of Joshua Thompson, deceased.
  3. Court appoints William Marton guardian for William Thompson, minor son of Joshua Thompson, deceased.
  4. Court appoints William Marton guardian for Mary Thompson, daughter of Joshua Thompson, deceased.
- 25 September 1837
- Page 53. William W. Macfarland files the last will of James M. Macfarland, deceased. A. C. Beard and Jas. H. Beard, witnesses to will, make a sworn statement that they saw James M. Macfarland sign, seal and deliver the will on the date of the same with this exception: his three youngest sisters appears altered to his two youngest sisters, but the alterations made are believed to be made by James M. Macfarland, as the handwriting (to the best of their knowledge and belief) is that of Macfarland's. Jas. H. Beard also states that he saw A. C. Beard sign his name as the other witness, previous to the alterations.  
*(NOTE: See Orphan's Court Minutes Volume 14, Number 2, page 90 for the will.)*
- William W. Macfarland is granted Letters of Administration for the estate of James M. Macfarland, deceased. Bond for \$24,000. Securities: John Baker and Joseph G. Garrett. Tuesday, 26 September 1837
- Page 54 John O. Feemster, administrator of the estate of Eli R. Feemster, deceased, files an inventory of the sale of personal property of the estate and the amount of debts due the estate. The inventory is ordered filed and recorded. Monday, 2 October 1837
- Page 54 David Rickets, administrator of the estate of Adam Nichar(?), deceased, files an inventory of the appraisal and sales of the personal estate of said decedent. The inventory is ordered filed and recorded. Saturday, 21 October 1837

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- Page 54 Unicy D. Williams, administratrix of the estate of James Williams, deceased, files her inventory of the appraisement and sales of the personal estate. The inventory is ordered filed and recorded. Tuesday, 31 October 1837
- Page 54 John Starnes applies for and is granted Letters of Administration for the estate of William G. Campbell, deceased. Bond for \$1,200. Securities: William H. E. Wheeler and William Williams. Tuesday, 7 November 1837
- Page 55 Simeon Nichols and Isham R. Starnes are appointed appraisers of the estate of William G. Campbell, deceased.
- Page 55 John Starnes, administrator of the estate of William G. Campbell, deceased, is ordered to dispose of the personal estate of said estate by public sale.
- Page 55 Simeon Nichols and Isham R. Starnes, appraisers of the estate of William G. Campbell, deceased, file inventory of appraisement of the estate. The inventory is ordered filed. Friday, 1 December 1837
- Pages 55-56 Iaham Wright and Presley Woodall, commissioners to sell the real estate of Patrick Burke, deceased, report that they sold the following tracts to the following men:  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19 Township 5 Range 4E, for \$125, to Alfred Moore;  
NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19 Township 5 Range 4E, for \$150, to Jabez Perkins;  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19 Township 5 Range 4E, for \$115, to Alfred Moore;  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19 Township 5 Range 4E, for \$200, to Alfred Moore.  
Sold the 24th day of October past. The commissioners are ordered to make title to the named property. Filed and recorded.  
1837 Regular Term
- Pages 56-57 Court has received no objections to the petition made by James Dobbs compelling William Richie, administrator of the estate of Abner Vaughn, deceased, to make title to S part of NE part of fractional Section 6 Township north(?) Range 3E. Richie is ordered to make good and sufficient title and pay all costs of this procedure. Regular Term
- Page 57 John Starnes, administrator of the estate of William G. Campbell, deceased, files inventory of the sale of the personal estate of said decedent. Inventory ordered filed. Monday, 25 December 1837
- Page 57 John O. Feemster and William M. Griffin, executors of the estate of John Griffin, deceased, file an inventory of sales and debts of said estate. Inventory is ordered filed and recorded. Monday, 8 January 1838
- Page 57 John Starnes and Benjamin Roden, securities of Margaret Roden, administratrix of the estate of Jeremiah Roden, deceased, move the court for a citation for Margaret Roden to file her accounts and vouchers for final settlement on Saturday, 24 February. Citation is ordered. Saturday, 17 February 1838

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ORPHAN'S COURT  
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*This 276 page indexed book, located in the Marshall County Courthouse, Guntersville, Alabama, was abstracted by Yvonne Spence Perkins. The title indicates the time period covered is 1836-1837 but the book contains entries throught 1841. Book two is entitled "Probate Court 1838-1844". "Final Record 3" covers the years 1843-1847; "Final Record 3½", 1847-1850; "Final Record 4" 1850-1855 with the following years entitled "Final Record" and numbered consecutively.*

*There are references in the Probate Minutes to this series of court record books, and to complete the data, all the entries from the Orphan's Court will be run to coincide with the Probate Minutes. The first in this series was given in Volume 13, Number 3 (March, 1979).*

Pages 3-5 JOHN GRIFFIN'S WILL

John Griffin of Marshall County, Alabama, "bad health of body but sound mind".

