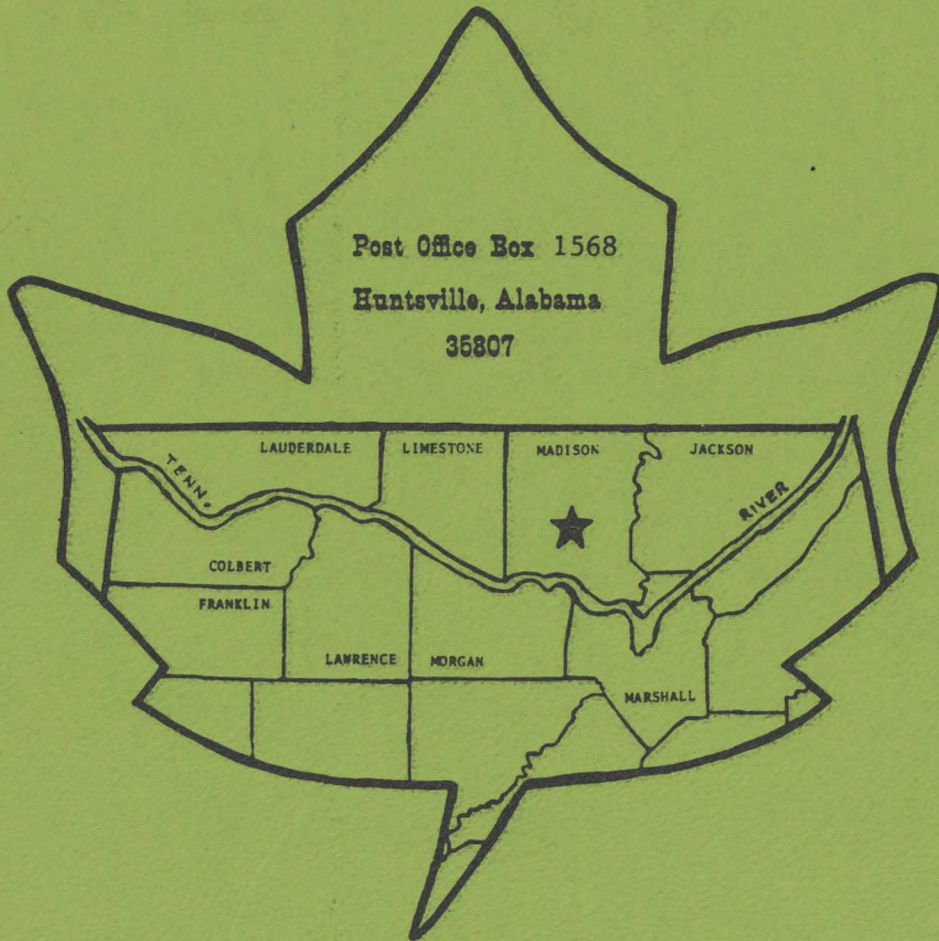


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Beginning with this issue, Valley Leaves will increase in size from 50 pages (including the Queries) to 50 pages plus the Queries, for an overall increase of from two to six pages per issue. Colbert and Franklin Counties will also have separate chapters with several pages devoted to each.

Another First for Valley Leaves is the addition of a chapter entitled, "Introduction to Genealogy." This new section will be devoted entirely to problems facing the beginner. It will be geared to research in the nine counties of Alabama covered by this quarterly and will be written by professionals in the field. Subjects will include citing your sources, where to look for what information, how to properly fill out a Family Group Sheet, how to write letters asking for information, how to trace back another generation, and many, many more helpful hints. If there is something in particular you would like explained please write to the editor and clearly outline your problem or stumbling block, or just tell us what you would like to know more about as long as it pertains to research in the nine northern-most counties of Alabama. If there is sufficient response we might even have a question and answer section.

Dene Walls and Sue Marine have carefully copied all the cemeteries in the eastern half of Morgan County for publication and their book is presently being bound. For more information write to Dene Walls, Route 4, Box 408, Hartselle, Alabama 35640. Their second volume will cover the west half of Morgan County. We feel that many of our members will be glad to hear of this tremendous undertaking and will wish to purchase a copy of this excellent research tool.

Another bit of good news comes out of Tennessee. Helen and Tim Marsh have published the 1850 Tennessee Mortality Schedule and it, too, is at the bindery. For more information on this welcome addition to good Tennessee publications write to Marsh Historical Publications, 912 Shelbyview Dr., Shelbyville, Tennessee 37160.

Margaret Cowart has begun research on the fourth volume in her Old Land Records series. This one will cover Limestone County and we are sure it will have the same excellent quality of research as her Jackson County, Madison County, and Morgan County books have had.

We wish to make one small correction in Issues No. 3 and 4 of Volume 16. The Langston Cemetery location in Jackson County was given as being in the SE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 2-7-5E thanks to an erroneously marked state map. The cemetery is actually in the SE/4 of the SW/4 of Sec. 2-6-5E.

We are pleased to announce that the Alabama State Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Alabama has a new Director. He is Dr. Edwin C. Bridges and has come to us from the Georgia Archives where he was Assistant Director. Dr. Bridges replaces Milo Howard who died last year. It is our understanding that Dr. Bridges has already begun making long needed innovations and we feel those of us researching in the Archives will greatly benefit from his experience and dedication.

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I wish to extend my thanks and gratitude to the past officers for the countless hours they have contributed to make this Society one of the best in the nation. I look forward to serving as President of this Society and to working with the new officers.

Bill
Bill Page, President



North Alabama



DECATUR COUNTY

The exact location of the Decatur/Jackson County line remains elusive but it was in trying to locate it that negative photostats of the township plats of the Decatur County area were ordered. The public surveys of this land were conducted in 1822 and 1823 but annotations as late as 1888 are included. Located and secured by Catherine Gilliam, this information was transcribed by Dorothy S. Johnson and Margaret M. Cowart. This series began in Valley Leaves Volume 16, Number 1, September 1981.

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$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ J. McCartney
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ B. Cobb
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Glover
 $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ B. Cobb
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ J. C. Grayson
 $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ R. Wright
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ G. Eason

Section 11

$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. N. Autrey
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ B. Patterson
 $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ R. W. Anderson
 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ J. Allison
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ W. C. Maples
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ F. Flippen
 $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ F. Flippen
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ J. McCartney

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$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ E. E. Douglass
 $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ Offie Branum
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ Arthur G? Esslinger
 $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ H. L. Nichells?
 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ D. Leadbetter
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ J. Barclay
 $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ J. C. Grason
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Maples

Section 13

$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ J. McCartney
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ T. H. Woodall
 $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ E. Maples
 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ E. Maples
 $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ T. H. Woodall
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ E. Maples

$SE\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ W. B. Lusk
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

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 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ G. R. Wharton
 $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ F? L. Hammons
 $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ J. Harless
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ W. H. Moore
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ W. T. Whitman
 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ J. Thomas
 $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ J. Brandon
 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ B. Colborn
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ A. B. Lacy
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 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ E. W. Riddles
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ C. Connelly
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ T. L. Moon
 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ W. W. Glover
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Moon
 $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ J. M. Sutton
 $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ S. Wall
 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ T. L. Moon
 $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ J. Glover
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ A. B. Baker
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ J. Patterson
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ N. Moon

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Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ C. C. Clark
 $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ W. G. Jenkins
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Nelson
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ J. Moon
 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ R. J. Wright
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ G. Pastrice ?
 $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. & D. F. Lewis
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ C. C. Clark
 $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Nelson
 $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ A. L. Craft

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Section 17

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Wright
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Nelson
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. McGaha
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. W. Childress
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Jane Nelson
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. L. Wright
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. W. Childress
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. L. Craft
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Copeland
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Wright, Jr.
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jno. Wright

Section 18

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. C. Humphris
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Mahan
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Nelson
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Nelson
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Flemming
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Furguson
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. J. Woods
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Medlin
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Clark
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Cobb
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Grason
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Grayson
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. J. Wright

Section 19

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Cobb
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Cobb
 pt of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Cobb
 pt of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Edwards &
 H. & I. Van
 pt of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Nancy Cobb
 pt of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Edwards, &
 H. & I. Van
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Edwards, H. & I. Van
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Green
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. D. Liniar
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. W. Glover
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Vann
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Nancy Cobb
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 20

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Turner
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. L. Craft
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Scruggs
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Craft
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. McGaha
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Lanier
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. J. Wright
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. R. Craft
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Haygood
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. E. Hunt
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. H. Hughes
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. M. Craft
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. L. Craft

Section 21

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. C. Brannum
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Williams
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Miller
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. L. Moon
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Cobb
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. M. Poore
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Hughes
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Bullman
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Poore
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Hughes
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 22

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Baker
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ I? W. Sullivan
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. R. Wharton
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. Honea
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. L. Moon
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. Honea
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. S? Spraggins
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. L. Moon, Sr.
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Glover
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. H. Midlin
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. D. L. F. Lewis

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 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Sullivan
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. R. Whorton
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Baker
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Harrison
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Manning
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Lee (or Les?) Vann
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Smith

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Decatur County (continued)

Township 5, Range 2 East

Section 24

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Tindell
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Leadbetter
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Leadbetter
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Moon
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Patterson
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Smith
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. S. Leadbetter
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. J. Moon
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Leadbetter
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. M. Buford
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Smith
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. J. Moon
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. B. Milam

Section 25

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Benj. Patteson
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. H. Smith
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. J. Criner
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Harless
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Harless
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. G. Holmes
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ J. G. Holmes

Section 26

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. M. Sutton
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. L. Moon
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. H. Woody
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Allison
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. L. Drake
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Drake
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. J. Griffin
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Allen Carpenter
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Edward Ikard
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Allen Carpenter
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. L. Drake
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. C. Drake

Section 27

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Drake
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. L. Moon
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. C. Drake
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Drake
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Drake
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. C. Carpenter
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Carpenter

Section 28

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Beshears
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jas. Wiley
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Glover
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. E. Hunt

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Wiley
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Hanna
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Glover
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. C. Carpenter
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. D. Worley
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Reed
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Riche
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. S. Hunt

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NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Thompson
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. T. Craft
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 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Joseph Craig
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. W. Drake
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 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Cobb
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. E. Craft
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 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. F. Hunt
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 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Cobb
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. R. Jinkins
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Cobb
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Esslinger

Section 30

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Green
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. F. Glover
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. M. Nabours
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Cobb
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. Green
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. A. Vann
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Vann
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. A. & H. F. Hornbuckle
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Lanier
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Cobb
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Vann
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. C. Roberts

Section 31

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Lemley
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Vann
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. McGaha
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Lanier
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. N. Roberts
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. M. Schrimshire
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. N. Roberts
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Green
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Hanna
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. B. Fabor (Tabor?)
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Donald
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. B. W. Smith

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Decatur County (continued)

Township 5, Range 2 East

Section 32

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Edge
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ F. M. Williams
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Cobb
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Hunt
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Wiley
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Hanna
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. H. Scruggs
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Radford
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Hunt
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Vann
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Hunt
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. J. McMillan
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. H. Scruggs
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ L. McDuff

Section 33

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. (or P?) Smithers
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ I (or J?) Jacobs
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ P. Smithers
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ C. D. Worley
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Lanier
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. J. Worley
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Cobb
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Hanna
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ I. (or J?) Jacobs
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Vann
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. C. Childress
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. T. Hunt
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ N. C. Worley

Section 34

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Vann
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. M. Roor
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ F. Carpenter
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ McElroy (only)
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Vann
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Gravett
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ I. D. Wann
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ N. C. Worley

Section 35

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Edward Ikard
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Hill
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ L. E. Wann
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Russell
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. R. Vann
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Seers (?)
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Terry
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Moore
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. B. Miland
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Harrison

Section 36

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Cook
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ I. Collier
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. & A. Harrison
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Stamer
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Collier
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Echols, Jr.
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Samuel Cruse

Surveyors District, Northern Part A.
 Township 6, Range 2 East. Surveyed in
 the 4th quarter of 1822 by Benjamin Cle-
 ments, Deputy Surveyor and signed by
 John Coffee, Surveyor.

Section 1

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Harlis
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Woody
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Newton
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jno. Harlis
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. W. Woodde
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. M. Gibson
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. G. Holmes
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Cruse
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. W. Vann

Section 2

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Harliss
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. G. Jordan
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Jordan
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Robert Owen
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Robert Owen
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Russell

Section 3

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. L. Jordan
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Vann, Jr.
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Vann
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ L. E. Carperon
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Vann
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. D. Wann
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. C. Lidbetter
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. G. Jordan
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Vann, Jr., Asse
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Vann
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Leadbetter
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Vann, Jr., Asse

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Colbert

1921 CONFEDERATE CENSUS

Most of us are familiar with the Alabama 1907 Confederate Census but few are aware of the one taken in 1921. The Alabama Legislature passed an Act requiring that a permanent roll of Civil War pensioners be prepared and kept by the Pension Commission in 1921. Questionnaires were prepared and sent to all pensioners, both veterans and widows of veterans. These original, completed questionnaires are now housed in the Military Branch of the Alabama State Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Alabama. They not only give a brief military history of the veteran but they also give personal information such as when and where married and the age of the wife if she is still living. Unfortunately, they did not ask the name of the wife but did ask for a list of living children, their addresses, and occupations. Copied, abstracted, and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

LEVI C. FOWLER
600 Austin Ave.
Sheffield, Ala.

Levi C. Fowler entered service in April, 1861 at Florence, Ala., as a private in Company "H" in the 4th Alabama Regiment of Infantry under Capt. McFarland and Col. Jones. He served four years and was in the battles of Seven Pines, Gaines Farm, Second Battle of Manassas, Sharpsburg, and Gettysburg but was never wounded or captured. He left service when paroled at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865.

Mr. Fowler was born August 30, 1841 in Lauderdale County, Ala., and is a registered voter in the Sheffield Precinct. He was married January 17, 1867 in Lauderdale County and his wife is 77 years old. She was born in Lauderdale County. Mr. Fowler is a farmer by occupation and is now residing with some of his children. His living children and their addresses and occupations are:

Mrs. J. M. Paulk, Verona, Miss. - housekeeping
Mrs. H. Marks, Sheffield, Ala. - housekeeping
J. W. Fowler, Nines, Ala. - farmer
Levi C. Fowler, Tupelo, Miss. - mechanic
Elbert B. Fowler, Sheffield, Ala. - photographer

Mr. Fowler stated he had received his pension regularly since being placed on the roll in Colbert County. The questionnaire was signed by L. C. Fowler on June 17, 1921 at Verona, Mississippi.

BENTON W. McVAY
Margerum, Alabama

Benton W. McVay enlisted in the service in 1862 as a private at Cherokee, Ala. He served nearly three years in the 4th Alabama Regiment under Capt. Robert Johnson and Col. P. D. Radia. He was in the battles of "Harrisburg, Miss., Pelaskay [Pulaski], Tenn., [and] Sulphur Spring, Athens, Ala." He was captured on April 2, 1865 at Selma, Alabama and was paroled on April 13, 1865 at Montgomery after eleven days imprisonment.

He was born April 6, 1835 in Mouton, Lawrence Co., Alabama. He is a registered voter in the Dixon, Alabama precinct in Colbert County. His wife is dead and he has no children. He is unable to walk and makes his home with Kay[Ray?] McVay, his nephew.

McVay was placed on the pension rolls in Colbert County and has received his pension regularly since. The questionnaire was signed by Benton W. McVay and witnessed by L. T. Hardcastle at

Margerum, Alabama on June 16, 1921.

JEFFERSON T. DONALDSON

Route 1
Leighton, Alabama

Jefferson T. Donaldson enlisted at Mt. Hope in Lawrence Co., Ala. on Sept. 17, 1861 as a private in Company "K" of the 4th Regiment of Alabama Cavalry under Capt. David Hubbard (and later Capt. A. E. Kelley), and Col. W. A. Johnson. He participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Day's Gap, Athens, Alabama and Brice's Cross Roads. He was wounded in a cavalry skirmish near Bane Bridge in Colbert County but was never taken prisoner. He was paroled at the end of the war on May 11, 1865 at Wheeler Station, Alabama.

Mr. Donaldson was born June 5, 1843 at Dalton, Murray Co., Georgia. He was married January 2, 1867 at Mount Hope, Ala. and his wife, aged 76 and born in Selma, Ala., is now dead. He is a farmer by occupation, is a registered voter in Precinct 11 in Colbert County and is presently living with his youngest daughter, Mrs. H. H. Croft. His living children and their addresses and occupations are:

Bellzora Craft, Leighton, Ala. - farming
John V. Donaldson, Leighton, Ala. - farming
N. T. Donaldson, Commerce, Texas - farming
W. B. Donaldson, Mountveran, Texas - farming
Deller Smith, Patmas, Arkansas - farming

Mr. Donaldson was placed on the pension roll in Lawrence Co., Ala., but now lives in Colbert Co. and has missed receiving four of his pension checks. His questionnaire was signed as J. T. Donaldson on June 20, 1921 at Leighton, Ala. with J. H. Spangler as witness.

WILLIAM T. ASKEW
Cherokee, Ala.

William T. Askew enlisted in 1862 at Tuscumbia, Ala. as a private in Company "F" of the 11th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry under Captains Bill Julean and Jno. A. Steele, and Col. Jim Burtwell. He served three years and was in the battles of Cross Roads, Germantown, Red Sulphur Tressel, and Athens but was never wounded or captured. He was paroled in 1865 at the close of the war at Ponds Springs.

Mr. Askew was born in Lawrenceburg, Lawrence County, Tenn. on February 7, 1835. He has lived in Alabama 60 years having moved here in 1860. He was married in 1878 in Newport, Ala. but his wife, who was born in Alabama, is now dead. He is a farmer by occupation and is presently residing with a daughter. His living children and their addresses and occupations are:

D. W. Askew, Cherokee, Ala. - farmer
J. T. Askew, Tuscumbia, Ala. - rail roader
Bessie Williams, Booton, Ala. - merchant
Mary Hall, Booton, Ala. - government employee
Dousheri[?] Askew, Cherokee, Ala. - farmer

William T. Askew stated he was placed on the pension roll in the county of Colbert and that he has received all of his pension warrants on a regular basis since that time. The questionnaire was signed as Wm. T. Askew on June 13, 1921 at Cherokee, Ala., and witnessed by W. C. Holesoppel[?]. Mr. Askew is a registered voter in Precinct 4 in Colbert County, Alabama.

