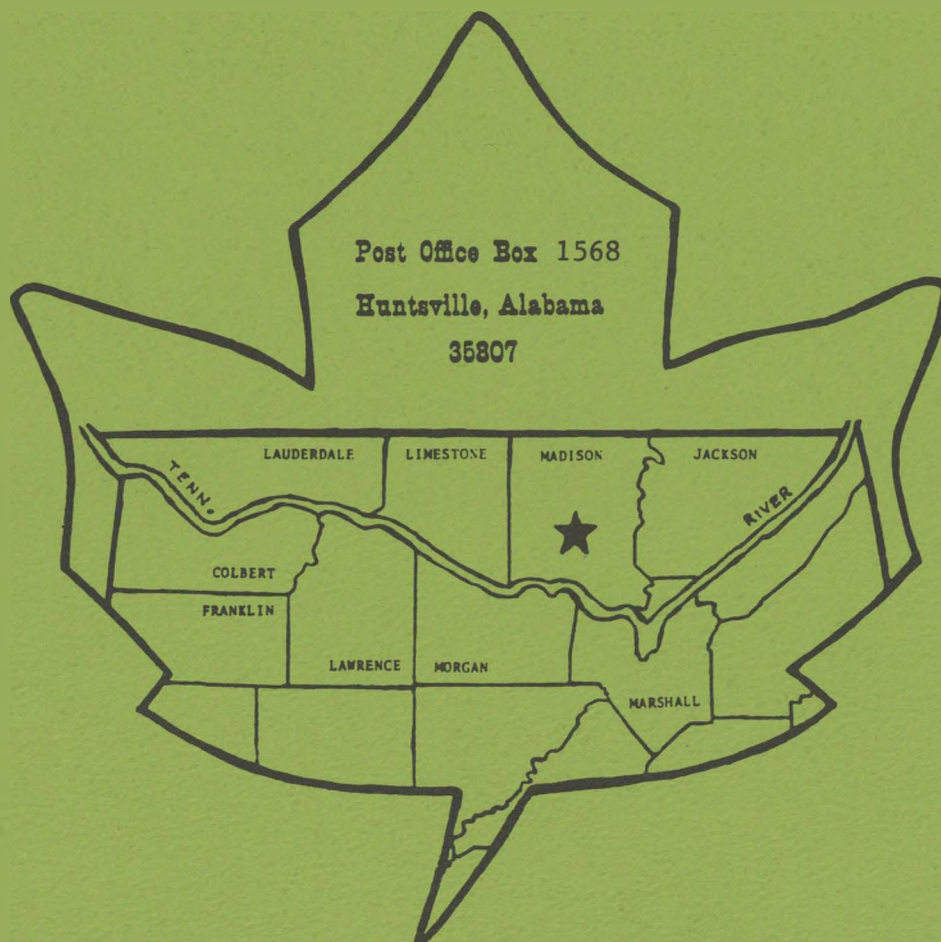


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Editor's Leaf

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

If you have a new address please send it to us immediately. Since we use bulk rate to mail "Valley Leaves" they are not forwardable. They are returned to us and the Post Office charges us 85¢ for each one returned. Then it costs us another 65¢ to re-mail that copy using the Book Rate which totals \$1.48 plus what we paid to send it originally. As you can see, it can get very expensive, therefore, we must charge \$2. for each book returned to us - and we really hate to do this but we have no choice. For those of you who have remembered to send us a change of address - thank you.

APRIL SEMINAR - BILL LINDER

We are pleased to announce that our annual genealogical seminar will be held this year on April 9, 1983, at the Hilton Inn Hotel in Huntsville, Alabama. We have been very fortunate in obtaining Mr. Bill R. Linder of Washington, D. C. as our speaker. Those who have heard Mr. Linder speak have given him rave notices - he holds his audience's attention and his sense of humor is a delight. His credentials are staggering and we feel his topics will benefit beginners and advanced genealogists alike. Mr. Linder will lecture on record organization without computers and research in the National Archives.

Mr. Linder was born in Kenedy, Texas and is an archivist, author, lecturer and tour organizer. He obtained a BBA degree from the University of Texas and also studied at the American University in Washington D. C., the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and Southwest Texas State University. Mr. Linder is past director, Central Reference Division, of the National Archives. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees, International Society for British Genealogy and Family History; a council member in the Association for Genealogical Education; a member of the council of the National Genealogical Society; director, Annual British Genealogical Institute for U. S. Genealogists; member, Society of American Archivists; member, Texas State Genealogical Society; member, North Carolina Genealogical Society; and member, Southern Historical Association. In 1978 he received a Commendable Service Award from the National Archives and became a Fellow in the Arkansas-Louisiana-Texas Genealogical Society in 1979. He is the author of "How to Trace Your Family History," 1978 and is a contributor to "The Genealogist" and various other journals.

BOOK STALLS - AT SEMINAR

Ray and Pat Gooldy of "Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe" in Indianapolis, Indiana are bringing several hundred books to display and sell at the seminar. The majority of these books will be on the northern migratory trails, i. e., cover states such as Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, etc.

Book stalls (tables) will be provided to those of you wishing to exhibit and sell your books at the Seminar. You may reserve half of a table up to three tables on a first-come, first-served basis. A charge of one book per table will be charged each exhibitor with a minimum of one book. These books will be used as door prizes.

Exhibitors' tables are approximately five feet long and you must tell us how many tables you want, not how many books you are bringing. In order to give as many exhibitors as possible a chance to display their books we ask that you limit your request to a maximum of three tables.

Space, of course, is limited and you must reserve your space by March 27, 1983. No reservations for book stalls will be accepted after that date, nor will exhibitors without reservations be accepted at the door. You must be responsible for your own books the day of the seminar.



SEMINAR IN GENEALOGY

The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society in Huntsville, Alabama, invites you to a Seminar in Genealogy:

- Date: Saturday, April 9, 1983
- Place: Hilton Inn Hotel
Freedom Plaza, downtown across from the Von Braun Civic Center, Huntsville, Alabama. (Room reservations are toll-free 800-241-5838 if you need hotel accommodations.)
- Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Fee: \$15.00 per person (includes lunch at Hilton Inn) if registration is postmarked on or before March 26, 1983. If postmarked after March 26, the fee will be \$18.00.
- Speaker: Bill R. Linder from Washington, D. C.
- Topics: Research in the National Archives in Washington, D. C., and How to Organize your Records Without a Computer.

Registration form

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Enclosed is \$ _____ to cover the Seminar fee for _____ persons.

Name _____

Street or Box No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Surnames of SIX (only) families in which I am interested: _____

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Book Reviews



Annwhite Fuller, Book Review Editor

GILES COUNTY LINEAGE BOOK, from the Giles County Historical Society (Pulaski, Tn.). 1982. Published by Margaret Matthews Cowart, 7801 Tea Garden Road, Huntsville, AL 35802. \$23.00. Soft cover, 747 pages, 8-1/2 x 11. Surname index.

The members of the Giles County, Tennessee Historical Society furnished their lineage charts for publication in this outstanding 747 page compilation. Lineage charts begin with the child and continue back to the emigrant ancestor if known. The first five-generation chart is presented in the usual form and information thereafter has been put on "continuation charts." Since many of the charts submitted had common ancestors a clever "master chart" system was worked out resulting in more than 30 master charts. These master charts were used to combine information for the members' common ancestors.

The format is easy to follow and the type is very clear. An added value of this book is the fact that Giles County is a "burned out" county with many of their earliest records missing. There is no index to many of the surviving early records which makes research in that county difficult and time-consuming. Because of this, we feel "Giles County Lineage Book" will be helpful in locating lost ancestors in Giles County.

TAYLOR-OWENS: THEIR TRAILS AND TIES by Thomas A. and Edna C. Taylor. 1981. 8-1/2 x 11. Full name index, 323 pages. Available from the authors: 1687 East 1460 North, Logan, Utah, 84321. \$25.00.

The Taylors have published this work about the ancestors and descendants of William Archer Taylor and his wife, Nancy Ellen Owens. The use of photographs and reproductions of newspaper articles, plus Bible records, makes this an attractive book. Names, dates, and places abound. Sources of much of the information are noted. Lineage charts provide a guide to the book.

Some other surnames in the work are Briscoe, Burner, Johnson, Keyser, and Wallace.

TRACES IN THE SAND, a quarterly, 8-1/2 x 11, 4 pages. \$2.00 from Vista A. Setters, 3545 Bear Hollow Road, Whites Creek, Tn. 37189.

The first two issues of this Allison Family newsletter contain data from the Bible of Richard B. and Sarah W. (Cobbs) Allison and a brief write up about each person listed.

WORTHINGTON DESCENDANTS, a newsletter, 8 pages, 8-1/2 x 11, from the Society, 6619 Pheasant Road, Route 16, Baltimore, Md. 21220

Our review issue contains queries and family information sketches. No indication is given as to the cost or frequency of the Newsletter.

REFLECTIONS, a quarterly, the Coastal Bend Genealogical Society, 8-1/2 x 11, 19 pages. \$8.00, from the Society, P. O. Box 2711, Corpus Christi, Texas 78403.

Volume 18, No. 2 (June, 1982) of Reflections contains a listing of Louisiana Revolutionary War Soldiers; cemeteries from Goliad, Grimes and Jim Wells Counties, Texas; and family records. Queries are free to members and nonmembers.

EAST TEXAS FAMILY RECORDS, a quarterly of the East Texas Genealogical Society. 8-1/2 x 11. 65 plus pages. \$10.00 from the Society, P. O. Box 6967, Tyler, Texas 75711.

The East Texas Genealogical Society was formed in April, 1977 and began publication of the quarterly which contains articles from Anderson, Gregg, Henderson, Panola, Rusk and Smith Counties.

East Texas Family Records (-continued-)

Volume 6, Issue Number 3, includes an article about the Cherokees of Texas. Tax lists, cemetery records, maps, and census records are also in this issue. Queries are free to members.

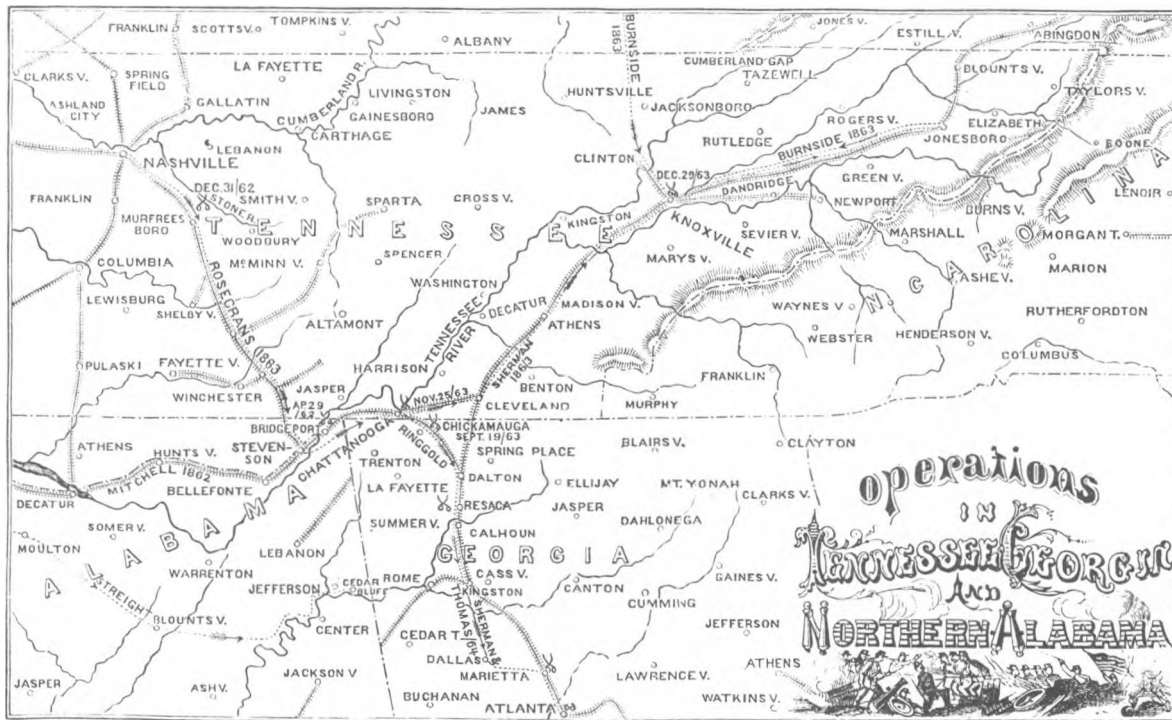
FREESTONE FRONTIERS, a quarterly of the Freestone County, Texas Genealogy Society. 8-1/2 x 11, 42 pages, \$10.00 from the Society, P. O. Box 14, Fairfield, Texas 75840.

Volume II, Number 4, of "Freestone Frontiers" contains a school census, marriages, jury lists, Bible records and a cemetery transcription. Included in this issue is a list of the members and the surnames that they are researching. The quarterly has a surname index in each issue. Queries are accepted free of charge from members and non-members.

GENEALOGICAL PERIODICAL ANNUAL INDEX (Vol. 18, 1979) ed. by Catherine M. Mayhew and Laird C. Towle. \$15.00. Order from: Heritage Books, Inc., Suite 301, 3602 Maureen, Boxie, Md. 20715.

The Genealogical Periodical Annual Index gives the researcher a guide to information in genealogical periodicals in the United States and Canada. Volume 18 includes 147 periodicals through 7,700 citations. The GPAI is based on surname, locality, and topical categories. Entries provide some description of the scope of the articles indexed. Queries are not indexed. Use of the GPAI could simplify research—and help one find, for example, inscriptions from a DeKalb County cemetery published in a Texas quarterly.

CIVIL WAR MAP





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.

Part VII

Township 6, Range 2 East (continued)

Section 35

Contains part of Benjamin Merrill's Reservation and part of Amos Robertson's Reservation.

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$	Exclusive of Merrill & Robertson Reservations B. Merrill (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank?)
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Exclusive of Reservation H. Furguson
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Exclusive of Reservation G. (or T?) B. Baldnaw ?
Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$	Exclusive of Robertson's Reservation - B. Merrell
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	H. Furguson
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	G. (or T?) B. Baldnaw ?
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank

Section 36

Contains large part of Amos Robertson's Reservation

pt of Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Walker
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	I. Morrow

Surveyors District Northern Part, A Fractional Township 7, Range 2 East. Surveyed in the 4th quarter of 1822 by Benjamin Clements, Deputy Surveyor and signed by John Coffee, Surveyor.

Section 1

Small part of Amos Robertson's Reservation in this section.

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Exclusive of Robertson's Reservation - W. Chisam, Sr.
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Exclusive of Robertson's Reservation - small pt in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ - Geo. Chennault
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Geo. Chennault

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	W. M. Hardin
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. H. Lafayette
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	I. B? Foster
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	T. W. Lee ?
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	H. Furguson
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	I. B. Foster

Section 2

Contains small part of Amos Robertson's Reservation

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Exclusive of Reservation H. Stevens
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	W. L. Walker
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Barnard
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Barnard
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	M. S. R. T. Coles ????
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	John Patterson
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Harry L. Barnard ?
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	W. H. Griffith
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Walker
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	John Patterson
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank

Section 3

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	H. Stevens, Jr.
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	N. Stevens
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. O. Barnard
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. H. Lephew ?
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	R? Fearn & H. Furguson
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	M. S. R. T. Coles ????
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Benson
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	N. Stevens
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	H. Steven
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	T? P. Barnard
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Benson
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	D. M. Brunston
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	N. Stevens
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	D. W. Benson
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	R. Fearn

(-continued)

Decatur County (continued)

Township 7, Range 2 East

Section 4

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. L. Fearn
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (Unreadable)
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. W. Anderson
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. C. Randall
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Stevens
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. (or N?) Stevens
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Stevens
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ R. W. Anderson
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ R. W. Anderson

Section 5

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Stevens
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ To Tennessee River
 S. Crafford
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ To Tennessee River
 H. Stevens
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ To Tennessee River
 H. Stevens

Section 6

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Small pt to Tennessee R.
 T. C. Randall

Section 9

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Entire Section to Tenn. River
 John Hardin
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Entire Section to Tenn. River
 Blank

Section 10

(Entire section very hard to read.)

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Eliza S. Fearn ?
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Benson
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. L. Walker
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Robert Fearn
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jno. Benson
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jno. Benson
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Robert Fearn
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Robert Fearn
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Robert Fearn

Section 11

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Foster
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Hunter
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. H. Lafarlett
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Herrin
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Pritchett
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. H. Griffith
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Fearn
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. M. Hardin
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Fearn
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Hale
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ N. W. Griffin

Section 12

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Lephew to Cherokee
 Bdry Line, remaining to I?
 R. Foster
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ I. F. Foster
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. G. Bishop
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ I. R. Foster
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Ira F. Foster
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. M. Hardin
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ I. F. Foster
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. M. Hardin
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Troup to Indian Bdry
 Line, remaining to Ira F.
 Foster
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Ira F. Foster
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Fearn
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Hardin

Section 13

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Lefartt
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. M. Hardin
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ I? R. Foster
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ North of Indian Bdry Line
 R. Fearn
 South of Indian Bdry Line
 N. Troup
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Fearn
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. S. Kile
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ North of Indian Bdry Line
 R. Fearn
 South of Indian Bdry Line
 M. S. Kile
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Grundy Jobe
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Hambrick

Section 14

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Fearn
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank ?
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Fearn
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Denton
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. H. Griffith
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Able
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ To Tenn. River R. Fearn
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ To Tenn. River N. T. Phillips
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ To Tenn. River N. T. Phillips
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ To Tenn. River J. Able

Section 15

To Tenn. River R. Fearn

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Decatur County (continued)

Surveyor's District Northern part of Alabama. Township 1, Range 3 East. Surveyed in the 4th quarter of 1822 by Benjamin Clement, Deputy Surveyor and signed by John Coffee, Surveyor.