To son: William M. Griffin, \$350.00;

To son: Washington W. Griffin, \$120.81;

To son-in-law: John O. Feemster, \$200.00;

To wife: Sarah Griffin, balance of estate during her natural life and four beds and furniture to be disposed of at her own discretion;

To son-in-law: John Wright, \$1.00;

To son-in-law: John Jamison, \$1.00;

To grandson: Daniel Wright, \$100.00;

To granddaughter: Nancy Law, \$15.00 (paid after the death of my wife);

At wife's death, the remainder of estate divided amongst my children, hereinafter named, to wit, Mary Lewis, Richard Griffin, James W. Griffin, Easther Martin, Sarah Martin, John T. Griffin, William M. Griffin, Washington W. Griffin, and Jane S. Feemster.

Executors appointed: Sarah Griffin, wife; William M. Griffin, son; John O. Feemster, son-in-law.

Dated: 15 July 1837

Signed: John Griffin

Witnesses: John T. (X) Smith, Ruthie K. Woolsey and James M. Smith

Acknowledged by witness, John T. Smith on 12 August 1837 before Louis Wyeth, Judge, Marshall County Court.

Acknowledged by witness, James M. Smith on 2 August 1837 before R. S. Randles, Clerk, C. C.

Filed: 22 August 1837

Recorded: "Book A, page (blank)"

Pages 6-7 JAMES MACFARLANE'S WILL

Macfarlane in "perfect good health" and "good mind".

Two single sisters: Caroline and Sarah shall receive and enjoy all my effects after my death. (NOTE: See entry of page 53 of Probate Minutes in Volume 14, Number 2 (December, 1979) on page 88.)

Executor: William W. Macfarlane, brother

Dated: 20 May 1833

Signed: Jas. M. Macfarlane

Witnesses: A. C. Beard and Jas. H. Beard

Acknowledged by James H. Beard before Richard S. Randles, Clerk, on 25 September 1837, with one exception: "his three youngest sisters which now appears to be altered to his two single sisters but further saith the alteration within said will he believes to have been done by James M. Macfarlane."

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## DEED BOOK "A"

### (Part Eleven)

*This series began in Volume 11, Number 4 (June, 1977) and will run until the entire book has been published. The first entry was dated July 15, 1820 and the final entry was recorded April 21, 1828. All instruments were acknowledged by M. C. Houston, Clerk of the County Court, unless otherwise noted. All parties are from Morgan County, Alabama unless otherwise stated. Abstracted by Yvonne Spence Perkins.*

- Page 294 Deed of Gift 23 February 1827  
John (X) Thurman, for and in consideration of the love and affection, and for \$1.00, sells to Julian Rachels, John J. Rachels Jr., and Thomas D. Rachels 1 spotted cow, 1 red brindled cow with filed horns, and 1 red heifer earling.  
Attest: J. W. Garth and John McClure  
Acknowledged before J. G. Calleway and James L. Smith, J. P.'s on 27 February 1827  
Recorded: 1 March 1827
- Pages 295-296. Deed of Conveyance 6 February 1827  
John McCarley Sr. sells to Robert McCarley Sr. for \$6,309 in three bonds (1st due 1 March 1828 for \$1,000; 2nd due 1 March 1830 for \$1,000; and 3rd due 1 March 1836 for \$4,309) the following:  
Malinda a woman about 27 years with children: Robert age 11, Rose age 7, Ferry age 3, Dick and child; Guy a woman about 21 years and children: Solett age 14, Buck age 2; Robin about 21 years; Jane about 11; Hannah about 27 years and children: Madison age 12, Esther age 9, Bill age 4, Jude age 6, Manuel age 4; Little Hannah and his brother 5 months; Cato about 27 years; Gill(?) 25; 4 beds and furniture; 14 head of cattle; 3 horses; 2 wagons; 1 yoke of oxen; farming utensils; furniture; and also Robert McCarley is to pay the judgements against John McCarley Sr. for \$1,000 in that E. P. Wallis, John Ware, Geo. W. Lemer(?), and John McCarley Jr. are securities.  
Test: John Mc (?), John McCarley Jr., and Robert Patton  
Acknowledged 1 March 1827  
Recorded: 5 March 1827
- Pages 296-297 Deed of Conveyance 7 February 1827  
Robert McCarley sells to John McCarley Sr. for \$1.00 all the same slaves and items mentioned in the preceding deed.  
Acknowledged 1 March 1827  
Recorded: 5 March 1827
- Page 298 Deed of Conveyance 15 April 1825  
Jabez G. Calleway buys from George Peek, Isaac Lane, Henry W. Rhodes, Mckinney Holdness, and Jesse W. Garth lots number 30 and 43 in the town of Decatur for \$76.  
Acknowledged 2 September 1826 before Jonathan Lane and James L. Smith, J. P.'s  
Recorded: 19 March 1827
- Pages 299-300 Deed of Conveyance 26 February 1827  
Joseph Smith sells, for \$550, to Jonathan Case and Jesse D. Noble (merchants of Case & Noble) all claims from the estates of Samuel Smith and Samuel Leroy (both of Bledsoe County, Tennessee).  
Acknowledged 26 February 1827  
Recorded: 20 March 1827