ALEXANDER SHORPSTON
Sheffield, Alabama

Alexander Shorpston enlisted at Crawford, Russell County, Alabama in 1861 as a Private in Company "G," of the 17th Alabama Regiment of Infantry under Captain Tom Ragland and Col. Tom Watts.

Note: This name was written "Sharpton" on the 1907 Confederate Census.

Mr. Shorpston was in service four years and was in the battles of Shiloh, Franklin, and Nashville in Tennessee and in the battles of Dalton, Rome, Atlanta, and Peachtree Creek in Georgia. He was wounded in either 1861 or 1862 ("doesn't remember which") in the battle of Rome, Georgia but was not captured or imprisoned. He was paroled at the close of the war in 1865 at Danville, Virginia.

He was born October 9, 1839 at Red Hill, Edgefield District, South Carolina but moved to Alabama "about 1843" during the "1st, 2 or 3 year of life." He is a registered voter in the Sheffield precinct in Colbert County, Alabama.

Alexander Shorpston was married in 1867 in Lauderdale County, Alabama but his wife, who was born in Lauderdale County, is now dead. He is a farmer by occupation and is presently living with his daughter, Mrs. Mollie Pippen in Sheffield, Alabama. His living children and their addresses and occupations are:

Tom Shorpston, Tuscumbia, Ala. - farmer
Jim Shorpston, Barton, Ala. - farmer
Will Shorpston, Tuscumbia, Ala. - farmer
Eliza Slutts[Shults?], Sheffield, Ala. - housewife
Mollie Pippin, Sheffield, Ala. - housewife

Mr. Shorpston was placed on the pension rolls in Colbert County and has received his pension regularly since then. He signed the questionnaire with an "X" on June 14, 1821 at Sheffield with E. Gray, witness.

AARON THOMAS PATTON
Town Creek, Ala.

Aaron Thomas Patton enlisted in May, 1861 at Russellville, Alabama as a Private in Company "H," of the 16th Alabama Regiment of Infantry under the command of Captain J. W. C. Smith and Col. W. B. Wood.

He was in service approximately four years and participated in the battles of Fishing Creek, Shiloh, Chickamauga, Murfreesboro, Missionary Ridge, Kingston, Kennesaw Mountain, Ringgold [Tn.], and Wild City [Ky.] He was wounded in July, 1864 in the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, now Marietta, Georgia, but was not captured or imprisoned. He was discharged in May, 1865 at Pond Spring, Ala., by order of Capt. Smith who obtained the discharge for him as he was in the hospital.

Mr. Patton was born near Russellville in Franklin County, Alabama on March 12, 1842. He lived in Mississippi from 1894 to about 1908 [he is not sure of the year] when he moved back to Alabama. He was married in 1865 near Russellville, Ala. and his wife, who was born in Lawrence Co., Ala., is now dead. He is a registered voter in the Town Creek precinct in Lawrence County.

Mr. Patton was once a farmer but is unable to work and is residing with his children. His living children and their addresses and occupations are:

John D. Patton, Bessemer, Ala. - teacher

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Mrs. Ella Shults, Corinth, Miss. - farmer
 Mrs. Essie Sthall[?], Goodman, Mo. - farmer
 Mrs. Linnie Norton, Corinth, Miss. - housekeeper
 Mrs. Lee Morgan, Corinth, Miss. - saleslady

Patton was placed on the pension roll in Colbert County, Alabama, and has regularly received his pension since then. His questionnaire was signed with an "X" at Bessemer, Alabama, on September 17, 1921.

The following letter was attached to the questionnaire:

Bessemer, Ala. 9/17/21

Judge Chas. E. McCall
 Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir—

Replying to your formal request to fill out blanks you sent to my address, Town Creek, Ala., I have answered these to the best of my recollection. My wife having been dead a little more than 14 years I have since her death been living with my children and relatives, not being physical[ly] able to work and having no income I am wholly dependent on my pension for support.

Yours truly

his
 A. T. X Patton
 mark

CORDY SKINNER BADGETT
 Tuscumbia, Alabama

NOTE: Dasha Badgett's name appears on this form but she is probably the wife as the 1907 Conf. Census lists the soldier as Cordy Skinner Badgett.

Mr. Badgett enlisted at Russellville, Alabama in 1862 as a private in the 16th Alabama Regiment. He was in service three years and participated in campaigns from Dalton to Atlanta, Georgia and was wounded there in 1864. He was captured in 1864 at Good Springs, Alabama and imprisoned in Camp Chase, Ohio until the end of the War at which time and place he was paroled.

He was born in Colbert County, Alabama on March 22, 1831 and never lived in any other state. On February 10, 1892 he was married in Franklin County and his wife, who was born in Franklin Co., is now aged 63 years. Badgett is a registered voter in Tuscumbia, Alabama.

Badgett's living children and their addresses and occupations are:

Mattie James, Barton [Ala?] - housekeeping
 Minnie Fuller, Russellville - housekeeping
 Eddie Badgett, Tuscumbia - farming

Mr. Badgett was placed on the pension rolls in Colbert County, Alabama and has received all of his pension checks. He is now unable to work.

The questionnaire was signed as Dasha Badgett on June 20, 1921 at Russellville with Nute Grissom as witness

End



Franklin



HESTER BIBLE

The Hester Bible was contributed by M. E. Ahlstrom of Florence, Alabama. This Bible was originally owned by William (Buck) Hester who came to Franklin County in the spring of 1818 with his eldest son, Roling, then a boy of about eleven years of age. They selected a place for settlement near Gaine's Trace towards the present Tharp Springs Community and raised their first crop of corn that summer. In the fall of 1818 they returned by ox cart to North Carolina for Mrs. Hester (nee Amy Malone) and the other members of the family. When they returned to Franklin County, Alabama they continued to live near Tharp Springs until they moved to a section of wilderness near the line between the Franklin County line of that period and the Chickasaw Reservation. This area was later known as Frankfort and was the first Franklin county seat. The Bible passed to the eldest son, Wiley Robertson Hester, who died in 1929.

First Title Page

Daniel D. Smith's Stereotype Edition, The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST, translated out of The Original Greek; and with The Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised. Stereotyped by E. White, New York. Published and sold by Daniel D. Smith, at the Franklin Juvenile Book and Stationary Store, No. 190 Greenwich Street, also by the principal booksellers in the United States. 1823.

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MARRIAGES

William & Amy Hester - 18 October 1805
 John & Nancy Richardson - 3 January 1826
 Roling & Lucindy Hester - 11 December 1823
 Ebernizer & Polly Bourland - 25 February 1830
 Simeon & Judy Wates - 2 January 1831
 Lindsey & Saley Moor - 25 December 1832
 John & Sercy Hester - 24 February 1831
 William & Milissia Hester - 20 September 1840
 Levi Rikard & Amy P. Hester - 18 February 1841
 Chesley B. Hester & Sally Rikard - 25 July 1844
 John P. Malone & Parthyeny E. Hester - 7 November 1844
 J. Cariole Rikard & Huldah Hester - 6 March 1845

BIRTHS

William Hester Sr. - 27 January 1780
 Amy Hester - 17 March 1789
 Roling Hester - 23 January 1807
 Nancy Hester - 11 October 1808
 John Hester - 16 July 1810
 Poley Hester - 24 July 1812



Hester Bible (-continued-)

(Births)

Judy Hester - 3 May 1814
 Saley Hester - 26 March 1816
 William H. Hester Jr. - 25 March 1818
 Robert B. Hester Jr. - 20 December 1819
 Chesley B. Hester - 24 May 1822
 Amy Pertheny Hester - 12 January 1824
 Semirah Mis Hester - 8 December 1825
 Pertheny Elizabeth Hester - 25 July 1827
 Huldah Rillah Hester - 31 March 1829
 Elizah Jackson Hester - 22 February 1831
 Hudson G. Hester - 5 September 1833
 Lucus N. Hester - 30 July 1835
 Robert Whiley Richardson - 23 July 1827
 William Carrol Hester - 14 October 1829
 John M. Richardson - 4 July 1830
 Gabiarl L. Bourland - 17 December 1830
 John C. Hester - 28 May 1832
 Mary Ann Hester - 11 October 1831
 Amy Caroline Hester - 3 January 1832
 Luiza M. Bourland - 20 March 1833
 Cynena R. Wates - 24 April 1833
 Roling S. Hester - 20 March 1833
 Hester Ann Hester - 19 November 1834
 Mariah T. Moor - September 1832 [no day given]
 James G. Hester - 26 September 1833
 Amos T. Richardson - 22 November 1833
 Susan W. Bourland - 14 May 1835
 William B. Hester - 7 February 1836
 Martha Ann Moor - 19 August 1836
 Nancy Cathrin Wates - 21 February 1836
 Sinthey Ann Hester - 24 February 1836
 Mary B. Hester - 10 August 1837
 Amy Anthem Waits - 24 September 1837
 Danel G. Richardson - 23 October 1837
 Mary Ellender Hester - 22 August 1838
 Perthenia Catherine Bourland - 18 June 1838
 James P. Bourland - September 1837 [no day given]
 _____ Hester - 4 June 1839 [no first name given]
 Robert Franklin Rikard - 10 February 1842
 William Lewis Rikard - 19 December 1843
 John E. Hester - 5 January 1839
 Harvey C. Hester - 24 September 1840
 Faney Attemier Hester - 16 January 1842
 Robert M. Hester - 29 November 1843
 Alleney A. Hester - 6 September 1845
 Berthena C. Bourland - 18 June 1837
 Dubart W. Bourland - 9 December 1841
 Therissa Bourland - 7 August 1844
 Semirah Elizabeth Hester - 15 June 1845
 John H. Rikard - 15 March 1846
 William G. Rikard - 4 April 1846
 Julis V. Malone - 9 October 1846
 James S. Hester - 14 October 1846
 Montgomery R. Bourland - 9 January 1847
 Sarah Elizabeth Moor - 6 January 1843
 Marget Elizabeth Moor - 7 February 1845
 Judy Colpurney Moor - 5 July 1846
 Lervira Ebers Moor - 12 August 1848



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(Births)

Roling B. Hester - 20 May 1840
Serling B. Hester - 9 August 1842
Wiley R. Hester - 25 July 1844
Nancy L. Hester - 26 September 1846
Robert M. Hester - 26 August 1848
J. C. Richardson - 22 February 1848

DEATHS

Amy Hester - 23 January 1840
William Hester - 5 October 1847
Juda Waits - 24 July 1899
Roling Benton Hester - 11 October 1900
James Goodloe Hester - 20 December 1905
John Chesley Hester - 23 February 1907
Nancy Loucrenda King - 14 May 1907
Roland Benton Hester - 11 October 1900
William Carrol Hester - 21 November 1908
Wiley R. Hester - 28 August 1928
Robert M. Hester - 21 August 1928
Sinthey Ann Hester - 26 January 1937
John E. Hester - 23 June 1842
Harvey C. Hester - 23 June 1842
Sidney B. Wates - 7 July 1842
Faney Attemier Hester - 12 November 1843
Miles V. Malone - 17 December 1846
Theressa Bourland - October 1846 [no day given]
E. P. Hester - 9 November 1852
Nancy Richardson - 26 January 1853
William Hester - 2 May 1853
Albert Hester - 8 October 1853

-End Hester Bible-



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The genealogical information contained in these questionnaires is specially significant in Franklin County since it is a "burned county" and there is virtually nothing left there of genealogical import from the mid-Nineteenth Century.

The census questionnaire of Wiley Roberson Hester is carried in this issue in conjunction with the Hester Bible record. In the next issue of Valley Leaves we will print several more of these census records.

WILEY ROBERSON HESTER

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Belgreen, Alabama

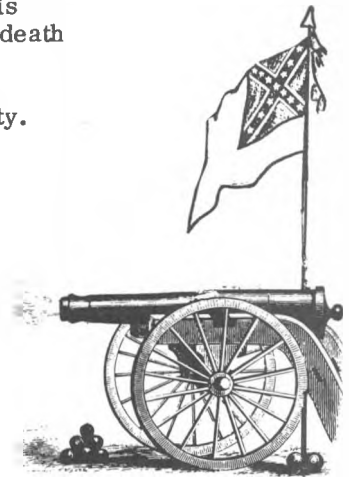
Wiley Roberson Hester enlisted as a private at Frankfort, Alabama in the spring of 1862 in Company "E" of the 16th Alabama Regiment of Infantry commanded by Capt. W. W. Weatherford and Col. Woods. He transferred to Company "L" of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry in the Fall of 1863 (he is uncertain as to the exact time) under Capt. Newsom and Col. Bill Johnson.

He was in the battles of Fishing Creek, Kentucky and of Corinth, Mississippi. He shot himself accidentally through the hand but was not otherwise wounded or captured during his three years in service. He was paroled at Old Newport in 1865 at the close of the War.

Wiley Roberson Hester was born July 25, 1844 at Frankfort in Franklin County, Alabama, and was married in 1867 in Franklin County. His wife was born in South Alabama and was aged 75 at the time of her death last year [1920.]

He is a registered voter in the Belgreen Precinct in Franklin County. His occupation was farming as long as he was able but he is now residing with a son, W. A. Hester. His living children and their addresses and occupations are:

Mollie King, Belgreen, Ala. - farmer's wife
 Rebecca Ezzel, Belmont, Miss. - farmer's wife
 Alma Sharks, Russellville, Ala. - farmer's wife
 J. E. Hester, Belgreen, Ala. - farmer
 J. R. Hester, Mort, Texas - machinist
 W. A. Hester, Belgreen, Ala. - farmer
 C. F. Hester, Belgreen, Ala. - farmer
 W. G. Hester, Marietta, Miss. - farmer
 R. Dora Britton, Mowood[?], Okla. - farmer's wife
 Cora Britton, Belgreen, Ala. - farmer's wife.



Mr. Hester was placed on the pension roll in Franklin County and has received all his pension checks. The questionnaire was signed by W. R. Hester on June 21, 1921 at Belgreen, Ala. and witnessed by J. D. Petrie.



Jackson



PROBATE RECORDS

1855 - 1858

(Nineteenth Installment)

This series began in Valley Leaves, Vol. 11, No. 4 (June, 1977). The original book from which this material was taken is housed in the Jackson County Courthouse at Scottsboro. It is a large red volume entitled "Will Record K" but is more accurately described as probate records. Abstracted from photocopies by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

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267	<p><u>Erving[Ewing?] Young Estate</u> W. P. Young, Administrator, per order of the court, did offer the real property of this estate for sale to the highest bidder on December 13, 1856, on the premises. There were no bidders. The Administrator prays the court to allow the order for the sale to remain in force so he can sell the property in the future. Attested to Jan. 13, 1857.</p>
268	<p><u>Isaac Whitworth Estate</u> An inventory of the estate's property in the hands of C. W. McCutchen, Administrator, is as follows: 52 acres in the SW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 20, Twp. 3, Range 4 East Attested to Feb. 14, 1857</p> <p>C. W. McCutchen did sell, on the premises, on Sept. 26, 1857, the following property belonging to the estate of Isaac Whitworth: E/2 of the NW/4 of Section 33-4-5E W/2 of the NW/4 of Section 33-4-5E Joseph W. McCutchen was the highest bidder and purchased said property for \$40. cash. Attested to September 28, 1857</p>
269	<p><u>Leonard Carden Estate</u> The Administrators are John Berry, Margaret Carden, and James S. Carden. The Administrators, per an order of the court, did on December 25, 1856, sell at the late residence of the decedent the following real estate: E/2 of the NE/4 of Section 28-3-4E which property was purchased by James W. Skelton for \$960.</p> <p>The SE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 21-3-4E which was purchased by J. W. Williams at \$5.87 per acre (\$234.80).</p> <p>The W/2 of the NW/4 of Section 27-3-4E plus "Seven acres bounded by the creed" which was purchased by John D. Berry at \$8.70 per acre, (\$756.90).</p> <p>The SW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 22-3-4E which was purchased by J. W. Williams at \$5.64 per acre (\$225.66).</p> <p>The land was sold on a twelve-month credit with bond and approved security plus a lien retained on the land until same is paid for. Submitted to the court for approval on February 5, 1857.</p>
270-273	<p><u>P. D. Swink Estate</u> The following is a list "of bad notes & accounts on the estate of P. D. Swink as rendered by the Administrator [not named] on the 29th day of September, 1856." [Note: The</p>

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amounts are not copied here, however, the largest note was \$209.22-1/2 and the smallest was \$.15 which was an average of just over \$12.52-1/2 per person.]