Section 1

$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	H. W. Rhodes
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	W. Larkins
$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	Wm. Larkins
$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	Wm. Larkins
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	J. Riddle
$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	S. Kennedy
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	C. McCullom
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	Stephen Kennedy
$S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	John A. Green
$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	Stephen Kennedy
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	Stephen Kennedy
$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	Blank

Section 2

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$	James Riddell
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	A. M. Stovall
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	James Riddell
$W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	Wm. Fraily
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	S. Kennedy
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	W. Rich
$S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	Stephen Kennedy
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	W. Fraily
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	Wm. Killpatrick
$S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	Wm. Killpatrick

Section 3

$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	M. Byron
$S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	J. R. Stovall
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	J. R. Stovall
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	Alexander Wright
$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	A. M. Stovall
$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	Wm. Kirkpatrick
$W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	Alexander Wright
$W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	Wm. Halladay

Section 4

$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	J. R. Stovall
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
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Section 5

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$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	W. R. Durham
$W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	John Lane
$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	W. Petty
$W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	J. H. Hudson
$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	Abner C. Moore
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	Abner C. Moore
$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	Mary Jones
$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	Joseph H. Hudson
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Section 6

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$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	J. C. Craft
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	W. F. Scott
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	W. Hale
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Section 7

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Section 8

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$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	A. C. Moore
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	R. J. Clunn
$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	J. Clunn
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	A. C. Moore
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	W. Davis
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Section 9

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Decatur County (continued)

Township 1, Range 3 East

Section 9 (continued)

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 W. Keith
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Section 10

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 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. May
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Q. A. Brown
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. L. Lively
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Hollaway
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Francis
 W. Little
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Q. A. Brown
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Little
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 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Q. A. Brown
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Section 11

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 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Michall
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. G. Johnson
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. G. Johnson
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 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. W. Johnson
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Section 12

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jno. Huskey
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Eli Riddle
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jno. Huskey
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ William Garland
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Bostick
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ John Connally
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jas. Riddle
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 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ James F. Landess

Section 13

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Kennedy
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. P. Jacks
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ James F. Landess
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm? A? Cram? (Green?)
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ John Landess
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 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Fanning
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jos. T. Landess
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm? A? Cram? (Green?)
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jos. T. Landess
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Fanning

Section 14

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ John Landess
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 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. T. Landress
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 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ I. Green
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Fanning
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. J. Dunston
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. T. Landress
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. W. Harrison
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 15

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Hendon
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 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. W. Johnson
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
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 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Samuel B. Green
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Reuben May
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ David J? Johnson

Section 16

School Land

Section 17

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. G. Hambric
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. J. Clunn?
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. D. Hayter
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
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 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. J. Clunn?
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 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ F. M. Jacks

Section 18

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 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Clunn
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ F. M. Jacks
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Davis
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Davis
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Jones

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Colbert



1907 CONFEDERATE CENSUS

(Second Installment)

Please refer to the December, 1982 issue of Valley Leaves for the Introduction of this Census. The 1907 Confederate Census was taken for pension purposes and was authorized by the Alabama Legislature. The drawings were taken from rare books, long out of print, covering the Civil War. The clerks compiling these records were careless in the spellings of various geographical locations and corrections have been made where possible.

36. John Calvin Giddens
Leighton, Alabama Mr. Giddens was born June 5, 1838 near Meridianville, Madison Co., Alabama. He entered service as a private in July, 1862 at Shady Grove, Tennessee in the 4th Alabama Cavalry, Company C, under Capt. F[rank] B. Gurley and continued until he was paroled at Macon, Georgia in May, 1865.
37. Eliga Payne Gant
Spruce Pine, Ala. Mr. Gant was born November 22, 1837 at Gilbertsboro, Limestone County, Alabama. He entered service as a blacksmith in October, 1863 at Frankfort, Alabama in Company E of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until April 17, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.
38. James Munro Goins
Tuscumbia, Alabama Mr. Goins was born September 28, 1845 at "Calhune, Hall County, Georgia," [Calhoun is in Gordon County]. He entered service as a private in September, 1865 at Frankfort in Company C of the 11th Alabama Cavalry and continued until May 18, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs in Lawrence County, Alabama.
39. Merideth Gargis
Leighton, Alabama Mr. Gargis was born September 24, 1839 at Spring Valley, Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in the fall of 1862 at Richmond, Virginia in the 23rd Virginia regiment of cavalry, Company A, and continued until May, 1865. He was never discharged or paroled.
40. Robert Milton Garner
Barton, Alabama Mr. Garner was born December 30, 1832 at Hazel Green, Madison Co., Alabama. He entered service as a private September 21, 1862 at Barton in Company F of the 11th Alabama Regiment and continued until May 17, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Lawrence Co., Ala.
41. Thomas Jefferson
Grimes
Florence, Alabama Thomas Jefferson Grimes was born April 3, 1844 at Mt. Pleasant, Maury County, Tennessee. He entered service as a private in Dec., 1862 at Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee in Company C of the 9th Tennessee Regiment and continued until May 8, 1865 when he was paroled at Gainesville, Georgia.
42. James Shelby
Grissom
Tuscumbia, Alabama Mr. Grissom was born October 20, 1839 at Russellville, Franklin Co., Alabama. He entered service June 14, 1861 as a private at Austin, Arkansas in the 5th Arkansas Infantry Regiment, Company J[I?] (Austin Rifles) and continued until after the return of Hood's army from Nashville. He was wounded and taken to his father's near Russellville and was there suffering from his wounds when the War closed. He was never paroled.
43. Elbert Mortimore
Hindman
Sheffield, Alabama Mr. Hindman was born December 15, 1830 at Owensville, Christian County, Kentucky. He entered service as a private (promoted to Lieutenant) in July, 1861 at Corinth, Mississippi in Company F of the

(Elbert Mortimore
Hindman)
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26th Mississippi Regiment and continued until he was carried wounded to Harlesburg, Kentucky and was captured in Harlesburg in October, 1862. He re-enlisted as a private, and elected Lieutenant, in the 32nd Mississippi Regiment.

In the fall of 1863 this Company was detached to do provost duty in Jones County, Mississippi. His wounds were still running and he resigned in January,

1864. In May, 1864 he re-enlisted as a private in Company H of the 12th Mississippi Regiment of Cavalry and was there until the end of the war.



44. James Adoniga Hulsey Cherokee, Alabama Mr. Hulsey was born November 14, 1844 at Russellville, Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in Spring of 1862 at Cherokee, Alabama in Company E of the 5th Alabama Cavalry Regiment and continued until May 15, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs.
45. John Jessie Hayes Riverton, Alabama Mr. Hayes was born May 3, 1844 at Houston Landing, Lauderdale County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in August, 1863 at Pride's Landing in Company A of the 13th Alabama Cavalry and continued until June, 1865 when he was paroled at Eastport, Mississippi.
46. Zackaryah Taylor Higdon Leighton, Alabama Mr. Higdon was born June 22, 1847 at Pulaski, Giles County, Tenn. He entered service as a private on June 15, 1862 at Columbia, Tennessee in Company H of the 1st Tennessee Regiment of Cavalry and continued until April 14, 1865 when he was paroled at Columbus, Miss.
47. Manoah Baslic Hampton Leighton, Alabama Mr. Hampton was born April 16, 1835 at Leighton, Lawrence County, Alabama. He entered service April 6, 1863 as a private at LaGrange in Company B of the 35th Alabama Regiment of Infantry and continued until January, 1864 when he was commissioned to raise a cavalry company. He re-enlisted as a captain February 1, 1864 at Bainbridge, Alabama in the 11th Alabama Cavalry, Company B, and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.
48. William Henry Cherokee, Alabama Mr. Henry was born October 28, 1840 at Milledgeville, Wilkerson County, Georgia. He entered service July 15, 1861 at Columbus, Georgia in Company G of the 20th Georgia Regiment and continued until April 9, 1865 when he was paroled at Appomattox Courthouse.
49. Martin Calvin Highfield Dickson, Alabama Mr. Highfield was born November 12, 1845 at Gainesville, Jackson County, Georgia. He entered service in May, 1861 at Cherokee, Alabama in Company A of the 16th Alabama Infantry and continued until May, 1865 when he was captured at Fishing Creek, Kentucky and paroled.
50. Jashaway [Joshua] Alexander Huff Joshua Alexander Huff was born January 12, 1843 at Rockford Courthouse, Sarah [Surry?] County, North Carolina. He entered service

[Joshua] A. Huff
Tuscumbia, Ala.
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as a private on August 1, 1861 at Camp McDonald, Georgia in Company D of the Georgia First Battalion and continued until November, 1864 when he was captured at Franklin, Tennessee.

51. Pink Hester
Frankfort, Alabama

Mr. Hester was born June 30, 1843 at Frankfort, Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in 1862 at Russellville, Alabama in Company E of the 4th Alabama Cavalry Regiment and continued until May, 1865 when he was discharged.

52. Robert Emmett
Harland
Riverton, Alabama

Robert Emmett Harland was born February 14, 1843 at LaGrange in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private May 4,



Gen. Lee's return to his lines after surrender.¹

1861 at Iuka, Mississippi in Company K of the 2nd Mississippi Regiment. He continued until May 14, 1865 when he was paroled at Appomattox, Virginia.

53. James Munro Jordan
Tuscumbia, Alabama

Mr. Jordan was born August 26, 1844 near Burnt Hickory, Baldwin [Baldwin] County, Georgia. He entered service as a private on September 22, 1862 at Pond Springs, Alabama in Company L of the 4th Alabama Cavalry and continued until September 22, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.

54. No entry. blank

¹ In his "Memoirs of Robert E. Lee" General A. L. Long says of this scene: "When, after his interview with Grant, General Lee again appeared, a shout of welcome instinctively ran through the army. But instantly recollecting the sad occasion that brought him before them, their shouts sank into silence, every hat was raised, and the bronzed faces of the thousands of grim warriors were bathed with tears.

"As he rode slowly along the lines hundreds of his devoted veterans pressed around the noble chief, trying to take his hand, touch his person, or even lay a hand upon his horse, thus exhibiting for him their great affection. The general then, with head bare and tears flowing freely down his manly cheeks, bade adieu to the army. In a few words he told the brave men who had been so true in arms to return to their homes and become worthy citizens."

55. James Munro
Kimbrough
Russellville, Alabama
- Mr. Kimbrough was born February 12, 1846 at Russellville, Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private July 1, 1863 at Garner's Ferry in Company C of the 19th Tennessee Cavalry and continued until May, 1864. He re-enlisted as a private in May, 1864 at Moulton, Alabama in Company C of the 11th Alabama Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Ala.
56. Robert Kent
Leighton, Alabama
- Mr. Kent was born October 11, 1831 at Mt. Hope, Lawrence County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in the spring of 1863 at Wolf Spring in William Warren's Battalion and continued until May, 1865 when he was discharged at Decatur, Morgan County, Alabama.
57. William Wallace
Keeton
Pride, Alabama
- William Wallace Keeton was born September 6, 1842 at Pride in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private on September 13, 1861 at Tuscumbia, Alabama in Company F of the 11th Alabama Cavalry regiment and continued until May 17, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.
58. Benjamin Rush King
Leighton, Alabama
- Mr. King was born October 20, 1833 at Leighton, Lawrence County, Alabama. He entered service as a surgeon on October 1, 1862 at Grenada, Mississippi in Company D of the 35th Alabama Regiment of Infantry and served until February, 1864. He re-enlisted as a surgeon in February, 1864 near Leighton, Alabama in Major William Warren's Battalion and continued until the war closed in 1865 at which time he was paroled.
59. George Peck King
Leighton, Alabama
- George Peck King was born November 17, 1845 at Town Creek in Lawrence County, Alabama. He entered service as a private about October, 1862 at Town Creek, Alabama in the Nelson Home Guards and continued until he was transferred at Courtland, Alabama in March, 1863 to General P. D. Roddy's Escort. He re-enlisted as a private in March, 1863 at Courtland in General P. D. Roddy's Escort Company detached to the 11th Alabama Cavalry. He continued until the surrender and was paroled in May, 1865 at Pond Springs.
60. Henry Pitman Looney
Leighton, Alabama
- Mr. Looney was born January 26, 1845 at Centerville, Bibb County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in June, 1862 at Landersville, Alabama in Company A of the 4th Alabama Cavalry Company and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs in Morgan County, Alabama.
61. William Handbery
Looney
Leighton, Alabama
- William Handbery Looney was born February 5, 1847 at Centerville near Leighton, Alabama. He entered service as a private in the spring of 1862 at Landersville, Alabama in Company A of the 4th Alabama Cavalry and continued until April, 1865. He was home sick when the war closed and was not paroled.



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Franklin



GONE
TO
TEXAS

RICHARD ELLIS
(Franklin County, Alabama)

HEADRIGHT CERTIFICATE, 1ST CLASS NO. 371

Republic of Texas



This is to certify that RICHARD ELLIS appeared before the Board of Commissioners for the County of Red River and proved according to law that he arrived in this Country 22nd Febr. 1834 that he is a married man and is Entitled to One League [4,423.4 acres] and Labor [177.1 acres] of Land upon the condition of paying at the rate of \$3.50 for Every Labor of Irrigable Land - \$2.50 for Every Labor of Temporal Land - \$1.20 for Every Labor of Pasture Land which may be contained in the Survey Secured to him by this Certificate. Given under our hands this 1st day of March 1838.

B. Gooch Clk.

M. W. Matthews Pres^d

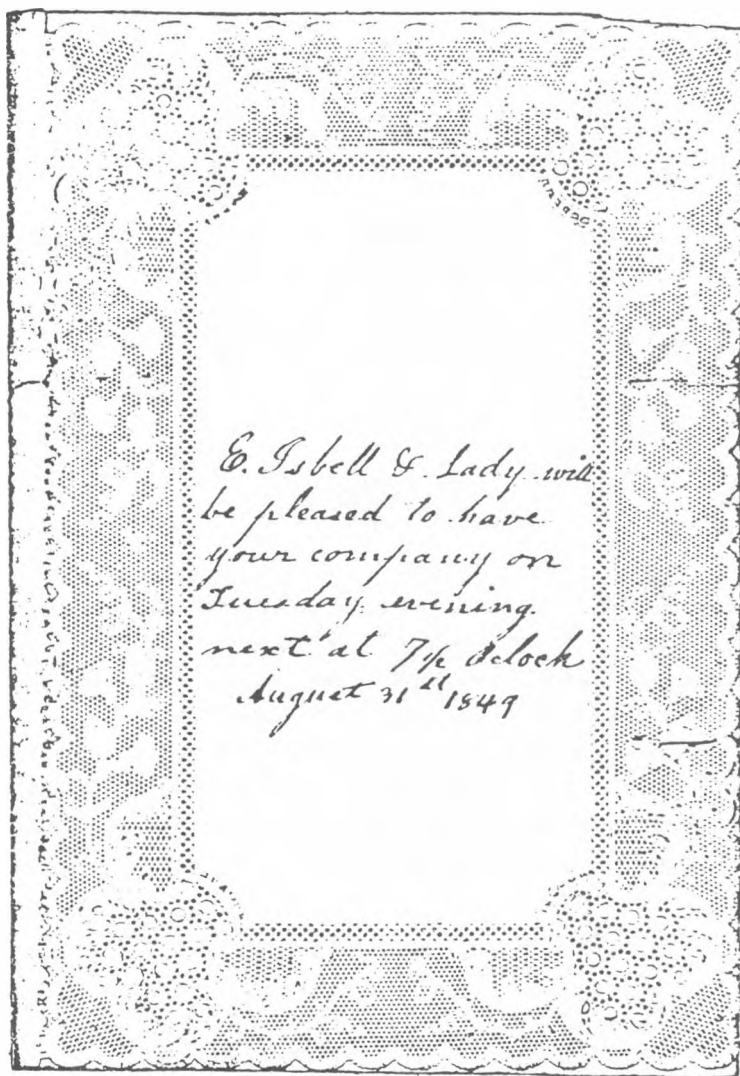
James Latimer (Seal)

David Lane (Seal)

From a photostatic copy of the original document on file in the State of Texas General Land Office, Records Division, Austin, Texas. Contributed by Mrs. V. W. Hamner, Jr.

AN 1849 INVITATION

"E. Isbell & Lady" are presumed to have been
Mr. Ellis Isbell and his wife, Louisa Amanda (White) Isbell
of Franklin County.



Through the courtesy of Mrs. V. W. Hamner, Jr., a copy of this charming party invitation was contributed by the late Allen W. O'Reilly of Russellville, Alabama.



Jackson



PROBATE RECORDS

1855 - 1858

(Twenty-first Installment)

This series began in Valley Leaves, Vol. 11, No. 4 (June, 1977). The original book from which this material was copied is housed in the Jackson County Courthouse in 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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Item

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Mary Byrd Estate

A list of the personal property of this estate was presented and attested to by John Snodgrass, special administrator, on June 16, 1857. Items included household furniture and furnishings, 500 lbs. soap, 100 lbs. bacon, 150 lbs. salt, 172 bushel of wheat, 60 fowl, 3 large bedsteads and featherbeds, kitchen furnishings, 18 lbs. preserves, 2 jugs vinegar, 40 yards home made cotton linsey cloth, 15 bed quilts, 12 counter panes [bed spreads], 2 sides of leather, 2 spinning wheels, 17 books, livestock, 6 slaves, plantation equipment, \$587 cash, and other items. The list included notes on:

Y. P. Clarke and C. L. Tipton due Dec. 25, 1855

John K. Childress and S. P. Kirby due Jan. 6, 1857

W. L. Mordah due Dec. 25, 1857

Forty Cents cash was received from Mrs. Eaton for butter. One slave was hired out to A. P. Hudgins at \$3. per month.

The property was appraised at \$4,312.65 by W. L. Shelton and E. (X) Bryant, appraisers. Attested to on June 24, 1857. The property of this estate was sold at public sale on July 24, 1857 and on August 28, 1857. Purchasers were:

Austin, Allen	Rossen, Joseph
Bradford, H. C.	Rountree, C. B.
Bryant, Elisha	Russell, J. W.
Childers, John	Sanders, W. R.
Chisenhall, Redden	" William
Davidson, M. M.	Saxon, A. M.
Falkner, Luke M.	Snodgrass, Benjamin
Gurley, James H.	" John
Houston, George V.	" Thomas
Hudgins, James M.	" W. L.
Johnson, Michael	Steeley, James P.
Kain, James	Swan, M. L.
Keith, James	Thompson, Samuel
" John	Tipton, H. D.
Killensworth, M.	Walker, John L.
Kirby, Joshua	Whalen, Mary
" Silas P.	Whitfield, John
O'Neal, John	Wilhelms, T.
Perryman, William	Wilson, Thomas
Robinson, Nelson	Young, James

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Nelson Robinson Jr. Estate

The real and personal property of this estate was appraised at \$2672.50 and included horses, buggy, hogs, guns, saddle, plows, farming tools, oats, wheat, etc., plus 300 acres at \$8. per acre [location of land not given.] Note: The administrator's name not given nor was there a date given.

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Item

- 309-310 Peter Blackwell Estate
The Last Will & Testament of Peter Blackwell, dated Sept. 29, 1857, filed for probate Oct. 20, 1857, and proven by the witnesses, B. F. Blackwell and Alfred Simons, on Jan. 15, 1858.
- Will: Give my wife, Lydia Blackwell, all my personal and real estate in Jackson County, Alabama during her natural life and then to be sold after her death and equally divided between the lawful heirs of my body [not named.] Appoints John S. Eustace executor.
- 311-312 Ford Guardianships
G. M. Harris, guardian of the minor heirs of John Ford, decd., submitted his accounts and vouchers on his annual settlement on Feb. 15, 1858 for the year 1857. The minor children are:
- John J. H. Ford
William B. P. Ford
Robert F. R. Ford
- 313-314 Sniter Guardianship
John B. Tally, guardian of Pormelia J. Sniter and A. J. Sniter, minor children of Alexander Sniter, decd., filed his accounts and vouchers on his final settlement on March 17, 1858.
- 314-315 Calvin Reynolds Estate
Milly Reynolds, administratrix, filed her accounts and vouchers on April 3, 1858 for final settlement and requested to be discharged from administration. The amount of \$174.43 left in her hands is to be distributed among the following heirs at law:
- Morvel Kelley in right of his wife, Sarah, formerly Sarah Reynolds
Eli Kelley in right of his wife, Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Reynolds
Mr. L. Reynolds
Samuel Reynolds
Mr. Lockey in right of his wife, Nancy, formerly Nancy Reynolds
John Reynolds
Mary Reynolds
Frances Reynolds
- The administratrix was discharged from this administration as requested.
- 315 William S. Buckner Estate
Annual settlement made by William M. Farriss, administrator, on Feb. 6, 1858 for the years 1856 and 1857.
- 316 Buckner Guardianships
William M. Farris, guardian of the minor children of William S. Buckner, deceased, filed his annual accounts and vouchers on February 6, 1858 for the year 1857. The children are:
- E. C. Buckner
N. E. Buckner
M. C. Buckner
S. M. Buckner

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THE PROGRESSIVE AGE

Old newspapers are important to genealogists as they are contemporary accounts of our ancestors' place in history. "The Progressive Age" was a newspaper published in Scottsboro, Jackson County, Alabama. This particular issue, December 14, 1899, was found folded and placed between pages of the Stephens Bible now in the possession of TVGS member Margaret (Stephens) Gurganus of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Since Jackson is a burned-out county there are no known early [pre-Civil War] extant newspapers from that county and comparatively few of pre-1900 vintage. The ones known to exist are in a sad state of decay and are very fragile. We, therefore, feel most fortunate in obtaining a photocopy of this issue and will copy everything in it of local interest. Contributed by Margaret (Stephens) Gurganus through the courtesy of Judge William D. Page.