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- Pages 300-301 Deed of Conveyance 23 March 1827  
Wm. Campbell and wife, Margret (X) Campbell, sell, for \$1,000, to Matthew McClung (of Knox County, Tennessee) lots number 34 and 38 in the town of Somerville, Alabama.  
Acknowledged 23 March 1827, Margaret Campbell relinquishes her right of dower the same day.  
Recorded: 24 March 1827
- Pages 302-303 Deed of Trust 19 February 1827  
John Raley, debtor  
Larkin (X) Owen, creditor  
John (X) Stephenson, trustee  
John Raley owes Larkin Owen (*Deed was signed Owens.*) \$50 and to insure against loss Raley grants John Stephenson (*Also written Stephens.*) power to bargain and sell 1 bay mare and colt should Raley not pay the debt by 1 September 1828.  
Attest: Adam R. Stephenson and Hugh Stephenson  
Acknowledged 26 February before Jas. Furgasen and Joseph Smith, JP's  
Recorded: 24 March 1827
- Page 304 Bill of Sale 19 March 1827  
George W. Turner sells to Sarah B. Hopkins the following slaves and property: Clabourn about 25 years; Gencey about 14 years; Judy about 60 years; 1 bay horse named Jame; 1 bay horse named Rack; 1 sorrell horse named Jack; 1 black horse named Dick; 1 bay filly named Fancy; 1 bay mare named Virgin; 1 bay mare named Fanny; 15 head of cattle and yearlings; 40 head of hogs; 17 head of sheep; 10 barrels of corn; 1 wagon and gear; 1 side board; 4 bedsteads and bed furniture; 2 folding tables; 1 common table and all other household and kitchen furniture; & 1,500 pounds of bacon for \$1,500.  
Witnesses: John Ware and Trindal Aston  
Acknowledged 26 March 1827  
Recorded: 26 March 1827
- Pages 305-306 Deed of Trust 29 January 1827  
Thomas M. French, debtor  
White & Lynn, creditor  
Green P. Rice, trustee  
Thomas M. French owes White & Lynn \$325.48 on a bond bearing the date of 30 January 1827. Green P. Rice holds, in trust for payment, the E½ of NE¼ of Section 9 Township 5 Range 4(?) W (containing 80 acres) and 7,000 pounds of leaf tobacco, which he may sell if debt is not paid by 1 January 1828.  
Witnesses: Herby Dillahunty, J. M. Pearsell and Wm. Gregg  
Acknowledged 27 February 1827  
Recorded: 27 March 1827
- Pages 307-308 Deed of Conveyance 13 May 1825  
Clabourn A. Freeman and his wife, Sarah (X) Freeman, of Madison County, Alabama, sell to Robert Matthews of Morgan County, for \$1,000, SW¼ of Section 33 Township 5 Range 4W (containing 160 and 34/100 acres), patented to Freeman on 1 May 1824 by the president of the United States.  
Witness: Wm. Brandon  
Acknowledged 13 May 1825 before Thomas Brandon, Clerk of County Court of Morgan County, Alabama, Sarah Freeman relinquishes her right of dower on the same day.  
Recorded: 28 March 1827

