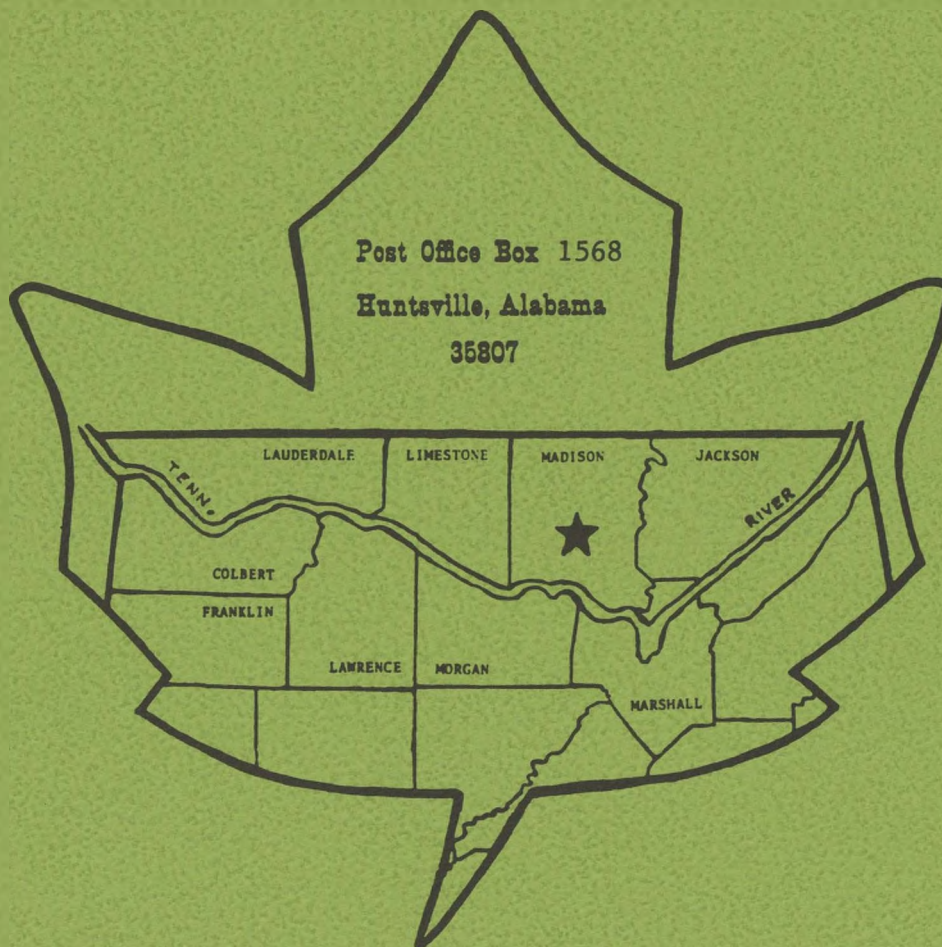


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Editor's Leaf



It has been said that if one person asks a question there are probably ten other people wanting the same information. For this reason we want to share with you some of the comments and requests by members on their "Renewal-Order Form" — and our answers.

Things members want
to see published:

Answer

Old family Bible records
[there were several requests
for these.]

We appreciate our members sharing their old Bible records so much and wish more would do so. Send a Xerox copy of the family information in the Bible plus the Title Page showing date Bible was published. If the Xerox copy is dim or parts of it illegible, we appreciate you sending your interpretation along with the Xerox copy.

Southerners in Union Army

Most people believe that if a man lived in one of the Southern states that seceded from the Union he was a strong Southern sympathizer and was in the Confederate Army. Not so! Especially in North Alabama. Over 2500 men from our Valley counties enlisted in the Northern Army and, of course, the reverse is also true: some men from the North came south and joined a Confederate regiment (though not very many). We will make a valiant attempt to locate some of the Northern regiments made up of Southern men and publish them in "Valley Leaves." In the meantime, if you can not locate your man in one of the Southern states you might try writing to the National Archives as he may have been in the Federal Army instead of Confederate. They also have some Confed. records.

The 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880,
and 1900 census records of
Lauderdale Co., Ala.

Jill K. Garrett (610 Terrace Dr., Columbia, Tn., 38401) published the 1850 census and Polly C. Warren (Rt. 7, Box 264, Columbia, Tn., 38401) published the 1860 and 1870 censuses. We try not to publish anything that has already been published or that someone else is planning to publish. If anyone is willing to copy the 1880 and 1900 census off the microfilm, however, we will be glad to publish it.

Marriages to 1910 in Madison,
Marshall and Jackson Counties.

We are publishing the Jackson County marriages but getting someone to help with copying them has been a problem — perhaps some kind person in Jackson County would volunteer??? Johnson Historical Publications has plans to publish the Madison County marriages in a year or so. Christine Jones published the Marshall marriages from 1836-1848 and Mazie Claxton Brooks (Route 1, Box 1810, Union Grove, Al., 35175) has just published those from 1849-1869 (\$13.50).

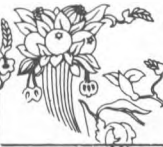
Early Limestone marriages

The Limestone County Historical Society is presently compiling the marriages of that county for publication. Limestone marriages from 1837 to 1860 were published in Valley Leaves in Volumes 9 through 14. The marriage books prior to 1837 are missing.


Any records before 1800.

Sorry, there are no records before 1800. The first white, permanent settlers came into Madison Co. ca 1805 then gradually they spread into other counties. In Valley Leaves' Table of Contents, by each county name, is the date that county was created. County records do not exist before that date.

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Book Reviews



Annwhite Fuller, Book Review Editor

IDAHO HOMESTEAD, by William J. Kiser. 1982. 4 x 6, 176 pages, illustrated. Strode Publishers. May be purchased from William J. Kiser, 1132 Kiser Road, Birmingham, Al 35235.

William J. Kiser was eight years of age when his family migrated from Kentucky to Idaho in 1915. "Idaho Homestead" provides an entertaining look at the Kiser's four years of pioneer life in the Idaho country. The many photographs and sketches add to one's enjoyment of the book.

STRONG FAMILY OF VIRGINIA AND OTHER SOUTHERN STATES, by James Robert Rolff. 1982. 8-1/2 x 11, 487 pages, indexed. May be purchased from author, 15024 So. Mission Avenue, Oak Forest, Illinois 60452. \$27.95 in 1983 and \$35.00 thereafter.

James R. Rolff has been publishing the "Strong's of Virginia Newsletter" for the past three years. The "Strong Family of Virginia and Other Southern States" is an orderly compilation of the family data that Mr. Rolff received for inclusion in the newsletter. The book traces the descendants of John Strong (b ca 1675) of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, Virginia.