PERSONAL MENTION

Lee Boyd was in Huntsville on business this week.

Mr. Luther Jacobs spent Sunday at Murfreesboro

Miss Ellen Payne spent yesterday in Chattanooga.

J. G. Hill, of Marshall county, was here yesterday on business.

Hugh Graham, of Middle Paint Rock, was here yesterday.

Mr. Raymond visited at Palmetto last week for a few days.

John Barnett, candidate for sheriff, was interviewing our people here yesterday.

Miss Pauline Brown, of near Larkinsville, was in our city shopping, yesterday.

Mrs. Allen, who will spend the winter here, is boarding with Mr. A. A. Gay's family.

Miss Addie Whitley, of Pulaski, Tenn., is with her neice Mrs. Annie Coffey, at J. D. Snodgrass'.

Mrs. Kittie Brown Bain, of Newport, Ark., is expected here this week on a visit to relatives.

Miss Beulah Higgins, of Summerville, is the guest of Misses Annabell McClure and Maud Robinson.

Mr. C. S. Wren, of the Southern Agricultural Works, Atlanta, spent Saturday with friends in town.

Misses Pearl and Almema Caldwell have returned from a visit to Miss Montgomery at Palmetto, Tenn.

Mrs. James Conway and son Howard, are here from Atlanta to spend a couple of weeks with Mrs. Payne and the boys.

Mrs. J. B. Tally had an alarming attack of heart trouble yesterday but it passed off and she is able to be at work again.

Miss Sara Hunt has returned from a visit to relatives in Huntsville, accompanied by her cousin Miss Gertrude Scruggs.

Misses Inah and Virgie Keith, Matie Arp, Mayme Robinson and Annie Mat Bynum are expected home from Centenary College the 21st to spend Christmas.

Mr. Frank Roylance, of New York City, who has been the guest of Mr. Bob Stevenson at Bridgeport for the past fortnight spent Tuesday with friends in town.

CAME CLEAR

Jake Black was arrested and taken to Huntsville on the charge of illicit distilling, but on examination was discharged.

SOMETHING IN IT

We learn that negotiations are pending for the purchase or lease by Eastern men of the Edmond's Marble beds on Freeman's Mountain. Capt. J. R. Harris owns 40 acres up there into which the vein runs.

MORTGAGE SALE

In pursuance of a power of sale in a mortgage to the undersigned executed by the Gurleys & Paint Rock Valley Railway Company, bearing date September 17, 1892, I, the undersigned, M. A. Clay, will sell at public outcry, for cash, in front

of the Court House door in the City of Huntsville, Alabama, on Monday, May 1, 1899, the following described property, to-wit: That certain line of railway in course of construction at the time said mortgage bears date, from the town of Gurleys through the counties of Madison and Jackson, in the State of Alabama, together with all of its easements, servitudes and rights of way, or other appurtenances in any way connected with said railway.

M. A. Clay

The above sale is postponed until Jan. 1, 1900.

ROBERT T. REED

Land Office at Huntsville, Ala., Oct. 25, 1899:

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge, at Scottsboro, Ala. on Dec. 15, 1899, viz: Robert T. Reed, homestead entry No. 22616, for the SW/4 SW/4 Sec. 30; the N/2 NW/4 Sec. 31-1-4East and the SE/4 SE/4 Sec. 25-1-3E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joseph L. Jones of Oakley, Alabama; Stephen J. Fanning, William Langston, John W. Simmons, all of Larkin, Alabama.

John A. Steele, Register

JOHN H. WILLBORN

Land Office at Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 24, 1899:

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge, at Scottsboro, Ala. on January 9, 1900. Viz: John H. Willborn, homestead entry No. 23273, for the SE/4 SE/4 Sec. 35-5-5East.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Loranzo D. Willborn, Claud Gallaher, William Davis, Dock Willborn, all of Langston, Ala.

John A. Steele, Register

BETTIE THROWER

Land Office at Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 24, 1899

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate

Judge, at claimant's residence, near Hollytree, Jackson County, Ala. on January 16, 1900. Viz: Bettie Thrower, widow of Eli Thrower, deceased, homestead entry No. 23019, for the NW/4 of Section 9-3-4East. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Joe M. Cochran, Ezekiel Williams, William Houston, Marion F. Sloan, all of Hollytree, Alabama.

John A. Steele, Register

W. J. B. PADGETT ESTATE

State of Alabama, Jackson Co; Probate Court, Nov. 20, 1899; Estate of W. J. B. Padgett, decd.

This day came Ira Creswell and Benjamin Phillips, executors of said estate, and filed their statement, account, vouchers and evidences for a final settlement of the estate. It is ordered that the 21st day of December, 1899, be appointed a day on which to make such settlement, at which time all persons interested can appear and contest the said settlement if they think proper.

C. L. Cargile, Judge of Probate.

JOHN P. BRYANT ESTATE

State of Ala., Jackson Co., Probate Court, Nov. 27, 1899: John P. Bryant Estate, decd.

This day came Duanna Bryant, admx. of said estate & filed her petition in due form and under oath, praying for an order of sale of certain lands described therein & belonging to her and to said estate, for the purpose of division and distribution among those entitled. It is ordered that the 6th day of January, 1900, be appointed for hearing such application at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest same if they think proper.

C. L. Cargile, Judge of Probate

PUBLIC SALE

By virtue of an execution in my hands & to me directed, issued out of the Chancery Court for Jackson Co., Ala. in favor of The Bridgeport Development Co., Leo Tritch, transferee, & against W.H.Sweeney, H.J. Nutrizio, Catherine Nutrizio, & M.A. Rooney, defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at public outcry in front of the courthouse in Scottsboro, Mon., Dec. 25, 1899: Lots 8, 9, 10, 11 of block 74; lot 11 block 71; lots 23 & 24 block 98 as the property of Mrs. Catherine Nutrizio and M. A. Rooney jointly; also lots 1 & 2 block 74; lot 5 blk. 97 as the property of Mrs. M.A. Rooney. Property to be sold to satisfy said execution & costs.

D. A. Thomas, Sheriff

The Progressive Age (-continued-)
 NOTICE OF PRIMARY
 ELECTION

Whereas, theretofore at a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Jackson County, a primary election was ordered for December 16, 1899; we now confirm said order in all respects, and whereas the said committee did not then appoint the managers nor prescribe the qualifications of those to take part therein, we did at a meeting on November 15, 1899, prescribe:

"That all white male persons of the age of 21 years and those reaching their majority in time to vote at the August election next, who in good faith pledge themselves to support the principles and the nominees of the Democratic party, are invited to participate in said primary election, regardless of past party affiliations."

The following named managers are appointed to hold said election in their respective precincts, who are to comply with directions hereinafter given:

INSPECTORS

Bridgeport: J. P. Troxell, J. B. Arendale, H. A. Renfro.
 Bolivar: J. R. Graham, J. L. Carlton, and D. L. G. Wilson.
 Stevenson: J. W. Timberlake, W. H. Cox, and Taylor Cargile.
 Carpenter: W. R. Brown, W. C. Glover, and Tom Gillone.
 Bryant: B. C. Smith, W. H. Bryant, and Wm. Sims.
 Fabius: G. H. Smith, J. C. Stoner, and Hugh Brancett.
 Kosh: J. J. Overdeer, Charley Parton, and J. A. Brown.
 Fackler: T. N. Callas, J. A. Webb, and Thos. Wilson.
 Bass: A. C. Jacoway, M. L. Crabtree, and E. M. Price.
 Cave Spring: Leroy Rash, Isaac Sentell, and Brance Bean.
 Allison: S. W. Shipp, J. W. Allison, and J. F. Bell.
 Hollywood: C. W. Shipp, C. M. Huntoon, and S. W. Kennamer.
 Hawk Spring: James McCloud, John House, and David Garren.
 Langston: Jas. Davis, Granville Jolly, and J. F. Willborn.
 Tupelo: R. D. Proctor, W. L. Crawford, and A. M. Precise.
 Larkinsville: H. A. Proctor, Willam B. Bridges & R. L. Irwin.
 Hunt's Store: N. D. Knight, Jeff Skelton, and J. A. McCamy.

Woodville: Geo. R. Hodges, Wm. Derrick, and Ernest Wann.
 Trenton: J. M. Brewer, W. H. Smith, and Bud Austin.
 Collins: Peter Reed, Robert Austell, and A. K. Bean.
 Bishop: J. M. Robertson, Geo. Hickman, and B. F. Jacks.
 Kyle's Spring: C. E. Brown, S. L. Harris, and Charley Knight.
 Scottsboro: J. A. Kyle, J. O. Lipscomb, and D. P. Skelton.
 Sanders: Charley Tubbs, Jno. Dolberry, and Ab. Dolberry, Jr.
 Paint Rock: Paul Reagan, Alonzo Irwin, and W. M. Gormley.
 Kirby's Mill: J. J. Williams, Witt Reed, and J. J. Chisenhall.
 Harmony: James Fanning, J. F. Green, and Marsh Rich.
 Garth: E. B. St. Clair, John Tipton, and W. E. Flanagan.
 Hollytree: Wm. Houston, P. M. Robertson, and W. T. Eustace.
 Dutton: A. T. Knight, B. F. Golden, and W. J. Anderson.
 Gross Springs: W. R. Gross, Jasper Gray, and Jake Sells.
 Haigwood: E. D. Allen, Robt. Christian, and J. L. Willborn.
 Holly Springs: Chas. Owen, Wm. Tribble, and P. A. Puckett.
 Limrock: Albert Johnson, Bob Walls, and Chas. Gormley.
 Hambrick: J. M. Price, Asa Hill, and Joe Cunningham.
 Princeton: W. B. Freeman, R. O. Robertson, and S. W. Alspaugh.

Polls to open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.; to keep a list of those voting, the count to be made after the polls close; to make a list of candidates, containing vote of each, and when so done to seal the same, together with the list of those voting and deliver the same to the undersigned on or before 10 o'clock a.m., December 21, 1899, when the counting of the vote will commence, and when done the Executive Committee will declare the nominees for every office which received the largest number of votes cast in the county, provided the election is substantially as directed by the committee.

W. J. Robinson,
 Chm. Dem. Ex. Comm.

-End excerpts from "The Progressive Age"-

ACTS OF ALABAMA1856

The following Acts have been pulled from "Acts of the General Assembly of Alabama" which were the legislative acts passed by the Alabama State Legislature in Montgomery in various years. A complete set of these published Acts may be found in the Alabama Department of Archives and History. The date at the end of the Act is the date it was approved by the Legislature.

An Act to Authorize the Court of County Commissioners to pay certain persons for certain services therein mentioned:

That the Commissioners' Court of the county of Jackson be, and it is hereby authorized to extend similar compensation out of any funds in the County Treasury arising from fines and forfeitures, to Nathaniel Hillion of said county, for services rendered in arresting, guarding, victualing and ferriages of William Dukes, David Dukes and Henry Dukes, on a charge of murder, and Matthew Killingsworth on a charge of being accessory thereto, and also T. A. Ford and William Ford on a charge of murder: PROVIDED said Commissioners shall be satisfied, by proof, that the services were rendered and the charges reasonable. Approved February 13, 1856

An Act to Create additional Company Beat in Jackson County:

That an additional Captain's company beat of the following bounding, viz: beginning at the foot of the mountain in Mud Creek near the residence of George V. Houston, and including it thence north to the top of the mountain near by Coon Creek, thence with the top of the mountain to Geer's old place, thence meandering the top of said mountain to the narrows, between Guess' Creek and Box Cove, thence meandering said mountain eastwardly to the head of Manners' Cove, so as to include Nathan P. Brandens, thence northwardly to the beginning; be established in the county of Jackson, on what is called the Cumberland Mountain, to be known as the Mountain Beat, and be attached to the first Regiment of Alabama Militia, whether there be within said bounds, the requisite number of privates or not.

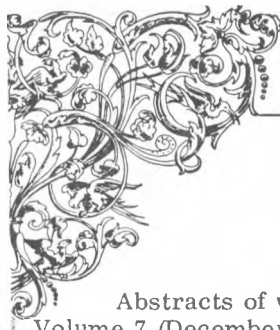
Be it further enacted that on the first Monday in March next, there shall be held an election at the residence of John Sanders, in said beat, for two Justices of the Peace, a constable, a captain and the requisite subaltern officers, who shall hold their offices for the term now prescribed by law, and a precinct for general elections, is established, at said John Sanders' until otherwise directed by the court of county commissioners.

Approved February 15, 1856.

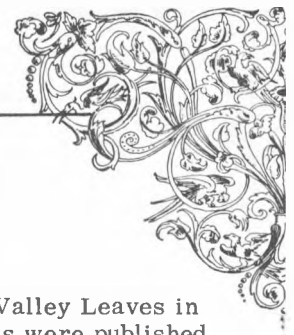
An Act ordering that the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated to the payment of the following persons:

To Edmund Reeves for feeding prisoners confined in the jail of Jackson county in the year 1855, Seventy Three Dollars and Eighty Cents.

To Seaborn H. Jones, for arresting William Hanf, in Tennessee, on a requisition of the Governor of Alabama, and delivering him to the jailor in Jackson County, Seventy Dollars and Forty Cents. Approved February 11, 1856



Lauderdale



WILL RECORD "A"

1835 - 1858

(Thirteenth Installment)

Abstracts of wills of Lauderdale County, Alabama were first published in Valley Leaves in Volume 7 (December, 1972) and began with Will Record 3 (1821). Additional wills were published until that series concluded with the first fifty pages of Will Record "A" in Volume 7 (June, 1974). The current series began in Volume 14 (June, 1980).

Will Record "A" is a large red 316 page volume and is in the Lauderdale County Courthouse, in Florence, Alabama. All decedents were residents of Lauderdale County unless otherwise stated. B. W. Wood was the judge of the County Court and Wiley T. Hawkins was the judge of the Probate Court at the time these minutes were made. Abstracted from photocopies by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

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PETITION PROPOUNDING WILL
JOSHUA D. STAMPS

Petitioner: Baylis E. Bourland.

Joshua D. Stamps died about June 13, 1853 leaving the following children:

Pleasant R. Stamps	Martha Landman, wife of John Landman
Richard Stamps	Mary Stamps, a minor[?]
John Stamps	Sarah Stamps, a minor
William Stamps	Harriet Stamps, a minor
Thomas Stamps, a minor	

Sarah Elizabeth Porter) minor children of Lucinda Porter, deceased,
 Mary J. Porter) daughter of Joshua D. Stamps and wife of
 David Prestly Porter.

All are residents of Lauderdale County. Joshua D. Stamps left no widow. On June 10, 1853 Stamps made his will and appointed Baylis E. Bourland executor and Bourland now asks that citations issue.

WILL of JOSHUA D. STAMPS

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Recorded: 20 Jan 1854

Dated 10 June 1853
Prob: 9 Aug 1853

All my property, real and personal, to be sold except as hereafter specified. Just debts to be paid. Funeral expenses to be paid and tombstone purchased "for my grave similar to the one appropriated for the grave of my deceased wife." Balance of estate to be equally divided among my children:

P. R. Stamps	Mary Stamps
William Stamps	Sarah Stamps
John Stamps	Harriet Stamps
Thomas Stamps	Sarah Elizabeth Porter and Mary Jane Porter, minor
Martha Landman	children of my deceased daughter, Lucinda
	Porter; they to have their mother's share.

Enough money to be kept back to school my three younger children: Mary, two sessions; Sarah, three sessions; and Harriet, three sessions.

My executor to reserve from sale the land whereon I reside for a homestead for my youngest children, Mary, Sarah, and Harriet, and such other of my children as may wish to live there. Also to be reserved from sale are two cows and calves, three beds and furniture, 1000 lbs. pork, 30 barrels corn, one work horse, and other small necessary articles of furniture. My

executor is to find a suitable head of the family to run the farm.

Executor to retain funds of Mary, Sarah, and Harriet Stamps and manage same for their support until they come of age or marry. If executor unable to find a suitable family head for my children then he may sell real and personal property and divide proceeds among my children and the heirs of Lucinda Porter.

"My executor, on distribution of my estate, [to] pay the distributive share of my said son, P. R. Stamps, into the hands of my son John Stamps whom I wish to act as trustee for my said son Richard Stamps." [Note: It is unclear whether Pleasant R. Stamps is Pleasant Richard Stamps or not. The will indicated they are one and the same person but the Petition to Propound Will lists Pleasant R. and Richard as two separate people.]

Executor to furnish the dwelling house where I reside.

Appoints Baylis E. Bourland executor.

Witness: Martin Zimmerman

Wm. E. Haraway

Pages 211-212
Recorded: 20 Jan'y 1854

JOHN G. GRAY

Dated: 1 Mar 1852
Prob: not given

To my wife Ellen during her natural life or widowhood all debts due me. At her death, unless she remarries, it is to go to my daughter Elizabeth. If wife remarries then estate to be divided equally between her and my said daughter. If daughter is deceased at time of wife's remarriage then wife to have entire estate.

My real estate consists of an undivided interest with my brothers and sisters in a house and lot in Florence, Alabama, which descended to us from our father; wife to have privilege of selling my undivided interest.

Witness: J. M. [Jim?] A. Baker

Wm. H. Mitchell

Y[G?] A. Gray

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PETITION to PROBATE
MARY DUCKETT'S NUNCUPATIVE WILL

Petitioner: Jonathan Rhodes, for his wife Mary O. Rhodes, and his children Isabella Rhodes and Adaline Rhodes.

Mary Duckett, late of Lauderdale County, Alabama died July 31, 1852. During her last illness, at her habitation, when she was "in extremes but in her right mind" and memory she made her nuncupative Will and Testament in the presence of James D. Callicott and Deborah Duberry, witnesses of lawful age. Mary Duckett declared, in her nuncupative will, Mary O. Rhodes, Isabella Rhodes, and Adaline Rhodes to be the legatees of her entire estate. Mary Duckett left no children nor dependents of children surviving her. She has "one brother of the whole blood," John Odell, who resides in South Carolina and the children of Reynal Odell, decd., who was also her brother. Petitioner does not know the names of said children, all of whom live out of state. Petitioner does not believe Mary Duckett has any kin residing in Alabama who "stands in a nearer relation than Mary O. Rhodes or any other kin who would be entitled to" her estate.