Allen, W. S.	Ivey, Lorenzo
Arendall, Joel	Jones, Moses
Ashley, Bill E.	Jones, W. H.
Austill, James	Kelsoe, James
Austill, John	Killingsworth, A.
Baine, Robert	Kirby, A. J.
Barber, Lewis	Kirby, S. W.
Beasley, J. T.	Lanham, P.
Bevy, J. M.	Leawards, C. J.
Bray, William	Liddon, William
Bryant, Elisha	McCally, Alex
Bryant, Henderson	McCariell, James
Bryant, William	McCay, Henry
Burnett, John	McCravey & Co.
Burton, Mrs.	McDuff, John
Bynum, John	McDuff, M.
Carter, Stephen	McGuinn, John
Childres, J. D.	McMahan, John
Childress, John K.	McRavy, Robert [probably is McCravy]
Childress, William	Martin, John
Clarke, W. E.	Martin, Samuel H.
Cook, J. H.	Mason, Isaac
Cook, John B.	Mathews, James
Cossett, William	Matthews, John
Cowan, J. F.	Mead, E. M.
Crawford, H.	Messeo, William
Crawford, J. L.	Mitchell, M. C.
Cunningham, John	Morgan & Robins
Dickinson, Z. H.	Muse, Ace
Dicus, A. T.	Muse, Acy
Dicus, George	Mulkey, James
Dixon, J. G.	Nichols, W. B.
Dobbs, J.	Parks, John S.
Drinkard, P.	Patton, John
Eaton, J. A. C.	Perryman, George
Eustace, Isaac	Potter, James
Eustace, Isaac A.	Precise, William
Eustace, J. N.	Price, R. H.
Foster, A. W.	Proctor, A. M.
Foster, Thomas	Province, T. V.
Frost, Thomas	Queen, David C.
Fulcher, Jeff	Ragen, W. S.
Graves, Edwin	Reed, Elisha
Gibbons, Joseph	Rives, Ed
Gullatt, P. J.	Rives, Edward
Hall, D. L.	Rives & Milligan
Harris, Dr.	Robinson, Charles
Haynes, W. O.	Robinson, Nelson
Waynes, Wm. O.	Rodden, James
Henderson, James A.	Russell, J. A.
Henderson, John	Russell, James A.
Houston, William	St. Clair, C. B.
Hudgins, Benjamin	Scott, R. T.
Hutton, John	Shelton, Noah
Ivey, Brantley	Smith, B.



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Snodgrass, A.	Swink, Edwin
Snodgrass, Benj.	Taylor, George
Snodgrass, John	Thompson, Samuel
Snodgrass, W. S.	Tubb, George
Stephens, William B.	Waldon, James
Sterne, David	Webb, William
Sublett, J. J.	Wilmouth, Reuben
Suggs, Joel	Wilmouth, widow

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William Bostick Estate

The Commissioners appointed by the Sheriff to lay off the dower lands in this estate to Clarinda Bostick, widow of William Bostick, reported they had awarded her the following real estate:

30 acres in the NW/4 of Section 2-2-4E

10 acres in the E/2 of the NW/4 of Section 2-2-4E laid off so as to include the buildings.

10 acres in the SW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 2-2-4E for a total of 50 acres.

Attested to October 28, 1857 by Thos. B. Griffin, H. Anderson, Saml. Butler, W. N. Nichols, and R. C. Roberson before Sheriff J. J. Sublett.

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Sarah Daniels Estate

The following is a list of the property belonging to this estate which was sold.

<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Item bought</u>	<u>Amount</u>
James Stringer	One gray mare & colt	\$41.00
James Stringer	One piae cow	16.00
Ezekiel Kennedy	One Red Bull	9.30
James Stringer	One black sow	1.00
John Baldwin	One mans' saddle	4.95
James Stringer	One lot of tools	1.50
Joab Wilson	One pair of chains	.30
James Stringer	One lot of vessels	.50
James Stringer	One lot of Pot Vessels	1.00
James Stringer	Cupboard and chest	1.00
James Stringer	One lot of Queens ware	1.00
James Stringer	One bed, bedstead & ^c	8.00

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Bartlet Anderson Estate

On February 14, 1857 S. E. Kennemore, A. S. Mitchell, and George Williams, Commissioners appointed to appraise the property of this estate, returned the following appraisal:

120 acres of land - \$800.00

A list of property sold belonging to this estate is as follows:

One steer sold to Isham Chandler for \$5.00

120 acres of land sold to Isham Chandler for \$713.00

Amount of money on hand \$17.00

Attested to by Robert Price, Admr., on Aug. 3, 1857

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William Swink Estate

Inventory of the property of the estate of William Swink, found in the County of Jackson & State of Alabama in the possession of William Rush and his wife, Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Swink who assert a claim thereto as they allege under a Will or deed from said William Swink to the said Elizabeth for her lifetime, the evidence of which claim they fail to show, to wit:

16 negroes (named and ages given)

Attested to by N. Robinson, Administrator, April 2nd 1857

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L. D. Bridges Estate

A list of property belonging to this estate included a pair of saddle riders, wood tools, smith tools, cattle, horses, a tug horse-wagon, and 80 acres of land in the W/2 of the SW/4 of Section 6-3-4E. Attested to Dec. 13, 1856 by R. C. Austin, A. L. Hyder, and R. Duckett before A. J. Middleton, Justice of the Peace. W. J. B. Padgett, Executor of the Will of L. D. Bridges, held an estate sale Dec. 13, 1856 to sell the above mentioned property. Purchasers were:

E. Williamson

Joab Wilson

William Hill

R. C. Austin

A. L. Hyde

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Thomas Davis Estate

Wilson Davis, Administrator, states there is \$402. in the hands of the widow which belongs to the estate. The following persons were purchasers at the estate sale which was attested to on June 17, 1857.

Bynum, A. G.

Chandler, Stephen

Davis, Gilbert

" Madison

" Narcissa

" Nelson

" Robert

" Wilson

Dillard, E. H.'s estate

Gilbert, James

Harris, Henry

" John

Horton, Henry

" J.

James, Levi

Johnson, J. R.

Jones, Levi

Kirby, John

Logan, Joseph

" Robert

Lowery, D. S.

" John

Nelson, D. M.

" John

Nicholson, C. D.

Pate, Nancy

Reynolds, John

Romans, Richard

Russell, A. G.

Southerland, Henry

Story, Enoch

Sublett, Jordan J.

Vaught, Hiram

Walker, John L.

Williams, N. M.

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Mary Price Estate

Personal property of this estate which was appraised included a brown mare, a black mule, Bible and hymn book, table, clock, side board, chairs, wash pot, dish, loom, spinning wheel, chest, fire shovel and pot hooks, smoothing iron, bed and bedstead, bread tray, tea kettle and black pot, and a bell.

This property was appraised at \$262.90 by William M. Farris, William Jackowdy, and B. N. Hogwood, and was certified Feb. 4, 1857.

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TABITHA WILBORN LAND PATENT

Tabitha Wilbo[u]rn was the widow of Gideon Wilbourn. Gideon died between 1814 and 1820 in either Jackson County, Ala. or in Barren County, Kentucky. Tabitha moved to Jackson County prior to 1830 and the following is a receipt and Land Patent Certificate No. 2357 showing that she purchased land from the United States Government on July 5, 1830. She paid \$1.25 per acre for the SW/4 of Sec. 30-3-4E. The southwest corner of this land is where the present day town of Trenton is located. Contributed by Ann Gahan, 308 No. Grove St., Sierra Madre, Cal. 91024.

LAND OFFICE AT HUNTSVILLE, A.

5 July

1830.

No. 2357

Pre-emption Act of 29th May, 1830.

It is hereby certified, That in pursuance of law, *Tabitha Wilborn* of *Jackson* County, A. on this day purchased of the Register of the Land Office at Huntsville, A. the Lot or *South West 1/4* Section No. *30* in Township No. *3* of Range No. *4* East, containing *159.55* acres, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, amounting to \$ *199.44* for which Lot or *SW 1/4* Section the said *Tabitha Wilborn* having made payment in full, as required by law: Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said *Tabitha Wilborn* shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the Lot or *SW 1/4* Section above described.

B. S. Pope Register.

No. 2357 RECEIVER'S OFFICE, at *Huntsville (a.)* 5th July 1830.

Received from *Tabitha Wilborn* of *Jackson Co. (a.)*

the sum of *One hundred & thirty nine 44/100 @ollars*

being in full for *South West 1/4* of section No. *30*

township No. *3* range No. *4 E.* containing *159 55/100* acres, at

the rate of \$ *1 25/100* per acre.

199 44/100

J. C. Ross Receiver.

Pre-emption Act.

STEPHENS CEMETERY

The Stephens Cemetery is located on the north margin of Jackson County Road No. 6, approximately one-half mile east of State Highway 35 (formerly Highway 72) near Woodville in Jackson County. It is in the NE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 12-5-3E. Copied and contributed by Wilma B. Page (Mrs. William D.).

The area is heavily overgrown with thorns and large trees. In addition to the graves marked with legible tombstones, nine graves marked with crude fieldstones and one rock-covered mound were located.

Stephen E. Kennamore
Born Aug. 26, 1826
Died Sept. 19, 1870
(Masonic Emblem)
Footstone: S. E. K.

To Our Mother
Sullina
Wife of
Stephen E. Kennamore
Sept. 23, 1833
Mar. 1, 1908
Gone But Not Forgotten
Footstone: S. K.

Frances Gurley
Dau. of
W. G. & M. J. Stephens
Born
Sept. 16, 1863
Died
July 23, 1901[1907?]
[Note: Stone broken]

W. G. Stephens
Born
July 24, 1828
Died
May 11, 1870
(Masonic Emblem)
Footstone: W. G. S.

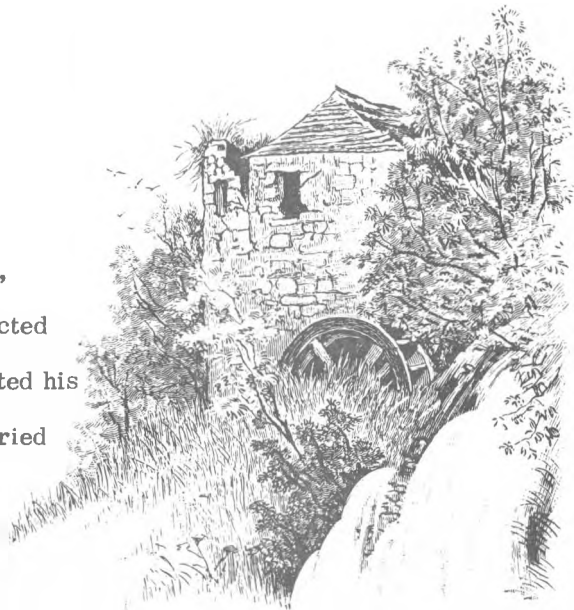
William Lafayette
Son of
W. G. & M. J. Stephens
Born
Sept. 17, 1857
Died
Oct. 8, 1863

Charley Benjamin
Son of
W. G. & M. J. Stephens
Born
Jan. 24, 1866
Died
June 24, 1869

Hettie Jane
Dau of
W. G. & M. J. Stephens
Born
Oct. 1, 1852
Died
Oct. 9, 1854

KENNAMORE-DERRICK FAMILY NOTES

Stephen E. Kennamore married Sullina Derrick on May 13, 1855 at Woodville, Jackson County, Alabama. He was elected Sheriff of Jackson County in 1860 but the Civil War prevented his serving a full term. Maria Jane Derrick (1828-1903) married William Green Stephens on March 7, 1849[1850?]. Maria Jane (Derrick) Stephens is buried in Union Cemetery, Woodville, Alabama.





Lauderdale



WILL RECORD "A"

1835 - 1858

(Eleventh Installment)

Abstracts of wills in Lauderdale County, Alabama, were first published in Valley Leaves, Volume 7, Number 2 (December, 1972) with "Will Record 3" (1821). Additional wills were published until that series concluded with the first fifty pages of Will Record "A" in Volume 8, Number 4 (June 1974). The current series began in Volume 14, Number 4 (June 1980). This large red 316 page volume can be found in the Lauderdale County Courthouse, Florence, Alabama. Abstracted from Xerox copies by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

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BENJAMIN INGRAM WILL

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Dated: 6 July 1849

Probated: no date given

To my beloved wife, Sarah, \$500. Also to wife Sarah all my real estate, negroes, plantation stock of every kind, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, tools and books. At death of wife the real and personal property to be divided equally among my children:

Mary E. Butler
Emily Haraway
Henry Ingram
George M. Ingram
Benjamin Ingram
Joseph Ingram
Julia Fuqua
Octava Crittenden
Moses Ingram

and the children of Sarah Binford, deceased. The said children are:

Sarah Louisa Binford
Martha Chapman Binford
Henry Binford
Benjamin Ingram Binford

Benjamin Ingram Binford is to have one-half of his mother's share and the balance of her share is to be divided among her other three children.

In order to make them equal in amount with what I have advanced my other children I give the following:

to sons Benjamin and Joseph one bed and furniture each.
to son Moses one bed and furniture and one horse
to daughter Emily Haraway one negro woman, Belinda
to grandson Benjamin Ingram Binford (as representative of his deceased mother, Sarah Binford), \$100.

Monies going to my daughters Mary E. Butler and Emily Haraway to "be put to interest" and they are to not have the principal but are to be given the interest therefrom on a yearly basis.

Appoints sons Henry Ingram and George M. Ingram executors.

Witnesses: Baylis E. Bourland
Robt. Shane
Joshua D. Stamps

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LEVI CASSITY WILLDated: 2 September 1849
Probated: 11 Sept. 1849

My partnership with James Martin and Abram D. Hunt in the cotton manufacturing business known as the Cypress Factory in Lauderdale County, Alabama, to be continued with full power and authority vested in my executor and executrix. If my executor and executrix believe it to be in the best interest of the estate then they may join Abram D. Hunt, James Martin, and Henry C. Martin, son of James Martin, in the erection of a new factory.

My family to be supported out of the profits of my interest in the factory. When a distribution of my estate takes place I desire it to be divided according to the statutes of the state of Alabama.

Appoints Richard B. Baugh executor and my wife Mary L. Cassity executrix.

Witnesses: Thomas J. Crow
Levi Todd
John D. Martin
Andrew Gregory

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WHITMORE JONES WILLDated: April 1848
Probated: no date given

All my personal property to be sold at public sale except my negroes Bill, Isaac, and Hannah. Proceeds are to pay just debts, funeral expenses, and administrative costs.

I give my negro Isaac to my son David Jones upon the condition that he take my old negro woman Hannah and support her until her death provided she is still living at the time of my death.

I give my negro man Bill to my esteemed friend John Duckett of Lauderdale Co., Ala.

If there is a surplus of proceeds from the sale of my personal property it is to go to my executors for their trouble. Appoints my friends Moses Duncan and George Duncan executors, both of Lauderdale County, Ala.

Witnesses: E. G. Young
T. D. Roberson

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JOSEPH BIGGER WILLDated: 16 Feb. 1850
Probated: no date given

I owe the estate of ___[blank]___ Dean, of which I was administrator, \$1250 which I desire to be paid. Said sum will be found in gold and silver in my strong box.

Pay all my just debts which are not many.

Pay Ferdinand J. Sannoner and his wife, Margaret, \$200 to make them equal with my other children to whom I have made prior advancements. Balance of my estate to go to my three children: Eliza Bass, Mary Sloss, and Margaret Sannoner to be held by them in trust until my wife, Rachael Bigger, shall have taken the oath of Allegiance and Naturalization. At that time my daughters are to deliver all my property to my wife.

Appoints Jas. Irvine executor and if he declines to act then I appoint my friend Sterling A. M.

Joseph Bigger Will (-continued-)

Wood.

Gives to Rachael Sloss, the daughter of James and Mary Sloss, \$500 worth of Florence Bridge stock. Gives to Joseph Bigger Bass \$50 in Memphis & Charleston Railroad stock.

Witnesses: John Simpson
Hugh Simpson
A. Dean

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NANCY NEWMAN WILL

Dated: 5 Aug. 1850
Probated: 3 Sept. 1850

Of sound mind and memory but in bad health ...

To my loving daughter, Katharine Newman, one bed and furniture, bedstead, one cow and calf, one chest and \$1. money. To my loving daughter, Abigail Newman one bed and furniture, bedstead, one cow and calf, one chest, and \$1. money, being the same articles I gave my two married daughters (not named).

Remainder of property, both real and personal, to be sold and divided equally among "all my children" (not named.)

Appoints "my loving son," A. G. Newman, executor.

Will signed with an "X" and witnessed by:

Joseph P. Bourland
William H. Wilkes
J. G. Sport

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JOHN HOUSE WILL

Dated: 27 Feb. 1844
Probated: No date given

I, John House, of the State of Tennessee, Wayne County, being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory ... [Note: Since this will was dated in Feb., 1844 and was probated in about mid-year 1850 we can assume Mr. House recovered from his illness and moved from Wayne Co., Tennessee to Lauderdale County, Ala.]

To my only son, Dennis House, land whereon I now live and my three negroes.

To my daughter, Elizabeth Hendrix, my sorrell horse.

To my daughter, Nancy Thornton, my yellow mare. Balance of my estate to be sold and proceeds divided between my daughter Hanna Hughes and the heirs of my daughter Mary Roberts, deceased [Mary Roberts' heirs not named.]

Appoints Gray Phillips and Joseph P. Bourland executors.

Witnesses: William Thornton
Josiah Fowler

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JOHN BRISCOE LEFTWICH WILL

Dated: 16 Feb. 1846
Probated: 29 Aug. 1850

Being in a good state of health, of sound mind and disposing memory, knowing the uncertainty

John Briscoe Leftwich Will (-continued-)

of life ...

I give all of my estate, real and personal of every kind, nature and description to my dearly beloved wife, Ann Leftwich, forever. Appoints Ann Leftwich executrix and William B. Wood executor.

Witnesses: John Simpson
Hugh Thompson
Charles Gookin

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DENNIS CARROLL
Nuncupative Will

Dated: 8 June 1849
Probated: 23 July 1850

Personally appeared in open Court Mary E. Blanton and Saunders M. Norwood, witnesses of lawful age and after being duly sworn, declare that on Saturday morning about 3 O'clock June the 9th 1849 they were at the house of Giles McBride in Lauderdale County, setting up with one Dennis Carroll who was very sick of Dropsy and in addition thereto had had a chill on Friday Evening the 8th July [Sic.]

They further State that Said Carroll about 3 O'clock on the morning aforesaid called them together with one Joshua Mason to bear witness to what he should say. He then called Mary Ann McBride, wife of said Giles McBride, to his bed side and remarked that he was dying but that he was as well in his senses as any of them, that he did not think he would live to see the sun rise, and handed Mrs. McBride his gold watch and told her it was hers, that he gave it to her for her kindness to him since he had been at her house sick.

He then remarked, addressing himself to said affiants and said Mason, and calling on them to take notice of what he saith that he wanted all his just debts paid and after they were paid he wanted his friend Giles McBride to have all his property. He said he did not owe any thing of Account that he knew of. He further said that if Mr. McBride had been at home he would have had his will written out but he said that what had been said to affiants and said Mason would do as well as if he had written it on ninety nine sheets of paper.