The full name index leads the researcher to the census, land, court, and family records that are reproduced in the text. Mr. Rolff's work provides access to Virginia records that are not readily available to researchers in other areas of the country.

GENEALOGICAL EXCERPTS, by Patsy R. Clark. 1983. 8-1/2 x 11, 68 pages, soft cover, indexed. May be purchased from Clark's Place, 5712 Wilkes Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76119. \$11.50

In 1911 C. R. Nichol published "Gospel Preachers Who Blazed The Trail," a volume of 400 biographies of ministers who preached in Texas. Patsy R. Clark has compiled the genealogical information in "Genealogical Excerpts." The amount of information varies from man to man, but almost all entries give date and place of birth and "current" place of residence. Family migrations are detailed in many of the entries. The entries are in alphabetical order. A full name index is provided for all other names referenced in the book.

LIMESTONE COUNTY, ALABAMA 1860 [Census], compiled by Jerry Todd. 1983. 8-1/2 x 11, 250 pages, soft cover, indexed. May be purchased from Johnny Todd, Route 4, Box 662, Athens, AL 35611. \$19.00 including postage. Money orders only.

The study of census records is entertaining when one finds unusual names and occupations. Jerry Todd's published 1860 Limestone County Census has provided one very surprising resident of Shoal Ford—John J. Sparks (36 b. Tn), a ventriloquist. One wonders if he were able to earn a living as an entertainer in the Tennessee Valley.

The many hours that Mrs. Todd has spent in the publishing of this census are evident in the appearance of the book. The transcript compares well with the census microfilm. The surname index is of the heads of household.

A HISTORY OF EARLY BIBB COUNTY, ALABAMA, 1820-1870, by Ulysses Huey Abrams. Edited by Mattie Sandford Johnson. 1981, 8-1/2 x 11, 188 pages, soft cover.

Mrs. Johnson has done an excellent job editing the preliminary draft that Mr. Abrams left when he died in 1969. The format is attractive and readable.

Mr. Abrams' life-long interest in the history of Bibb County (originally Cahawba) is shown by the descriptions of the lives of the early settlers. He has included excerpts from the County Court Minutes, land survey records, and church histories. Also contained in the history are wills and family histories of some of the early settlers. Kersh, Woolley, Jones, Cobb, Campbell, Davenport, and Fancher are a few of the families included.

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On 7 February 1818, the Alabama Territorial Government created Cahawba County from a portion of Montgomery County and the name was changed to Bibb 4 December 1820. The town of Cahawba served as the first permanent capitol of the State of Alabama from 1820 until a flood in 1825 caused the legislators to vote to remove the Capitol to Tuscaloosa.

WILLIAMS NEWSLETTER (Descendants of Clinton and Francis Lavernie Carroll Williams), No. 4, 1982. Published yearly by Donald E. Ramage, 11965 Cameo Place, Granada Hills, CA, 91344. \$3.00 per year.

The 1982 issue of the "Williams Newsletter" is divided into two sections. Section One contains information about present-day family members including deaths, marriages, and a report of the family reunion. Section Two is entitled "Research" and contains queries, a listing of some Williams who served in the Civil War, and Williams' births, marriages and deaths in Monongalia County, West Virginia. Also included is a listing (to be continued) of Williams family histories that are in the Library of Congress.

GENEALOGICAL GOLDMINE, of the Paradise Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 460, Paradise (Butte County), California 95969. 8-1/2 x 11, 38 pages, quarterly. Volume 15, No. 4, March, 1983. \$8.00 per year. No charge for queries.

The "Genealogical Goldmine," (issue of Vol. 15, No. 4) continues listings of cemetery, voter, marriage and tax records of Butte County and includes 1861 maps of Bidwell and Chico townships. A glossary of terms used in genealogical research provides the German, French, Danish, and Dutch equivalents of the terms. Also given is a listing of abbreviations used in German genealogy.

Jonathan Barn[e]s' estate settlement (13 November 1783, Middlesex County, MA) is printed as an example of genealogical data that can be found in probate records. This is apparently one of a series of instructional articles. According to a notice in the "Genealogical Goldmine," each of the first 50 issues, Volumes 1 - 13, contained a brief guide to research in the United States, Canada, and Germany.

Queries in this issue cover families from the states of CA, NY, PA, IN, CT, W VA, OH, and MA.

STRIPES: Texas State Genealogical Society Quarterly. Volume 22, No. 4 (December, 1982), 8-1/2 x 11, 72 pages and annual index (31 pages).

"Stripes," (pronounced Stir-pes) published since 1960 by the Texas State Genealogical Society offers articles that are Texas related or of a general research nature. Lead articles in the 1982 volume were contributed by four prominent researchers: Milton Rubincam, Winston deVille, Donna R. Hotaling, and Rabbi Malcolm Stern.

In the December issue, Rabbi Stern's article, "Jews of Texas: Some Sources for their Genealogy," contains a bibliography of research sources and an annotated history of the Hebrew Cemetery No. 1 of Galveston. Other general articles are "County Records: An Outline for Genealogical Research," and "Relevance of Early New Netherlands History to the Genealogical Research of the Vanderpool and Other, Related, Early Dutch Families."

Regular articles feature black genealogy; cemetery, census, and church records; and book reviews. Queries must pertain to Texas families and are free to TSGS members.

"Stripes" is a well-produced quarterly featuring annual topical and full name indexes.

HAVE YOU PUBLISHED A BOOK RECENTLY?

As editor of "Valley Leaves," a great many publications come across my desk and, without fail, the first thing I turn to is the Book Review section. Some of the best genealogical books in print are those published by individuals and they may never be listed in any of the major genealogical publishing houses' catalogues but they may be found in the Book Review section of a quarterly. TVGS has a membership of nearly 600 and a readership many times that so send your books to us for review.



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 IX

Township 2, Range 3 East (continued)

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Section 23

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Section 25

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Decatur County (continued)

Township 2, Range 3 East (continued)

Section 26

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Section 28

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Section 30

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Section 33

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Section 34

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Decatur County (continued)

Township 2, Range 3 East (continued)

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Section 35

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 J. Wilson
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. W. Maples
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Newton J. Golden
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Theophilus M. Campbell
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Vaughan
 J. Wilson
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Vaught
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. W. Maples
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Theophilus M. Campbell
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. J. Cunningham

Section 36

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. B. Culvet
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Toney
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Thomas W. Sword
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Voight
 J. Wilson
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Thomas W. Sword
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Vaught
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Thomas W. Sword
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. A. Phillips
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Maples
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Larkin

Surveyor's District, Northern Part of Alabama, Township No. 3, Range No. 3 East. Surveyed in the 4th quarter of 1822 by Benjamin Clements, Deputy Surveyor and signed by Jno. Coffee, Surveyor.