Jonathan Rhodes, petitioner, asks that the witnesses to the will be summoned and the Will admitted to probate.

Pages 214-215
Recorded: 21 Jan 1854

MARY DUCKETT
(Nuncupative Will)

Dated: 30 July 1852
Written: 13 Aug 1852

Will taken before Wiley T. Hawkins, judge of Probate, Lauderdale County, Ala. on 13 August 1852.

James D. Callicott statement: On July 30, 1852 Dr. Callicott was called as a physician to see Mary Duckett at her home in Lauderdale County, Ala. She seemed very concerned as to the dangers of her attack and stated she felt she would not recover. She stated she had just gotten a man "to take her unsettled business in South Carolina against her brother and wind it up and that she did not ever want him, her brother, to have any of her property for he had never done her justice." She wanted her friends who had attended to her to have it and that "Mrs. Duberry had been a good friend of hers and that she wanted Mary Rhodes and her two daughters who had waited on her to have her property. He heard her speak to Mrs. Duberry in an undertone regarding her worldly goods but could not fully understand her. She died the next day, on July 31st 1852. At the time she spoke she was in sound mind and disposing memory.



Deborah Duberry statement: Deborah Duberry was present at the house of Mrs. Mary Duckett and was sitting on the side of the bed by Mrs. Duckett when "she threw her arms around my neck and said, 'My dear child, stick to me as you have always done. If it had not been for you and Polly Rhodes (meaning Mary Rhodes) and them two children, what would have become of me. I want them who have rendered me a service to reap the benefit of my labors and my little negroes. I never want my brother, John Odell, to enjoy one cent of my property for he has treated me so ill.' Mrs. Duckett was taken [ill] about 10 o'clock on Friday, 30th day of July, 1852, and died the next day, Saturday, 31st July 1852 about 12 o'clock noon."

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RICHARD RICE

Dated: 14 Jan 1853
Prob: 25 July 1853

... being of perfect health and of sound mind and memory ...
I have already given my daughters Sarah T. Thrasher and Mary E. Hogan their share of my estate and they are to have no more.

To my beloved wife, Elizabeth B. Rice, in lieu of dower, 1/6 of my real and personal estate and after her death it is to go to my children hereafter named.

To my daughter Rachel F. Casey, wife of Jacob Casey, and to my sons George R. Rice, James R. Rice, William P. Rice, and Solomon C. Rice, the balance of my estate to be equally divided amongst them. In case my daughter Rachel F. Casey dies without a child or grandchildren then her share to revert to my four sons. If any of my sons die without children, grandchildren, or a surviving wife, then his share to be divided between his brothers and Rachel Casey.

If any of my sons or Rachel dies before me, leaving no wife or children, then my wife shall be entitled to an equal part, or child's share. Appoints sons George R. Rice and James Rice executors.

Witnesses: Richard B. Baugh, Vincent M. Benham, and James Irvine.

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Recorded: 21 Jan 1854

WILLIAM WOODS

Dated: 22 Dec 1849
Prob: 26 Nov 1853

... of sound mind and free from all undue influences ...

I owe John Simpson & Co. around \$100., the "Nashville True Whig," a political paper published in Nashville, Tennessee, about \$10., the Florence Post Office for postage about 78¢, and these sums constitute my entire indebtedness.

To John J. Craig of Lauderdale County, Alabama, all my right, title, and interest in the house and lot upon which I now reside in Florence, my negro girl Mariah, all my household and kitchen furniture, stock, and everything else I possess in exchange for his payments of my above debts. I have no heirs or relatives that I wish to benefit from my effects.

Witness: George W. Gayden, John J. Mackey.

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Recorded: 21 Jan 1854

JOHN ROBINSON

Dated: 19 Sept 1853
Prob: 4 Oct 1853

I appoint my beloved wife, Mary R. Robinson, executrix, charging her with collecting all debts due me and paying all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Wife to retain all property during her widowhood with privilege of selling property as she sees fit provided the proceeds are divided equally among my children of mature age. My children are:

Nancy Jane Robinson	Sally Ann Robinson
Michael Robinson	Huldah Elizabeth Robinson
Newton Robinson	William Robinson

My wife is to have an equal share of my estate as my children for her use forever. Wife to raise and educate children. At wife's death the estate to be divided equally among my children.

Witness: John J. Calahan, Little Berry Harrison, Jesse L. Harrel, John Wilcoxson and Isaac N. Wilcoxson

Pages 220-221
Recorded: 21 Jan 1854

JOHN TRORBAUGH

Dated: 29 Mar 1853
Prob: not given

... of sound mind but feeble in body ...

To my wife Rebecka Trobaugh the premises on which I now reside, during her natural life or widowhood. When she dies or remarries it is to go to my son John Wesley Trobaugh.

To my daughter, Mary Ann Barnett, wife of Irvine Y[G?] Barnett, \$1.00
To my son Daniel A. Trorbaugh, \$1.00
To my son Thomas B. Trorbaugh, \$1.00

Wife to sell such property as she can spare to pay off my debts. At wife's death the remainder of my property is to go to my son, John Westly Trorbaugh.

Appoints wife, Rebecka Trorbaugh, executrix.

Witness: George S. Newton, Wm. B. Murphy, and Hugh (X) Campbell.

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PETITION TO PROBATE WILL
EDWARD B. DONELSON

Dated: 26 March 1852

Petitioner: Matthew Watson, a resident of Nashville, Tennessee

Edward B. Donelson resided in St. James Parish, Louisiana and died at his residence on December 25, 1851 after making his will. He was of sound mind and deposing memory at the time he executed the will and appointed Matthew Watson one of his executors. Watson qualified as executor in Louisiana on Feb. 3, 1852. Donnelson named his wife, Jenne[?] H. Donnelson, his sole heir. Watson prays for will to be admitted to probate in Lauderdale County, Alabama.

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WILL of EDWARD B. DONELSON

Dated: 21 Dec 1851

Recorded: 21 Jan 1854

Prob: 13 Feb 1852

... being aware of the uncertainty of life and being now blessed with sound mind ...

My executors to sell as much land as necessary to pay my just debts. They also to sell "sufficient of my wild lands" to get \$10,000 which sum they are to use to "building a family vault and erecting a monument on the ground owned by me in the Nashville Burring Grounds in which I desire the remains of my father, mother, and sister, wife, and myself deposited."

The slaves, old Randall and Dicy to be set free.

"I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife as a token of my unalterable affection for her and which, if it should please the Almighty to spare me, should prove through life, all the remainder of my property consisting of lands, slaves, furniture, moveable effects, etc."

Appoints Matthew Watson of Nashville, Tennessee, and Michael Moore of Iberville Parish, Louisiana, executors.

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JOHN SEGO

Dated: 26 Jan 1846

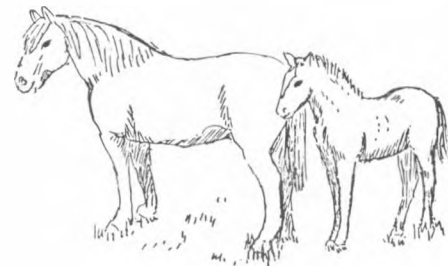
Recorded: 23 Jan 1854

Prob: 20 Sept 1853

... being low in health but in perfect and sound state of mind ...

To my four boys, John Segó Jr., Chapman T. Segó, William G. Segó, and Ezra M. Segó, all my real estate for the use of the whole family until the youngest becomes of age and then to be divided among the four above named sons.

To my son Simeon Segó, one sorrel horse.
To my daughter Rebecca, my yellow filly.
To my daughter Sarah Segó, a colt from the yellow filly.
To my son John, a colt from my gray mare.
My two mares to be continually bred so each of my children can have one colt, that is to say: Margaret Segó, Chapman Segó, William Segó, and Ezra Segó.



To my daughter, Beth Huddleston, my mules.
To my daughters Rebecca, Margaret, and Sarah Segó, their beds and bed furniture.

I wish my family that is now with me to stay together and my property be kept together on the premises for use of the whole family.
Appoints James Colb[Cobb?] and John Threat[?] executors.

Witnesses: John McCorkle and John Segó, Jr.

Pages 224-225
Recorded: 23 Jan 1854

CHANEY McDOUGAL

Dated: 19 June 1852
Prob: 9 Aug 1852

To my beloved nephew Joshua L. Maddin the NW half of the NW/4 of Section 4-1-9W and the NE half of the NE/4 of Section 5-1-9W or all three portions that lies east of the Military road known as the "Thomas Holland old Stand" and for which land I have Harrison Holland's title bond. Said Maddin to also have all my lands in Lawrence County, Tennessee east of said military road and that west of the military road on Rouchers Fork of Blue Waters known as the land I bought from William Holland.

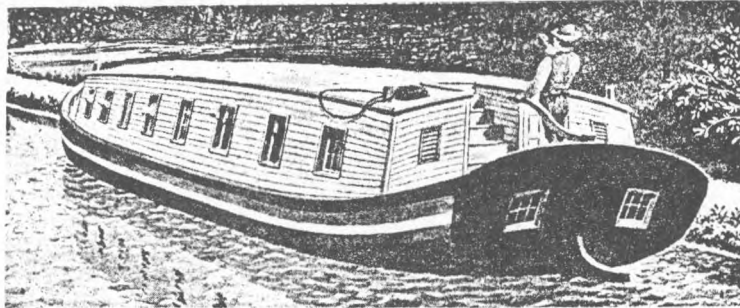
Witness: J. F. McDougal, John W. Lemaster, and Daniel H. Jones

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Recorded Laud. Co., Ala. 23 Jan 1854

EDMUND LARKEN
(Nuncupative Will)

Dated: 11 Oct 1852
Prob: Laud. Co. Ala 2 Nov 1852
Prob: Hardin Co. Tn 24 Jan 1853

On October 18, 1852 Joseph S. Stephens and Thomas J. Bray stated they witnessed Edmund Larken's nuncupative will on October 11, 1852 during his last illness and a few days before his death in his own flat boat then lying in the Tennessee River at Savannah Landing in Hardin County, Tennessee where he was confined by sickness but of sound mind.



He wished his property to go to his brother, Andrew Larken, who then resided in Louisville, Kentucky, because Andrew had always treated him better than any of his other relatives; that he had never called on Andrew for a favor without receiving it.

Witness: James C. Green and J. W. Cantrell.

Court Ruling

Edmund Larken died about October 12, 1852 in Harden County, Tennessee leaving no widow and his next of kin not a resident of said state. His verbal (nuncupative) was written out and witnessed within ten days of his death and that more than fourteen days have lapsed since his death. The Will is admitted to probate. Edmund Larken did not appoint an executor and James C. Green applied for Letters of Administration which were granted him after he gave \$2000. bond with W. Cheny and Joseph N. Baker as his securities.

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



Lawrence



TRACT BOOK

Rane' Pruitt
Lawrence County Associate Editor

A "tract book" is a ledger showing who purchased what land from the United States 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 Volume 14, Number 1 (Sept., 1979).

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Description of the Tract	To Whom Conveyed	Date conveyed	Certificate Number	Military Act
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Sec. 34-7S-7W	Jacob Boren	12 Sept 1818	2207	-
	Samuel Elliott	12 Sept 1818	1191	-
	Thos. Jeff ^r Harris	12 Jan 1836	8997	-
	William Wise	30 May 1831	4058	-
Sec. 35-7S-7W	Jas. Aldridge Sr.	27 June 1831	890	-
	Jas. Aldridge Sr.	28 Sept 1818	2203	-
	Thomas D. Sims	5 March 1853	40125	-
	Wm. Alexander	23 Sept 1854	18934	-
	William Alexander	8 Sept 1852	56129	-
Sec. 36-7S-7W	David D. Walker	12 Sept 1818	1237	-
	David Smith	28 Sept 1818	2173	-
	David Smith	12 Sept 1818	2174	-
<u>Page 111</u>				
Sec. 1-8S-7W	Thomas A. Stane	12 Sept 1818	3035	-
	James Aldridge	28 Sept 1818	----	-
	Wm. Alexander	27 Aug 1831	4343	-
	Wm. Alexander	9 Oct 1847	13560	-
	James Aldridge	13 Feb 1833	6045	-
	James Aldridge	12 Sept 1818	2202	-
	Joseph L. Gray	1 Oct 1833	5318	-
	William Alexander	12 Feb 1833	6242	-
Sec. 2-8S-7W	Jas. Aldridge	28 Sept 1818	2204	-
	Jesse Aldridge	24 Aug 1826	2051	-
	William Alexander	23 Sept 1854	18937	-
	Jesse Aldridge	15 March 1836	9278	-
	William Alexander	23 Sept 1854	18937	-
Sec. 3-8S-7W	William Alexander	23 Sept 1854	18938	-
	Mary E. Naylor	19 Dec 1910	02552	-
	George W. Naylor	27 Nov 1900	26697	-
	Mary E. Naylor	19 Dec 1910	02552	-
	Almedia J. Bradford	20 Aug 1898	29695	-

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Sec. 4-8S-7W	Lewis P. Bishop	5 Dec 1849	14418	-
	David C. Alexander	4 Dec 1895	25534	-
	Sterling T. Austin	29 Sept 1896	24256	-
	James O. Rodgers	28 Oct 1896	24314	-
	Tom R. Robbins	24 Oct 1900	26600	-
	John E. Williams	20 Dec 1900	26731	-
Sec. 5-8S-7W	William C. Mullican	20 Dec 1900	26599	-
	William Warden[Woodard?]	7 Mar 1855	23729	-
	Henry T. Waits	15 May 1899	12071	-
	John J. Wakefield	11 Apr 1898	11537	-
Sec. 6-8-7W	William D. Miller	12 Apr 1900	26425	-
	William M. Herchenhohn	12 Nov 1896	24348	-
	William D. Miller	12 Apr 1900	24348	-

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Sec. 7-8S-7W	Albert G. Legg	13 Feb 1899	11948	-
	David S. Parker	25 Jan 1907	21103	-
	Robert C. Montgomery	12 Apr 1893	8613	-
	G. D. Datson	21 Feb 1910	01552	-
	Little M. Knox	16 Nov 1896	24357	-
	Andrew J. Key	13 Feb 1899	11947	-
Sec. 8-8S-7W	Henry T. Waits	15 May 1899	12071	-
	Fred Herchenhahn	10 Nov 1896	24366	-
	David S. Parker	2 Nov 1901	27025	-
	John J. Wakefield	11 Apr 1898	11537	-
	David S. Parker	25 Jan 1907	21103	-
	David S. Parker	2 Nov 1901	27025	-
	Wiley N. Pearson	14 Apr 1881	-----	-
	David S. Parker	25 Jan 1907	21103	-
Sec. 9-8S-7W	James O. Rodgers	28 Oct 1896	24314	-
	James J. Wilson	6 May 1898	11581	-
	John E. Williams	20 Dec 1900	26731	-
	George W. Looney	18 Feb 1901	26822	-
	George W. Looney	26 Sept 1907	21351	-
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	Jackson L. Pearson	3 Apr 1876	-----	-

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Sec. 10-8S-7W	John O. Rodgers Jr.	28 Oct 1896	24314	-
	Thomas Shubert	13 Dec 1899	26204	-
	Almedia J. Bradford	20 Aug 1898	25208	-
	Jones O. Rodgers	28 Oct 1896	24314	-
	Mary A. Hendrex	30 Nov 1900	26678	-
	Henry B. Minor	19 Dec 1898	11844	-
	Thomas B. Heard	27 Oct 1896	10635	-

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Sec. 11-8S-7W	Frances Wilson (widow)	16 Mar 1852	13154	-
	Matilda G. Demastin	18 Feb 1915	06642	-
	Daniel Smith	28 Jan 1898	39606	-
	William L. Ledlow	27 Apr 1915	06182	-
Sec. 12-8S-7W	Zadock McVay	6 Jan 1836	8951	-
	Eli Thompson	3 Jan 1831	3800	-
	William Alexander	9 Oct 1847	13561	-
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Sec. 13-8S-7W	Eliza Pike	10 Dec 1900	12575	-
	James E. Fulmer	24 Mar 1898	11511	-
	James W. Alexander	29 Oct 1895	9987	-
	Solomon L. Holloway	9 Nov 1896	10664	-
	David Fulmer	2 July 1889	6386	-
	Solomon L. Holloway	20 Feb 1890	19575	-
Sec. 14-8S-7W	Uriah Cooper	18 Jan 1887	4797	-
	Jackson L. Pearson	2 Mar 1897	10978	-
	James Bishop	3 Nov 1899	26068	-
	Jackson L. Pearson	16 Oct 1889	19068	-
Sec. 15-8S-7W	Thomas B. Heard	27 Oct 1896	10635	-
	William T. Heard	8 June 1896	10481	-
	Fannie E. Heard	7 Sept 1901	26977	-
	Fannie A. Heard	27 May 1907	21262	-
	George W. Little	29 Apr 1896	9792	-
	Hilarey H. Wilkerson	11 Sept 1901	26982	-
<u>Page 116</u>				
Sec. 17-8S-7W	William R. Harris	15 Dec 1903	28014	-
	John A. Harris	24 Feb 1916	05850	-
	John W. Shadix	26 Nov 1910	01603	-
Sec. 18-8S-7W	Wiley N. Pearson	6 May 1898	11582	-
	John J. Cochran	15 Jan 1890	7245	-
	Wm. J. A. Knox	26 Oct 1906	21057	-
	W. J. N. Knox	10 Aug 1911	06343	-
	Beatha M. Nickoli	28 Apr 1916	05829	-
<u>Page 117</u>				
Sec. 19-8S-7W	James A. Simpkins	4 Nov 1902	27417	-
Sec. 20-8S-7W	Thomas C. Simms	18 July 1849	14255	-
	William R. Harris	15 Dec 1903	28001	-
	Mary C. Harris	29 Apr 1899	12056	-
	Jno. L. Harris	18 Jan 1877	-----	-
	James R. Bowling	30 Nov 1896	10751	-
	West M. Millan	23 Aug 1888	5865	-
	John L. Harris	31 Dec 1890	20732	-



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Description of the Tract	To Whom Conveyed	Date Conveyed	Certificate Number	Military Act
Sec. 21-8S-7W	Hilary H. Wilkerson	11 Sept 1901	26982	-
	Sarah E. Pitman	28 Feb 1898	11469	-
	Robt. A. Wilkerson	26 Sept 1898	25289	-
	John M. Pitman	28 Feb 1898	11468	-
	Thos. D. Simms	25 Nov 1848	14052	-
Sec. 22-8S-7W	Jesse Wright	25 June 1902	27268	-
Sec. 23-8S-7W	Joseph P. Waters	20 Jan 1899	39780	-
	Johnathan J. McWhirter	5 Nov 1902	27419	-
	Samuel Spivey	9 July 1902	27275	-
	Allen G. Young	27 Mar 1899	12012	-
	James I[J?]. Jenkins	13 Nov 1902	39987	-
	Margaret T. Brown	8 Sept 1902	27898	-
	Benjamin F. A. Lyon	18 Mar 1901	12707	-
Gustavius Welborn	15 Jan 1890	6670	-	
Sec. 23-8S-7W	George W. Young	4 Feb 1898	11440	-
	Benjamin Waits	5 Jan 1897	24481	-
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Sec. 27-8S-7W	William W. Hughes	23 June 1883	13856	-
	George W. Bradley	3 Oct 1898	11689	-
	William H. Camp	11 Nov 1890	1689	-
	Robt. Templeton	10 Aug 1836	9823	-
	Daniel B. Thomas	7 Dec 1891	22039	-
Sec. 26-8S-7W	Sarah A. Brazell	26 Oct 1885	4010	-
	Joseph F. M. Key	2 Jan 1899	11874	-
	David Wize	15 Oct 1890	1656	-
	Daniel B. Thomas	13 Nov 1899	12196	-
	John M. Brannon	21 Nov 1900	27064	-
	Joseph L. Stiles	2 Mar 1897	10977	-
	Parharm P. Mabry	4 Feb 1859	29866	-
Sec. 27-8S-7W	Jessie A. M. Simore	8 Oct 1849	14339	-
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Sec. 28-8S-7W	Samuel A. Sellers	24 Dec. 1898	25499	-
	Samuel A. Ball	24 Dec. 1895	23932	-
	James Mann	6 Jan 1876	6396	-
	Uraius England	23 Dec 1895	10167	-
	James L. Christian	2 Jan 1878	-----	-
	Thomas Borden	23 Dec 1895	10166	-
	Thomas Bowling	7 Jan 1887	4733	-
Sec. 29-8S-7W	Samuel A. Ball	24 Dec. 1895	23932	-
	Parham P. Mabry	23 Sept 1854	18929	-
Sec. 30-8S-7W	Manervia Cantrell	7 Apr 1899	25706	-
	Jo. M. Howell	21 July 1874	5161	-
	John A. J. Parker	22 Sept 1854	15898	-

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TEXAS 1836 REVOLUTION
Bounty Land
due
North Alabamians

The following letter was sent to the "Moulton Advertiser" of Moulton, Lawrence County, Alabama and appeared in that newspaper on Thursday, November 17, 1898. The letter was dated November 5, 1898 at Austin, Texas, and was written by Mr. Edward W. Goff.