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- Pages 308-309 Deed of Conveyance 24 January 1827  
Robert Matthews and his wife, Jane Matthews, of Morgan County, Alabama, sell to John Lindsay (agent for Trianna Company), for \$960, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33 Township 5 Range 4W in Morgan County (containing 160 and 34/100 acres), patented to Clabourn A. Freeman on 1 May 1824.  
Witness: W. J. Adair  
Acknowledged 26 February 1827, Jane Matthews relinquishes her right of dower on the same day.  
Recorded: 28 March (*No year given*)
- Pages 310-311 Security Bond 26 February 1827  
Jonathan L. Owens is elected Assessor and Tax Collector of Morgan County, Alabama, for the year 1827. A penal sum of \$5,000 is guaranteed to John Murphy, Governor of Alabama, by Jonathan L. Owens, John M. K. A. Wallis, Wm. Campbell, and Wm. Burriss. Approved by S. Heard, Judge, MCCC  
Recorded: 2 April 1827
- Pages 311-312 Deed of Conveyance 26 January 1827  
George Peek, Isaac Lane, Henry W. Rhodes, and Jesse W. Garth, trustees of the town of Decatur, Alabama, sell to Francis Dancy, for \$73, lots number 97 and 99 in Decatur.  
Witnesses: Jesse White, C. W. Darwin and William Mosely  
Acknowledged 17 March 1827 before Stephen Heard, Judge of Morgan County Court  
Recorded: 3 April 1827  
(*NOTE: The deed was signed by Lane, Rhodes, Garth, and McKinney Holdermess. George Peek did not sign the deed.*)
- Pages 312-314 Deed of Trust 13 December 1826  
John Alexander, debtor  
Davis C. Know, creditor  
Adam R. Stephenson, trustee  
John Alexander receives from Davis C. Know \$40 and to insure payment, Adam R. Stephenson holds in trust the following: 1 four wheeled wagon; 3 oxen; 1 loom; 3 beds and furniture; 2 pots; and 1 oven until 25 December 1827 at which time debt is to be paid or items may be sold.  
Witnesses: John Monarco and James Barleu  
Acknowledged 6 January 1827 before Joseph Smith and Jn. C. Hawkins, J. P.'s  
Recorded: 3 April 1827
- Pages 314-316 Deed of Conveyance 19 February 1827  
Thomas D. Crabb and his wife, Mary Crabb, sell to Alexander Boteler (Senior at the time of the making of the indenture), for \$10,000, all the middle part of fractional (south) Section 6 Township 6 Range 2W (containing 110 and 4/100 acres), patented from the United States General Land Office to Thomas D. Crabb on 25 July 1825.  
Acknowledged 19 February 1827, Mary Crabb relinquishes her right of dower on the same day.  
Recorded: 4 April 1827  
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## Bible Record

### JONES BIBLE

*This Bible is published through the courtesy of Mrs. Preston Payne, Cullman, Alabama. The handwriting indicates that the Births were written by two or more persons.*

The Holy Bible/Containing the/Old And New Testaments/Translated out of/The Original Tongues...Philadelphia...American And Foreign Bible Society/By the/Bible Association of Friends in America/1850

Mrs. Ann Jones Bible Nov 14th, 1852 Harpersville, Ala.

### MARRIAGES

J. W. Jones was married to Ann McLeod April 18th 1852

### BIRTHS

Theophilus McLeod Jones was borne July 20th 1859

John Thomas (*Jones*) was borne Sept 24th 1867

Laura Texas Jones was born Sept 1st 1869

Julia Jones was born July 22, 18(?)?)

Sarah Adeline Jones was borne 9th April 1853

Mary Magdalean Jones was born August 15th(?) 1854

Nancy Roborta Jones was borne 9th January 1857

Dixsey Jones was born 29th June(?) 1861

Ann Jones born Dect 10th 1863

Lou Elar Jones was born Dect 5th 1865

### DEATHS

J. W. Jones Died 25 Oct 1870  
(*Cemetery and newspaper accounts indicate that he died in 1873.*)

Ann Jones died July 6, 1901

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# Book Reviews



ROBERT A. B. McCARTER IN NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS AND ALLIED FAMILIES by Herbert H. McCarter. 6 X 9, green hard bound, 224 pages including index. Order from: Chaparrel Gen. Soc. Library, P. O. Box 606, Tomball, TX 77375. Price not given.

Robert A. B. McCarter, son of James, was born 1812 in Abbeville District, SC, and died 1875 in Navarro County, TX, after having lived in Sumter and Greene Counties, AL. There is a chapter of the book devoted to each of the nine children of Robert and their descendants. Pictures are generously scattered throughout the book and add much to the interest and value.

A genealogical outline is provided for Elbert Corbin, Jessie Weaver, William Walter McCarter, Hugh Meador, and William Henry Anderson as well as some land transactions, wills and a church history.

Mr. McCarter searched many records, especially in Navarro County, but a lot of the information he uses came to him orally or in written form. He admits his short-comings as a journalist but has compiled a warm and interesting family history.

OLD LAND RECORDS OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA by Margaret Matthews Cowart, 7801 Tea Garden Rd., Huntsville, AL 35802. 8½ X 11, yellow soft cover, 287 pages including index. Price: \$18.00.

Mrs. Cowart has done an excellent job of researching and presenting in an index form the old land records of Madison County, AL. Her foreword is especially valuable in understanding the book and the depth of her research. It gives a short history of the selling of lands in Madison County, and should be read thoroughly to understand the data in the book.