Section 1

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Duckett
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ I. Clay
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Sparks
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Duckett
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jno. Bridges
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jno. Bridges
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ I. Clay

Section 2

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Sparks
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Roberts
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. H. Moore
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Jones
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Williams

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Woodfin
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. T. McCord
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. C. McCord
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. C. Baker
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Seaborn J. Maxwell

Section 3

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Gowan
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T? Jones
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Davis
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. J. Cunningham
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Cunningham
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Campbell
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Davis
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Seaborn J. Maxwell
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. J. Cunningham
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ John A. Gipson?

Section 4

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ John P. Preston
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ William H. Griffin
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ John A. Gipson?
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 5

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. P. Callaway
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. P. Callaway
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. P. Callaway
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Fortner
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Turner
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. M. Tipton
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Rossa (Rousseau?)
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ John C? W? Steger

Section 6

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Lafayette Moss
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Lafayette Moss
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Robinson
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Bohannan & others
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. H. Abbott
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

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Decatur County (continued)

Township 3, Range 3 East (continued)

Section 7

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. L. Martin
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ George G. Durham
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Hewlett
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sebron W. Barnett
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Hewlett
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Putman
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. W. Tipton

Section 8

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. B. Hill
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ George M. Gipson
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ George M. Gipson
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Southeast $\frac{1}{2}$ Blank
 Southwest $\frac{1}{2}$ Blank

Section 9

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ John A. Gipson
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. W. Walker
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ C. W. Walker
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Cox
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Cox
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Autt (Ault?)
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Cox
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Pockrus
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ C. B. Hill
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 10

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Seaborn J. Maxwell
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Savannah Redmon
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Charles Burton
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Charles Burton
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ John A. Gipson
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Savannah Redmon
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Southwest $\frac{1}{2}$ Blank

Section 11

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Gowan
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Rebecca Freeman
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. P. Mooney
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Seaborn J. Maxwell
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Rebecca Freeman

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ James T. Bingham

Section 12

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Copenhiefer
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R? Killingsworth
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Tho. Wilson
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. H. Moore
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Davis
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Kennedy
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Rebecca Freeman
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Bingham

Section 13

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. McCartney
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Radford
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Pennington
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Kennedy
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Southeast $\frac{1}{2}$ E. Kennedy
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Joel D. Pennington

Section 14

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ F. McElyea
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ if NW $\frac{1}{4}$ James T. Bingham
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ F. McElyea
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Berry
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Berry
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Louisa J. Middleton

Section 15

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. J. Knight
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
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 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. R. Berry
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Cox
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. J. Knight
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. G. McAnally
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. J. Knight
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. G. McAnally

Section 16

School Property

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Colbert



1907 CONFEDERATE CENSUS

(Fourth Installment)

This series was begun in Valley Leaves in Volume 17, No. 2 (December, 1983) and will conclude in this issue. For pension purposes the Alabama Legislature passed an act requiring that a census of all Confederate Soldiers be taken in 1907. This was to include all veterans of the Civil War who had fought for the Confederacy and who were presently living in the state of Alabama regardless of where they had served or from what state they had served.

Each veteran was to fill out an Affidavit stating his residence, date and place of birth, and to give a brief statement as to his military service. This information was transferred from the original affidavit to ledgers in alphabetical, or semi-alphabetical, order by the soldier's last name. Some of the affidavits were returned after the ledger was made up and those will be found at the end of the ledger out of alphabetical sequence.

It was the duty of the Probate Judge in each county to secure the information and to send a copy of it to the state. For this reason, the original ledgers are housed in the Probate Judge's office of each county and the copies are now in the Alabama Department of Archives and History, Military Division, Montgomery, Alabama. The material used in Valley Leaves was taken from microfilm copies of the ledgers in the Archives and was abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

The clerks compiling these records were careless in the spellings of various geographical locations and corrections have been made where possible. The drawings were taken from rare books, long out of print, covering the Civil War. The number preceding each name is the number of that person as it appears in the ledger.

85. Thomas Edward Tomason Cherokee, Ala. Thomas Edward Tomason was born February 24, 1843 at Barton, Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private October 7, 1861 at Knoxville, Tennessee in Company A of the 16th Alabama Infantry and continued until February 25, 1865 when he was captured and sent to prison at Camp Morton, Indiana. He was paroled as a prisoner of war and sent to Richmond, Virginia and there got a furlough to go home; the war closed before the furlough was out.
86. Benjamin Franklin Trousdale RFD #5 Florence, Alabama Benjamin Franklin Trousdale was born March 2, 1835 at Centre Star, Lauderdale County, Alabama. He entered service as a private on March 15, 1862 at LaGrange, Alabama in Company W of the 35th Alabama Infantry and continued until April 25, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.
87. Simon Peter Vess Tuscumbia, Alabama Mr. Vess was born April 13, 1844 at Newburg, Franklin County, Ala. He entered service in December, 1863 at Avoca, Alabama in Company C of the 10th Alabama Cavalry and continued until May 5, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs in Lawrence County, Alabama.
88. Ellis Isbell Waldrew Spring Valley, Ala. Mr. Waldrew was born April 6, 1843 at Russellville, Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in the fall of 1861 at Corinth, Mississippi in the 29th Mississippi Regiment, Company F, and continued until the close of war in 1865. He was captured and was put in prison at Camp Douglas; he continued in prison until the war closed and left there in June, 1865.
89. Sheth Hutson Weatherbee Tuscumbia, Ala. Mr. Weatherbee was born May 28, 1831 at Tuscumbia, Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in the fall of 1861 near Russellville in Company E of the 4th Alabama Regiment of cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was mustered out at Macon, Miss.

90. Newton C. Wallace
Cherokee, Alabama

Mr. Wallace was born May 3, 1848 at Iuka, Tishomingo County, Mississippi. He first entered service as a private on March 22, 1862



CONFEDERATE LINE WAITING ORDERS IN THE WILDERNESS.

at Iuka, Mississippi in Company K of the 2nd Mississippi Infantry Regiment and continued until April 14, 1865 when he was paroled at Macon, Georgia. He was wounded at the 2nd Battle of Manassas and again in the Battle of the Wilderness in Virginia.