Nov. 5, 1898
Austin, Texas

Major D. C. White
Moulton, Alabama

Dear Sir:

A copy of the Moulton Advertiser of March 24, 1887, has just been handed the writer containing an article entitled "Early Settlers of Lawrence Co., Ala." by Jas. E. Saunders, and giving a list of the members of Capt. Jack Shackelford's Alabama Volunteers who fought for the Texas Republic in the Texas Revolution of 1836; also some bits of Texas Revolutionary history. Among the members of Shackelford's company (The Red Rovers), Mr. Saunders mentions Harvey Cox, John Jackson, Wm. Quin, L. M. Brooks, J. G. Coe, John N. Jackson, F. T. Burts, G. W. Brooks, and L. M. Brooks as early settlers of Lawrence County, Alabama.

It may be of interest to your citizens and especially to the relatives of these nine men to know that the Republic of Texas issued to their heirs grants of land ranging from 1476 acres to 4,000 acres, which lands still await claim of the heirs and may be recovered for them by prompt action.

A recent investigation of these land grants has unearthed a large number of unclaimed estates in Texas in the hands of administrators, Land Sharks, squatters, and others, or unoccupied, and these lands, although acquired sixty years ago still await claim of the unknown heirs of the original grantees. The land ranges from 300 to 6,000 acres, are worth from two to ten dollars per acre, and were granted by the Republic of Texas to soldiers of the Texas Revolution and immigrants to Texas up to the year 1842.

Following is a list of such soldiers and immigrants whose lands still await claim of their unknown heirs. Many of the persons named were members of Shackelford's Red Rovers or formerly lived in Lawrence Count and counties in Alabama

and no doubt their relatives would welcome this intelligence. The list is as follows:

B. F. Adams	Thomas Adams
J. K. Allen	J. L. Allford
Jeff Atkins	James Boyle
Mrs. M. Battslis	William Bloodgood
James A. Bradford	David Barlow
Henry Billings	Wm. A. J. Brown
Ed. Blake	H. B. Balch
Reuben Beebee	Wm. Brockner
W. C. M. Baker	Jacob Black
Clark Beash	Ed. Baker
Augustus Baker	A. B. Barrier
Dan'l. Bourne	Wm. S. Blount
Collier Barksdale	John Breakley
D. A. Burroughs	George W. Brooks
Sam'l. N. Burns	Sam'l. Bartle
T. Beach	J. W. Blue
Wm. R. Bell	Uriel Bell
Jos. Baker	James Baker
Jesse Baker	V. Baptisman
J. L. Chambers	Wm. H. Chambers
Harvey Cox	Peter Conrad
Geo. W. Crowles	Arch Chase
Elisha W. Clarke	Levis Cleve
J. P. Conver	Michael E. Carroll
Mrs. Mary Cole	J. M. Cass
T. F. Corry	Charles Colerich
W. J. Carter	Wm. Chard
John Cassaigne	Marshall P. Crittenden
F. H. K. Day	S. Denison
Francis M. Doyle	Lewis Dunning
Jas. Douglass	Henry Dixon
G. H. Dorsey	George Boig
Delilah Deark	J. A. Foster
Ed. Fuller	Robert Evans
Benj. Freeman	J. E. Fullerton
Charles Fine	John Flanders
Michael Manning	T. S. Frizell
Henry Fisher	John H. Fisher
V. B. Fortemech	Calvin Farmer
Fred Gobenrath	Drury Gardner
Geo. D. Gardner	Wm. N. Grant
Robert Moreland Greene	Francis H. Gray
J. W. Gibbons	Alex Graves
Patrick Gilliland	Peter W. Grayson
Lucius W. Gates	Lefroy Gedruff
John Granville	Ben. Y. Gillen

W. R. Gaston
 John Greenlow
 Jacob B. Hornisk
 John Hunter
 Jesse Humphries
 P. H. Herndon
 Eben E. Heath
 Henry Hastie
 Robt. Henderson
 Artimesa Jacobs
 M. P. King
 Fred Lewis
 John Lafayette
 M. B. Lawrence
 W. G. Logan
 Nancy Lovel
 Wm. Linn
 Adam Moser
 Robt. Musselman
 Alex Mitchell
 Warren Mitchell
 Ed. Mansell
 Martin Moran
 Wm. Motley
 Thomas Mahone
 J. A. Mahoney
 Peter Norton
 Wm. Norment
 Creed T. Pendleton
 W. H. Price
 Geo. Peterson
 Eben Palsefer
 Wm. E. Probert
 Randolph Rector

E. J. D. Grinolds
 John Harris
 Nathaniel Hazen
 E. W. Hussman
 W. F. Humberson
 Peter Hilt
 Joel Hetb
 Henry Hodges
 James Hickey
 Thomas W. Johnson
 Julius Lecompte
 P. L. Leeman
 John Lewellyn
 Sam'l. Lawrence
 Robt. Logan
 Warren Lyman
 Fred Landers
 James McCoy
 C. C. Milne
 E. T. Mitchell
 Wm. McWilkerson
 William Malone
 Robt. Moore
 Robt. McKim
 R. J. Manning
 Sarah McFerron
 Robt. H. Neil
 Lawrence O'Rourke
 Robt. Patton Jr.
 S. O. Pettus
 Reuben M. Potter
 F. Peterswick
 E. J. Ridout
 Margaret Russell

Saml. Rogers
 Joseph Rutch
 Michael Riston
 Hugh Rogers
 Fred Rudge
 Simon Ryan
 J. C. Stewart
 Wm. Smith
 John F. Stevenson
 Randolph Slater
 Thos. Small
 J. E. L. Soloman
 Ed. Spears
 D. E. Stoever
 Chas. E. Trowbridge
 W. A. Tarlton
 Geo. vanDer Doss
 Asa Walker
 Samuel J. Woodall
 Gustin Wenderberg
 A. Willis
 John G. Wolf
 Wm. Williams
 James Webb
 Wm. Winters
 Andrew Weaver
 Henry Woodruff
 Charles Zence.

Hiram Riggs
 Vincent Rankowski
 John Richards
 Robt. W. Renfro
 Methelds Runnels
 Henry T. Sargent
 Geo. Smith
 A. G. Semonds
 Henry Spencer
 Chas. Sargent
 John R. Sleeper
 Wm. P. Scott
 Jacob E. Sell
 Henry Teal
 Jacob Thomas
 Wm. Thornton
 Samuel Washgurne
 R. O. Williams
 Joseph Williamson
 Hardin Waldrop
 John T. Wood
 Hiram Williams
 J. W. Woodward
 John Winters
 Geo. W. Wright
 Robert Wiseman
 John York

We will give further facts in regard to these estates, if requested.

Very respectfully yours,

Edward W. Goff

(Copied and contributed by Ola Johnson, TVGS member)

MRS. JOE WHEELER OBITUARY

Source: The "Courtland Enterprise" of July 3, 1896. Copied and contributed by Ola Johnson.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock all that was mortal of Mrs. Joseph Wheeler was consigned to its last resting place in the family burial ground at Wheeler Station.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Terrell, paster of the M. E. church here, and his talk was very touching; several appropriate songs were sung such as "Come ye Disconsolate," "I Need Thee Every Hour," "Rest For The Weary," etc.

All the family were present except Lieut. Wheeler who was unavoidably detained by the duties of the Navy Department. Quite a large number of friends of the family were present, coming from Courtland, Hillsboro, Leighton, Decatur, Huntsville, and Moulton.

Mrs. Wheeler was the only daughter of Col. Richard Jones and born and reared in this county. She was married to Gen. Joseph Wheeler about the close of the Civil War, and he with six children survive her. To them we would offer words of consolation, and can not more appropriately do so than to remind them of the poem so feelingly read by Rev. J. M. Terrell, "Weep not for her."



Limestone



ORPHANS COURT MINUTES, 1824 - 1830

(Part Three of several parts)

1826

For the Introduction to these Minutes please refer back to Issue No. 1 of Volume 17 of Valley Leaves. Copied by Eulalia Wellden and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson

Item No.	Date	Page No.	Item
78	Jan., 1826	40	<u>David Wooten Estate</u> Abraham King, Admr., filed his accounts and vouchers for final settlement. Hearing set on the 3rd Monday in March, 1826 for any interested party to show cause, if any, why this estate should not be settled.
79	Jan., 1826	40	<u>Reuben R. Scott Estate</u> Final settlement of accounts and vouchers made and ordered recorded.
80	Jan., 1826	41	<u>John Stamps Estate</u> William Wheat, Admr., filed his accounts and vouchers for final settlement. Hearing on same set for the 3rd Monday in March, 1826.
81	Jan., 1826	41	<u>John Owen Estate</u> William Fowler applied for Letters of Administration. A citation issued to Elizabeth Owen to appear in court on the 2nd Monday in Feb., 1826 to show cause, if any, why Fowler should not be appointed administrator of estate.
82	Jan., 1826	41/42	<u>Matthew Stewart Estate</u> Nancy Stewart, Admx. During his lifetime Matthew Stewart did on 31 Dec., 1821 bind himself to convey the NE/4 of Sec. 34-3-4W to Baladam[?] Green. Stewart died without a will before making said conveyance. Green petitioned the court to compel Nancy Stewart to assign the property to him and the court so ordered.
83	Jan., 1826	42/43	<u>Samuel McAllister Est.</u> Sarah McAllister, widow of Samuel McAllister, applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$1000 bond with Thomas Colbert and Michael Mahaw, her securities. Michael P. Bond, Amos Vincent, and Thomas H. Thach appointed to appraise personal estate; said personal estate is to be sold at public sale.
84	Jan., 1826	43	<u>Irvin Weldier Guardianship</u> Charles King appointed guardian of Irvin Weldier, over age 14. King gave \$6000 bond with Alexander Word and James W. Dupuy his securities.
85	2-9-1826	43/44	<u>James McNees Estate</u> Richard H. McNees, Admr. The creditors of the James McNees estate were ordered to file evidence of their claims against the estate and time allotted has now elapsed. The court examined and ascertained the amount of all claims filed with the court. In comparing the claims against the assets the court found the estate solvent.
86	2-9-1826	44	<u>William Dewoody Estate</u> William Dewoody died without a will and William Dewoody [Jr.], his son, was granted Letters of Administration after giving \$2000 bond.

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Item No.	Date	Page No.	Item
87	2-9-1826	45	<u>George Foote Estate</u> George Foote died without a will. Sarah Foote, widow, relinquished her right of administration. Philip A. Foote was appointed administrator after giving \$30,000 bond with William A. Foote, Joshua Cox, and D. Hobbs, his securities. The administrator was ordered to sell the crop now on hand at private sale.
88	2-20-1826	45/46	<u>Richard Moore Estate</u> Eliza B. Fox, lately Eliza B. Moore, widow of Richard Moore, decd., filed a petition asking for her dower in Moore's estate. Sheriff ordered to summon five discreet freeholders unconnected with the parties to lay off and allot said dower in the land as follows: the SE/4 of Sec. 21-3-3W, in Limestone County, Ala.
89	2-20-1826	46	<u>Thomas Parker Estate</u> The Last Will & Testament of Thomas Parker was proven by Jesse M. Isbell, one of the witnesses, and ordered recorded. Charlotte Parker, executrix, applied for Letters of Executorship which were granted after she gave \$15,000 bond with John Young & Jeremiah Tucker her securities. The court ordered John Young, Jeremiah Tucker, and William Miller to appraise the personal property and return an inventory thereof. The court also ordered the executrix to "make Sale of Said deceased estate agreeable to his will."
90	2-20-1826	47	<u>Pridgin Manning Estate</u> Wright Manning, Admr., filed his accounts and vouchers for final settlement. Hearing set for 3rd Monday of July, 1826.
91	2-20-1826	47/48	<u>Joseph Bevers Estate</u> Joseph Bevers died without a will. Jane Bevers, his widow, applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$6000 bond with David H. Craig and Archibald Templeton, her securities. David H. Craig, John Vineyard, and Archibald Templeton appointed to appraise property of the deceased. Said property to be exposed to public sale.
92	2-25-1826	48/49	<u>Thomas Adams Estate</u> The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Adams was proven by Randolph Mitchell, James Boyd, and Eppy Tillery, witnesses, and ordered recorded. Polly Adams was appointed executrix and gave \$8000 bond. Randolph Mitchell, Reubin Tedman and Joel Eddins were appointed to appraise the property of Thomas Adams; property ordered sold in compliance with the will.
93	2-27-1826	49	<u>George Foote Estate</u> Rolin[Robin?] Gatewood, Stark Washington, Washington Lewis, Charles King and James W. Dupuy, or any three of them, appointed to appraise estate.
94	2-27-1826	49	<u>David Wooten Estate</u> Final settlement made and ordered recorded.
95	2-27-1826	49	<u>John Stamps Estate</u> Final settlement made and ordered recorded.
96	3-6-1826	50	<u>Henry Chambers Estate</u> The Last Will & Testament of Henry Chambers was proven by Edwin Jones and J. T. Pleasants, witnesses. Arthur F. Hopkins and John McKinley applied for and received Letters Testamentary after giving \$50,000 bond. William Clark, James G. Turner, James Avant, Henry Slaughter, and

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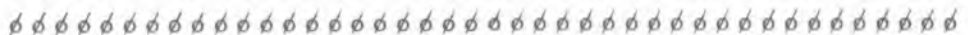
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			(-continued-) Charles Love were appointed to appraise this estate.
97	3-7-1826	51	<u>Benjamin C. Benham Estate</u> Jane Benham, widow of Benjamin C. Benham, requested that John Montgomery and John Cunningham, administrators, be cited to appear in court on the 3rd Monday of July, 1826 with their accounts and vouchers ready for final settlement.
98	Apr., 1826	52	<u>Noah Catart Estate</u> Noah Catart died without a will. Patrick English and Solomon Malone were appointed administrators after giving \$1000 bond with David Cannon and James Higgs their security. James M. Dement, John Fletcher, and Thomas Leonard were appointed to appraise perishable property which is to be sold at public sale.
99	5-1-1826	53	<u>James Chapman Estate</u> The Last Will & Testament of James Chapman was proven by James Coalter and Holbert Good, witnesses, and ordered recorded. James Coalter, named executor in the will, was granted Letters Testamentary after giving \$4000 bond with George Petty and Benj. French his securities. Gaydon Petty, John Holbert, and Thomas Shoemaker were appointed to appraise estate; perishable property to be sold at public sale.
100	5-22-1826	54	<u>Lewis Tillman Estate</u> The Last Will & Testament of Lewis Tillman was proven by Joel Eddins, William D. Eddins, and A. Hargrove and ordered recorded. Reuben Tillman was named executor by the will and was granted Letters Testamentary after giving \$7000 bond with Joel Eddins and Edward A. Mosely his securities. Edward A. Mosely, Joel Eddins, and Joseph Rutledge were appointed to appraise the property of this estate.
101	6-13-1826	55/56	<u>Thomas Vining Estate</u> Thomas Vining died without a will. Mary Vining, widow of Thomas Vining, relinquished her right to administer this estate and requested Letters of Administration "be granted to my son John Vining of Madison County." John Vining was appointed administrator after giving \$6000 bond with John R. Evans and Thomas Gray his securities. Robert Beaty, Phillip Barns, James W. Hill, James Golightly, and George Keys, or any three of them, appointed to appraise property of this estate. Perishable property ordered sold at public sale.
102	6-21-1826	56/57	<u>W. C. Montgomery Estate</u> This estate was reported insolvent on June 20, 1826. A notice was published requiring creditors to file evidence of their claims against the estate. Administrator now ordered to pay each creditor "the amount of his respective claim as therein set forth deducting therefrom Sixty three and Two third per antum." The Administrator gave bond for faithful application and payment of money arising from sale of real estate that had been directed to be sold August 29, 1825.
103	7-10-1826	57	<u>Robert Lockhart Estate</u> On motion of Alexander Lockhart the court ordered a citation issued to Lucy Lockhart, widow of Robert Lockhart, to appear in court the 3rd Monday of July, 1826, to show cause, if any, why Letters of Administration should not issue to the said Alexander Lockhart in this estate.