He also said that he wished said McBride to wind up his business for him. Said affiants further states that said McBride was from home and that there was no person present that could write a Will and that said Carroll was in great agony and scarcely able to turn himself in his bed and totally unable to write. That said Carroll continued to grow weaker but retained his right mind till Monday the 11th June when he became senseless and remained so till he died at said McBride's house on Thursday the 14th day of June, 1849.

The above was signed by Sanders M. Norwood. Mary E. Blanton signed it with an "X." It was sworn to before Judge William B. Wood on July 23, 1850. [Note: The above nuncupative will was copied here in its entirety.]

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JAMES NOEL WILL

Dated: 15 May 1845
Probated: 30 Dec. 1850

To my beloved wife, Mary Noel, the 160 acre homestead tract whereon I now reside; also the "Bell Place" containing 160 acres (half of which I bought from Samuel Bell and the other half from Nathan Boddic) including the cotton gin, running gear, and cotton press. The negroes and personal property to be appraised and the appraisal given to my beloved wife.

James Noel Will (-continued-)

My beloved wife Mary to have her choice of one-third of this property; she is to also have the family carriage and the carriage horses.

I have advanced negroes, cattle, and cash [itemized] to my daughter Jane, wife of Doctor James W. Stewart (on approximately Jan. 1, 1839), and to my son James Noel (on approximately Nov. 1, 1841) and to my son William A. Noel (on approximately Jan. 1, 1841). The amount of the property already given them is to be considered part of their proportionate share of my estate as my other children have received nothing so far.

After wife chooses her share my estate is to be divided into eight equal parts and each of the following children is to get one-eighth:

1. My son William A. Noel (less what he has already received).
2. My son James Noel (less what he has already received).
3. My son Samuel Smith Noel
4. My son John Edmund Noel
5. My daughter Jane Stewart (less what she has already received); her share to go to James W. Stewart and William Noel in trust for her.
6. My daughter Ann Noel, her share to go to James W. Stewart and William Noel, in trust for her.
7. My daughter Elizabeth Claibourne Noel, her share to go to James W. Stewart and William Noel, in trust for her.
8. To my daughter Cornelia Noel, her share to go to James W. Stewart and William Noel, in trust for her.

I give to John Edmund Noel the 160 acre tract whereon I now live after my wife's death. Before dau. Cornelia reaches age 21 or marries and before death of my wife, if land adjoining my homestead tract becomes available my executors may sell the Bell Place and purchase it.

Appoints son-in-law Doctor James W. Stewart and son William A. Noel guardians of unmarried or minor children and also as executors of this Last Will & Testament.

Witness: Nathan Boddie
N. Rowell
Hervey Dillahunty

CODICIL dated 26 April 1849

Son James Noel to have another negro to replace Wesley who died shortly after he went into the possession of James.

Witness: Hervey Dillahunty
Wm. H. Hays
John C. Simpson

PETITION TO PROBATE

James W. Stewart filed a petition stating that James Noel resided in Lauderdale County, Alabama for more than 20 years prior to his death. He died at his residence on the ___[blank]___ day of November, 1850 and previous to that time, on May 15, 1845, he made his will plus a Codicil on April 26, 1849. He was of sound mind and memory and left the following children:

1. Jane Stewart, wife of your petitioner)
2. Ann Walston, wife of John Walston)
3. Elizabeth Belote, wife of S. D. Belote)
4. Samuel Smith Noel) All residents of Lauderdale Co., Ala.
5. Cornelia Tilman, wife of Samuel Tilman)
6. John Edmund Noel)
7. William A. Noel, a resident of Mississippi
8. The children of James Noel Jr., deceased, who reside in Louisiana.

James Noel Will (-continued-)

Petitioner asks for citations to issue to the above heirs requiring them to appear at the Court House in Florence to show cause, if any, why the Will should not be admitted to record.

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ELIZA ELEANOR DONELSON

Dated: 22 Nov. 1848

Probated: 22 Jan. 1851

Being on the eve of leaving for Louisiana where I am compelled to go each winter with the hope of benefiting my health I have determined ... to make my Will. Feeling "great and painful responsibility regarding my only child, Edward Butler Donelson, who has heretofore evinced a wasteful and thoughtless extravagance of the estate of his father I have determined to guard against the evil to come" and will my property, in trust, to my only brother, Col. Edward G. W. Butler, and my present agent, A. V. S. Lindsley, Esq. and they are also to be the executors.

Pay just debts.

Erect a family monument with the ground enclosed with an appropriation of \$8000 or more if my executors think advisable.

Fifteen hundred acres of good land to be selected by executors to be presented to the Assylum for the blind in Tennessee, in my son's name, with my best wishes.

My executors are not to give my property up to my son until he is 28 years of age. Should my son die without lawful heirs I divide my property between my neices, Isabella A. Butler and Caroline S. Butler, daughters of my brother Edward, and Mary Isabella Nicholas the daughter of my half-sister Susan A. Nichols. My servants to be kindly cared for.

Note: Will probated in Davidson County, Tennessee.

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WILLIAM LANDMAN
(Nuncupative Will)

Dated: 29 Aug. 1850

Probated: 9 Sept. 1850

"William Landman of the county of Lauderdale and State of Alabama, being of Sound mind but weak in body, suffering from mortal wounds, which terminated his life on the 27th day of August, 1850, did on the 23rd day of August, 1850 make and declare his last Will and testament as follows to wit:

1st I desire that all my property be kept together until all my children become of age, except so much as may be necessary to pay all just debts and funeral expense, for use and support of family.

2nd. After all children become of age, and giving my wife, Matilda Landman, ample support during her lifetime, then estate to be equally divided among my children (children not named.)

3rd. Appoints George Simmons executor.

Witnesses: Green B. Davis. Jacob M. Lintz witnesses the will with his "X". Z. Rose.

This series to be continued in the next issue of Valley Leaves.



Lawrence



RANE' PRUITT, LAWRENCE COUNTY ASSOCIATE EDITOR

TRACT BOOK

A "tract book" is a ledger showing who purchased what land from the U.S. Government. Each county in Alabama should have a tract book covering the land in their county and a duplicate of this should be in the Secretary of State's office in Montgomery, Alabama. The section, township and range were copied for publication by Mary Fran Destree Moore of Torrance, California. This series began in "Valley Leaves" in Vol. 14, Number 1 (Sept. 1979).

Thirteenth Installment

Description of the Tract	To Whom Conveyed	Date Conveyed	Certificate Number	Military Act
<u>Page 86</u>				
Sec. 35-5s-7w	Thos. S. Earley	14 Dec 1854	21810	-
	Andrew Hamilton	12 Aug 1836	9841	
	Thomas Ashford	1 Mar 1858		
	Thomas Ashford	17 Dec 1853	18092	
	Thomas Ashford	1 Mar 1858		
	David Greenhill Ligon	27 Nov 1850	15112	
Sec. 36-5s-7w	Robert W. Hicks	1 Mar 1858	27251	-
	Joseph McCrary	11 Nov 1836	10531	
	John Aston	15 Nov 1855	25689	
	William P. Wallace	28 Dec 1833	6932	
	David McBride	31 Oct 1836	10429	
	John L. (?) Fagan	22 Jul 1901	12772	
	John L. (?) Fagan	22 Jul 1901	12772	
<u>Page 87</u>				
Sec. 1-6s-7w	David McBride	24 Aug 1852	18176	-
	Joseph McCluskey	6 Apr 1860	31995	
	Gibson L M Vay	30 Nov 1860	32564	
	John Berry	21 May 1855	24288	
	James A. McDaniel	29 Nov 1859	31304	
	Wiley J. Woodruff	20 Nov 1860	31940	
Sec. 2-6s-7w	Jos A. McCluskey	29 Aug 1891	7569	-
	Andrew J. Wade	1 Mar 1858	25732	
	John Brahan	13 Aug 1825	1891	
	John P. Hukman	13 Aug 1825	1890	
Sec. 3-6s-7w	Hiram Campbell	16 Dec 1854	21927	-
	Francis McDonald	4 Feb 1860	31715	
	George W. Hamilton	1 Mar 1858	-	
	George W. Hamilton	1 Mar 1858	-	
	Robert C. Handley	21 Sep 1832	5201	
	Jno Brown & Thos Allen Brown	4 July 1832	5014	
	Thos. Benton McBride	16 Nov 1860	32538	
	David G. Ligon	3 Oct 1853	78994	
	Thos. Allen Brown & Jno. Brown	6 Oct 1832	5540	
	Geo. W. Hamilton	23 Nov 1860	32546	

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Sec. 4-6s-7w	W.A. Murray	23 Oct 1894	12167	-
	Pres. & Dir. of M RR	15 Sep 1834	7288	
	John C. Calhoun	16 Sep 1895	9929	
	John C. Calhoun	16 Sep 1895	9929	
	Isham Milam	20 Jul 1836	9742	
	Robert A. Yarbrough	6 Dec 1897	11272	
	Calvin N. Darnell	14 Mar 1860	31941 (?)	
Sec. 5-6s-7w	State	23 May 1828	-	
	Saml Goode	19 Aug 1831	-	
	Calvin N. Darnell	8 Dec 1860	32539	
	Israel Diggs	2 Jul 1860	32135	
	Israel Diggs	2 Jul 1860	32135	
	Joseph Heflin	25 Jan 1838	11837	
Sec. 6-6s-7w	Thomas J. Terry	6 Oct 1894	-	-
	William P. Portis	11 Feb 1893	8487	
	Sylvester Locklayer	26 Feb 1890	7336	
	J R Locklayer	23 Mar 1886	4339	
<u>Page 89</u>				
Sec. 7-6s-7w	John W. Cooper	11 Feb 1893	8484	-
	Thos. Locklayer	24 Feb 1837	11280	
	John R. Locklayer	23 Mar 1886	4339	
	Osborn Locklayer	21 Jan 1837	11021	
	Americus Hawkins	1 Mar 1858	23727	
	Sarah Hawkins	28 Sep 1854	19138	
	Americus Hawkins	2 Oct 1860	32372	
	Americus Hawkins	2 Oct 1860	32392	
	Green McDaniel	5 Aug 1890	7004	
	Green McDaniel	5 Aug 1890	7004	
	Sec. 8-6s-7w	Phillip H. Hawkins	5 Nov 1897	11198
Andrew Smyth		17 Oct 1854	19755	
Philip Hawkins		25 Jul 1853	90402	
Andrew Smyth		11 Sep 1818	1609	
Andrew Smyth		17 Oct 1854	19754	
Philip T. Hawkins		28 Sep 1854	19111	
Philip T. Hawkins		28 Sep 1854	19112	
Sec. 9-6s-7w	William Priest	11 Sep 1818	336	-
	William Priest	9 Jan 1834	6975	
	William Priest	17 Jun 1836	9564	
	Andrew Smyth	17 Mar 1834	7149	
	Andrew Smyth	17 Oct 1854	19756	
	George W. Wade	5 Mar 1860	31872	
George W. Wade	5 Mar 1860	31872		
<u>Page 90</u>				
Sec. 10-6s-7w	Thos Benton McBride	16 Nov 1860	32538	-
	Thos Benton McBride	16 Nov 1860	32336	
	Thos Benton McBride	16 Nov 1860	32336	
	Miles M K McDowell	18 Dec 1834	8098	
	Miles M K McDowell	27 May 1835	8307	
	William Moran	4 Nov 1859	31118	
	Jos P. Williams	23 Oct 1860	32450	

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Sec. 10-6s-7w (continued)	Jno J W. Hampton	23 Nov 1860	32547	-
	George W. Wade	12 Nov 1851	16132	-
Sec. 11-6s-7w	David C. McClusky	29 Sep 1860	32384	-
	Stephen Gillespie	19 Oct 1860	32437	-
	Silas Woodruff	19 Oct 1860	32436	-
	Lucy Gillespie	24 Oct 1854	20095	-
	Lucy Gillespie	24 Oct 1854	20096	-
	Solomon Priest	18 Dec 1839	12226	-
	John K. McBride	1 Mar 1858	-	-
Sec. 12-6s-7w	William H. Astin	12 Oct 1844	12746	-
	Gabriel B. Moran	1 Mar 1858	26826	-
	William P. Wallace	24 Oct 1836	10384	-
	William Hightower	6 Jul 1860	31514	-
	Aaron Walker	6 Jul 1860	31515	-
	Aaron Walker	6 Jul 1860	31515	-
	Hugh McBride	12 Nov 1839	12218	-
<u>Page 91</u>				
Sec. 13-6s-7w	State	23 May 1828	-	-
	Terry Bradley	13 Apr 1838	-	-
	R. W. Anderson	13 Apr 1838	-	-
	W. Jones	-	-	-
	W. Jones	15 Jan 1836	-	-
	Anderson Hutchinson	26 Nov 1818	1262	-
Sec. 16-6s-7w	Carl Leach	21 Mar 1927	-	-
	Andrew W. Walker	26 Mar 1934	-	-
Sec. 14-6s-7w	Anderson Hutchinson	26 Nov 1818	1263	-
	David J. McClesky	2 Apr 1857	23306	-
	Henry Gillespie	12 Nov 1860	32521	-
	Dennis Woodruff	26 Nov 1860	32557	-
	Ann E. McWhorter	2 Jan 1860	31481	-
Sec. 15-6s-7w	Joseph Glenn	20 Oct 1854	19938	-
	Hillard J. McAdams	9 Jan 1834	6974	-
	Benjamin Green	24 Feb 1836	9222	-
	Menan Priest	12 Aug 1854	18492	-
	Mary J. Pierson	25 Oct 1854	20151	-
	Benjamin Greene	1 Jul 1831	1265	-
<u>Page 92</u>				
Sec. 16-6s-7w	State	2 Mar 1819	-	-
	School	-	-	-
	Wm Pruitt	13 Jul 1830	-	-
	R. Blasingham	21 Aug 1825	-	-
	Bertha Boyd	13 Apr 1965	-	-
	D. E. McAllister	26 Dec 1838	-	-
Sec. 17-6s-7w	Pres. & Dir. M RR Co.	15 Sep 1834	7291	-
	Pres. & Dir. M RR Co.	15 Sep 1834	7293	-
	Nathan Whitney	26 Jan 1839	12113	-

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<u>Sec. 17-6s-7w</u>				
(continued)	Robt. Blassengame	6 Jul 1837	11517	-
	Lancaster Co. McVay	8 Jan 1836	8972	
	Joseph Green	25 - 1833	5955	
	John Loyd	23 Dec 1833	6905	
	State	23 May 1828	-	
	W. R. Goode	31 Dec 1833	-	
Sec. 18-6s-7w	David L. Densmore	11 Dec 1854	21690	-
	Josiah Wheat	29 Jun 1831	1015	
	Hiram Sharp	1 Jul 1831	1361	
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<u>Sec. 19-6s-7w</u>				
	Samuel Goode	13 Dec 1833	6851	-
	Samuel Goode	13 Dec 1833	6852	
	Jarrott Parsons	2 Jul 1831	1421	
	Edmund Parsons	2 Jul 1831	1422	
	Edmund Parsons	5 Oct 1832	5493	
	James Serrard	8 Oct 1833	6467	
	James Serrard	11 Sep 1832	5166	
	James Serrard	28 Jul 1831	4261	
Sec. 20-6s-7w	State	23 May 1828	-	-
	J. M. White	30 Mar 1831	-	
	Tho. Coopwood	29 Aug 1833	-	
	J. P. Barr	23 Aug 1831	-	
	J. W. Talmage	3 Nov 1832	-	
	John Loyd	5 Dec 1831	-	
	L. C. McVay	13 Dec 1831	-	
	J. P. Barr	13 Dec 1831	-	
	J. W. Doss	16 Dec 1831	-	
	W. Barnes	21 Sep 1835	-	
	Matthew Goode	21 Sep 1835	-	
	Thos. Holland	11 Sep 1818	1591	
	James Green	-	2576	
Sec. 21-6s-7w	Andrew Smith	11 Sep 1818	1183	-
	Samuel Gragg	29 Jun 1831	1052	
	Avery Ellis	16 Feb 1836	9173	
	State	23 May 1828	-	
	John Thomason	21 Nov 1829	-	
	Wm Crowley	26 Sep 1832	-	
	D. Coopwood	18 Feb 1827	-	
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<u>Sec. 22-6s-7w</u>				
	Solomon Lanham	21 Aug 1821	1095	-
	Mary J. Pierson	25 Oct 1854	20152	
	George Thomason	4 Feb 1834	7049	
	Andrew Smythe	11 Sep 1818	1608	
	George Thomason	23 Mar 1836	9297	
	State	23 May 1828	-	
	Benj Green	27 Dec 1831	-	
	Green Wallace	9 Mar 1830	-	
	D. Hubbard	11 Nov 1831	-	
	A. Campbell	22 Feb 1829	-	