91. Richard Martin Wilson
Mehama, Alabama Mr. Wilson was born March 7, 1843 at Tuscumbia, Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in July, 1861 at Courtland, Alabama in Company D of the 16th Alabama Infantry Regiment and continued until March 28, 1864 when he was captured and taken to Camp Chase, Ohio. He was released from that prison on May 21, 1865.
92. Thomas Counts Walker
Riverton, Alabama Mr. Walker was born January 12, 1845 near Danville in Morgan County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in the fall of 1862 at Hillsborough, Alabama in Company J[I?] of the 4th Alabama Cavalry Regiment and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Montgomery, Alabama.
93. Charles Jackson Warren
Tuscumbia, Alabama Mr. Warren was born December 12, 1833 at Frankfort, Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private on February 10, 1861 at Frankfort in Company J[I?] of the 4th Alabama Cavalry Regiment and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs in Lawrence County, Alabama.
94. George Washington
Youngblood
Tuscumbia, Alabama Mr. Youngblood was born July 24, 1841 in the state of Georgia but does not remember the name of the place. He entered service in July of 1862 at Clarksville, Georgia in Company G of the 24th Georgia Infantry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at or near Lynchburg, Georgia.
95. Joseph H. Donley
Tuscumbia, Alabama Mr. Donley was born February 5, 1843 at Tuscumbia, Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private April 1, 1861 at Tuscumbia, Alabama in Company E of the 2nd Alabama Regiment of Infantry and continued for twelve months. He paid \$2.50 for a place in said company

as he thought the war would be over before he could get in. He re-enlisted as a private on September 15, 1862 at Barton in Captain Julius' Company of Cavalry and continued until April, 1864 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Lawrence County, Alabama.

96. Marcus D. L. Green
Tuscumbia, Alabama

Mr. Green was born June 28, 1838 at Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama. He entered service as a private March 2, 1861 at Tuscumbia, in Company E of the 2nd Alabama (Franklin Blues) and continued until March 2, 1862. He served twelve months before being mustered out. He re-enlisted as a private and then became the color bearer on April 30, 18 [blank] at Corinth in Company B of the 35th Alabama Infantry and continued until July 20, 1864 when he was wounded and lost a leg at the Battle of Peachtree Creek in Georgia.



CARING FOR THE DEAD AND WOUNDED.

97. Elijah Melton
Tuscumbia, Alabama

Mr. Melton was born April 21, 1839 in St. Clair County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in February, 1862 at Aberdeen, Mississippi in Company C of the 43rd Regiment and continued until March, 1863 when he was transferred to the 58th Regiment, Company A. In March, 1863 he was captured in War Trace, Tennessee. On June 29, 1863 he was held as a prisoner of war and continued as a prisoner until June 14, 1865 when he was discharged from Camp Douglas, Chicago, Illinois. He belonged to Stewart's Division of Hardee's Corp of Bragg's Army.

CERTIFICATE ON COMPLETION OF ENUMERATION

The State of Alabama, Colbert County. Before me, Bruce King, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, in said State, personally appeared D. L. Spangler, tax assessor of said County, who being by me first duly sworn, doth depose and say that the foregoing pages contain a full and complete record of an enumeration or census of surviving Confederate soldiers or sailors, in said County, entitled to enrollment under Section 1 of an Act of the Legislature of Alabama, approved August 9, 1907, entitled, "An Act to make an enumeration, or census, of the Confederate soldiers residing in the State of Alabama, and to provide for the payment therefor." Sworn to before R. Bruce King, JP.

- end 1907 Confederate Census -

ORGANIZATIONAL
REGISTER OF MEMBERS
First Methodist Episcopal Church South
Sheffield, Alabama 1886-1887

<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>REMOVED BY DEATH</u>
Heard, James A. [Pastor]	
1. Keyes, Geo. P.	3-11-06
2. Keyes, Jennie R.	5- -06
3. Strickland, S. S.	1888 Jan. 31
4. Weston, W. R.	June 1910
5. Weston, Mrs. M. H.	
6. Spencer, Y. T.	
7. Spencer, Mrs. M. E.	
8. Booth, J. T.	1898 Jan.
9. Booth, Mrs. Sallie	
10. Morgan, Mrs. A. L.	
11. Weathers, L. M.	
12. Weathers, Annie L.	
13. Howard, Mrs. Ella	
14. Leslie, Mrs. Lucy	1890 Feb. 2
15. Leslie, Miss Mary	
16. Lester, J. C.	Dec. 1901
17. Cook, Alfred H.	1890 June
18. Speller, J. A.	
19. Speller, Mrs. Mary A.	
20. Groves, Mrs. Hellen F.	
21. Sims, Mrs. Liela	
22. Sims, Pearl	
23. Smith, Dr. J. C.	
24. Smith, Mrs. Fannie	1888 June 10
25. Pouncey, John	
26. Johnson, Mrs. Martha	
27. Johnson, Miss Gertrude	
28. Horne, Mrs. Mary	
29. LeVert, A. L.	1893 Feb. 23



Copied from the original Register of Members, First United Methodist Church, Montgomery at 7th, Sheffield, Alabama, April 3, 1972, by Mrs. V. W. Hamner.





Franklin



1907 CONFEDERATE CENSUS

(Second Installment)

For the detailed introduction to this series see Valley Leaves, Volume 17, No. 4, (June 1983). This census was authorized by the Legislature for pension purposes and includes all veterans who were residents of the state at the time.

29. William Washington Green
Newburgh, Alabama

Mr. William Washington Green was born February 28, 1845 in Lawrence County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in September, 1862 at Moulton in Company G of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.

30. William Thomas Holland
Burleson, Alabama

Mr. Holland was born November 28, 1835 in Lawrence County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in May, 1862 at Tupelo, Mississippi in Company J[I?] of the 41st Mississippi Regiment of Infantry and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Iuka, Mississippi.

31. Wiley Robertson Hester
Belgreen, Alabama

Mr. Hester was born July 25, 1844 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered the service as a private in August, 1861 at Courtland, Alabama in Company E of the 16th Alabama Regiment of Infantry and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Barton, Alabama.



The long wait until husband and father returns.

32. William Carroll Hester
Belgreen, Alabama

William Carroll Hester was born October 14, 1829 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as Orderly Sergeant on October 9, 1863 at Tupelo, Mississippi in Company E of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.