Robert Lockhart died without a will and Lucy H. Lockhart, his widow, was

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<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Page No.</u>	<u>Item</u>
			(-continued-)
			granted Letters Testamentary after giving \$12,000 bond with Arthur Jones and William I. Adair, her securities.
104	7-17-1826	58/59	<u>George Foote Estate</u> Samuel Smither states that on December 14, 1820, during Foote's lifetime, Foote bound himself to give complete title to Smithers on the NE/4 and the NW/4 of Section 4-3-1W and also the SE/4 of Section 33-2-1W in Madison County, Alabama. Since that date Foote has died without making title and Smithers asks that Phillip A. Foote, administrator, be compelled to make title of said land to Smithers. The court ordered notice be given by publication in The Democrat [a Huntsville newspaper] requiring all interested persons to appear in court in Athens, Limestone County, on the 3rd Monday in January, 1827, to show cause why title should not be given.
105	7-26-1826	59/60	<u>Isaac Hall Estate</u> Isaac Hall died without a will and three months have lapsed since his death. No one has applied for Letters of Administration. The court ordered that the administration of this estate be committed to the honor of Andrew J. Edmondson, Sheriff. William Malone, John P. Malone, and Ezekiel Key appointed to appraise the property. The perishable property was ordered to be sold at public sale.
106	7-31-1826	60/61	<u>Abner A. Strange, Jur. Estate</u> Abner Strange, Jr., died without a will and Sophia Strange, his widow, was appointed administratrix after giving \$4000 bond with Edmond Strange, Sr. and John C. Harrison her securities. John C. Harrison, Samuel Flanigan, and Joseph Moore appointed to appraise estate. Perishable property ordered sold at public sale.
107	7-31-1826	61	<u>Richard Moore Estate</u> The Sheriff laid off and allotted Eliza B. Fox her widow's dower in the real estate of her deceased husband, Richard Moore.
108	8-11-1826	62	<u>Fredrick Lockmiller Estate</u> The estate was reported insolvent. Public notice was given requiring all creditors to produce proof of their claims. The court now orders payment of said claims.
109	8-18-1826	62/63	<u>Thomas Lawrence Estate</u> Thomas Lawrence died without a will and Moses Birdwell was appointed Administrator after giving \$400 bond with Joseph Johnston and James Birdwell his securities. Thomas Lenard, Stephen Flin, and Jonathan Cottongim[?] were appointed to appraise estate. The perishable property of this estate is ordered sold at public sale.
110	8-31-1826	63/64	<u>William McGehee Estate</u> William McGehee died without a will and Nancy McGehee, his widow, and Livingston S. McGehee were appointed to administer this estate after giving \$12,000 bond with Amos Vincent and Thomas Thach their securities. Hamilton Kyle, Thomas H. Thach, and James W. Walker appointed to appraise property of this estate. Perishable property ordered sold at public sale.

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Madison



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

(Fifth 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 Volume 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>Miscellaneous</u>
186	Lula Branum	Baptised 24 July 1896	Excluded 9 May 1897
187	Mrs. Green Branum	Watch care 26 July 1896; added by letter 9 Aug 1896	
188	Ida Branum	Bapt. 9 Aug 1896; added by experience 26 July 1896	
189	Minnie Louallen	Bapt. 9 Aug 1895; added by experience 26 July 1896	
190	Rev. W. L. White & wf.	3rd Ave., Louisville, Ky 26 July 1896; lost by letter 12 Sept 1897.	
191	L. E. White	3rd Ave., Louisville, Ky 26 July 1896; lost by letter 12 Sept 1897.	
192	Mrs. Mary Brazelton	Watch care 9 Aug 1896	
193	Alex Louallen	Watch care 9 Aug 1896; recd. by letter 27 Sept 1896	
194	Pearl Carter	Bapt. 13 Sept 1896	
195	John C. Shelton	Letters returned August, 1896	
196	Emma Shelton (Mrs. J. C.)	Letters returned August, 1896	
197	M. E. Brock	Lost by letter 12 Sept 1897	
198	Jerecha Hildruth	From Pickensville Bapt. Church by letter 25 Oct 1896; lost by letter 12 Sept 1897.	
199	Frank B. Given	From Ladonia Bapt. Church, Texas 14 Feb 1897.	
200	Lizzie Given	From Ladonia Bapt. Church, Texas 14 Feb 1897.	
201	Silas W. Brown	Letters from Bapt. Ch., Jackson, Mo. 25 April 1897; lost by letter 8 April 1900.	
202	Minnie B. Brown	" " " "	
203	Mattie M. Potts	From M. E. Church for Baptism 25 April 1897; added by baptism 9 May 1897 and by experience 25 April 1897; lost when joined Campbellites.	
204	Mollie Vann	Baptised 9 May 1897; experience 23 May 1897	

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Recd. from, dismissed to, or Baptism date:</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
205	Mary E. Branum	Letter from Cavespring 22 June 1897	
206	America E. Black	Bapt. 11 July 1897; experience 22 June 1897.	
207	Alice Sloan	Bapt. 27 June 1897; experience 22 June 1897; lost by ltr. 19 Feb 1907	
208	Emma Read	Recd. by experience 22 June 1897; baptism refused. Dropped.	
209	G. W. Heathcote	Bapt. 11 July 1897; experience 22 June 1897; lost by ltr. 12 July 1908.	
210	Geo. Vann	From Flynt Church, watch care	
211	Rosie Shelton	Bapt. 11 July 1897; died January 1899	
212	Maud Shelton	Bapt 11 July 1897; lost by letter 10 Feb 1901	
213	Rev. J. M. McCord	First Bapt. Ch., Blocton, Ala; recd. by letter 14 Nov 1897; lost by letter 18 Aug 1899.	
214	Florence McCord	" " "	
215	Stue Rigney	Watch care 14 Nov 1897; recd by letter 24 Nov 1897	
216	Annie White	Watch care 14 Nov 1897; recd by ltr. 28 Nov 1897; lost by ltr. 24 March, 1901	
217	Saline Branum	Returned her letter that we gave her; added by letter 14 Nov 1897; died March, 1900.	
218	Mrs. J. C. Turbyfill	Watch care 23 Jan 1898; recd by letter March, 1898; lost by letter 24 March 1901.	
219	Mrs. A. W. Carter	Experience & baptism 12 June 1898	
220	Peter P. Ridgeway	Recd. from Eden Church, Brooksville, Fla by letter 23 Aug 1898; joined C. P. Church 1899.	
221	Lilly Ridgeway	" " "	
222	Rufus Turbyfill	Experience 25 Aug 1898; baptised 14 Sept 1898	
223	James Brewster	Recd. by experience 25 Aug 1898	
224	Dilia Styles	Recd. by experience 25 Aug 1898; baptised 14 Sept 1898	
225	Andrew Vann	Recd. by experience 25 Aug 1898	
226	Mrs. Coffey	Recd. by experience 25 Aug 1898	
227	Mrs. Charlotte Vann	Recd. by experience 27 Aug 1898. Died Feby 1900.	
228	Josh Clinton	Recd. by experience 27 Aug 1898.	
229	Jim Whitworth	Recd. by experience 27 Aug 1898.	
230	Dora Maples	Recd. by experience 27 Aug 1898; baptised 14 Sept 1898.	

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Bible Record

The following Mullins Bible was purchased at a flea market by Mr. B. Meredith of Athens, Alabama. Mr. Meredith donated it to the Limestone County Archives and Eulalia Wellden, Limestone County Archivist, sent it to us for publication. The original can be seen at the Limestone County Archives in Athens, Alabama.

MULLINS BIBLE

The
Holman New Self-pronouncing
Sunday-School Teacher's
BIBLE
Containing the Old and New Testaments: Translated
out of the Original Tongues: and with the
Former Translations Diligently
Compared and Revised

Philadelphia
A. J. Holman & Co.

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DEATHS

Sallie E. Mullins departed this life Sep. the 22, 1901

Henry Lenard Mullins died Jan. the 28 1905 age 3 years, 4 months,
& 22 days.

MARRIAGES

H. N. Mullins & Laura Hollaway was married Jan the 2nd 1902

Maggie Belle Hollaway & Floyd Conner was married Dec the 24, 1905

Daisy Mullins & Willie Beverly was married May the 9 1906

DEATHS

Cemantha M. Crowson departed this life May the 4 1906, borned
Feb the 24 1846, age 59 years 2 months & 10 days.

Alexander M[?] Crowson departed this life Nov the 7 1906, borned
Dec the 6, 1833, age 72 years 11 months & 1 day.

BIRTHS

H. N. Mullins was borned May the 29, 1865

Sallie E. Mullins was borned June the 14, 1870

Daisy Mullins was born Nov the 7, 188__ [illegible]

John Thomas Mullins was born March the 5, 1891

Mullins Bible Record (-continued-)

Jessie Andrew Mullins was born June the 25, 1893

Mary Carnellia Mullins was born August the 1st 1895

Wesley Herman Mullins was born Jan. the 3rd 1897

Willie Rufus Mullins was born Feb. the 9, 1899

Henry Lenard Mullins was born Sep. the 6, 1901

Belle Hollaway was born Nov. the 14, 1888

Jennie Mary Hollaway was born July the 31, 1892

Laura L. Mullins, daughter of A. N. & C. M. Crowson, was born March the 14, 1868

Allen Richard Mullins was born Oct the 22, 1905

James C. Hollaway & Laura Crowson was married Dec the 18th 1887

James McKee & Jennie Crowson was married July the 1st 1888

Howard Conner was born Dec 19, 1908

Leon Conner was born July 23, 1910

Eugene Conner was born June 5, 1915

Birdie May Conner was born March 30, 1920

Jessie Andrew Mullins & Martha Bolander was married Nov 28, 1912

H. N. Mullins departed this life Dec the 14th 1944, age 79 years & 7 months.

Mattie P. Crowson departed this life Dec 27, 1914.

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Daisy Mullins & Willie Beverley was married May the 9, 1906.

Thomas Mullins & Delia Rynolds was married Jan 15, 1911.

-End Mullins Bible Record-



Marshall



ORPHANS COURT 1838 - 1839

This 276 page volume is located in the Marshall County Courthouse at Guntersville, Alabama. It is a record book although it is labeled "Orphans Court Minutes." Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson. Continued from "Valley Leaves," Volume 16, No. 3, March, 1982.

Pages 93-99 Adam Nichor Estate [also written Nicar, Nichar, and Nicher]
Adam Nichor died without a will. David Ricketts applied for and was granted Letters of Administration after giving \$300 bond with James Birdwell and William S. Johnson, his securities.

William M. Griffin, Richard Griffin, and John A. Mironey were appointed to appraise the personal estate which was ordered sold at public sale.

An inventory of the estate was taken 19 August 1837 and included "One Improvement in the Cherokee Nation" valued at \$20.00. Other items included carpenters' tools, miscellaneous wood cutting tools, and a bed and furniture.

A list of the purchasers of the estate, as certified on 21 Oct 1837, were:
[Note: the sale was held 6 Oct 1837]

William S. Hornbuckle	John Laphew [also written Lufen]
Jesse H. Kile	George Loy
Joshua Johnson	William Wats
Samuel Johnson	David Ricketts
Elisha Saint	James Sc[h]rimsher
Daniel May	

Outstanding accounts and notes were presented as follows:

Manning & Ricketts	John Neeley
__ [blank] __ Couch	John C. Dess

Estate settled 2 September 1839 before Washington T. May, Judge of the County Court.

Pages 100-106 Randolph Morgan Estate.
Randolph Morgan died without a will. China Derrick applied for Letters of Administration. The widow (not named) appeared in person and renounced her right to administer the estate, therefore, China Derrick was made administratrix after giving \$300 bond with Richard Griffin and Tobias Derrick, her securities. China Derrick made an inventory of the goods, rights, and chattled and made her return to the court within three months as prescribed by law, on 14 May 1838. [Note: China Derrick signed her name with an "X."]

China Derrick's Inventory, dated 5 Dec. 1838, stated: "There is no property on which I can administer after leaving to the widow of the decedent the following property, to wit: 9 head of hogs, 1 cow and calf, 1 mare, 1 bedstead, 1 chest, 1 table, 3 chairs, 1 oven, 1 pot, and 1 skillett. All I can say or do in said administration is to report the time of his service in the Florida Campaign, 3-3/4 months at \$22.50 - \$83.87-1/2, which money has never come to my hands and which has never been drawn from the department." She further states the estate is nearly \$500 in debt which renders the estate entirely insolvent.

After administration expenses were paid there was a balance of \$26.89-1/2 left

to distribute among three creditors:

1. Richard Griffin note and interest, \$134.20 - paid \$17.46
2. White & Woodard judgment on debt plus interest, \$65.31 - paid \$8.50
3. Alexander Derrick note and interest, \$7.00 - paid 93¢.

The court appointed Louis Wyeth, Edmund A. Webster, and Thomas Barclay, Commissioners, to settle the estate. On 2 December 1839 they found the foregoing to be true and correct.

Note: At the beginning of this case Louis Wyeth was shown as Judge of the County Court; on 2 Dec. 1839 Washington T. May was shown as the Judge.

Pages 107-112 Reubin B. Tate Estate

Reubin B. Tate died without a will. On 30 April 1838 Isham H. Fennell applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$1200 bond with Benjamin Merrell and Richard Griffin, his securities.

Andrew Ice, George Chenault, and Lawyer Simpson were appointed to appraise the estate. The personal estate was ordered sold to the highest bidder at public auction. The estate sale was held 11 June 1839 and was "bid off by the widow of said decedent, the whole amounting to" \$49.00.

Items "sold" included:

- two beds and bedstead
- one trunk
- one shaving glass
- four common chairs
- one lot of cupboard ware
- one walnut table
- one wire sive[sieve]
- one axe
- one lot of castins[castings]

This estate was insolvent with over \$355. in debts and only \$144.90 in assets. Debts were owing to the following:

- [blank] McDowels
- Moore & Funston[?]
- Cobb & McKewens
- John Owen
- J. Elliott
- E. Bridges
- E. G. Grayson
- John C. Grayson
- A. Harrison
- [blank] McGaha
- G. W. Allen
- C. Allen
- Macfarlane & Garth[?]
- David Moore
- George Cannen
- Thomas Vann
- A. Beauford
- John Green
- Joshua Johnson

Estate settled 4 November 1839.

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Morgan



SIMPSON FAMILY BIBLE

This Bible belonged to William Simpson and his wife Elizabeth Prim Simpson. It was passed down to their oldest son, Thomas Levi Simpson, and at his death it went to his youngest child, Sarah Elizabeth Simpson Isbell. It is now in the possession of one of her daughters, Opal Isbell Wilson, of Fort Worth, Texas. This Bible was lost for over 40 years. It was found packed away in a box when the Drinkard home was sold in Falkville, Ala. and had been in a fire which accounts for why part of the pages are missing. Contributed by Ivydene Simpson Walls, a great-great granddaughter of William and Elizabeth Simpson.

Bible Record

SIMPSON

MARRIAGES

William Simpson and Elizabeth Prim was married March the 29th AD 1840
Thomas L. Simpson and Susan Jane Anderson was married May 20th 1860
Thomas L. Simpson and Mary Ann Peerson was married December 14th 1887

BIRTHS

William Simpson was born March the 15 1813
Elizabeth Simpson was born October the first 1816
Thomas L. Simpson was born October the 10th 1841
John W. Simpson was born March the 8th 1843
Milley Lucindia Simpson was born May the 24th 1844
James Leroy Simpson was born November the 20th 1845
Sarah An Simpson was born November the 7th 1847
Samuel L. Simpson was born January the 31st 1849
George Andrew Simpson was born June the 5th 1850
Mary Elizabeth Simpson was born January the 31st 1852
Francis Mirium Simpson was born September the 29th 1853
Harriette Amandy Simpson was born December the 12th 1855
Lorrey Isabella Simpson was born September the 4th 1857
Cornelious J. Simpson was born May the 15 1860
William Levi Simpson was borne Aprile the 29th AD 1866, son
of John and Isabell Simpson

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DEATHS

Saray Ann Simpson departed this life June the 8th 1855

George Andrew Simpson departed this life August the 12th 1853

Milla Lucinda Brokesdale daughter of Wm and Elizabeth Simpson departed this life
Aprile the 28th 1866

Francis Marium Simpson departed this life on the 28th of February 1873, aged 20 years
and five months

Elizabeth Simpson, wife of Wm Simpson departed this life August the 10th 1885, aged
69 years and 9 months

William Simpson departed this life May 4th 1887, age 74 years and two months

Susan Jane Simpson departed this life July 10th 1887

Laura Isabell Simpson departed this life March 29th 1899 age 42 years ould

OTHER

Woney Isbell born Nov 1 1896

Zurle Holcomb born Sept 1, 1897

Woney Isbell and Zurle Holcomb married Feb 1, 1919

J. E. Isbell, son of Mr. Mrs. W. E. Isbell born Oct 5, 1920

Henry Ford Isbell born May 28, 1923

-End Simpson Family Bible Record-

SIMPSON FAMILY NOTES

The following genealogical material on the Simpson family was sent to us by Ivydene Simpson Walls in conjunction with the above Bible record.

William Simpson to Elizabeth Prim - March 29, 1840 [Stewart County, Georgia marriages]

Thomas Simpson to Jane Anderson on May 20, 1860 [Recorded in Paulding County, Georgia Marriage Book 1, Page 250.]

Thomas L. Simpson to Mamie Peerson on December 14, 1887 [Recorded in Limestone County, Alabama Marriage Book 1886-91, Page 161]

Thomas L. Simpson and Cornelious J. Simpson are buried in the Falkville City Cemetery, Falkville, Morgan County, Alabama.

Susan Jane Simpson, Elizabeth Simpson, and William Simpson are buried in the Lawrence Cove Cemetery in east Morgan County.

INTRODUCTION TO GENEALOGY

UNDERSTANDING PROBATE RECORDS

by
Dorothy Scott Johnson

COURTS

The names of courts handling estates and other probate proceedings vary from state to state and even, sometimes, from county to county within a state. In Alabama it is called the Probate Court but before 1850 it was called the Orphans Court and is still called that in the state of Maryland. When writing for probate records in various states your request will be handled more expeditiously if you address your letter to the correct court. For instance, in New York it is called the Surrogate Court; in Alabama, South Carolina, and Arkansas it is the Probate Court; in Mississippi it is the Chancery Court; in Kentucky and West Virginia it is the County Court; in North Carolina it is the Superior Court and in Georgia it is the Ordinary Court. In Tennessee this court is called the County Court except in four counties: in Shelby and Davidson Counties it is the Probate Court; in Dyer County it is the Court of Common Law & Chancery, and in Hamilton County it is the Chancery Court. For a complete list of the names of the courts in various states I refer you to Val Greenwood's "The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy," Chapter 13, Pages 234-238.

ORPHANS COURT -vs- PROBATE COURT

In 1850 the name of this court was changed to Probate Court in Alabama. It handled the same probate functions as the old Orphans Court, or County Court. A discussion of these changes will be carried in a later issue of "Valley Leaves." The term, "Orphans Court" is misleading and often confusing to beginners in genealogy because the name implies that it handles only the affairs of orphans. Originally, it was established to handle matters affecting children whose parent or parents had died, thus the name was exactly what it implied: a court which would protect the welfare of children who had lost at least one parent. The probate court still serves that function today but the prime function is to handle estates of the deceased whether children are involved or not. As our social structure changed the work load handled by this court also changed, and it was for this reason that the name was changed to Probate Court.



TYPES OF RECORDS FOUND

Prior to 1900 you will find four main sources of estate information in the Probate Court:

1. Minutes ledger
2. Records ledger
3. Will books
4. Original files

Also handled by the Probate Court in Alabama are marriages, deeds, mortgages, and the Government Land Tract Book. Records kept after 1900 include the 1907 Confederate Census ledger, military discharge records, a register of physicians, a register of purchasers of land sold for back taxes, and other minor records. In time, each of these records will be explained in "Valley Leaves" but in this issue we are primarily concerned with Probate Minutes.