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Sec. 23-6s-7w	James Alexander	10 Jan 1860	31535	-
	S & N RR	25 Oct 1871	-	-
	Elizabeth Bell	16 Apr 1892	7921	-
	Andrew Smith	3 Sep 1821	1107	-
	Isaac Dukeminier	11 Aug 1848	-	-
	Lancaster C. McVay	8 Feb 1850	14615	-
	Isaac Dukeminier	28 Mar 1836	9310	-
Sec. 24-6s-7w	State	23 May 1828	-	-
	Benj White	30 Nov 1836	-	-
		7 Apr 1837	-	-
	Elliott Jones	2 Mar 1837	-	-
	Jerre Clark	6 Sep 1837	-	-
	Wm Jones	13 Sep 1838	-	-
	Lucinda McCluskey	23 Mar 1837	11402	-
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Sec. 25-6s-7w	Thomas Woodruff	18 Dec 1854	21953	-
	William G. Tuttle	13 Feb 1836	9150	-
	Philip Tackett	29 Nov 1831	4605	-
	Elliot Morris	28 Apr 1831	3933	-
	Elliot Morris	6 Oct 1832	5538	-
	State	23 May 1828	-	-
	Wm Moran	2 Dec 1833	-	-
	Wm Jones	16 Mar 1831	-	-
	P. Tackell	16 Mar 1831	-	-
	Saml McClesky	20 Jun 1831	742	-
Sec. 26-6s-7w	State	23 May 1828	-	-
	John Cox	4 Dec 1835	-	-
	Tho Morrow	6 Mar 1830	-	-
	Whitman Cox	7 Dec 1835	-	-
	N. Neal	6 Mar 1830	-	-
	I. McVay	27 Nov 1829	-	-
	Iavan McVay	28 Sep 1818	2117	-
	Stephen Donathan	2 Jul 1831	1335	-
	Hugh McVay	11 Sep 1818	147	-
Sec. 27-6s-7w	David Hubbard	6 May 1831	273	-
	David Hubbard	14 Mar 1831	3906	-
	Iavan McVay	11 Sep 1818	2118	-
	Jane Priest	16 May 1831	3962	-
	Est Saml Priest	11 Sep 1818	3027	-
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Sec. 28-6s-7w	George Thomason	26 Nov 1830	3679	-
	Benjamin Milam	26 Nov 1830	3680	-
	Benjamin Milam	11 Sep 1818	2113	-
	Ambrose R. Hunter	11 Sep 1818	1240	-
	John S. White	11 Sep 1818	2127	-
Sec. 29-6s-7w	State	23 May 1828	-	-
	P. Halton	22 Mar 1830	-	-
	J. D. Harris	21 Sep 1830	-	-
	Matthew McAllister	15 Feb 1833	6054	-
	George W. Coopwood	18 Dec 1835	8836	-

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Sec. 29-6s-7w (continued)	Matthew McAllister	12 Oct 1832	5565	-
	Martin Mahan	29 Jun 1831	1055	
	Malcolm Gilchrist	26 Jul 1831	4176	
	Samuel Gragg	11 Sep 1818	1182	
Sec. 30-6s-7w	Crockett McDonald	10 Nov 1831	4547	-
	Jane Fry	29 Jun 1831	1051	
	Thomas Milam	25 May 1831	375	
	Wyate Adkins	28 Dec 1831	4695	
	George Anderson	11 Sep 1818	1129	
	Edmund Rucker	28 Sep 1818	304	
<u>Page 97</u>				
Sec 31-6s-7w	Bernard Deran	10 Oct 1818	210	-
	John Williams	3 Aug 1831	4276	
	Malcolm Gilchrist	17 Oct 1831	4467	
	John Stone Jr	30 Jun 1831	1077	
	Hugh Wier	27 Jun 1831	925	
	Hugh Wier	28 Sep 1818	2642	
Sec. 32-6s-7w	Reubin Rucker	11 Sep 1818	220	-
	John W. Tilford	11 Sep 1818	209	
	James Hubbard	11 Sep 1818	650	
	Bernard Patterson	11 Sep 1818	337	
	State	23 May 1828	-	
	Beauch Jones	25 Mar 1830	-	
Sec. 33-6s-7w	Aaron Milam	11 Sep 1818	2618	-
	John Gregg	11 Sep 1818	2870	
	Bernard Devan	29 Jun 1831	1002	
	David N. Hunter	27 Jun 1831	898	
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Sec. 34-6s-7w	John Wallace	29 June 1831	1003	-
	Isaac Mullin	11 Sep 1818	333	
	William Leitch	11 Sep 1818	1157	
	Bernard Devan	11 Sep 1818	1225	
Sec. 16-6s-7w	Beulah McKay & J. K. West	10 Apr 1930	-	-
Sec. 35-6s-7w	Elliot Jones	11 Sep 1818	235	-
	John Cox	1 Jul 1831	1319	
	State	23 May 1828	-	
	John Cox	15 Mar 1830	-	
	Henry Jackson	24 Nov 1829	-	
	N. Neal	15 Feb 1830	-	
	J. Donathan	19 Feb 1830		
Sec. 36-6s-7w	Saml Cowan	28 Apr 1831	203	-
	State	23 May 1828	-	
	Wm Fears	24 Nov 1829	-	
	Wm Robinson	14 Jan 1830	-	
	John Craig	22 Feb 1830	-	



Limestone



ORPHANS COURT MINUTES, 1824 - 1830

(Part One of several parts)

1824-25

This is not the earliest Orphans Court Minute book in Limestone County. The one(s) prior to 1824 are in the process of being abstracted by Mr. David Whitehorn of Limestone County who plans to publish them.

Daniel Coleman was the Judge from the beginning of these minutes through May 2, 1829. On May 26, 1829 William J. Mason became the presiding judge. All persons are residents of Limestone County unless so stated.

To fully understand these minutes there are some facts the reader should know. When an estate was ready to be appraised the judge usually appointed five men as appraisers or commissioners. It was only necessary that a majority of these commissioners do the actual appraisal.

When an estate or guardianship was ready for final settlement the administrator or guardian submitted his final accounts and vouchers to the judge and asked that the case be settled. The law required that a notice of this intent be published for a certain length of time in a local newspaper. The judge set the date of hearing on the settlement and at that time anyone interested in the case in any manner could appear and let his wishes or complaints be heard. In these abstracts we have not stated that the judge ordered publication in the newspaper, however, it should be understood that such was the case.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	
		1	At an orphans court begun and held for the County of Limestone at the Court house in the Town of Athens on the 2nd Monday in December (being the 12th day) in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty four and of American independence the 49th year. Present: the honorable Daniel Coleman, Judge.
1	12-12-1824	1	<u>Peter Williamson Estate</u> Henry, a Negro slave belonging to the estate of Peter Williamson, decd., was ordered sold at public sale and the proceeds divided among heirs.
2	12-12-1824	1	<u>John Jones Estate</u> Thomas Macklin, Amos Vincent, Thomas Thach, Thomas E. Jones, and John D. White appointed to apportion and divide real and personal estate of John Jones among heirs and distributees.
3	12-12-1824	1	<u>Lewellen Jones Jr., Guardianship</u> Lewellen Jones, Jr., under age 21 and over 14, chose John P. Washington his guardian. Washington was issued Letters of Guardianship with _____ Lockhart and Robert Ellett (?) his securities.
4	12-12-1824	2	<u>Joseph Flournoy Estate</u> John P. Hall, Admr., was cited to appear in court at the insistence of Frances Flournoy, guard. of Wm. F. Flournoy and Joseph J. Flournoy, but failed to appear and make settlement. Hall ordered to pay costs "in this behalf expended."

Item No.	Date	Page No.	Item
5	12-12-1824	2	<u>John Jones Estate</u> ____ [blank] _____ Jones, widow and relict of John Jones, deceased, petitioned for her dower rights in lands of her deceased husband; same was granted.
6	12-20-1824	3	<u>Joseph Flournoy Estate</u> John P. Hall, Admr., filed his accounts and vouchers for final settlement. Hearing set for 3rd Monday in Jan., 1825 to show cause, if any, why estate should not be settled.
7	12-23-1824	3	<u>Woodson C. Montgomery Estate</u> Estate insolvent. It was ordered that all persons having claims against this estate file their claims with the Clerk of this court within six months.
8	12-25-1824	3-4	<u>David Templeton Estate</u> James Simmers [Summers?], Admr., filed his accounts and vouchers for final settlement. Hearing set on same for third Mon. in January, 1825.
9	12-31-1824	4	<u>Mary Keeling Estate</u> Mary Keeling died without a will. John Keeling appointed admr. after giving \$500 bond with Samuel Neisbit and William Albright his securities.
10	12-31-1824	4-5	<u>Wright Whitfield Estate</u> Milberry Whitfield, widow and relict of Wright Whitfield, deceased, petitioned for her dower in the lands of her deceased husband; same was granted.
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11	1-12-1825	5	<u>William Sims Estate</u> Jonathan D. Looney, John R. Evans, William Richardson, James Fitten, and Paul Hildreth appointed commissioners to allot and divide personal estate of William Sims among his heirs and distributees.
12	1-17-1825	5	<u>Templeton Guardianship</u> Alexander Austin, guardian of: Jane Templeton Louisa Templeton Polly Templeton Eleanor Templeton was ordered to give additional security for his guardianship or be relieved of his duties.
13	1-17-1825	6	<u>David Templeton Estate</u> Final settlement hearing ordered continued until the second Monday in Feb., 1825.
14	1-17-1825	6	<u>Par Guardianship</u> Charles King, guardian of: Henry J. Par Susannah C. Par John D[?] Par ____ [illegible] ____ L. Par Robert W. Par was ordered to sell a Negro slave, the property of said infants, and make division of the proceeds among them.
15	1-17-1825	6	<u>Joseph Flournoy Estate</u> Final settlement hearing continued until the 1st Monday in Feb., 1825.

Item No	Date	Page No.	Item
16	1-19-1825	7	<p><u>William McMurtrey Estate</u> The will of William McMurtrey was produced by Samuel Berry and William Berry and proved by Thomas Pool, Aaron Pool, and Isaac Garrot, witnesses. Samuel and William Berry were appointed executors after giving \$12,000 bond with Benjamin Murrell, Thomas Reddus and James McKinney their securities.</p>
17	2-7-1825	8	<p><u>Matthew Stewart Estate</u> Nancy <u>Stuart</u>, administratrix of Matthew <u>Stewart</u>, deceased, filed her accounts and vouchers for final settlement. Hearing on same set for the second Monday in April, 1825.</p>
18	2-14-1825	8	<p><u>Exum P. Manning Guardianship</u> Exum P. Manning, over age 14, chose Wright W. Manning as his guardian. Wright W. gave \$4000 bond with Samuel Cox and David Manning his securities.</p>
19	2-14-1825	9	<p><u>Manning Guardianship</u> Polly Manning was appointed guardian of: Polly P. Manning Peggy V. Manning Thomas P. Manning Rebecca M. J. Manning all under age 14. Polly Manning gave \$14,000 bond with Wright W. Manning, Samuel Cox, and David Manning her securities.</p>
20	2-14-1825	9	<p><u>Pridgin Manning Estate</u> On petition of Wright W. Manning, Samuel Cox (in right of his wife Charity Cox, lately Charity Manning), David Manning, Exum Manning (by his guarding Wright W. Manning), Polly P. Manning,) Peggy V. Manning,) Rebecca M. J. Manning,) by their guardian, Polly Manning. Thomas P. Manning,) all heirs of Pridgin Manning, deceased: this estate is debt-free and the court orders Robert Pollock, James Wilkinson, Alexander Jones, Alexander Berry, and William Shores to allot and divide the slaves of Pridgin Manning, decd., agreeable to his Will.</p>
21	2-24-1825	10	<p><u>Templeton Guardianships</u> [also see Item No. 13] Alexander Austin, guardian of Jane M. Templeton Julia L. Templeton* Mary Ann Templeton [written "Polly" in Item 12] Eleanor A. Templeton was cited to appear and give additional security. He did appear and gave Hugh A. Anderson as his additional security.</p> <p>[*This name is clearly written Louisa in Item 12 and Julia L. in Item 21. This leads one to believe her name is actually Julia Louisa Templeton.]</p>
22	2-24-1825	10	<p><u>David Templeton Estate</u> James Simmers [Summers?], Admr. Final settlement continued until Feb. 25, 1825.</p>
23	2-24-1825	10	<p><u>Archibald McRobert Estate</u> William Richardson, Admr., reported this estate insolvent. All persons having claims against the estate are to file same with Clerk of this court within six mo.</p>

Item No.	Date	Page No.	Item
24	2-24-1825	11	<u>Robert A. Patrick Guardianship</u> Edmund Patrick, guardian of Robert A. Patrick, settled his accounts.
25	2-24-1825	11	<u>Elisha Bowdre Est. [Also written Bowdie]</u> The commissioners appointed to divide this estate made their report.
26	2-24-1825	11	<u>John Pridemore Estate</u> The commissioners appointed to divide this estate made their report.
27	2-24-1825	11	<u>William Sims Estate</u> Final settlement made. The commissioners appointed to divide this estate made their report.
28	2-24-1825	11	<u>Joshua Collier Guardianship</u> William Sandifer, guardian of Joshua Collier, filed his accounts and vouchers for the years 1823 and 1824.
29	2-24-1825	11	<u>John Jones Estate</u> William Jones, Admr., made his final settlement.
30	2-24-1825	12	<u>John Able Estate</u> The commissioners appointed to audit and adjust the claims against this estate made their report.
31	2-24-1825	12	<u>William Nelson Estate</u> John Young, Admr., made final settlement.
32	2-24-1825	12	<u>Peter Williamson Estate</u> Jamima Phillips, admx., made final settlement.
33	2-24-1825	12	<u>Joseph Flournoy Estate</u> John P. Hall, admr., made final settlement.
34	2-24-1825	12	<u>David Templeton Estate</u> James Summers, admr., made final settlement
35	3-7-1825	13	<u>William Logwood Guardianship</u> John Tate, guardian of William Logwood, filed for final settlement. All persons interested in this settlement are to appear before the judge on the 3rd Monday in April, 1825, to show cause, if any, why this guardianship should not be settled. NOTE: Final settlement of guardianships could not be made unless the minor reached the age of 21 years, in case of males, or the guardian was being replaced by another guardian. Apparently William Logwood had reached age 21.
36	3-11-1825	13	<u>John Chester Estate</u> John Birdwell, admr. of John Chester, deceased, filed his accounts and vouchers for final settlement. Hearing on same set for the 3rd Monday in April, 1825.
37	3-11-1825	13	<u>Elisha Bowdre Estate</u> Thomas Parker, admr. of Elisha Bowdre, made his final settlement.
38	3-14-1825	14	<u>William Bond Estate</u> Edward Massie, admr. of William Bond, filed his accounts and vouchers for final settlement. Hearing on same set for the 3rd Monday in April, 1825.



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Madison



RECORDS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
GURLEY, ALABAMA
1884 - 1915

(Fourth Installment)

The records of this church were obtained by P. B. Keel and abstracted from Xerox copies by Dorothy Scott Johnson. This series began in Valley Leaves, Volume 16, Number 2 (December, 1981). For a history of the church and a summary of what is contained in the minutes please refer to Vol. 16, No. 2, Page 83.

Membership List No. II

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Recd. from, dismissed to or Baptism date:</u>	<u>Hand of Fellowship</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
117	Lewis J. Tipton	Baptised 26 Nov 1893	-	Died 9 Nov 1894
118	Joe R. Branum	Baptised 27 Nov 1893	-	-
119	G. William Branun, Jr.	Watch care	26 Nov 1893	-
120	L. D. Branum	Baptised 26 Nov 1893	-	[This is Mrs. G. Wm. Branum Jr.]
121	L. Bracie Echoles	Baptised 22 July 1894	-	"Potts" written after name
122	Arther Hortenberry	Baptised 27 Nov 1893	-	Excluded 9 May 1897
123	Lilly Branum	Baptised 22 July 1894	-	Left by letter 8 Jan 1899
124	Laura A. Branum	Baptised 27 Nov 1893	-	-
125	Winburn Mullens	Baptised 27 Nov 1893	-	-
126	Jimmie O. Mullens	Baptised 27 Nov 1893	-	-
127	L. A. Branum	Baptised 27 Nov 1893	-	Left by letter 11 Mar 1894
128	Nannie Sloan	-	-	Joined by experience 27 Nov 1893
129	C. C. Goolesby	Watch care	26 Nov 1893	Watch care withdrawn 14 Jan 1894
130	W. H. Brown	"Restored (from confession) <u>Church in Texas</u> "	10 Dec 1893	Lost by letter 14 Feb 1897 & 13 Nov. 1904
131	Fannie Edger	Baptised 22 July 1894	-	Added by experience 10 Dec 1893; left by letter 12 Dec 1897
132	Eliza Campbell	Recd. by letter from New Market Church	-	Recd. 8 Jan 1893. Died 11 December 1893
133	John C. Shelton	Baptised 22 July 1894	-	To Boonville, Ind. by letter dated 9 June 1895
134	Newton J. Gattis	Watch care	24 Dec 1893	Left 11 Oct 1896

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Recd. from, dismissed to or Baptism date:</u>	<u>Hand of Fellowship</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
135	Rev. J. L. Thompson)	Received from the)	Left 24 Feb 1895 for Montgomery Ala.
136	Alabama Thompson)	wife & Winchester Baptist)	
137	Hermon Thompson)	son Church 10 June 1894)	
138	H. L. Nash)	Recd. by letter from Gumspring)	Recd. 8 July 1894 and left 9 August 1896
139	Mrs. H. L. Nash)	Baptist Church in St. Clair Co., Ala.)	
140	Dr. J. M. Lovett)	Watch care, 1st Church,)	Recd. by letters 28 Apr 1895; lost by letters 12 Jan 1896.
141	Mrs. Dr. J. M. Lovett)	Huntsville.)	
142	Mrs. Sarah C. Martin	Watch care		Erased.
143	Mrs. Mary A. Styles	Recd. from Cedar Grove Baptist Church by letter 15 July 1894		-
144	Mrs. (J.C.) Emma Shelton	Baptised 22 July 1894		Lost by letter 9 June 1895 to Boonville, Ind.
145	W. J. Beason	Baptised 22 July 1894		-
146	Geo. W. Burley	Baptised 22 July 1894		-
147	Allie B. Johnson	Baptised 22 July 1894		Lost by letter to 1st Church of Huntsville
148	Frank W. Tipson	Baptised 22 July 1894		Lost by letter 9 May 1897
149	W. T. Branum	Baptised 22 July 1894		-
150	W. F. Maples, Jr.	Baptised 22 July 1894		Lost by letter 9 May 1897
151	Mrs. (W.F.) Rachel Maples, Jr.	Baptised 22 July 1894		Dead
152	Minnie Vann	Baptised 22 July 1894		-
153	Lula L. Ervine	Baptised 22 July 1894		-
154	Emma V. Beason	Baptised 22 July 1894		Lost by letter 27 Sept 1896
155	Sherley D. Beason	Baptised 22 July 1894		Lost by letter 27 Sept 1896
156	Mattie Edger	Baptised 22 July 1894		Lost by letter 12 Dec 1897
157	Zada C. Edger	Baptised 22 July 1894		Lost by letter 12 Dec 1897
158	Willie Parsons	Baptised 22 July 1894		-
159	M. L. Maples (Mrs. Frank Sr.)	Baptised 22 July 1894		-
160	Mary E. Maples (Mollie)	Baptised 22 July 1894		"McDowal" written after name
161	Hettie Stofle	Baptised 22 July 1894		-
162	Ed. W. Jacobs	Baptised 22 July 1894		-
163	A. L. Sutton	Baptised 22 July 1894		-