33. John Fletcher Hunnicutt
Belgreen, Alabama

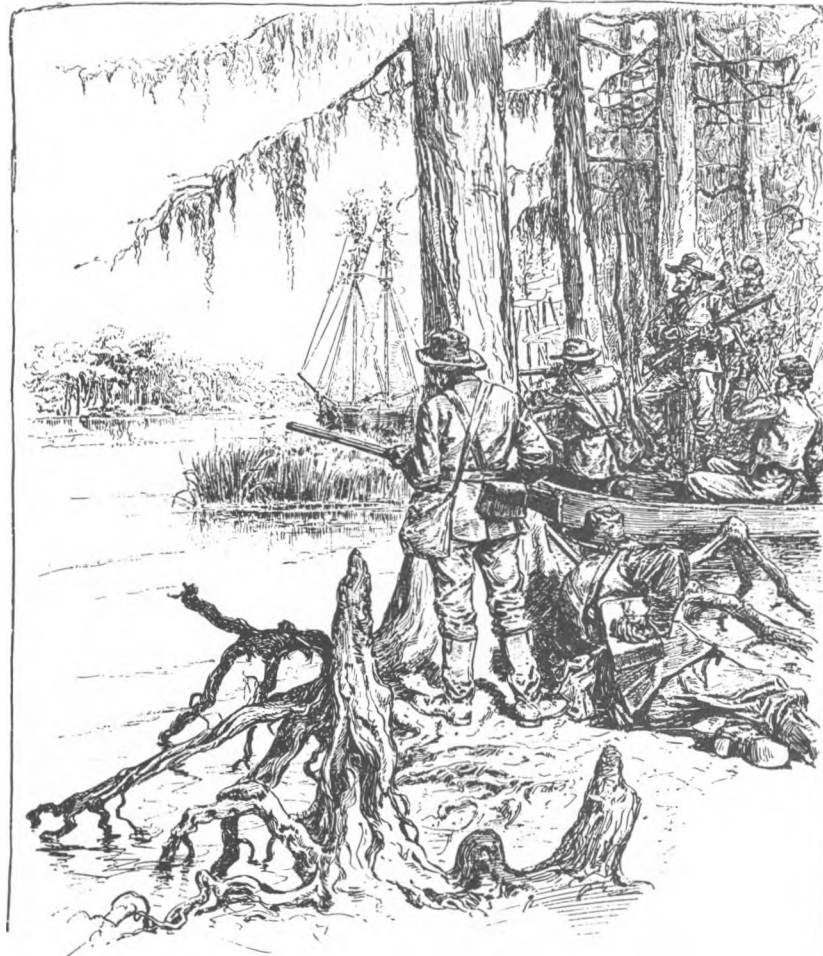
Mr. Hunnicutt was born in 1825 in Anderson County, South Carolina. He entered service as a private in August, 1861 at White Plaine, Alabama in Company D of the 31st Alabama Regiment of Infantry and continued until April, 1865. Note: "The above named No. 33 is in date age and cannot give full details."

34. Height Marion
Jamison
Bagget, Alabama

Mr. Jamison was born January 14, 1845 in Jefferson County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in September, 1862 at Tupelo, Mississippi in Company J[I?] of the 12th Mississippi Regiment of Infantry and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Corinth, Mississippi.

35. Thomas Richard
Humphries
Spruce Pine, Ala.

Mr. Humphries was born May 2, 1833 in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He entered service as a private in October, 1861 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee in Company E of the 12th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Greensboro, South Carolina.



CONFEDERATE SHARP-SHOOTERS AND SWAMP HUNTERS ATTACKING MORTAR-BOATS.

36. Chilion Littleton Hill
Russellville, Ala

Mr. Hill was born September 24, 1845 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private on April 1, 1863 at Courtland, Alabama in Company E of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until April 15, 1865 when he was paroled at Mount Meigs, Alabama.

37. John David Hughs
Frankfort, Alabama

Mr. Hughs was born May 1, 1843 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private on April 6, 1863 at Mount Hope, Alabama in Company A of the 5th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until captured in March, 1865; he was paroled at Camp Chase, Ohio.

38. Rufus Clark Hughs
Frankfort, Alabama
Mr. Hughs was born January 4, 1845 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in October, 1864 at Cherokee, Alabama in the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.
39. John Wesley Horton
Waco, Alabama
Mr. Horton was born August 24, 1839 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private August 24, 1861 at Chesterville, Mississippi in Company C, 1st Mississippi Regiment of Infantry and continued until July 8, 1863 when he surrendered at Port Hudson, Louisiana. He re-enlisted as a private in November, 1863 at Tuscumbia, Alabama in Company A of the 11th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.
40. John Hendrix
Belgreen, Alabama
John Hendrix was born April 17, 1847 in Fayette County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in April, 1864 at Moulton, Alabama, in Company B of the 5th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Leighton, Alabama.
41. Thomas Hathcock
Belgreen, Alabama
Mr. Hathcock was born in March, 1843 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in March, 1863 at Tupelo, Mississippi in Gholson's Mississippi Regiment and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Iuka, Mississippi.
42. Thomas S. Jones
Russellville, Alabama
Mr. Jones was born October 2, 1847 at Russellville in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in March, 1863 near Corinth, Mississippi in Company A of the 11th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until the latter part of 1863 when he transferred to Warren's battalion and served until May, 1865 at which time he was paroled at Decatur, Alabama.
43. Edward Stirdevant
Jones
Russellville, Ala.
Mr. Jones was born May 12, 1844 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in the fall of 1862 at Ballvues Store in Marion County, Alabama in Company E of Jim Warren's battalion of cavalry and continued until 1863 when he was transferred to Burtwell's regiment. He re-enlisted as a private in the Spring of 1863 at Cherokee, Alabama in Company A of the 11th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May 14, 1865 when paroled at Decatur, Alabama.
44. Asbury Milton Jones
Shingle, Alabama
Mr. Jones was born December 21, 1832 in Talladega County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in February, 1862 at Shelby Springs, Alabama in Company B of the 28th Alabama Regiment of Infantry and continued until he was captured. He was paroled on June 15, 1865 at Camp Chase, Ohio.
45. Francis Marion James
Belgreen, Alabama
Mr. James was born October 11, 1840 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in August, 1862 at Pond Springs, Alabama in Company L of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.



CONFEDERATE TYPE OF 1862.