The format of this book highlights the differences between the Madison County copy of the Government Tract Book and the Secretary of State's copy, which should have been identical but, in fact, had more than 2,000 differences. She transcribed exactly what she found in each copy. Following the land tract records is information from the Receiver's Ledgers A. B. C. (1809-1918), Sale of Public Lands, Credit Systems, Huntsville (Nashville) Land Office which gives the place of residence of the men buying the land.

The book also includes a description of the tract, the area, to whom U. S. Title was sold or granted, date, number of certificate or warrent, and date of military act for each person receiving land. The many maps and index make this an excellent book for the researcher.

KEITH KINFOLKS by Larry King, 100 Longview Dr., Hendersonville, TN 37075. 7 X 10, green hard bound, 363 pages including index. Price: \$25.00.

This book is about the descendants of James Keith, Sr. (1720-1979), who was born in North England and brought to Virginia as an infant. His brothers were thought to be Jessie, Gabriel and Reuben with sons Samuel, William, John Reuben, James, and Joshua.

Extensive research went into the preparation of this book with 16,500 name entries in the index. The book records all essential facts on descendants and the spouse of those married to form 2,715 descendant family biographies arranged by generation and, in as far as possible, birthdates in the generation. Also included are 182 pictures selected for their value and interest.

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*KEITH KINFOLKS (-continued-)*

Mr. King gives the sources and methods used to gather information, format, abbreviations and symbols, hints for the use of the book, and a general history of the Keiths at the beginning of the book for a helpful and interesting book. He plans other Keith Family histories and is anxious to hear from interested Keiths and Keith descendants.

LAWRENCE COUNTY, TENNESSEE MARRIAGE RECORDS 1818-1923 by Mrs. Claude A. Carter, 221 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464. 8½ X 11, yellow soft cover, 285 pages including index. Price: \$15.00.

This very complete book is valuable to anyone doing research in Lawrence County, TN. The marriage records, 1818-1838, are copied from the original Bonds and Licenses found in file cabinets in the County Clerk's office. The marriages, 1838-1923, are recorded from the marriage books found in the office of the County Court Clerk. Information included gives the names of the bride and groom, the date of marriage (or date of marriage bond, if there was no return), and the name of the officiant. Additional information is given when it was listed in the records, such as name of parents or where the persons were born. The marriages are listed alphabetically by the grooms surname with a bride surname index at the back of the book.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES ALLEN KENNAMER AND MATILDA (MAPLES) KENNAMER by Alice Ruth Page, Woodville, AL 35776. 8½ X 11, soft bound, 256 pages including index. Price: \$10.00

The purpose of this book is to complement and update a portion of an earlier Kennamer family record published in 1954. Mrs. Page briefly reviews the Kennamer family history from Staffa and Jacob Kenama (Kennemer) and their descendants from 1732 in Pennsylvania and later thru North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, and Texas. Her detailed accounts with James Allen Kennamer, 1829 TN-1904 TX, and wife Matilda Maples, 1842 AL-1907 TX. They lived for many years near Woodville, AL, where their twelve children were born.

There is an introduction for the Maples Family and the Kennamer Family with a chapter for each of the twelve children of James Allen and Matilda (Maples) Kennamer and their descendants. Numerous old letters, personal interviews, family records, and pictures make the book interesting reading. Mrs. Page has compiled a book which is easy to follow as well as valuable.

## Book Review Editor - Doris Russell

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The heritage of the past is the seed that brings  
forth the harvest of the future.