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Recd. from, dismissed to or Baptism date:</u>	<u>Hand of Fellowship</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
164	A. S. Hodges	Watch Care	26 Aug 1894	Lost by letter
165	A. M. English	Recd. by letter 26 Aug 1894 from the Jackson Bapt. Church of Jackson, Mo.		-
166	Miss Sadora Williamson	Baptised 24 Nov 1894		-
167	Mrs. M.A. Blair	Baptised 10 Nov 1895		
168	W. H. Zachary	-	-	Recd. by experience 23 Oct 1894; Died 17 August 1895
169	W. W. Erwine	Baptised 10 Nov 1895	-	-
170	W. T. Rogers	Baptised 24 Nov 1894	-	Lost by letter 22 March 1896
171	Lucy Beason (Mrs. W. H.)	Recd. by letter 24 Nov 1894 from "Cumberland church in town."		Lost by letter 27 Sept 1896
172	Sweetie B. Roberts	Recd. by bapt. 24 Nov 1894, from "Cumberland church in town."		-
173	Leila Branum	Recd. by bapt. 22 Feb 1895, from M. E. Church		-
174	S. W. Shackelford	Recd. by letter 9 June 1895 from Hartselle Baptist Church		Died 25 Aug. 1895
175	Minnie Shackelford	Recd. by letter 9 June 1895 from Hartselle Baptist Church		-
176	Pennie Beason (Mrs. Wiley)	Recd. by baptism 10 Nov 1895 from Cumberland Church in town.		Lost by letter 6 Sept 1896
177	J. M. Gentry	Baptised 10 Nov 1895		Lost by exclusion 10 Jan 1897
178	J. S. Branum	Recd. by letter 14 July 1895 from Cave Spring Baptist Church		Lost by letter 6 Sept 1896
179	Mattie Beason	Recd. by baptism 10 Nov 1895.		Lost by letter 6 Sept 1896
180	Elga Hodges	Recd. by experience 23 June 1895		-
181	Annie Baldwin	Watch care 8 Oct 1895		Erased 11 Oct. 1896
182	Rebecca L. Hodges	Recd. by letter 12 Jan 1896 from 1st Baptist of Huntsville, Ala.		-
183	Mrs. Salina Branum	Recd. by letter 5 July 1896 from Scottsboro		Lost by letter to Huntsville; died 28 March 1900
184	Willie D. Branum	Baptised 12 July 1896		-
185	Lillie Blair	Recd. by experience 24 May 1896		
186	Lula Branum	Baptised 24 July 1896		Lost by letter 9 May 1897

-To be continued in later issues of Valley Leaves-

MARY ETTA WILBOURN PROGRESS REPORT

The following is a Progress Report on Miss Mary Etta Willburn, probably to her parents, by the staff of the New Market Male and Female College. Mary Etta Willbourn was the daughter of Starnes W. Willbourn of Jackson County. Starnes W. was the second son of Aquilla and Elizabeth (Wilson) Willbourn who were married in Barren Co., Ky. in 1816. Mary Etta Willbourn married Geron Kirkpatrick on February 19, 1874, shortly after this letter was written. The letter is in the possession of Mrs. Hattie (Willbourn) Kirkpatrick of Dalton, Ga., the daughter-in-law of Geron and Mary Etta. It was donated, along with the above family information, for publication in Valley Leaves by TVGS member Ann Gahan.

New Market Male and Female College,
December 12, 1873.

Miss Etta Willburn has been a diligent and faithful student, and her progress in her studies has been steady and satisfactory. Her deportment in school has been commendable in the highest degree, and has won for her the respect and love of all her Teachers. No pupil ever behaved better in school than Miss Etta has done.

J. R. Morris,
Principal.

I take pleasure in subscribing to the above.
Too much can not be said in Miss Etta's favor.
Lexie Whitman, Teacher
of 'Academical Department



With pleasure I subscribe to
the above S. E. Thrambrick
Primary Department

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

of

WILLIAM DICKSON

The following Last Will and Testament of William Dickson was found and contributed by Mrs. Carl. E. Goodwin of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. This Will is recorded in Will Book No. 9, Pages 407-408, Rutherford County, Tennessee, and is housed in the County Court Clerk's office.

In the name of God, Amen

I, William Dickson, now of Rutherford County and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind [and] memory do make & ordain the following as my last will and Testament—

First, I give and bequeath to my brother James Dickson living in Madison County, Alabama and my Brother Enoch Dickson of Rutherford County, Tennessee all the negroes of which I may die possessed, consisting of sixteen working hands including seven women also four children with all the increase, if any, to be divided in value equally between them and if making such division my said two brothers shall not be able to agree then such division shall be made by three competent disinterested persons to be chosen by them; the negroes so divided is for their benefit during their life time and on the death of my brother James Dickson it is my intention that the negroes to which he becomes intitled under the will shall descend at once to his five youngest daughters and in case of the death of either to be shared equally by those that may be living at the time.

And on the death of my brother Enoch Dickson it is my intention that the negroes now intended to be conveyed to him by this will shall descend at once to his two Sons, John and Enoch, and his two daughters Lucends and Mary share and share alike; and in the event Lucinda dies without an heir then her portion shall revert to the remaining three children just named.

Second, I have some money and debts due me which I wish put out to interest as soon as practicable to be made safe and secure, the sum I am unable to state exactly but suppose it to be about Six Thousand Dollars appropriated to the use and special benefit of two neices which I have in Virginia named Lucinda & Margaret Martin & the same to be paid to them annually.

Third, I have a quarter section of land in Lauderdale County, Alabama within four miles of Rogersville near big Elk Which I give to my brother Thomas Dickson.

Fourth, I have in Grayson County, Virginia twenty two hundred and fourteen acres of land nearly in a Square, also one other tract of about fifty acres adjoining or nearly adjoining my brother John Dickson who lives in Virginia; these two tracts of land I give and bequeath to my said brother John Dickson.

Fourth [Fifth] To my brother Enoch Dickson I give the mare which I ride and all the personal property which I have not otherwise disposed of in this will.

And lastly I do hereby appoint my Said two Brothers James Dickson and Enoch Dickson my Executors to this my last will and testament revoking all others & not wishing them to give any Security for their faithful Administration on the premises.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of December, 1836.

Witness: David Wendel	his
George W. Lilliard	William X Dickson
	mark

After the foregoing will was drawn up William Dickson, the maker thereof, desired the following provision to be added, viz: on the death of James & Enoch Dickson, the executors to the same, the \$1000., the interest of which is to be set aside for Lucretia & Margaret that the same shall as early as practicable be paid over to them or to their legal representatives and the ballance of the money directed to be put out on interest shall be paid to the different persons, children of James & Enoch Dickson mentioned

Last Will & Testament of William Dickson (-continued-)

in the first clause of the foregoing will. In witness I have hereunto [set] my hand & seal this 17th day of December 1836.

Witness: David Wendel
George W. Lilliard

his
William X Dickson
mark

State of Tennessee)
) County Court, January term 1837
Rutherford County)

The execution of the foregoing last will [and] Testament and codicil thereto of William Dickson, decd., was duly proven by the oath of David Wendel and George W. Lillard, subscribing witnesses thereto at the above term and ordered to be recorded.

Robt. S. Morris, Clerk

Recorded Jany 12th 1837.

NOTE: There was writing on the margin of this Will of which the first few words were illegible: "... to my three sisters Ann, Lucretia and Elizabeth Ball each share and share alike and to be paid annually."

RICHARD MITCHELL HEIRS

Richard Mitchell died in Madison County, Alabama between July 21 and July 25, 1839. He left a widow, Mary, and eight children. In his Probate File [No. 316] is a list of his children which is most unusual in that it gives the birth dates of several. The following is a verbatim transcript of the document. [Contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.]

"The Heirs of Richd Mitchell decd [are]
Eli Mitchell, decd., his heir [is] Anna Maria, an Infant]
Sarah Doss, decd., her heir [is] Martha Ann 4 y[ear]s old] Note:
Isaac Mitchell, of age] This document is
Drucilla Mitchell born June 21st 1823] not dated, however,
Eveline Mitchell born Febr. 29, 1828] it was probably
Anna Mitchell born Sept^r 18, 1830] made soon after
Andrew J. Mitchell born March 5, 1836] Richard's death.
James M. Mitchell born July 5, 1838"]

Even though Isaac Mitchell's birth date was not recorded here he was buried in the Rice Cemetery and his tombstone says he was born October 8, 1820 and died September 11, 1871.

1824 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES, MADISON CO., ALA.

We are authorized to announce the following Candidates, to represent this County in the next Legislature:

William Moore George T. Jones James W. Camp
Isaac Lanier John R. B. Eldridge John Vining
Jimeon Geron Christopher Hunt Thomas Miller
Alsop Woodward Samuel Walker Samuel Chapman
Anthony H. Metcalfe William Fleming Benjamin B. Rogers

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



Marshall



PROBATE MINUTES
March 1836 - December 1839

(Nineth Installment)

This 136 page book, located in the Marshall County Courthouse, Guntersville, Alabama, contains Orphan's Court minutes, and began in Valley Leaves in Volume 13, Number 3 (March 1979). Abstracted by Yvonne Spence Perkins.

<u>Date & Page No.</u>	<u>Item</u>
Sat., Oct. 5, 1839 Page 119	<u>James Macfarlane</u> The court appoints Sheriff Joel Higgins as administrator de bonis non of the estate of James M. Macfarlane, deceased.
Oct. 7, 1839 Page 119	<u>Estate settlements continued</u> The court ordered that the time of settlement of the following estates be continued until the next term of this court: James M. Macfarlane Estate Abner Vaughan Estate Patrick Burk Estate T. H. Burns Estate Reuben B. Tate Estate
Oct. 7, 1839 Page 119	<u>William Richie Administration</u> William Richie appeared in court but his papers were not "in due form" and the case was continued.
Oct. 7, 1839 Page 119	<u>Reuben B. Tate Estate</u> Isham H. Fennell, administrator of the estate of Reuben B. Tate, deceased, appeared ready for settlement "but in consequence of the absence of the Judge the case stands continued."
Oct. 7, 1839 Page 119-120	<u>Thomas Beauchamp Estate</u> William M. Griffin, administrator of the estate of Thomas Beauchamp, deceased, is granted permission to sell the present growing crop of cotton at private sale.
Oct. 16, 1839 Page 121	<u>Sarah Farmer Estate</u> Peyton Law applies for, and is granted, Letters of Administration on the estate of Sarah Farmer, deceased. He gave \$1200 bond with John O. Feemster his security. Wm. M. Griffin, Richard Neeley, and John Gobble were appointed to appraise the estate. Peyton Law was ordered to dispose of the personal property at public sale.
Oct. 22, 1839 Page 122	<u>Thomas Beauchamp Estate</u> Ann Evans makes a complaint of "waste and embezzelment" against Wm. M. Griffin, administrator of the estate of Thomas Beauchamp, deceased. Griffin ordered to appear in court on the first Monday in November, 1839, to answer the complaint and show cause why Letters of Administration should not be revoked.
Oct. 24, 1839 Page 122	<u>Thomas Beauchamp Estate</u> Wm. M. Griffin, Admr., reports that since the sale of the personal estate that he has found there was other personal property belonging to the

estate of Thomas Beauchamp, to-wit: one lot of carpenter tools and "the crop for 1839." He requested same be appraised and Samuel Lowry, Holloway Powers and Thos. Adkins were appointed appraisers.

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Page 123

Anderson Kitchens Estate

Mahala Kitchens applied for and was granted Letters of Administration on the estate of Anderson Kitchens, deceased. She gave \$1500 bond with Wm. M. Griffin, James Childress, and Richard S. Randles her securities. Hugh Henry, James McGee, and David L. Hayle were appointed to appraise the estate. Mahala Kitchens ordered to dispose of the personal estate by public sale.

Oct. 24, 1839
Page 124

Estate settlements continued

The court orders that settlement of the following estates be continued until next term:

James M. Macfarlane estate
Tilman H. Burns estate
Abner Vaughan estate
Randolph Morgan estate
Patrick Burke estate

Nov. 4, 1839
Pages 124-125

Thomas Beauchamp Estate

Ann Evans ordered to make bond, which she did, in the amount of \$500. for costs in pursuing this suit. Court ordered a jury impanelled to look into the matter between the parties and to appear in court "in the town of Marshall" on Nov. 25, 1839.

Nov. 4, 1839
Pages 125-126

Nathaniel Steel Estate

Joel Higgins, Sheriff of Marshall County, administrator de bonis non of the estate of Nathaniel Steel, deceased, reports the estate insolvent. The court orders that publication be made once a week for six weeks in the "Bellefonte Carrier," a Bellefonte newspaper, requiring all persons having claims against the estate to file them with the Orphans Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1840, at which time they will be examined and distribution will be made.

Nov. 4, 1839
Page 126

Thomas Beauchamp Estate

William M. Griffin, administrator of the estate of Thomas Beauchamp, deceased, files an inventory of the sale of cotton belonging to this estate which consisted of 30,000 pounds of cotton at \$1.50 per hundred weight.

Nov. 4, 1839
Pages 126-127

John M. Cabiness Estate

Joel Higgins, Sheriff of Marshall County, administrator de bonis non of John M. Cabiness, deceased, reports this estate insolvent. The court orders that publication be made once a week for six weeks in the "Bellefonte Carrier," a Bellefonte newspaper, requiring all persons having claims against the estate to file them before the first Monday in January, 1840, at which time the claims will be examined and distribution will be made.

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Page 127

Thompson Guardianships

William Morton, guardian of the minor heirs of Joshua Thompson, deceased, files his accounts for settlement as of Oct. 7, 1839 in his guardianship of David Thompson, Ethalinda Thompson, William Thompson, and Mary Thompson. The court orders payment to Morton of \$16. spent on a trip to South Carolina for the minors, \$9. to Marshall County Clerk for Letters of Guardianship, and \$17.75 for interest paid to Mr. Barton the former guardian.

- Nov. 4, 1839
Page 127
Wm. H. Henderson Estate
William M. Griffin, administrator of the estate of William Henderson, decd., makes final settlement of estate.
- Nov. 4, 1839
Pages 127-128
Reuben B. Tate Estate
Isham Fennell, administrator of the estate of Reuben B. Tate, decd., reports the estate insolvent and files accounts and vouchers for settlement with time and place given for settlements. Accounts examined by the County Judge and assets of estate ordered distributed among creditors.
- Nov. 4, 1839
Page 128
Foster D. Paris Estate
Joel Higgins, administrator de bonis non of the estate of Foster D. Paris, decd., files his inventory of accounts due the estate. Ordered recorded.
- Nov. 4, 1839
Page 128
Eli Elkins Estate
Lewis Page, administrator of the estate of Eli Elkins, deceased, files an inventory of appraisement of personal property.
- Nov. 19, 1839
Page 129
James May Estate
John O. Feemster applies for, and is granted, Letters of Administration on the estate of James May, deceased. The court is satisfied that the widow (not named) does not wish to administer on the estate. Feemster gave \$600 bond. Peyton Law, Benjamin Suttin, Nelson T. Philip, and A. C. Banks are appointed appraisers of the estate. Feemster is ordered to dispose of the personal property of the estate by public sale.
- Nov. 19, 1839
Page 130
John T. Smith Estate
John O. Feemster, administrator of the estate of John T. Smith, decd., filed his inventory of sales of said decedent's estate.
- Nov. 19, 1839
Page 130
Anderson Kitchens Estate
The appraisers of the estate of Anderson Kitchens, decd., filed their inventory of appraisement.
- Nov. 19, 1839
Page 130-131
Gilbreath Barton Estate
Little D. Boshart and James M. Barton apply for, and are granted, Letters of Administration on the estate of Gilbreath Barton, decd. The court is satisfied that the widow (not named) does not wish to administer the estate. Robert Rhea, Lewis Manning, and William Black are appointed appraisers of the estate of Gilbreath Barton, decd. The court ordered the admrs. to dispose of the present crop of cotton by public sale.
- Nov. 25, 1839
Pages 131-133
Thomas Beauchamp Estate
Summonses were issued to the following persons: William Brooks, Isham H. Fennel, Curtis Herrin, H. R. Shores, James Adams, D. L. Hayle, Daniel Fields, Allen Lawless, Robert J. Kennedy, Charles Willborn, John Higgins, and Robert Williams. Ann Evans asked the court for a judgment against William M. Griffin, admr., for use of wearing apparel of said decedent and waste of the growing crop. Motion overruled.
- Nov. 27, 1839
Page 133
Thomas Beauchamp Estate
Ann Evans vs. William M. Griffin, admr.
A jury was called. Jurors were: Booker Smith, William T. Todd, William Nichols, Calvin C. Rice, Robert Williams, John Higgins, Jordan Johnson, John Gobble, Stephen Huddleston, Holloway Powers, Hugh Finley, and John B. Finley who upon their oaths find the defendant not guilty as charged. The court ordered the defendant to recover from the said complainant and her security, Robert S. Purce, costs in this case.