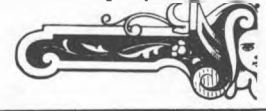
46. Elias James
RFD #1
Mingo, Mississippi
Mr. James was born February 4, 1837 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private on September 1, 1862 at Frankfort, Alabama in Company E of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Ala.
47. David D. King
Russellville, Alabama
Mr. King was born April 15, 1839 in Cherokee County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in April, 1861 at Jackson Port, Arkansas in the 2nd Artillery, Shopes Arkansas Battalion of Infantry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Selma, Alabama.
48. Bryce Kuykendall
Burlison, Alabama
Mr. Kuykendall was born May 11, 1840 in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. He entered service as a private in October, 1862 at Cherokee, Alabama in Company L of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.
49. Edmon Russell Kirby
RFD #1
Newburgh, Alabama
Mr. Kirby was born November 15, 1848 in Jackson County, Alabama. He entered service in the Jackson County Home Guard in 1861 at Goose Pond, Alabama and was disabled in 1865.
50. James Allen
Kimbrough
Russellville, Alabama
Mr. Kimbrough was born December 9, 1830 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a Sergeant on December 9, 1862 at Pride's Station, Alabama in Company E of the 5th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and remained until May 17, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Ala.
51. John Thomas Lee
Russellville, Alabama
Mr. Lee was born December 10, 1847 in Henry County, Tennessee. He entered service as a private in November, 1862 at Paris, Tennessee in Company E of the 12th Kentucky Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May 16, 1865 when he was paroled at Columbus, Miss.
52. Thomas Benton Lawler
Russellville, Alabama
Mr. Lawler was born December 13, 1838 in Madison County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in August, 1861 at Friarsport, Mississippi in Company K of the 31st Mississippi Regiment of Infantry and continued until paroled at Grenada, Mississippi.
53. William Wesley Murphy
Russellville, Alabama
Mr. Murphy was born January 8, 1832 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in May, 1862 at Barton, Alabama in Company F of the 2nd Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May 17, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.



Picket hut near Stevenson
in Jackson Co., Ala.

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MARRIAGE RECORDS
1851 - 1856

(Ninth Installment)

Most of the records of this county were burned during the Civil War by the Northern Army and this is the earliest marriage record to survive. The marriages are not recorded in strict chronological order which leads me to believe they were copied from another source, possibly original marriage bonds that survived the fire. If this is the case, it is doubtful these are all of the marriages performed during the period 1851-1856 but would be only those for which a marriage bond survived. The handwriting in the book is very difficult to decipher but, fortunately, there is an index. The index is incomplete, however. Apparently the person making the index also had trouble reading the clerk's script and he solved the problem by simply omitting many questionable names from his index. I have referred to the index where there was a question of interpretation and so noted it in this work. Let us hope that the person who made up the index was more familiar with Jackson County names than the clerk. If you can correct, or clarify, any of these names please let us know. Continued from Volume 17, Issue No. 4 (June, 1983). Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Page	Groom	Bride	Lisc.	Sol.	By:
246	John Anderson	Sarah A. Hesten	8-20-1855	8-21-1855	Joseph Minor, JP
246	William Wells	Permelia Childress	7-11-1855	7-11-1855	L. H. Brewer, JP
247	Samuel Winager	Polly J. Tubb	7-23-1855	7-24-1855	Noah Shelton, JP
247	W. M. Shook	Mary J. Keith	8-8-1855	8-9-1855	N. A. Wright, JP
248	Samuel W. Wood	Susannah Daniel	8-3-1855	8-3-1855	N. A. Wright, JP
248	W. C. Barnes	Jensa C. Bridges	8-3-1855	8-3-1855	J. E. Vernon, JP
249	John Martin	Nancy C. Bynum	8-23-1855	8-23-1855	Thomas Snodgrass, JP
249	Jonathan Beason	Hannah Reid	9-1-1855	9-4-1855	W. A. Hood, JP
250	A. C. Buckhottor* [*Written Buckhalter and Nancy Corn in the index.]	Nancy Conn[?]*	9-6-1855	9-6-1855	Thomas Snodgrass
250	James Thompson	Sarrah Thomas	9-10-1855	9-14-1855	Thomas Snodgrass
251	Ezekiel Williams	Ann H. Taliaferro	8-6-1855	8-9-1855	Wm. Chasteen, MG
251	D. B. Tipton	Malinda Davis	8-7-1855	8-7-1855	J. G. Bynum, MG
252	Wm. M. Hamand* [*Hammond in index]	Nancy Tubb	9-25-1855	9-28-1855	Noah Shelton, JP
252	Pleasant Nelson	Armitta Reynolds	9-11-1855	9-13-1855	Wm. Rodes, MG
253	W. J. Sanders	Sarah Coffey	9-12-1855	---	---
253	Felix Harrison	Elizabeth J. Hillion	9-13-1855	9-16-1855	H. J. McPherson, JP
254	L. C. Coalson	Pheby Caroline Bryant	9-13-1855	9-13-1855	J. G. Dixon, JPC

Page	Groom	Bride	Lisc.	Sol.	By:
254	M. C. Dwyer	Nancy J. Pruitt	9-15-1855	9-20-1855	Simeon Hawk, MG
255	W. J. Langston	Nancy S. Logan	9-18-1855	9-19-1855	J. G. Bynum, MG
255	John J. Wilson	Malinda Martin	9-8-1855	9-16-1855	J. G. Bynum, MG
256	John Murry	Elizabeth Carraway	9-27-1855	10-14-1855	R. B. Harris, JP
256	Thomas Rountree	Sarah V. Hancock	10-2-1855	10-2-1855	James Austill, MG
257	Robert Logan	Agnes Harris	10-3-1855	10-6-1855	J. G. Bynum, MG
257	Obediah R. Womack	Mary E. Sisk	10-3-1855	10-3-1855	Robert B. Skelton, JP
258	Robert Kirkpatrick	Elizabeth Archy	10-3-1855	---	---
258	Seleam [Seleann?] M. Jones*	Mary C. Peleltor*	10-6-1855	10-6-1855	W. C. Maples, JP
	[*The index lists these names as S. M. Jones and Mary C. Pelton. Could the bride possibly be Mary C [aldonia] Patillo, dau. of James Patillo and Lavinia Howard as shown in the Jackson County 1850 census ??]				
259	Hugh A. Westmoreland	Mireller Fridell	10-6-1855	10-7-1855	P. W. Jones, JP
259	John P. Berry	Mary Ann Shook	10-10-1855	10-11-1855	Simeon Hawk, MG
260	D. L. Bunch	Sophia Willbanks	7-3-1855	7-5-1855	P. Cargill, JP
260	G. W. Story	Sarah Strong	10-17-1855	10-17-1855	J. G. Dixon, JPC
261	James A. Wheeler	Clarinda Hayes	10-13-1855	11-15-1855	Thomas M. Campbell, JP
261	James Y. Witherspoon	Ellen D. Hughes	10-18-1855	10-18-1855	J. W. Witherspoon, MG
262	W. W. Tipton	Devonicia G. Mead	10-22-1855	10-23-1855	R. H. Taliaferro, MG
262	John Sisk	Isabella Bolton	10-25-1855	10-25-1855	James Austell, MG
263	Isaac King	Malinda B. Wortham	10-29-1855	11-1-1855	Noah Shelton, JP
263	A. V. Wheeler	Susannah Nicholas	10-30-1855	11-1-1855	M. G. Millican, MG
264	James Gray	Elizabeth Sturky	10-24-1855	10-27-1855	Alfred Welborn, JP
264	David Hubeaudle [Hirbeaudle?]	Nancy Grove	10-31-1855	11-1-1855	Thos. M. Campbell, JP
265	John L. Kirby	Elizabeth L. Pate	11-1-1855	11-1-1855	John Owen, JP
265	G. W. Rose	Christina McCoy	11-6-1855	11-7-1855	J. B. Tally, JP
266	W. L. Shelton	Elizabeth J. Snodgrass	11-10-1855	11-10-1855	J. G. Dixon, JPC
266	Richard Peek* [*Puck in index.]	Susan A. Lewis	11-13-1855	11-13-1855	John Owen, JP
267	Franklin Goff	Melinda Maxwell	11-17-1855	11-18-1855	L. H. Brewer, JP