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# Queries

- #565 ANDREWS, PATTERSON, ARTHUR, ROBERSON: Would like info about Polly (Mary Jane) Andrews b 1803 m 1st ? Patterson. Ch: Katherine b 1824 m Tommy Johnson; Louisanna b 1826 m Hamilton F. Arthur (b 1820 SC?) who came to Giles Co., TN early 1840's with 2 bros Henry Draden & William D. who d Giles Co., in 1849 & maybe James M.. In 1847 came to Limestone Co., AL. Who were Hamilton's par? Polly m 2nd Richard G. Roberson in 1834, Limestone Co., AL.
- LOVE, EXUM, DAVID, McKINNEY, LYNES, McGAUGHEY: Who are par of William Love b 1774 Southampton Co., VA? m 2nd Lavina Exum (d/o Robert & Rebecca Wellons Exum); came to Limestone Co., AL 1818 & d there age 82. Known ch: Nancy M. m Watsow David; Mary m Alexander McKinney; Martha m George T. Lynes; & Robert C. Also probably Henry T. & Lucy Ann m Anderson McGaughey.  
Mrs. Estha Cole, Rt. 1, Loretto, TN 38469
- #566 SPURLOCK, DENNARD: Is John Spurlock shown on 1860 census Eufaula, Barbour Co., AL, as 104 yr. old Rev. soldier b 1756 NC the father of Sarah Spurlock m Kennedy Dennard in Twiggs Co., GA? They lived in Stewart Co., GA. Also on 1860 census Solomon Spurlock 65 b GA (an overseerer); Mariah 47 (f) b SC; Calvin 15 b AL.  
Mrs. Mary Fran Moore, 2313 W. 33rd., Panama City, FL 32405
- #567 BRYANT, ALEXANDER, WEBB, SHOMBLIN, SELF: Who were par, bro, sis of Randolph Bryant b 1781 Amherst, VA, reared in Adair Co., KY m Polly Alexander when/where? He was Baptist preacher Jackson Co., AL 1822/56 d 1856 Jackson Co., AL. Ch: Margaret b 1814 m Josiah Webb; Juda b 1816 m Aaron Shomblin; John b 1818 m Arena Webb; Labon b 1821 Lincoln Co., TN m Nancy Self (d/o Adam Moore Self & grda/o Melchezedec Self veteran of 1812 War who applied for bounty land in Jackson Co., AL. Listed in 1830/40 census of that co)  
Lorraine Baxter, 2937 N. W. 11th, Oklahoma City, OK 73107
- #568 ERWIN: Need info on Millie Erwin d 1925 bur Paint Rock, AL. Also husb Wylie Erwin. They came from Attalla, AL.  
Freda Erwin Brandon, Rt. 3, Antlers, OK 74523
- \$569 VAUGHN/VAUGHAN, TENNY/TINNY, BROOKS, DEAN: Samuel Vaughn b ca 1827 to Austin M. Vaughn & ? , Scottsboro, AL. Samuel m 1st ca 1850/51 Susan Jane "Susy" Tenny (d/o Griffin Tenny). Ch: Griffith b 1852 m Holly E. Womack; Martha b 1853; Austin McClelahan b 11 Jun 1855 m Nancy Ann Dean; William b ca 1859; & Rebecca J. b 1862. Susan d during Civil War & in 1865 Samuel m 2nd Mrs. Nancy Ann Brooks who had 2 daus: Johnnie & Lucy. Samuel & Nancy had a son, Samuel Postom b 1869. The family is said to have been bur in Centerpoint Ceme. Samuel's father, Austin M. b ca 1805 TN d Apr 1850 Bellefonte, Jackson Co., AL. His grfather may have been James Vaughn from Munster, Ireland.
- WALLACE/WALLIS, SMITH: Green Berry Wallace b ca 1801 TN m Sarah D. Smith 8 Dec 1825, Lawrence Co., AL. Ch: (b AL) Buford A., Edward S., Andrew S., Sarah J, Susannah L, John Green, & Francis C. To Cherokee Co., TX by 1850 along with 2 nephews?: Campbell & Joseph M. Also coming to TX ca the same time were a family whose head was Joel H. Wallace from Morgan Co., AL who also settled in Cherokee Co. Need connection in these families.  
Mrs. Sue Vaughn Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 281, Jacksonville, TX 75766