- Nov. 27, 1839
Page 134
Joseph Carleton Estate
James Burks, admr. of the estate of Joseph Carleton, deceased, asks the court for permission to sell one negro man belonging to said estate. The court ordered that one negro man named Dick, about 23 years of age, be sold at public auction on January 13, 1840.
- Nov. 30, 1839
Page 134
Sarah Farmer Estate
Peyton Law, administrator of the estate of Sarah Farmer, deceased, files an inventory of appraisement and sales on said estate.
- Nov. 30, 1839
Page 134
Randolph Morgan Estate
E. A. Webster, Louis Wyeth, and Thomas C. Barclay are appointed commissioners to settle the estate of Randolph Morgan, heretofore reported insolvent.
- Nov. 30, 1839
Page 134
Lorenzo D. Parrott Estate
A. E. Webster, Louis Wyeth, and Thomas C. Barclay are appointed commissioners to settle the estate of Lorenzo D. Parrott, deceased.
- Nov. 30, 1839
Page 135
Insolvencies
Court orders Louis Wyeth, E. A. Webster, and Thomas C. Barclay to settle the following estates which were heretofore declared insolvent:
Abner Vaughn
John M. Cabiness
Patrick Burk
Randolph Morgan
- Nov. 30, 1839
Page 135
William P. Parrott Guardianship
Alexander Gilbreath, guardian of William P. Parrott, minor heir of Lorenzo D. Parrott, deceased, files his vouchers for final settlement.
- Dec. 2, 1839
Page 136
Rainey Guardianships
William H. Wiggs, guardian of Lucy Rainey and Elizabeth Rainey, minor heirs of Josiah Rainey, deceased, is notified to appear before the judge of the County Court on December 16, 1839, and give new bond with approved security.
- Dec. 3, 1839
Page 136
William P. Parrott Guardianship
Alexander Gilbreath, guardian of William P. Parrott, infant child of Lorenzo D. Parrott and Sarah Parrott, deceased, makes final settlement as guardian.
- Dec. 3, 1839
Page 136
Hill heirs
Susannah Hill, guardian of the minor heirs of John Hill, deceased, is ordered to appear before the County Court judge of Marshall County on the first Monday in January, 1840 to make settlement with the court.

End Marshall County Probate Minutes





Morgan



MARRIAGE BOOK "A"
(Fifth Installment)
1821 - 1861

Morgan County Marriage Book "A" is the earliest marriage book found in this county and covers the period from July 18, 1821 through March 1, 1861. The book begins with marriage No. 132 so we can assume there are at least 131 of the earliest marriages missing. This series began in Valley Leaves, Vol. 16, No. 1 (Sept. 1981). Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

No.	Groom	Bride	Lisc.	Sol.	By
568	Rogers, Samuel	White, Mary	1-4-1829	1-8-1829	N. Kimbell, MG
569	Chunn, Lancelott	Lynn, Lavinia	1-20-1829	1-20-1829	Isaac Holmes
570	Baker, Henry C.	Norwood, Mary A.	1-24-1829	1-25-1829	D. McClung, JP
571	Abel, James	Madison, Ann A.	6-23-1828	6-30-1828	N. Kimbell, MG
572	Horton, William	Oden, Patsey	1-28-1829	1-29-1829	Isaac Holmes, MG
573	Francis, Robt.	Turrentine, Drady	1-29-1829	2-3-1829	Isaac Holmes, MG
574	Manasco, John	Luster, Lucinda	2-3-1829	---	---
575	Nelson, James R.	Mills, Margaret	2-4-1829	---	---
576	Bragg, Kinchen	McKinnis, Cary	2-6-1829	2-23-1829	J.C Hawkins, JP
577	Limpscomb, Jason	Johnson, Elizabeth	2-9-1829	2-11-1829	J.G.Calloway, JP
578	Wells, Robert	Winters, Elizabeth	2-9-1829	2-9-1829	H.D. Morrow
579	Lawrence, Elisha	Oden, Francis	2-11-1829	2-11-1829	Wm. M. Smith, JP
580	Brooks, Saml. G.	Turman, Elizabeth	2-16-1829	2-17-1829	A. F. Driskill, MG
581	Givens, Robt.	Harberson, Anne	3-9-1829	3-12-1829	J. C. Hawkins, JP
582	Lockhart, Thomas	Harrell, Martha	3-16-1829	3-16-1829	David McClung, JP
583	McClannahan, Elijah	Childers, Margara	3-14-1829	3-15-1829	T. W. McCarty, JP
584	Lokey, William	Cryer, Nancy	3-18-1829	3-19-1829	D. Ballew, JP
585	Blevins, Armstead	Cranford, Celia	3-28-1829	3-29-1829	J. Conway, JP
586	Bragg, Jo	Bragg, Margaret	3-31-1829	4-2-1829	D. Turney, JP
587	Winsett, James	McCarley, Parlana	3-31-1829	4-1-1829	Wm. M. Smith, JP
588	Ryan, Henry	Sweeden, Zilpha R.	4-2-1829	---	---
589	Williams, H. S.	Couch, Delia	4-18-1829	4-19-1829	Saml. Matthews, JP
590	Johnson, David	Stovall, Mary	5-15-1829	5-19-1829	D. Stovall, JP

No.	Groom	Bride	Lisc.	Sol.	By
591	No entry				
592	Bain, James	Holmes, Margaret	5-30-1829	5-31-1829	Danl. Turney, JP
593	Alexander, Franklin	Bush, Sally	6-9-1829	6-15-1829	D. Ballew, JP
594	Hendon, William	Dickson, Sarah	6-25-1829	6-25-1829	D. Stovall, JP
595	Parker, William S.	Skidmore, Charity	6-25-1829	6-26-1825	T. W. McCarty
596	Scott, John J.	Davidson, Martha	7-3-1829	7-4-1829	D. Ballew, JP
597	Coleman, Richard	Adair, Jane O.	7-21-1829	7-23-1829	Jos. Lane, MG
598	Haberson, Samuel	Davis, Eliza	8-3-1829	8-6-1829	J. D. Conway, JP
599	Breedlove, William	Sandlin, Mary	8-11-1829	8-13-1829	J. L. Smith, JP
600	Sharp, James	Gillespie, Nancy	9-3-1829	9-3-1829	John Sharp, JP
601	Campbell, George W.	Smith, Charlotte	9-23-1829	9-23-1829	Wm. M. Smith, JP
602	Poteet, Hiram	Norwood, Elizabeth	10-8-1829	10-8-1829	N. Kimbell, MG
603	Troup, Walter	Thompson, E. W.	10-14-1829	11-15-1829	Ambrose F. Driskell, MG [written Dinkell]
604	Kiser, Francis	Moore, Susan	10-19-1829	---	---
605	Stewart, William	Roberts, S. A. E. F.	10-22-1829	10-22-1829	Jas. L. Sloss, MG
606	Elders, Aaron	Ohlson, Sarah	11-4-1829	11-8-1829	D. Ballew, JP
607	Sullivan, John	McCarley, Elizabeth	11-5-1829	11-8-1829	D. Ballew, JP
608	Davis, William	Castleberry, Mary Ann	11-10-1829	11-10-1829	N. Evans, JP
609	McClure, James	Lemans, Flora	11-11-1829	Nov., 1829	H. Wright, JP
610	Walden, Moses	Childers, Mary	11-20-1829	11-19-1829	J. S. Smith, JP
611	Speagle, Michael	Larimore, Mary	11-18-1829	11-19-1829	J. D. Conway, JP
612	Gibson, James W.	Day, Mary	11-23-1829	11-25-1829	David McClung, JP
613	Sandlin, Nathaniel	Vest, Lucy	11-28-1829	11-29-1829	T. W. McCarty, JP
614	Vest, James	Canada, Peggy	11-28-1829	11-30-1829	J. L. Smith, JP
615	Jones, William	Elging, Mary	12-3-1829	12-4-1829	T. W. McCarty, JP
616	High, Robert A.	Burt, Sarah	12-1-1829	12-12-1829	N. Kimbell, MG
617	Woods, Aaron	Stovall, Sarah Ann	12-23-1829	---	---
618	Heard, Thomas H P.	Dancy, Nancy M.	12-29-1829	---	---
619	Hokett, William	Ball, Catharine	1-6-1830	1-7-1830	J. W. Locke, JP
620	Day, James M.	Smith, Jemima	1-6-1830	1-7-1830	G. B. Lowry, MG

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No.	Groom	Bride	Lisc	Sol.	By
621	Houston, Matthew C.	Gillespie, Martha L.	1-28-1830	1-28-1830	Chas.W. Peters, JCC
622	Jones, John C.	Blalock, Sarah	1-30-1830	1-31-1830	Daniel Turney, JP
623	Larner, David	Bell, Sarah	2-1-1830	2-4-1830	E. Thompson, MG
624	Read, Thomas J.	Heard, Martha J.	2-5-1830	2-7-1830	J.W. Locke, MG
625	Hodges, William	Sims, Elizabeth	2-9-1830	2-9-1830	T.W. McCarty, JP
626	McCanless, James M.	Garrison, Margara A.	2-9-1830	---	---
627	Greene, Horace	Patrick, D. A. E. F.	2-9-1830	2-9-1830	Jas. L. Sloss, MG
628	Pride, Anderson	Skidmore, Louisa Ann	2-18-1830	2-18-1830	N. Evans, JP
629	Nunn, Elijah B.	Hill, Nancy	2-20-1830	Feb., 1830	H. Wright, JP
630	Medford, Zachariah	Wilks, Martha	3-1-1830	3-5-1830	J.D. Conway, JP
631	Finley, John	Field, Nancy	3-4-1830	---	---
632	Larimore, Nicholas	Speagle, Margaret B.	3-8-1830	3-12-1830	J.D. Conway, JP
633	Lane, Jesse A.	Fennell, Sarah	3-15-1830	3-18-1830	Jos. Lane, MG
634	Martin, P. S.	Boyd, Patsy Ann	3-18-1830	---	---
635	Jenkins, Greenberry	Medford, Elizabeth	3-24-1830	3-25-1830	J.D. Conway, JP
636	Ormsby, William	Canada, Martha	4-8-1830	4-9-1830	Jas.L. Smith, JP
637	Eckford, James	Parish, Harriet S.	5-6-1830	---	---
638	Reid, David	Parker, Susan	5-8-1830	5-9-1830	J. S. Smith, JP
639	Vanzant, John	Wilhite, Margaret	5-29-1830	6-12-1830	J.D. Conway, JP
640	Crow, Gabriel	Couch, Cynthia	5-29-1830	5-29-1830	John McCarley, JP
641	Echols, George W.	Hodges, Dorotha	6-10-1830	6-10-1830	C.W. Peters, JCC
642	Martin, Daniel	Swan, Elizabeth	6-11-1830	6-20-1830	Jno. McClannahan, JP
643	Thompson, Thomas	Walker, Sarah	6-17-1830	6-17-1830	N. Evans, JP
644	Lynn, Edley	Kyle, Drucilla	7-22-1830	7-22-1830	Wm.M. Smith, JP
645	Parker, Davis	James, Ann	7-28-1830	7-29-1830	J.S. Cmith, JP
646	Gandy, Alfred	McCrosky, Elizabeth	7-28-1830	7-29-1830	D. Turney, JP
647	Stockton, Thomas J.	Reedy, Celia	8-2-1830	8-3-1830	D. Stovall, JP
648	Barnett, Elihu	Ramer, Milly Ann	8-3-1830	8-3-1830	N. Evans, JP
649	Faught, Samuel W.	Brown, Elizabeth	8-7-1830	8-8-1830	D. Stovall, JP
650	Morris, John	Epperson, Nancy	8-14-1830	8-17-1830	A. Hewlett, JP

No.	Groom	Bride	Lisc.	Sol.	By
651	McCarley, Dornton	Jones, Matikda	8-23-1830	---	---
652	Kyle, Gideon	Tabscott, Eliza	8-26-1830	---	---
653	Doss, James H.	McCarley, Sarah M.	8-30-1830	8-31-1830	Thos. Jones, MG
654	Livingston, Richard	Alexander, Jane	9-3-1830	9-4-1830	A. McClelan, JP
655	Swann, John B.	Livingston, Rebecca	9-3-1830	9-18-1830	A. McClelan, JP
656	Innmon, Isaac	Faught, Nancy	9-11-1830	9-12-1830	Drury Stovall, JP
657	Campbell, William H.	McClellan, Olivia M.	9-16-1830	9-16-1830	Chas. W. Peters, JCC
658	Stevenson, David	Musgrove, Margaret	9-21-1830	9-22-1830	N. Reedy, JP
659	Ellison, Johnson R.N.	Mooneyham, Jane	9-29-1830	9-30-1830	Wm. M. Smith, JP
660	Rhodes, Jacob	Alford, Lucy Ann	10-4-1830	10-5-1830	N. Reedy, JP
661	Speagle, David	Crawford, Winnifred	10-6-1830	10-7-1830	S. Matthews, JP
662	Baker, Peter	Reass[Reap?] alias Speagle, Christena	10-6-1830	10-8-1830	S. Matthews, JP
663	Armstrong, Charles	Jeffers, Elizabeth	10-7-1830	10-7-1830	D. Borden, MG
664	Livingston, Wm. F.	Yeager, Ann	10-7-1830	10-7-1830	John McClannahan, JP
665	Jacobs, Rufus	Smith, Adaline	10-8-1830	10-8-1830	H. D. Morrow, JP
666	Kinney, Hance	Moore, Susan	10-9-1830	10-9-1830	Jno. McClannahan, JP
667	Rather, John T.	Roberts, Susan H.	10-29-1830	10-29-1830	Charles W. Peters, JCC
668	Skidmore, Elijah	Vaught, Elizabeth	11-3-1830	---	---
669	Castleberry, Elijah B.	Parker, Rhoda	11-16-1830	11-16-1830	T. W. McCarty, JP
670	Coleman, John B.	Coleman, Elizabeth	11-17-1830	11-17-1830	N. Evans, JP
671	Faught, Jesse H.	Edwards, Nancy	11-24-1830	11-24-1830	D. Stovall, JP
672	Speagle, Henry	Harvell, Mary	11-30-1830	11-30-1830	D. Turney, JP
673	Rogers, Armstead	Trotman, Martha	12-6-1830	12-6-1830	G. W. Morris, MG
674	Morrow, David	McCullen, Nancy K.	12-16-1830	---	---
675	Breedlove, James K.	Woodall, Mary	12-30-1830	12-31-1830	N. Reedy, JP
676	Barbour, James	Jones, Peggy	12-30-1830	12-31-1830	Thos. Jones, MG

-End Morgan County marriages through 1830-

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INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY

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THE BEGINNER IN GENEALOGY

Valley Leaves

by
Dorothy Scott Johnson, CGRS

All too often the problems of the rank beginner in genealogy are overlooked. We "old-timers" tend to assume a beginner knows more than he does and as a consequence that beginner, not wanting to appear stupid, allows many important questions to go unanswered. Experienced genealogists often forget that they too were rank beginners once.

In order to help the novice over some rough spots the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society plans to publish a series of articles in Valley Leaves written especially for the beginner in genealogy. These articles will deal with such basic skills as how and where to start your research, how to fill out a Family Group Sheet, and how to find certain things such as birth dates, death dates, and other necessary genealogical information. Other articles will include understanding and abstracting deeds, wills, and other legal documents. All articles will be geared to research in the nine North Alabama counties covered by Valley Leaves. We hope you find them entertaining, stimulating, and educational.

DO and DON'T

Do not collar people and expound on your ancestors unless you want your present friends to suddenly become your past friends. Nothing is more boring to others than your ancestors, especially when they are dying to bore you with theirs.

Do not expect to find royal blood, generals, land barons, and First Families among your ancestors even though Great Aunt Sarah swears you descend from each and every one of the above. You might find, however, illiterates, illegitimacies, felons, insolvents, and other persons that raise a family genealogy from dull to interesting.

Do be brief and straight to the point in seeking information from another - then THANK that person for their help.

Do not expect to trace your ancestry back to Adam and Eve or Charlemagne in twenty days or less. Do expect to spend many months, or even years, trying to find your immigrant ancestors.

Do not expect to find you descend from Pocahontas [although you might as she has many descendents] or an "Indian Princess." Instead, expect to have difficulty in proving Indian heritage with road-blocks at every turn.

Do not always believe the printed word. Humans write books and they do make mistakes.

Do not brag of your ancestor's accomplishments; after all, the accomplishments were theirs, not yours.

Do try to live up to the standards of your ancestors - or in some cases, rise above them.

Do not be surprised to find your ancestors were illiterate. Do understand that educational facilities were limited in pioneer America - and that education had nothing to do with intelligence or integrity.

Do not believe you have the perfect memory and will recall where you found a certain piece of information. Cite your sources of information. Now. Before you forget it.

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39 3-14-1825 14 William H. Ragsdale Guardianship
Sally Sanderson was ordered to appear in court on the 3rd Monday in April to show cause, if any, why William H. Ragsdale should not be appointed guardian of William H. Ragsdale, a minor.

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by
Dorothy Scott Johnson

At one time or another most of us have had to hurriedly abstract deeds and estate proceedings that dealt with land descriptions. We have carefully written out each quarter, each section number, each township number, and each range number. Each time we laboriously repeated the lengthy description we wished for a shorter, easier method. There is one. It is the universally accepted form used by the oil industry in its dealings. The rules are few and very simple. They are:

1. The letters N, S, E, and W stand for north, south, east, and west.
2. The number "4" stands for "quarter" [1/4] and the number "2" stands for "half" [1/2].

Example: W/2 SE/4 means the west half of the southeast quarter.

3. You ALWAYS write the section number first, then the township number, then the range number:

Example: Sec. 32-6-1W means Section 32, Township 6, Range 1 West.

4. Townships are always north and south, or up and down on a map if you prefer to think of it that way. Ranges are always east and west, or if you prefer, right and left on a map.

The plat below is a township plat. There are 36 sections in each township. A section is one square mile and contains 640 acres. A half section contains 320 acres and a quarter section contains 160 acres. Land records seem to be the most baffling thing in genealogy to the beginner and we hope the plat will aid in putting sections, townships, and ranges in their proper perspective.