PROBATE MINUTES & ORPHANS COURT MINUTES

Probate Minutes are a brief statement of what transpired in court on any given day. Probate Records are a copy of the actual documents filed or acted upon and are of greater value than

Minutes because of the details they give, genealogically speaking. In the Minutes you will find a list of heirs only rarely whereas heirs may be listed in the Records in their entirety. This does not mean Minutes are without genealogical value. On the contrary! They are of immense value but you must know how to interpret them as some of the most important information to the researcher is assumed rather than implied or stated.

Minutes are especially important prior to 1850 as many counties did not start keeping Record ledgers until the name changed from Orphans to Probate.

Examples can best illustrate how to interpret the old Minutes. The first entry in the Minutes you will find concerning your ancestor's estate will be similar to the following abstract of an actual entry from the Madison County Orphans Court Minute Book No. 4, Pages 66-67:

William Mills died without a Will. The widow [not named] relinquished her right of administration in favor of John Maddox. Maddox applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$2000 bond with William Dottery and Joel Stone his securities.

If a man died with a will (testate) and named an executor, his widow did not have the privilege of administering his estate. Sometimes, as a courtesy, she gave her written concurrence with her husband's choice. If the executor chose not to act or if he was incompetent, ill, dead, or had moved from the area then the widow was given preference.

In the case of Williams Mills who died without a will (intestate) the widow chose not to administer the estate even though the privilege was offered her. Many pioneer women were illiterate and chose not to administer because of that handicap. Often, however, she was literate and wrote out and signed her request or consent for another person of her choosing to administer in her place. She did this because most women of that period were sheltered from "worldly" matters and she felt incapable of handling the tasks involved which must have seemed quite mysterious to her. Too, in certain socio-economic classes it was not "seemly" (proper) for a woman to involve herself in such worldly matters as estate legalities. Some women did assume the responsibility of administering an estate and she was called an "administratrix." Usually, she was a woman with children, well-educated, and of the more progressive upper-class of citizens. I have seen a few instances where illiterate ladies chose to administer their husbands' or sons' estates but they were the exception rather than the rule and could be easily termed courageous and progressive; they usually had a close relative or trusted attorney guide them through it, however.

If there was no widow the deceased's next of kin was offered the administratorship, usually the eldest son if he was of legal age (21 or over). If there was no relative living in the community who could or would act as administrator then the court usually appointed the local sheriff to serve in that capacity.

In the William Mills estate, above, the widow requested that John Maddox serve as the administrator in her place and the court issued him Letters of Administration. [Letters of Administration" is merely a sheet of paper, usually preprinted, giving the date, name of Administrator, his bondsmen's names, the name of the deceased, and the judge's signature; it is authorization for that person to act as Administrator.] As was usually the case, John Maddox may have been a relative, close friend, or neighbor.

The law required anyone handling an estate to post a bond before he could transact business of the estate. The amount of the bond was usually the approximate value of the estate he was to administer, therefore, we can assume that William Mills' estate was worth approximately \$2000 since that was the amount of the bond. Often it was discovered, after the estate had been appraised, that it was worth more than originally thought and the court would require that more bond be posted.

This bond was a surety bond and its purpose was to guarantee satisfactory performance in administering the estate. The securities were persons who could vouch for the administrator's integrity and whose combined assets had to be at least the amount of the bond since they would be held financially responsible for any loss sustained by the estate through negligence or misconduct of the administrator. These bondsmen were usually relatives or very close friends of the administrator.

On occasion, a bondsman was not happy with the way the estate was being handled and would ask the court to be relieved of his responsibility. This request was granted when he was replaced by another bondsman. Bondsmen were also replaced if they were leaving the county, if they became ill, died, etc.

The next entry you will probably find in the Minutes regarding your ancestor's estate is the order to sell perishable property. It will appear similar to the following abstract:

The perishable property of the estate of William Mills is to be exposed to public sale, slaves excepted. Samuel East, David Gray, Holloway Power, Thomas Power, and William Wells, or any three of them are ordered to appraise the perishable property of this estate and report same to the court.

First of all, it is most important that you understand that even though the entry will state that property is to be "... exposed to public sale, slaves excepted," it does not mean there actually were slaves belonging to the estate. The phrase was merely added by the court to cover all possibilities. Until the estate was appraised the court had no way of knowing whether there were slaves or not. Therefore, you must not assume there were slaves in your ancestor's estate based on this entry in the Minutes.

Few people in pioneer Alabama were completely free of debt. The aim was to get the estate into a debt-free position so the remainder could be distributed among the heirs. To do this, in most cases, property had to be sold to pay outstanding debts. The property the family could give up with the least hardship was the perishable property so it was ordered appraised and sold first. Perishable property was anything that would perish such as livestock, grain, fodder, and slaves, however, slaves were sold almost as a last resort.

If the proceeds of the sale of perishable property did not cover the outstanding debts then the personal property was appraised and sold at public auction. Personal property consisted of household and kitchen furnishings, farming utensils (ploughs, hoes, etc.), and even clothing of the deceased. In many records of estate sales you will find the widow and children buying back beloved items they have lived with most of their lives. I find it particularly sad to see a poor widow purchasing her own family Bible or a set of dishes that were, perhaps, a wedding gift from her parents many years before.

Personal property sales are very revealing. Sometimes there are only a few items and sometimes the list covers many pages. The Minutes will not list the individual items sold; you must look in the Record ledger for that or go to the original file if one exists.



If the proceeds of the personal property still did not cover the debts of the estate the slaves, if there were any, were sold. Only approximately one-third of the families in Alabama owned slaves (the greatest concentration of them were living in south-central Alabama) so do not be surprised if your ancestor was not a slave owner.

The last thing to be sold to pay an estate's debts was the real estate. Everything possible was done to keep a roof over the heads of the family. Sometimes that was not possible and the widow and children had to live off the charity of relatives, go to a Poor House, or move to town and take in washings, ironings, and sewing.

In most cases it was not necessary to sell all the real estate. If possible, only a portion of the real estate was sold leaving that portion on which stood the "mansion house" free and clear of debt. Usually the "mansion house" was not a mansion as we think of it today. More often than not it was a log cabin but was called "mansion house" to differentiate it from other buildings on the place such as slave quarters (called "servants quarters"), smoke house, chicken house, barns, etc.

If it was necessary to sell all the real estate the court would appoint "commissioners" (usually the same persons appointed to appraise the property) to also sell it and an entry would appear in the Minutes stating this. After the "commissioners" sold the property (always at public auction after advertising the property for so many weeks in a local newspaper) they would report back to the court giving the judge a record of the sale. The entry in the Minute would appear something like this:

The commissioners appointed to sell the real estate made their report and the same was ordered to be recorded.

The actual deed given for the property would be recorded in the Deeds. The Minutes merely give a brief outline of what happened and did not go into any details

The next item you are likely to find in the Minutes is as follows:

John Maddox made final settlement of his administration on the estate of William Mills.

The word "final" is most misleading to the researcher as we tend to interpret it literally. The law required that each year the administrator give the court a list of expenditure and income of the estate which was called a "settlement." Therefore, these brief entries are final settlement for that particular year and does not mean it is the end of the estate proceedings. If Record ledgers are kept in the county in which you are researching, you will find these yearly "final" reports recorded there in their entirety. They are most interesting because they record every expenditure made by the family and every cent of income.

The next entry you will find in the Minutes regarding your ancestor's estate will be an entry similar to the following one from Page 3 of Book 2 of the Limestone County Orphans Court Minutes:

On this 20th day of December, 1824, John P. Hall, administrator of the Estate of Joseph Flournoy, decd., filed the accounts & vouchers of his administration on Said Estate with the Judge of the Court for final Settlement. It is therefore ordered that public notice be made in the Alabama Gazette for three weeks successively requiring all persons interested in the settlement of said accounts and vouchers to appear before the Judge of the Court at the Court house in the Town of Athens on the 3rd Monday in January next to show cause, if any they have, or cause why said account and vouchers should not be allowed and finally settled.

The last entry you will find in the Minutes regarding your ancestor's estate will be after the judge has gone over the administrator's accounts and vouchers, found them all in order, and no one has objected to the settlement. It will merely state that the administrator made his final settlement on such-and-such date and was ordered recorded.

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PUBLISHED GENEALOGICAL REFERENCE MATERIAL
COVERING THE ALABAMA TENNESSEE VALLEY.

During the last ten years many genealogical source books were published covering our nine North Alabama counties of interest. Unless members live in this immediate area they are probably unaware of these marvelous finding aids, therefore, we have compiled a list of all books presently available. This is not a complete list of all the material that is available in private collections such as manuscripts or rare books that are no longer in print. The books listed here are presently available from the various publishers.

ALABAMA

Alabama Soldiers (Revolution, War of 1812, & Indian Wars), Volumes A through F[7 volumes], by Pauline Jones Gandrud. Each book is from 90 to 151 pages. Through the years Mrs. Gandrud compiled over 45 loose-leaf notebooks of records relating to soldiers who served in the above wars and who, at one time or another, lived in Alabama. The notebooks are alphabetically arranged listing all records that could be found concerning each soldier; pensions, last payment, bounty land warrants, wills, lists of heirs, Bible records, tombstone inscriptions, obituaries, census, or anything of genealogical note including correspondence with descendants dating over the past thirty-plus years. This material has been edited by Mrs. Bobbie Jones McLane who has also included an index to each volume. These volumes range in price from \$8.00 to \$11.00 but please write to Mrs. McLane for her current price list.

Alabama, An Index to the 1830 United States Census, by Pauline Jones Gandrud. 392 pages, \$18.00. Anyone who has attempted to read the very poor 1830 microfilm census can appreciate Mrs. Gandrud's compilation. The index contains the names of all heads of household in 1830 and gives the county residence of each but, unfortunately, does not reference the original microfilm page numbers.

The above books may be ordered from:
Mrs. Gerald B. McLane
112 Leach Street
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Alabama Records, by Pauline Jones Gandrud. 100 pages each plus index. \$10.00 per volume. Over a period of nearly fifty years Pauline Jones Gandrud compiled 245 volumes (100 pages each plus index) of genealogical information such as marriages, estates, deeds, law suits, obituaries, etc. Ninety five of these volumes cover our North Alabama counties as follows: 58 on Madison County, 13 on Limestone County; 2 on Lawrence County; 5 on Morgan County; 2 on Marshall County, 6 on Jackson County and 7 on Lauderdale plus one volume of land grants that cover some of these counties. Mrs. Gandrud died September 29, 1980 and her son made arrangements with the Rev. S. Emmett Lucas, Jr. of Southern Historical Press, Inc., (P. O. Box 738, Easley, S. C. 29640,) to publish all of these volumes. Most of the volumes have already been published at \$10.00 each and we suggest you write to Southern Historical Press for a catalogue and detailed information on this series of excellent books.

Marriage, Death and Legal Notices from Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893, by Pauline Jones Gandrud. 615 pages, hard cover, \$40.00. These newspaper abstracts were taken from the above mentioned 245 volume series and compiled into one book. Included in this book are abstracts from all known extant Madison County newspapers from the inception of the county up to 1900. Also included are abstracts of some Limestone County newspapers plus papers from other areas of the state.

The above books may be ordered from:
Southern Historical Press, Inc.
P. O. Box 738
Easley, S. C. 29640



Alabama (-continued-)

Alabama Census Returns, 1820. From Alabama Historical Quarterly, 1944, 192 pages, maps, hard cover. \$12.50 + \$1. postage. The 1820 Federal Census for the state of Alabama was destroyed by fire, but the returns for the counties of Franklin, Limestone, Baldwin, Conecuh, Dallas, St. Clair, Shelby and Wilcox survived and are included in this book in their entirety. This book is not indexed.

This book may be ordered from:
Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc.
111 Water Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Early Settlers of Alabama by James Edmonds Saunders, Pub. 1899, Reprinted 1977. 556 pages, hard bound, full-name index. \$25.00. Even though this book covers primarily Lawrence County families it reaches out into surrounding counties. The author devotes several hundred pages to his recollections about the county and its early settlers. A second section is devoted entirely to the genealogy of various families of the area.

This book may be ordered from:
Southern Historical Press, Inc.
(See last page for address)

Life and Legend of Lawrence County, Alabama by Dorothy Gentry. 1962. Hard cover. 235 pages, indexed. Includes marriage records (incomplete and often inaccurate) from 1828 through 1884. The marriage records are not included in the index but are in chronological order. Photographs, biographies, town histories, and genealogical information included. Privately printed in limited edition of 1500 copies. \$10.75 plus \$1.00 mailing.

This book may be ordered from:
Moulton Health Mart
111 Main Street
Moulton, Al. 35650

LIMESTONE COUNTY

Limestone County Cemeteries, Vol. I, covering northwest section of county. 146 pages plus full-name index. Compiled by the Limestone County Historical Society. Covers 76 graveyards. \$8.00.

Limestone County Cemeteries, Vol. II, covering rest of county except Athens. Maps. 189 pages including full-name index. 117 cemeteries. Compiled by Limestone Co. Historical Society. \$9.00.

Limestone County Cemeteries, Vol. III, covering Athens City Cemetery plus additions to other volumes. Compiled by Limestone County Historical Society. Full-name index. 292 pages. \$12.00.

Lure and Lore of Limestone County by Faye Acton Axford. 268 pages including full-name index. Hard cover. This extremely well researched book is chock-full of photographs of the old homes of Limestone County's earliest families. Each home was researched historically and genealogically resulting in a tremendous amount of family information. \$15.00 plus \$1.00 postage.

These books may be ordered from:
Limestone County Historical Book Fund
P. O. Box 424
Athens, Alabama 35611

The Journals of Thomas Hubbard Hobbs by Faye Acton Axford. 272 pages including full-name index. Hard cover. Basically, this is the edited journals of Thomas Hubbard Hobbs who lived in Limestone County from 1826-1862. Mrs. Axford's exhaustive research and copious foot notes makes this book one of Alabama's most important historical records ever published. Many local families are mentioned including some figures of national importance. The period covered is between 1840 and

1862 when he died serving the Confederate Army. \$10.00 plus \$1.00 postage.

This book may be ordered from:

Faye Axford
301 9th Street
Athens, Alabama 35611

MARSHALL COUNTY

Marshall County, Alabama, Marriage Records 1836-1848, Vol. I by Christine Pendleton Jones. 1974. 62 pages. This book is compiled in alphabetical order by groom with separate full-name indexes of brides, bondsmen, and officials plus an index of "other names mentioned." When letters of consent were included in the original Mrs. Jones added it to her book. \$10.00.

This book may be ordered from:

Carole Kastner
P. O. Box 51
Denville, N. J. 07834

The History of Marshall County, Alabama by Katherine Duncan and Larry Joe Smith. 1980. 5 x 8, 154 pages plus full name index, soft cover. There are ten chapters plus appendix and an excellent bibliography. Chapters include information on early settlers and how the county has grown to the present time. This is more of a history book than a genealogical source book but a great deal of genealogical material is to be found in it. \$6.75 plus \$1.00 postage and mailing.

This book may be ordered from:

Thompson Printing
Box 550
Albertville, Alabama 35950

JACKSON COUNTY

Old Land Records of Jackson County, Alabama by Margaret Matthews Cowart. 1980. 439 pages including a full-name index. Soft cover. \$20.00. This book is a transcription of the Government Land Book, often called the "tract book." It lists the name of every person in Jackson County who purchased land from the federal government. Information contained includes the name of the purchaser, date of acquisition, amount of acreage, section, township, range, and the exact quarter-section bought. Includes maps.

This book may be ordered from:

Margaret Matthews Cowart
7801 Tea Garden Road, SE
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

MORGAN COUNTY

Old Land Records of Morgan County, Alabama by Margaret Matthews Cowart. 1981. 259 pages including a full-name index. Soft cover. \$18.00. This is a copy of the U. S. Government Land Tract Book with entries beginning in 1818. It lists the name of every person who purchased land from the government, date of purchase, number of acres, and the exact location of that land. These valuable source books are a boon to research since it is easy to see who lived close to who (neighbors often married neighbors.) Includes maps.

This book may be ordered from:

Margaret Matthews Cowart
7801 Tea Garden Road, SE
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

Also see Page 150 for more on Morgan County.

MADISON COUNTY

Index to Wills of Madison County, Alabama, 1808-1900 by Andrew Ezell Terry, Ph.D. 1977. 36 pages, soft cover. This book consists of a list of every will filed in Madison County up to 1900 and they are listed in alphabetical order. Included is the date the will was probated and the book and page number in which the instrument was recorded. This excellent compilation must not be confused with an earlier work that was most unreliable. \$4.50.

This book may be ordered from:
Andrew Ezell Terry
P. O. Box 206
Huntsville, Alabama 35804

Old Land Records of Madison County, Alabama by Margaret Matthews Cowart. 1979. 293 pages. Soft cover. Full name index. \$18.00. This is a transcription of the Government Land Tract Book which is a record of the first purchasers of land in Madison County from the U. S. Government. Also included is information from the first three Receiver's Ledgers (record of payments on the land) for the years 1809-1817. The tract book transcription includes the exact location of the land purchased, number of acres, date of purchase, and the warrant or certificate number.

This book may be ordered from:
Margaret Matthews Cowart
7801 Tea Garden Road, SE
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

Cemeteries of Madison County, Alabama, Volume I by Dorothy Scott Johnson. 1971. 371 pages. Full name index. \$15.00. Covers 122 cemeteries in west half of county and included census and marriage records correlated with the tombstone inscriptions where available. Maps included. Soft cover.

Cemeteries of Madison County, Alabama, Vol. II by Dorothy Scott Johnson. 1978. 377 pages. Full name index. Soft cover. \$24.00. Includes the 145 cemeteries in the northeast quarter of the county. Census and marriage records correlated with tombstone inscriptions. [Note: This volume is currently out of print but will be reprinted in March, 1983].

Madison County, Alabama Orphans Court Minutes, 1810-1817 by Dorothy Scott Johnson. 1972. 56 pages. Full name index plus special indexes on orphans, estates probated, wills, minister's permissions, etc. A verbatim copy of the original, first Orphans Court Minute book in Madison County (original in archives). \$8.00.

Madison County, Alabama Deed Books A through E, 1810-1819 (Territorial) by Dorothy Scott Johnson. 1976. 109 pages. Full name index. An abstract of each of the 766 instruments recorded in the first five deeds books. Besides land transactions, some wills, deeds of gift, bills of sale, and other instruments were recorded in these books. \$12.00. Soft cover.

1907 Confederate Census of Limestone, Morgan & Madison Counties, Alabama by Dorothy Scott Johnson. 1981. 52 pages. Full name index. Soft cover. \$10.00. This consists of the name, address, and an abstract of the service record of each Confederate Soldier still living in 1907 for the three counties of Morgan, Madison, and Limestone. Gives date and place of birth, when and where entered service and a brief resume of military service.

The above five books may be ordered from:
Johnson Historical Publications
2409 Gaboury Lane
Huntsville, Alabama 35811

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

Some Lauderdale County, Alabama Cemetery Records by Jill K. Garrett and Iris H. McClain. 1970. 232 pages, full name index. Soft cover. \$10.00. Contains listing from about 75 cemeteries including the large old Florence Cemetery, Wesley Chapel, Granny Richardson, Milner's Chapel, and others. Directions are given on how to drive to each of these cemeteries and there are historical notes throughout regarding the various communities or cemeteries.