Queries Editor: Mrs. S. Drake Ellis

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- #570 HAMILTON, REA, ALSBROOKS, PHILLIPS, KING: Need info on Reece Hamilton from SC b ca 1799 m Margret Hamilton (no relation). In 1820 Franklin Co., AL census. Ch: Charles M.; Elizabeth; Anderson G.; Wesley B.; Mary; & Edmond Little m Mary Ann Rea. Need name of her par. After Edmond d she m 2nd John McLemore. Edmond's son, Hardy m Margrett Alsbrooks. Need info on her mother, Sarah Phillips King & her grparents Blount & Susan Alsbrooks.  
Mrs. Clinton W. Turner, 1843 Judy Cir. SE, Marietta, GA 30060
- #571 McWHORTER/McWHIRTER, TATUM, SMITH: Who were par, bro, sis of Moses McWhorter m Elizabeth Tatum 16 Jul 1823 Greene Co., AL. He d ca 1827 near Moulton, AL. They had 1 son James M. McWhorter/McWhirter b 13 Nov 1824 d 28 Nov 1897 Pontotoc Co., MS. Elizabeth m 2nd Eli R. Smith. Mode S. McWhirter, 1625 Wells Dr., Columbus, GA 31906
- #572 VERNER: Need info on Harvey B. Verner b 1820 AL. May have been an Indian.  
Mrs. Judy Worthington, 9608 N. E. Hazel Dell Ave., VanCouver, WA 98665
- #573 CROWELL, SHERRIN/SHEAREN, SIDES, STUART: Desire full names & b dates & places of George Crowell family. He was b 1747 PA, co. unknown. Moved to Mecklenberg Co., NC when small, d 1837 Stanly Co., NC m Jemima Sherrin/Shearen. Son William b ca 1777, where? m Rebecca ? & had following ch: (where?) James; William; Green b ca 1800 m Emma ?; David E. b ca 1805 NC m Elizabeth ?; Harris b 1811 NC d 1900 TX m Mary "Polly" Sides; Colson b 1819 m Lucinda Stuart. Elizabeth, Green, David E, Harris & Colson migrated to Franklin Co., AL ca 1844.
- COOK, MALONE, BOX, McANELLY, WINGO: Need names, b dates & places of par & siblings of Polly Cook b 1801 possibly NC or TN d 1842 in Franklin Co., AL, m James Malone b 1797 NC d 1879 Franklin Co., AL. Both bur on their farm near Frankfort, AL. Known bro & sis of Polly: John Jr b ca 1813 TN; David; Joseph; William b ca 1818 TN; Thomas b ca 1822 TN; Nancy Box; Elizabeth McAnelly; a sis ? who m ? Wingo.
- MALONE, BLACKWELL, POMFRET: Need info on John Malone m 25 Jul 1786 Granville Co., NC, Anne Blackwell b 1747 NC (d/o John & Frances Pomfret Blackwell Sr.). Ch: (all b NC) Pumphret b 1787; Amey Hester b 1789; John b ca 1792; Daniel b ca 1794; James b 1797; Judah b ca 1799; William b ca 1803; & Weltha b ca 1805. James Malone purchased land in 1818 in Franklin Co., AL. Need to know if Judah & Weltha married.  
Mrs. Darse Malone Fant, Rt. 2, Box 72A1, Sycamore, IL 60178
- #574 CAGLE, LIGHT, KELLEY, SAYLER, BARNARD, CLICKLIN: Need info on fam & desc of Franklin H. Cagle b 4 Feb 1833 NC m Elizabeth Light in Marshall Co., AL 11 Sep 1856. Ch: Martha J. m Jeff O. Kelley 24 Oct 1885; Mary "Mollie" A. m John R. Sayler 29 Sep 1878; Margaret E. m Henry P. Barnard 7 Dec 1883; Sarah M. m Jacob G. Clicklin 10 Dec 1885. All m in Marshall Co., AL. Need info on Frank Cagle's par (of Marshall Co., AL) George & Milly Cagle, both b & m NC, ch: Henry H., George W., John H., Tempet(f), Bird, William Hodge, Linsey C., Mary, & James.  
M. Luther Burchinal, 1808 Idalou Ave., Modesto, CA 95350
- #575 HILL, ALSUP, ROBERTSON, HUDDLESTON: Seek par of Polly (or Mary) Hill of Madison Co., AL m 27 Feb 1818 Asaph "Ace" Alsup of Wilson Co., TN. Lived the remainder of their lives in Wilson Co. Family info is that she was related to Conf. Lt. Gen. Ambrose Powell Hill. Polly & Asaph might also be cousins. Ch: Becky m John Robertson; John; Susan Clark m D. Nelson Alsup; Joe; Chunk; Mourning; Pink m Shelt Robertson; Bill m ? Owens; Dr. Gideon; Sam T. m Virginia Huddleston; & Lige.  
Mrs. W. C. Thetford, 3725 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75205