		R 2W				R 1W				R 1E				R 2E		
T 5S	26	25	30	29	28	27	26	25	30	29	28	27	26	25	30	29
	35	36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31	32
T 6S	2	1	6	5	4	3	2	1	6	5	4	3	2	1	6	5
	11	12	7	8	9	10	11	12	7	8	9	10	11	12	7	8
	14	13	18	17	16	15	14	13	18	17	16	15	14	13	18	17
	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20
	26	25	30	29	28	27	26	25	30	29	28	27	26	25	30	29
	35	36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31	32	33	34	35	36	31	32
	2	1	6	5	4	3	2	1	6	5	4	3	2	1	6	5

Meridian line dividing the east and the west ranges

Sample: This is the W/2 SE/4 Sec. 32-6-1W

Queries

Because of the backlog of queries, a normal occurrence at the beginning of each fiscal year, we have chosen to publish all queries submitted up to this time regardless of size or wording. Hereafter, we will strictly adhere to the 175 word limit per person per year. Many queries are sent to us stating facts but asking no questions and it is impossible to guess just what information you are seeking. All queries should ask a question, include at least one full name, date, and location. We will not publish "surname-only" queries; they never receive responses and are a waste of time, effort, and space.

796 MOSS

Wish to contact descendants of these persons in order to "fill in gaps" on this family. All letters will be answered. (1) John Moss b ca 1640/45 disappeared from title list Surrey Co., Va., 1694/9. (2) John Moss b ca 1665, will dated 1734/5 Surrey Co., Va., m Martha ? . (3) John Moss b 1690, will dated 1761 Sussex Co., Va., m Mary ? . (4) Henry Moss b 1721, will dated 7 Feb 1782 Sussex Co., Va., m Susanne [Mary?] Green. (5) Edmond Moss b 17 Dec 1757 Franklin Co., Va., d Feb 1823 Union Co., Ind., m Elizabeth ? . (6) Francis Moss b 18 Nov 1787 Franklin Co., Va., d 4 Nov 1854 Fincastle, Ind., m Mary/Polly Webster, d/o William Webster & Susannah Bagby/Bagley. (7) Francis Marion Moss b 23 July 1826 Franklin Co., Va., d 8 May 1913 Frederick, Monroe Co., Ia., m 1st Sarah Gilliams, 2nd Nancy McMullin Crewse.

BUTLER, McCLANAHAN

Preston Irvin Butler, s/o Lewis M. Butler & wf Margaret McClanahan was b 1842 Greene Co., Ala. & bur Freestone Co., Tx. 2nd wf was Laura Arizona Joyce Conn; who 1st wf? They had ch Lewis & Anna. Preston Irvin Butler disappears from census records of East Texas & Western Louisiana after discharge in Summer 1865 at Nachitoches, La. from Co. B of Louisiana Crescent Regt. Family said to have moved to Texas 1864/5 — where in Texas? 1880 Freestone County census says he is single. When & where 1st wife born, buried?

JOICE/JOYCE

William Phelps Joice was s/o William Joice and Sarah ? . He b 1830 Ga, bur Ponte, Cherokee Co., Tx 1920. 2nd wf Matilda J. Mardis bur beside him. 1st wf was Sarah Pickens. Is she bur Palestine, Oakwood, Buffalo, or where? Would like to know more about her and possible ch.
★ Betty M. Chaney, P. O. Box 18462, Houston, Tx 7223-8462

797 GIBSON, DICKEY

Thomas Russell, William, Robert, Matilda, Calvin & Luther Morgan Gibson siblings or ch of Mrs. Margaret Gibson who m 2nd Robert Dickey of Madison Co., Al in 1827. Need full dates & places for Margaret & 1st husband.

HOKE, HUNT

Joseph Hoke (1793-1852) & Elizabeth Hunt (1790-1846), natives of SC, m in Madison Co., Al on 10 Sept 1816; they long time res. of Limestone Co., Al. Need their parents, siblings, & birth pl.

HEFFINGTON, HARVEY

William Alexander Heffington (1824-1882) b Lauderdale Co., Al., m 1845 T Tishomingo Co., Ms. Mary A. C. Harvey (1822-1890) d/o Bennett & Bentor Harvey. Who parents & siblings of William A. Heffington?

HENDERSON, McWHORTER, LINDSAY

Capt. John Henderson, Rev War sol from York Co., SC, res of Lawrence Co., Al 1821-1831, m 1st Rebecca McWhorter (1769-181__), m 2nd Elizabeth Lindsay. Need full dates & names of Rebecca (McWhorter) Henderson and her issue.

★ Roy E. Gibson, 4517 Coffee Road, Ft. Worth, Texas 76117

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798 ELLIS

Who were parents of Mary Malone Ellis, wf of Benjamin Ellis (she b 14 Feb 1788 Dinwiddie Co., Va. & d 4 June 1852 Madison Cross Roads, Madison Co., Ala)?

SULLIVAN

Who were parents of Randolph Sullivan b 1788/9 Laurens Co., SC, d 3 July 1850 Madison Co., Ala?

★ Mrs. Sam W. Stovall, 2718 King James Court, Webster, Texas 77598

799 BRYANT, WEBB, CORN, WOMACK, KENNAMER, INGLIS, PROCTOR

Wish to corres. with anyone working on following lines: John & Randolph Bryant, Josiah and Arena Webb, Bryant & Samuel Richard Corn, Josiah Womack, Minerva Kennamer, George A. Inglis, and A. Oliver Proctor. Will pay postage and for Xerox copies.

★ Lorraine Baxter, 2937 N. W. 11th, Oklahoma City, Ok 73107

800 WARREN, ROBINSON

Need info on John Warren & 3 or 4 ch from Ky through Tn to Al; he m Sarah Robinson in Tn 1820-1830. Where. Who her parents? Elizabeth Robinson lived with them. The Robinson girls born 1801-1803 SC. Where? Did they live in Lauderdale Co., Al? Family to Itawamba Co., Ms bef 1845.

WATSON, WARREN

Adam Simion Watson, b Oglethorpe Co., Ga settled near the Warrens in Itawamba Co., Ms & m Lucinda Laura Warren 11 July 1844. Were they in Alabama?

★ Mrs. Dean Cook, 425B Lilly Drive, Commerce, Texas 75428

801 REID/REED/READ, KINNEY, GRAVES

Need parents & any info on Dalles Reid/Reed/Read b Atlanta, Ga., d ca 1870 Bremen, Al. He m Mary Jane Kinney 1866 Cullman, Al & had ch Marietta b ca 1867. Mary Jane (Kinney) Reid m 2nd Latham Graves 1871. Dalles Reid read law in Marietta, Ga & practiced law in Cullman.

★ Mrs. F. O. Richardson, Route 6, Box 634, Cleveland, Tn 37311

802 SULLIVAN

Need info on Joel Sullivan family that lived Blount Co., Al 1830 & Benton (Calhoun) Co., Al 1840. Estate records in Benton Co. in 1843 shows widow Deliah & ch: Daniel, Dunklin, Moses, Joshua, Stephen, Joel, & Elizabeth Sullivan and Matilda wf of Sim Thomas. All letters ans & info exchanged.

★ James E. Clark, P. O. Box 427, Houston, Ms 38851

802 HARLESS, MOSER, PROVINCE

Need info on John H. Harless & wf Catherine Moser. John H. b 1786 Va., lived Madison Co., Al ca 1808, d 30 Oct 1857. Where buried? He son of Henry Harless Sr. & Charity ?. Henry a Rev Sol from Montgomery Co., Va and s/o John Philip Harless & Anna Margaretha Preiss early Va settlers from Germany. Henry m 2nd Elizabeth Province. Where? He d 1815 Madison Co., Ala. Where buried? Catherine Moser's fa was Nicholas Moser. From where? Moser in Madison Co., Al early 1800's.

[Editor's note: Nicholas Moser was from Anderson Co., Tn. John Harless' grave unlocated in Madison Co., Ala. but may be in unmarked grave in Hayden Cem; Henry Sr. perhaps in unmarked grave in Bell Facotry Cem. Henry Sr & Charity lived Montgomery Co., Va until 1800 when moved to Anderson Co., Tn. All his ch by Charity. Henry was s/o Philip Harless & Ann Margaret Proisch & his will filed in Will Book 4, p. 493 in Staunton, Augusta Co., Va.]

★ Kathryn M. Gardner, 3001 Aljean Dr., Bethel Park, Pa 15102

803 TAYLOR, JOHNSON, MORRIS

George Taylor d April, 1843 leaving wf Sally & children Eli, Tressa, Grant, Memory, Lee, Archelaus, OwenMai, & Ira. Who was their mother & when & where did she die? In Nov., 1844 Sarah, wid of George Taylor, d leaving sons Mastin Johnson (b. 1804 NC), William Johnson, & dau Harriett Morris (b 1797 NC). Who was fa of Mastin, William, & Harriet? When & where did they die? One George Taylor m. Sally Johnstone 20 May 1816 & on 6 March 1818 transferred

property to John Brown; was this same George & Sally(Sarah)? What happened to Harriett Morris & her husband and children?

★ Otho S. Johnson, Jr., 4003 Pinewood Dr., Jackson, Ms 39211

804 GOLDEN

J. J. Golden b 1844 Ala moved to Center, Shelby Co., Tx 1878, d there 21 July 1917. Who was his wife? He in Civil War in 2nd La Inf and was a POW. Witnesses on pension applic. were George Woodward and W. V. Metcalf of Caddo Parish, La. He d at home of Claude Green (a son-in-law?) There was also a J. A. Golden in 1917 at Center, Tx. Need help on this family.

GOLDEN

Felix G. Golden m Nov 1864 Calhoun Co., Al to Amanda ?. Was she a Crawford? A son was named Crawford A. Golden b 1873 in Ark. Amanda b 1848 & both her parents from Ga. Felix G. Golden in 10th Ala. Inf from Calhoun Co. & d 3 June 1920 Bosque Co., Tx. His blind widow filed for pension 20 July 1928 and d 6 July 1930 at res of son John F. Golden, Coryell Co., Tx. Her pension application witnesses were S. L. Lewis & J. P. Word.

GOLDEN

William M. Golden b 1832 Harris Co., Ga, enlisted Civil War 47th Ala Regt from Tallapoosa Co., Alabama. Went to Ballinger, Rummels Co., Tx by 1884. Pension applic witnesses were J. A. Burson, W. J. Burson, W. L. Golden, and A. H. Golden. Who was wife of William M. Golden?

★ Mrs. Louis O. Brackeen, 207 Villa Fontaine Apts., 1520 Carridale, SW, Decatur, Al 35601

805 LONG

William Long b Ga ca 1818; who was his wf? Prob m Covington, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, or Limestone Co., Al. All their ch b Alabama: Minti I. (1835), James (1829), John W. (1831), Thomas C. (1838) and Andrew I. (1840). Had moved to Smith Co., Tx by Sept 1850. The 1850 & 1860 censi shows William Long as single and living at Flora, Tx [No longer on maps.]

Son James Long m Mary ?, res in Smith Co., Tx 1860; ch were John (age 3) & Mary (age 8 mo.). Son John Wilson "Jack" Long m Frances Ellison 28 Dec 1853 Smith Co., Tx then moved to Denton and Llano Counties, Tx. Their ch: Sarah Elizabeth, John D., James Buchannan, Denton M., & Thomas.

Frances Ellison Long d Denton Co 1865-1870. When? Where buried? John Wilson "Jack" Long m 2nd, prob in Denton Co., to Annie Frances Little ca 1870-71. Had sons William Little Long (b 24 July 1872 in Denton, Tx) and Robert Wilson Long (birth date/place unkn.) Family to Llano Co., Tn by 1875 where was born Homer Long, Molly Long, and Andrew "Andes" Long. Annie Frances Little Long d Llano Co. bef 1880. When? Where? John Wilson "Jack" Long m RueAnne Holloway 21 Aug 1880 Rockwall, Tx. Desire to correspond with any descendants of the above.

★ Mrs. Ruth D. Brown, 702 West Avenue K, Lovington, New Mexico 88260

806 MATLOCK, GARRETT, HOLLOWAY, LYNN

Need parents, birth place, death record, & marriage of Littleberry Matlock b ca 1790 Alabama Lived Limestone Co., Al 1820/30, Tippah Co., Ms 1840. Ch were Littleberry Matlock Jr., Charles Edward Matlock (m Elvira Holloway & res Bossier Par., La), Mary Ann Matlock (b 12 Apr 1816 SC or Al., d 1879 Bossier Par., La., m (1) Thomas J. Garrett b ca 1812 Tn., (2) Benson Franklin Lynn.

DUNN FARRINGTON

Need info on Elisha Dunn b ca 1815 Tn., m Sarah ? b ca 1821 Al. Both living 1860 Bossier Par., La. She d bef 1870, he after 1870. A. Farrington b ca 1815 Tn, m M. A. ? b ca 1823 Al., both living Bossier Par., La 1860.

★ Mrs. Marie K. Olson, 35 Chadwick Dr., Charleston, SC 29407

807 STANFORD, OWENS, HARGETT

Wish to contact descendants of Charles C. Stanford b ca 1844 Franklin Co., Al. Was said to be a school teacher who stayed in Alabama while siblings went to Texas. Siblings were William Shaeffer, John Wesley, James F., Harvey Trimble, George W., Elizabeth Ann (m George Owens), Isabella Catherine, & Martha I. All were ch of Jesse Stanford b 15 June 1818, d 3 Feb 1897 Hunt

County, Texas, m ca 1837 Cynthia Ann Hargett.

★ Mrs. Yvonne Spence Perkins, Route 2, Box 629, Camden, Arkansas 71701

808 CROSS, THORP/THROOP, MESSER

Need desc of Joseph Cross b ca 1759 Windham, Ct., d Fairfax, Franklin Co., Vt 1855; lived Windham, Ct., Derby, Vt., Champlain, NY, & Fairfax, Vt. Apparently m 2nd 1792 Persis Backus Thorp/Throop. Ch all b Windham, Ct: William (b ca 1786), Samuel (b ca 1790), Sophia (b 1792 & m 1807 Robert Parker of Johnson, Vt), Ephraim (b 1795 m 1st 1817 Lucy P. Messer, res. Lancaster, NH), Charles (b ca 1796, d ?), Joseph (b ca 1796, d ?), Lucy (b ca 1798), George Washington (b ca 1800), Erastus (b ca 1803), Amanda Abbe (b ca 1805) and Laura (b ca 1810). Three youngest ch in 1820 living Champlain, NY with parents. Where did they go?

★ Louise Walsh Throop, 1261 Laguna St., Livermore, Ca 94550

809 COOK, BAILEY, SULLIVAN, SHACKLEFORD

Seeking info on John Cook who came to Madison Co., Al ca 1809. Wf was Margaret Shackelford, d/o Richard Shackelford. Their ch: Isaac, Elizabeth, Emily, Mary Ann, Clayton & John. Clayton m Teletha (or Tabitha) Bailey 1831 in Madison Co., Al & moved to Marshall Co., Al. Their son Richard M. m Elizabeth Sullivan in Marshall Co. in 1850. Would like to hear from anyone researching these families.

★ Patricia Cook Huddleston, Route 1, Box 440BB, Palestine, Tx 75801

810 ROBINSON, OTEY, PLEASANT

John Jacob Robinson b ca 1801-03 in Va m 1828 in Madison Co., Al Caroline Louise Otey who was b 1812 Va & d 1888 Huntsville, Al. Their ch: (1) Martha/Mollie b ca 1833. No further info. (2) Arthur W. b ca 1834, d CW leaving ch Arthur W. (3) Laura Kathleen b 5 Aug 1840, d 25 Sept 1922, m James J. Pleasant & had ch Carolee/Carrie b 1862, John b 1865, & Julia b 1868. (4) Josephine b July, 1841, d 13 July 1915, m Octavius C. Boone 24 Dec 1863 Perry Co., Al (5) Caroline L. b 1845/7, d 1911-1919 unmarried (6) John J. Jr. b 8 Apr 1848, d 11 June 1919 unmarried. John Jacob Robinson owned "Oaklawn" plantation and supposedly had brother Charles who owned "Forest Field." I have portrait of Josephine and Carrie Robinson and picture of the house. Wish more info on this family and on "Oaklawn."

★ Mrs. Rodney Kilduff, 822 Donaghey Avenue, Conway, Ar 72032

811 PRINCE, POWERS, BREWER, JOHNSON

Can anyone help me with info concerning founding of town of Princeton, Al? I descend from Owen & Ellen (Ellender) Prince and desire knowledge of this family. Ellen was Cherokee Indian and Owen's mo was Nancy who b ca 1789. Their son, James Marion (Jim) Prince m. Sarah (Sally) Powers of Madison Co. My other Jackson Co. lines are Brewer and Johnson

★ Barbara Barnett, 2603 Westridge Dr., Arlington, Tx 76012

812 TILLERY, BRIMLEY, HALL

Washington Tillery m Martha Brimley 21 Sept 1841 Limestone Co., Al. Was he bro of Alfred who m Elizabeth Hall 29 July 1834 in Bibb Co., Al? Was he s/o Richard Tillery who d 1880 Butler Co., Al? All born SC. Will exchange Tillery fam research in SC, Al., Tx & Arkansas.

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813 NEELEY, SMITH

Joseph Neeley (on 1830 Jackson Co. Al census) pur ca 200 ac land in 1830; he b bef 1780 SC, had son Joe Neeley b 1827 & possibly a son Thomas b ca 1820 & dau Eliza b 1822 (m S. Davis). Joseph Neeley Sr's wf may have been half Cherokee Indian by name of ___ Smith, dau of Nancy Mulkey Smith.

PETERS, SATTERFIELD, LANDERS, SHEPHERD

Need info on John L. Peters fam of Jackson Co., Al in early 1800's. He b ca 1801, m ca 1825 in Al to Mary Satterfield (b 1810) whom I believe was dau of James Satterfield & Catherine Landers. Mary had a bro Lander Satterfield who m Mary Peters, the sis of John L. Peters. Another sis, Sarah Peters, m Rev. Wm. Shepherd. Need help from that area desperately.

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