A History of Florence, Alabama by Jill K. Garrett. 1969. 288 pages, full name index. Soft cover. \$10.00. This book is a history of the county seat of Lauderdale County, Alabama. It also contains the 1850 CENSUS of Lauderdale County as well as marriage records from 1820-1833.

Note: Jill K. Garrett was editor-publisher of that excellent quarterly, "River Counties" for many years and has published a number of books pertaining to Maury and other Tennessee Counties. You may wish to write to her for her catalogue of books for sale.

These books may be ordered from:
Garrett-McClain
610 Terrace Drive
Columbia, Tennessee 38401

Lawrence County, TENNESSEE 1840 Census, 1860 Census, Private Acts, Miscellaneous Newspaper Abstracts, by Polly C. Warren. 179 pages, surname index. \$10.00. The reason we have included this Tennessee book in with the Lauderdale County, Alabama section is that in 1860 the enumerator "wandered over into" Lauderdale County and included Greenhill beat as well as families around Anderson and Lexington. If you are searching for families in those areas in 1860 you may find them in this book.

Lauderdale County, Alabama, 1860 Census & Civil War Records by Polly C. Warren. 234 pages, surname index, soft cover. \$10.00. This book contains the 1907 Confederate Census of soldiers residing in Lauderdale County of which there are 255; includes place and date of birth on each and their service record. Contains the 1860 census of Lauderdale county with some marriage information. Also includes a section of biographical sketches and a listing of the known Confederate soldiers buried in the county.

Bugger Saga by Polly C. Warren. \$10.00. This is the Civil War story of guerilla and bushwacker warfare in Lauderdale County, Alabama. It is the documented story of the bushwhackers, or "buggers" as they were known. The book tells of the escapades of the notorious Tom Clark and his gang, their robbing, killing, etc. Genealogical information on families included along with many lost landmarks in the county.

Lauderdale County, Alabama in the 1870's by Polly C. Warren. 1982. 222 pages, surname index, soft cover. \$12.50. This newest publication on Lauderdale County contains the 1870 Federal census as well as listings of St. Florian's St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery and Holy Cross Cemetery in adjoining Tusculumbia, Colbert County, Alabama. During the 1870's the German Catholic population began to move into southern middle Tennessee and northern Alabama, with settlements here in Lauderdale County and also in Lawrence County, Tennessee. These cemetery listings help tie some of these early families into the decade in which they arrived in the area.

These books may be ordered from:
P-Vine Press
Mrs. Polly C. Warren
Route 7, Box 264
Columbia, Tennessee 38401



History of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 1818-1976 by Mrs. Henry B. Abramson. 8 pages. Soft cover. \$5.00. Gives history of the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church; also included are lists of member families, ministers, and other officials.

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery Records, 1818-1976 by Jill K. Garrett with supplement by Mrs. Henry B. Abramson. 22 pages. Soft cover. \$5.00. This book not only gives the inscriptions from all tombstones but also gives instructions on how to get to the cemetery.

These books may be ordered from:
Mrs. Henry B. Abramson
Route 1, Box 242
Cloverdale, Alabama 35617

MISCELLANEOUS

Echols Notes, Vol. I by Rebecca Echols Terry. 1978. 192 pages, full name index, soft cover. \$12.00. This is not the genealogy of Mrs. Terry's family but a unique compilation of source material on the Echols family. It is primarily a Southern compilation of Echols marriages, wills and census records collected from microfilm, courthouses, and state archives in the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi with additional data from many other states. The information is methodically laid out with each chapter broken down into state then counties within that state.

Echols Notes, Vol. II by Rebecca Echols Terry. 1980. 178 pages, full name index, soft cover. \$10.00. Mrs. Terry's voluminous notes necessitated a second volume compiled on the same lines as Volume I. Information not duplicated. A superb source book for locating Echols family members.

MORGAN COUNTY

Morgan County, Alabama Cemeteries, Vol. I. by Ivydene Simpson Walls and Marilyn Sue Short Marine. 1982, 442 pages, surname index, hard cover. Covers all known cemeteries east of Highway I-65 which is approximately half the county. Location of cemeteries and directions to get to them are included plus maps. Photographs of Revolutionary soldier's grave stones. A well done book.

This book may be ordered from:
Marine-Walls Historical Publications
1300 Hayes Street
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

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Introduction to Genealogy
Probate Minutes

Sometimes an estate is solvent and it is not necessary to sell any property to pay debts; either there are no debts or there is enough cash on hand to pay them. Such an entry in the Minutes will appear like the following abstracted entry on Frederick James' estate on Nov. 13, 1826 in the Madison County Orphans Court Minute Book 4, Page 69:

Frederick James estate is entirely solvent and not involved in debt so as to require the sale of any part thereof other than what has already taken place. Therefore, the court appointed William Weedon, Elbert H. Thompson, William E. Phillips, Eldred Rawlins, and Richard E. Mead to divide the real estate among the heirs at law but reserving the widow her dower in all cases.

Queries

Queries are free to members. A maximum of 175 words per year per member is allowed. A maximum of 175 words per non-member may be published for a fee of \$2.00 (as space allows). All queries are edited and published at the discretion of the editor and we reserve the right to refuse to publish any query submitted. At least one full name, date and location should be included in each query. No "surname-only" listings will be published.

830 WALLIS, WALLACE, CROCKETT, RICHARDSON

Rev. James Wallis (legally changed from Wallace) of Mecklenburg Co., NC had 3 sons: James McKnitt Alexander Wallis who m 1813? Margaret Crockett; James Wallis sd to have m Ann Crockett, dau of Elijah Crockett; Joseph Wallis m 4 Apr 1823 Elizabeth Crockett Morgan Co. AL. All sons on 1830 Morgan Co. census. An Elijah Crockett wit deed of gift Morgan Co. on 7 Jan 1822. These two fam are believed to have come from Blount Co., TN ca 1817 with Capt. Thomas Wallace (Rev), his wife Rebecca Milligan (bur nr Trinity, AL) & sons Joel Hall, Thomas, Jr., & Marcellus. Any info appreciated.

Robert E. Wallace, 2819 S. E. Lucie Blvd., Stuart, FL 33494

831 MILLS

John L. Mills b 1805 SC, w Cynthia? b 1810 AL. Children: Nancy b 1827 AL; Christanna b 1829 AL; Margaret b 1832 TN; James b 1834 TN; Elizabeth b 1836 TN; Alexander b 1838 TN; John b 1841 TN; Harriett b 1844 TN; Sarah b 1846 TN; Robert b 1852 TN.

SWEARINGEN

William Swearingen b 1799 NC, w Mary? b 1800 SC. Children: one male b 1820-5; Jane b 1827 AL; Margaret b 1829 AL; Sarah b 1832 AL; William b 1835 AL; George W. b 1839 MO.

SMITH

Rhoda Smith b 1816 TN was wid when she bought land 1853 MO. Husband's name? Known ch: Louisa b 1832 AL; James b 1855 AL; Matilda b 1839 AL; Elvira b 1840 AL; Mary b 1844 MO/AL?; William (no dates).

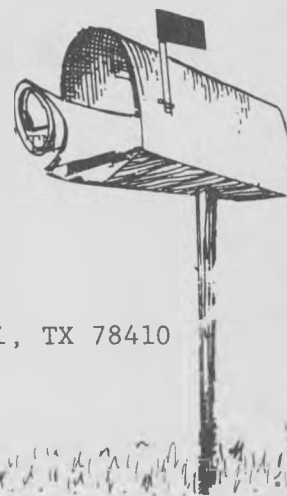
Does anyone have any history on town of Swearingen in NE Marshall Co.? Will pay any postage and copying costs.

Paul H. Reeves, Rt. 1, Box 63, Arcadia, MO 63621

832 WARD, ST. JOHN, NABORS, KIRKSEY

Need info on James E. Ward b 1822 TN (where?), m Mariah or Eliza Mariah St. John b 1839 as 2nd wife? Who was 1st wife & children? They came to Morgan Co. AL bet 1867 & 1876. Some ch: Wm. P. b 1858 TN; Lucy b 1865 TN; Samuel H. b 1867 TN; Enoch J. b 1876 AL; Aland Clarence b 1878 AL. Did they come from Wilson Co. TN? Abraham Monroe Nabors b 1847 Hartselle area in Morgan Co., AL. Came to TX late 1890's. Did any Nabors remain in AL? He m Eliza J. Kirksey b 1847 AL. Need any info on her family.

Leatrice Ward Henley, 3606 Cox Circle, Corpus Christi, TX 78410



833 DAVIS, HICKS

Would like to hear from anyone with info on Samuel Cox Davis and Maria Hicks whose son Thomas Arthur Davis was b Athens, Limestone Co., AL in 1882. Thomas subsequently moved to TX.

Miss Teresa Davis, 152 Oakwood Drive, Southampton, England, Sol 8EP

834 HUGHES

Need info on Robert H. Hughes & w Harriet who lived in Franklin Co. AL. Robert's parents, Thomas & Nancy Hughes, settled in Madison Co. AL. Will gladly exch.

POPE, WHITE, MOODY

Need info on Thomas S. Pope, Sr. who came to Franklin Co. AL from Richmond, VA. On 1820-1850 census. His dau, Mary, m Nelson H. White ca 1826 Franklin Co. and liv in Lawrence Co. where Mr. White was editor of local paper. Was James Pope who m Martha Moody in Lawrence Co. on 30 Aug 1829 the son of Thomas Pope? James liv in Franklin Co. In 1850 his wid Martha living in Itawamba Co. MS with their 3 chil: Isaac, Wm. & Thomas. What happened to James and where is he bur?

Mary Brown, 414 Allen, Duncanville, TX 75137

835 NICHOLS, NICCOLS, TRENT, BARRETT

Need info on William Nichols (Niccols) Rev. War Vet b 1765 Montgomery Co. NC m Elizabeth Trent 1800 same Co. They mov to Powels Valley, VA in 1805, then to Lincoln Co. TN ca 1811, then to Lawrence Co. AL. Listed on 1820 Lawrence Co. AL census. Had sons: William, James, Elijah, Edward, Emmanuel King and dau Margaret m Robert Barrett 1832. \$500.00 reward for proof of William Nichol's father. First post mark counts.

M. Q. Nichols, % Nicks Pharmacy, 1815 Texas Ave., Bridge City, TX 77611

836 KING, EWING

Need info and parents of Moses King b 1805 KY, d aft 1860 Itawamba Co., MS. He m Margaret Ewing in Lawrence Co., AL on 9 May 1833, moved to Itawamba Co., MS by 1840.

Fern W. Taylor, 2303 Clapboard Hill, Little Rock, AR 72207

837 WEBB, LYNN, HOLMES, SEARCY, WILHITE, CHUNN

Seeking info on John Webb who m Cynthia Lynn 1817 Madison Co. AL. Lived in Blount Co. in 1830 and Marshall Co. in 1840. Also James K. Lynn who m Francis Holmes in Morgan Co. 1831 and lived in Morgan Co. in 1840, Blount Co. in 1850 & 1860 & d ca 1868/9. Children: William; Edley A.; Penelope m W. Searcy; Kizire m John J. Wilhite; Lavina m Lancelot Chunn in Morgan Co. in 1829. Believe they went to TX in 1840's.

Mrs. Clarence J. Walls, Rt. 4, Box 408, Hartselle, AL 35640

838 BLANTON, ROSS

John Carter Blanton b 1805 NC & w Mary Angeline b 1804 NC liv & d in Franklin Co., AL. His father John Blanton b ca 1780 Rutherford Co. NC. Mother's maiden name? Mary Angeline's parent's names. His son Rev. John Carter Blanton b 25 Jun 1838 Franklin Co. AL, d 10 Oct 1908 in Nettleton, MS m Frances Ross b 1843 Franklin Co., AL, dau of John and Martha Ross both b 1817 SC. Who were their parents? Will Exchange.

R. T. Dedwylder, P. O. Box 1218, Columbus, GA 31902

839 COZBY, SIMMONS, RHODES, STREET

Wish to contact desc of Robert Cozby b ca 1754 VA, m ? 1782 VA. Rev soldier wounded at Battle 96, SC abt 25 miles from his parent's home, bur 1823 Triana, AL. Had 3 known sons: John E. Cozby, b 21 Apr 1784, m 1st Mary Simmons 1800, dau of Reuben Simmons Madison Co. AL & 2nd Sarah Rhodes 17 Dec 1836 Morgan Co. AL; George Cozby m Susannah Street 13 Jun 1811 Madison Co.; William Cozby b (when?) & m (who?) Robert T. Cozby, Rte. 1, Box 16, Itasca, TX 76055

840 TROOP, TROUP, KENNEDY

Would appreciate any info on these Troup/Troop families who lived in North Ala and southern (central) Tennessee. Need parents of Frank C. A. Troop b ca 1830 TN or AL? Frank had bro John G. b Lincoln Co. TN 1823. Also need parents of Ezekiel Kennedy b 1820 TN m 2nd to Martha ? (Indian woman) and lived in Madison Co. AL.

Earl C. Troop, 2508 Harvard Ave., San Angelo, TX 76904

841 TEDFORD, WILHITE, FULLER

Seeking info on following: George Tedford b ca 1785 TN in 1820 Limestone Co., AL and 1840 & 1850 Lawrence Co., AL. Had bro Alexander Tedford of Limestone Co. AL. Their father was Capt. John Tedford of Blount Co. TN. Need children of George and Elizabeth Tedford. Was Thomas their son? Did Thomas have son William J. Tedford b 1852 who m Sarah E. Wilhite in 1874 in Morgan Co. AL? Her parents were Claiborne Lee Wilhite and Sarah Elizabeth Fuller b ca 1823, was her father Edmund Fuller of Morgan Co., AL? Will exch, all help appreciated.

Janet Baker Burks, Rt. 22, Box 289, Tyler, TX 75704

842 MUSE, WARRICK, LOVING, SANDERSON

Seeking info on William Samuel Jason Muse (1841-1918), moved from Giles Co., TN to Lauderdale Co., AL in 1880's. First married Mary Warrick, then Annie Eliza Loving. His son James William Muse (1871-1944) married Lola Carrie Sanderson (1876-1942).

Dr. Roger David Chambers, Aurora College, 347 S. Gladstone, Aurora, IL 60507

843 McLEMORE, BLIZZARD, WILLIAMS, SHELTON, HILL, PRINCE, ADAIR

Jesse A. McLemore b 1820 TN m Elizabeth Blizzard b 1831 TN. Children: Thomas b 1847 m Mary Adair; Mary b 1848; Cynthia Jane b 1849 m John Zachariah Williams; Clarissa Elizabeth b 1852 m William B. Williams; Christopher b 1855 m Averlina Shelton; George b 1856 m Anna Hill; and America b 1858 m John Prince. All children b & m in Lawrence Co., AL. When did Elizabeth die & where buried? Where in TN was Jesse born? Jesse's father, Abner, b 1785 NC - where? Who was Abner's wife? Abner in Marion Co., AL 1850. Did he die there bef 1860? Will exchange.

BLIZZARD, McLEMORE, NORWOOD, STOVER, SOUTHERN

Thomas Blizzard b 1781 SC. When & where married? He & w died Lawrence Co., AL Who was his wife? Known children: William b 1809 m Sarah Norwood; Mary b 1815; John b 1818; Elizabeth b 1821 m Jesse McLemore; Thomas b 1823 m Martha Stover; dau married ? Southern. All children b in TN. Will exchange.

Foide J. Williams, 305 E. Commerce Street, Charleston, MO 63834

844 POTTS, MASSEY

Thomas Potts m Delila Massey in Henry Co., TN 1850. Known ch: Marion, Luther, Yancy, John & Sallie. Who were his parents? He went to Scott Co. MO ca 1880. Any help appreciated.

Lynn Sharpless Harris, 6515 Marsh Ave., Huntsville, AL 35806

845 LOGAN, McCALEB, HOLBROOK

Need parents of Robert Logan b 1800 TN, m Jane McCaleb 14 Nov 1822 in Morgan Co., AL. Jane b 1804 Stokes Co., NC, dau of Hugh McCaleb and Elizabeth Holbrook. Robert & Jane in Marion Co., AL 1830, Fayette Co. AL 1840-50, Marion Co., AL 1860-70 where Robert d bef 1880 census and Jane d bef 1890. Children: Daniel Lapsley, John Calvin, Andrew W., James M., Sarah (Sallie) L., Hugh White, Harm David, Alexander B., Mary (Polly), Betty Elizabeth, Margaret Barbara Jane, Robert Henry, Vernetie, Martha Jane. Seven sons served in the Civil War. Robert may have had bros Henry, William and James Logan.

Mrs. Christine Smith, 2685 Ready Section Road, Toney, AL 35773

846 SIMPSON, BARNETT

Seeking info on the family of Thomas Simpson, farmer, age 72 in 1850 census Limestone Co., AL. Reported to have had 6 daus, no sons. His dau, Fidelia J. Simpson b 10 May 1815 TN, m 24 Oct 1833 Matthew H. Barnett of Madison Co., AL. In the 1850 census two daus, Catherine age 47 & Cynthia age 40 are in his household. According to available info Thomas Simpson's wife was dead by 1849 and bur in or near Athens, AL. Is Matthew H. Barnett the son of Hugh Barnett in the 1830 & 1840 censuses Madison Co., AL? Is Jane Barnett (next door to Hugh in the 1830 census Madison Co.) the mother of Hugh Barnett? Any info on this Barnett family appreciated. All correspondance answered and cost paid.

Bena Taylor Kirkscey, P. O. Box 557, Rosebud, TX 76570

847 WILSON, EDWARDS, BAKER

I would like to know something about "Chief Bob Wilson". Was he Cherokee? What was his Indian name? Is this the same Wilson referred to in "Old Land Records of Madison County, Alabama" when it mentions Wilson's Reservation? His daughter is supposed to have m Henry Edwards and their dau Hannah Edwards m William Baker.

Mrs. Julian H. Snelson, 2932 Amelia Street, Shreveport, LA 71108

848 FINDLEY

Who were parents of George Findley b GA ca 1803, lived in Chambers Co. in 1840 and Coosa Co. in 1850? Children: Columbus Newton, Mary, Richard, Martha, Thomas, John and Sarah Findley.

PATE, FINDLEY, VARDEMAN, THOMPSON

Who were parents of Thomas Pate b GA ca 1814? Wife, Malinda _____ also b GA. Residents of Coosa Co. in 1850 & 1860 census. Children (all b AL): William R.; Elizabeth m Columbus Findley; Christopher Columbus m Rebecca _____; Mary J.; Eliza; Charlott Melinda m Jimmie Vardeman; Francis m _____ Thompson; George T. m Minnie _____; Heneritta m Thomas Vardeman.

JENKINS, AZBELL, GIFFORD

Who were parents of William Jenkins b ca 1818 TN? Married Milligan Hannah _____. They are on the census rolls for Florence, Lauderdale Co., AL 1850-1880. Children: William Samuel, David, Caledonia, George Washington, Sarah F., Lucy A. Jenkins. George W. m Martha Gifford. Their dau, Lillie, m John William Azbell. John, Lillie and their children lived in the Florence area until moving to Texas in early 1900's. Would appreciate any information on the Azbell family.

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