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LUNA BOWER MILITARY CLAIMS

Luna Bower[s] was the son of William Bowers and Betsy Phillips who migrated from Roane County, Tennessee. Luna married Louisa Dodson, daughter of William Dodson, a native of Tennessee. Contributed by Alvie Davidson, TVGS member from Lakeland, Florida.

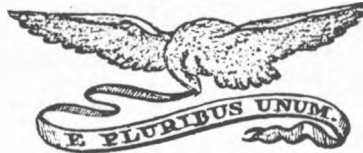
Application for Bounty Land

State of Alabama, Jackson County. On this 9th day of November, A. D., 185__, personally appeared before me, W. Wm. McCutcheon, a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, Luna Bowers aged 33 years, a resident of Jackson County in the State of Alabama, who being sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Luna Bowers who was a private in the company commanded by Captain William W. Pruett[Prewett?] in the 1st regiment of North Ala. Mounted Volunteers commanded by Col. Benjamin Snodgrass, in the war with the Florida Indians in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight and thirty Seven and Eight [1837-1838], that he volunteered for Six months and was mustered into the Service of the United States at Bellfonte, Alabama on or about the 26 day of October A.D., 1837 for the term of Six months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of five months, 19 days, and was honorably discharged at Fort Mitchel on the 14 day of April, A. D., 1838 as will appear by his original certificate of discharge herewith presented [see below for Discharge.]

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining bounty land to which he may be entitled under the "act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," passed September 28th 1850.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written. And I hereby certify that I believe the said Luny Bowers to be the identical man who served as aforesaid and that he is of the age above stated.

/s/ Wm. W. McCutchen, J.P.



TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Know Etc, That *Luna Bowers* a *private*
of Capt. *William W. Pruett* Company, in the
Regiment of North Ala Mounted Volunteers, commanded by
Col B Snodgrass mustered into the service of the United States at
Bellefonte Ala on the *26th* day of *October*
1837, for the term of *six* months, and being now mustered for discharge
by *Maj. Gen. Thos S. Jesup* commanding the Army of the South, is hereby
HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the said service, at *Fort Mitchel Ala* this
fourteenth day of *April* 1838.

S. Church Maj. Art. and
Ins. Gen. Army of the South.

Luna Bowers Military Claims (-continued-)

Bounty Land Claim

State of Alabama)
) On the 26 day of April,
 Jackson County) A. D., one thousand eight
 hundred and fifty, personally
 appeared before me, John P. Smith, a Justice of
 the Peace in and for the county and State afore-
 said, Luna Bower, aged 37 years, a resident
 of Jackson County in the State of Ala., who being
 duly sworn according to law declares that he is
 the identical Luna Bower who was a
 Corporal in the company commanded by
 Captain W. W. Pruitts in the Regiment of
 Alabama Volunteers commanded by Co.
 Benjamin Snodgrass in the war with the
 Florida Indians in the year 1837-8 and was
 mustered in service of the united States
 for the term of six months and continued in
 actual service in said war for fourteen days;
 that he has heretofore made application for
 bounty land under act 28th September 1850
 and received a land warre. No. [blank]
 for eighty acres, which he has legally disposed
 of and cannot now return and he further states
 that he has not Recd. Bounty Land under any
 other act of congress.

He makes this Declaration for the purpose of
 obtaining the bounty land to which he may be
 entitled under the "act approved March 3, 1855."

/s/ Luna Bower

We Clinton Kirby and Alvatine Smith, residents
 of Jackson County, in the State of Alabama,
 upon our oaths declare that the foregoing
 declaration was signed and acknowledged by
 Luna Bower in our presents, and that we
 believe, from the appearance and statements
 of the applicant that he is the identical person
 he represents himself to be.

/s/ Alvatine Smith
 /s/ Clinton Kirby

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn
 to and subscribed before me on the day and
 year above written; and I certify that I know the
 affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant
 is the person he represents himself to be, and that
 I have no interest in this claim.

/s/ John P. Smith

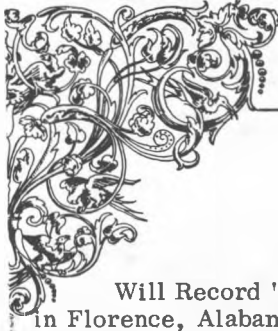
I appoint Clinton Keely to receive my warrant.

/s/ Luna Bower

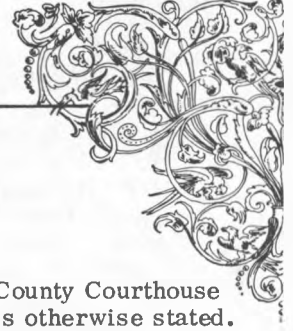
I know that John P. Smith whose name appears above
 is a Justice of the Peace and qualified and sworn Decr. 28th 1855.