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- #576 NOBLE/NOBLES, LARUE: Would like to contact desc of Mark & Sarah Noble. Moved from SC to AL btw 1835/40/ Ch: Yancy; Thomas; Elizabeth; Nancy; Reuben; Susan; James; Sarah; & Millie who m Abram Larue Sep 1845 in Marshall Co., AL. Any help appreciated.  
Mrs. W. C. LaRue Jr., Box 95, Bassett, AR 72313
- #577 MATHIS: James Mathis was in Limestone Co., AL by Jul 1833. Formerly of Wilkes Co., GA. S/o William & Winifred ? Mathis. William d 6 Mar 1820 Wilkes Co., GA. When did Winifred d? Who did James m & where did he d? Appreciate any help from Limestone Co., AL.
- RINGO, MORRIS, POE, COTTON: Did John & Mary (Mathis) Ringo come to Madison Co., AL with ch? Four m there: Polly (Mary) m William E. Cotton 14 Oct 1814; William m Priscilla Morris 27 Feb 1815; Nancy m Stephen Poe 19 Aug 1815; Robert M. m Mary Morris 13 Oct 1817. Who were par of Morris girls? Were they sis & d/o John & Nancy Morris? John Morris in Madison Co., AL by 1810 tax list. Was there an estate settlement of John Morris after May 1860 naming Priscilla & Mary (Morris) Ringo as daus? Who were the par of William E. Cotton & Stephen Poe? William & bro Nathaniel Ringo pd taxes in Madison Co., AL 1815. Nathaniel m Patsey Dill, Oglethorpe Co., GA 18 Dec 1810. Any help appreciated.  
Mrs. G. W. Henson, 213 Oakdale St., Pasadena, TX 77506
- #578 HOOD, REID, HOUSTON: Need info on William A. Hood & wf Mary Ann Reid who lived in Jackson Co., AL census 1850/60/70/80. Also James C. & Martha A. Houston on 1850 census of DeKalb Co., AL & 1870 Jackson Co., AL. Kathleen Grams Gibbs, 19227 Dike, Glendora, CA 91740
- #579 BARNER: Need par of John Barner b 1867. Through KY to TX.
- CHAUDOIN/SHADOWYN. PURVLS: Need par of Henry Chaudoin/Shadowyn b Green Co., KY, in 1850 census Caldwell Co., KY, m Nancy Purvis.
- NICHOLAS, WHITE: Need par of both William M. Nicholas & wf Mary E. White b 1816 in TN or KY.
- NUCKOLS: Need par of Pouncy Nuckols b SC lived Barren Co., KY 1840.
- POUNCEY: Need par & ch of Anthony Pouncey in PeeDee area of SC, also in NC & VA.
- SPARKMAN: Need par & ch of William Sparkman b NC 1793? d where? Through TN to KY in 1840 census Caldwell Co., KY, father of 4/6 boys, no girls. One son named Hugh Mitchell.
- VANDERGRIFF: James Vandergriff in 1850 census Cannon Co., TN. Who were par?  
Willo Sparkman Ellison, 1219 West Texas, San Juan, TX 78589
- #580 STEWART: Would like to hear from desc of William Stewart who d ca 1816 Franklin Co., TN & Ann Stewart who lived in Jackson Co., AL 1830.
- STARNES: Need desc of Peter A. Starnes of Jackson & Marshall Cos., AL. Mrs. Rita Hulsey, 1519 N. 39th St., Ft. Smith, AR 72904
- #581 BIRD/BYRD, COLEMAN: Need par of Eli Bird/Byrd b NC 1805 m Eliza Coleman, moved from KY to Jackson Co., AL 1829/30. In 1830 census Jackson Co. It is said that Eli's par were killed by Indians when he was young & he was reared by an old Indian woman. Five other Bird/Byrd families in 1830 Jackson Co. census maybe be relatives: Nathaniel, Shadrick, Patrick, Abram & William.  
Alvin R. Byrd, 3901 Glen Bluff Road, Louisville, KY 4022

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- #582 JONES, CLOER: Need Orphan Court records (Lauderdale Co. 1817/31 to verify name of deceased father & guardian of Jones minors: Berry Wenton b 1812 Overton Co., TN; James Willis b 1813 TN; Louis Carl b 1815 TN; & William Prosser b Dec 1817 AL Terr. Boys & mother Mrs. Margaret Jones (1790 NC-1885MO), possibly with Jacob Cloer near Rogersville. (See Lauderdale Co. 1830 census pg 6 - 2 males b 1760-70.) By Jul 1831 Berry Wenton Jones (my gg gfather) & Jacob Cloer were in Ray Co., MO near junction of Grand & Missouri Rivers.
- HARVEY, CLOER, McKINNEY, EPPLER, MEARS, GARLAND, BRYANT: Other families from Lauderdale Co., AL to DeWitt Co., MO (became Carroll Co. 1833) ca 1831 were : Ebener/Elmore (or R. Benson) Harvey & wf Sarah Cloer; George & Margaret (Eppler) McKinney; Griffin & Amy (Garland) Mears, & Rial Bryant. Have info on desc & will exchange.  
Mrs. Vinita J. Lebedeff, 14073 Collingham Dr., Detroit, MI 48205
- #583 HARRISON: Need info on Earl Barnes Harrison who was killed 1893 Ouachita Parish, Calhoun, LA, by a Mr. ? Bell, working on a RR at the time. Came from MS with son Robert Barnes Harrison.  
Dianna Ruff, Rt. 1 Box 376, El Dorado, AR 71730
- #584 MATLOCK, WALKER: Need mar record of John Milton Matlock & Martha Lamira Walker ca 1840 in MS. Their 1st son, James P. M. Matlock b ca 1841 MS; also son Jason Lafayette b Mar 1843. Next ch b Parker Co., TX.  
Adair Cawyer Funderburk, 1205 Ave. G, Brownwood, TX 76801

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