W. R. W. Cobb

<i>B</i>		Snodgrass' Mtd. Vols. | Ala. <small>(6 Months, 1837-8.)</small>
<i>Luna Bower</i>		
<i>Capt. W. W. Pruitt</i>	Co. F (Pruitt's), Snodgrass' Reg't North Ala. Mtd. Vols. (6 Mos., 1837-8.) (Florida War.)	
Age	... years.	
Appears on	Co. Muster-out Roll,	dated
<i>at</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>at</i>
Muster-out to date	<i>Apr. 14, 1838</i>	
Last paid to	<i>Pay from Enrollment, 183</i>	
When enrolled	<i>Oct. 26, 1837, for 6 Mos. *</i>	
Where enrolled	<i>Belleville, Ala. *</i>	
Mustered in	....., 183 *	
Where *	
Clothing account:		
Last settled	....., 183 ; drawn since \$..... 100	
Due soldier \$	..... 100; due U. S. \$..... 100	
Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$	..... 100	
Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$	..... 100	
Bounty paid \$	..... 100; due \$..... 100	
Valuation of horse, \$	..... 100	
Valuation of horse equipments, \$	..... 100	
Remarks:	.....
* The only roll on file for this organization.		
Book mark:	.....
<i>Me...</i>		
(1861c)	Copyright.	



Lauderdale



WILL RECORD "A"

1835 - 1858

(Fifteenth Installment)

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 County Court judge and Wiley T. Hawkins was the Probate Court judge at the time these minutes were made.

Abstracts of wills of Lauderdale County 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 8 (June, 1974). The current series began in Volume 14 (June, 1980). Abstracted from photocopies by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Page 242
Recorded: 14 Aug 1854

JOHN L. HARDWICK

Dated: no date
Prob: 10 May 1852

... being of sound mind but in feeble health ... my soul to God ... to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner ... pay just debts ...

To my loving wife, Elizabeth T. Hardwick, all my property during her widowhood to dispose of it as she thinks best with the advice and consent of my loving brother, Joseph A. Hardwick. They may sell some of my negroes and buy land for my family to live on. If my wife remarries or dies, all my property to be sold and divided equally among my children [not named.] Appoints wife, Elizabeth T. Hardwick, executrix and brother, Joseph A. Hardwick, executor.

Witness: James M. Neighbours, James L. Smith, and Bennet Gillum

Page 243
Recorded: 31 May 1856
Signed with an "X"

LOVING ROSS

Dated: 10 Apr 1854
Prob: 18 Sept 1854

To William H. McDougal, son of Daniel McDougal, now of Mississippi, \$1000. when he arrives at age 21. If he dies before reaching age 21 then the \$1000 is to go to my nephew, James L. Holland.

To my nephew, James L. Holland, the balance of my estate, real and personal, after payment of my debts and funeral expenses. Appoints James L. Holland, executor.

Witness: Thomas Barnett, John H. Thrasher, and Bennet Pope

Pages 244-246

JABEZ BEARD

Dated: 30 July 1853
Prob: 1 Dec 1854

... being of sound mind but in bad health ... my soul to God ... bury body in decent Christian like manner ... pay all just debts.

To my loving wife, Sally Beard, during her natural life or widowhood, the land whereon we now reside; all my household & kitchen furniture, horses, cattle, hogs, sheep & all other property

belonging to the farm. Also all my servants except Jefferson and Warner.

If my wife remarries my property is to be sold; my wife is to have 1/3 and the balance is to be divided among my legatees when they marry or come of age.

My wife to give Mary Beard, Sofa Beard, Martha Beard, and Emily Beard each one horse, saddle, blanket, and bridle; one cow, a new bed and furniture valued at what I gave my other children, plus \$30. in money.



Servants Jefferson and Warner to be sold and all my notes and accounts collected; the money therefrom is to be equally divided among all my children [not named].

Appoints son Abner Beard, executor.

Witness: J. T. Bourland, B. W. O'Neal

Note: In October, 1854 the heirs of Jabez Beard, deceased, requested that his will be admitted to probate. They were:

Sally Beard (widow)	Thomas (X) Dubery
Henry Beard	Elizabeth Dubery
Jessy (X) Dubery	A. A. Darby
Margaret Dubery	Sarah Darby
Mary Beard	Benj. Beard

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WILEY B. TERRY

Dated: 13 Oct 1852

Prob: 19 Sept 1854

I, Wiley B. Terry of Tishomingo County, Mississippi ... pay debts and funeral expenses ...

All my real and personal property to be divided equally among my children (except what I may give my daughter Elizabeth Houston) as follows:

James Carroll Terry	Henry Clay Terry
Amanda O. Terry	Mary Terry
Anna L. Terry	Jenny Lind Terry

\$4600 is to be deducted from James Carroll Terry's share as it is the amount I have already advanced him.

To my daughter, Elizabeth Houston, the servant girl Ellen (now in her possession) and \$1000 cash.

My son James Carroll Terry to take charge of my youngest children as their guardian until they become of age or marry.

My executor to set aside and provide a comfortable support for my father and mother previous to a division among my children.

I pray and petition the County Court to legitimize my son, James Carroll Terry, as I have done in this my Last Will and Testament.

Appoints son James Carroll Terry and William S. Wisdem of Purdy, Tenn., executors.

Witness: C. W. Cherry, J. A. Williamson, and Jas. L. Chapman

Note: Will proven in Tishomingo County, Mississippi 19 September 1854

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Pages 248-250
Recorded: 31 May 1856

JAMES R. ALEXANDER

Date: 23 May 1855
Prob: 10 Sept 1855

... of sound mind and memory ...

Sell all my real estate, the negro woman, Selvy, and such other personal property as my family can spare to pay my debts.

I give the balance of my personal property to my beloved wife to raise and educate my three younger children, Silas W. Alexander, Thomas J. Alexander, and Elizabeth R. Alexander.

To George R. S. Alexander one horse worth \$60 and one bed.
To my daughter, Margaret A. Alexander, one horse worth \$60. and one bed.

To my wife, Ann P. Alexander, one negro named Ginny.

I appoint my son Jesse T[F ?] Alexander, and Shadrach E. Cross, executors.

Witness: William Sholar and Thos. Martindale.



Pages 250-251
Signed will with an "X"

JOHN BLANTON

Dated: 9 Mar 1856
Prob: 4 Aug 1856

... being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory ... pay just debts ...

To my following children, \$1. each:

John Blanton, son	Nancy Blanton, daughter
Richard Blanton, son	Peggy Blanton, daughter
Joel W. Blanton, son	Sally Blanton, daughter
Archibal Blanton, son	Mary Blanton, daughter

To my wife, Mary Blanton, the land where I now live during her lifetime. At her death it is to go to my son Benjamin Blanton.

The balance of my property, viz: my stock, tools, household and kitchen furniture, and all debts due me, to go to my wife Mary and son Benjamin. Benjamin to remain with my wife and support her.

[Note: No executor appointed.]

Witness: Dennis W. House, W. C. House, and John Wilks.

Pages 251-253
Will signed with an "X"

MARY SAFFARRANS

Dated: 14 Jan 1856
Prob: 4 Mar 1856

... pay just debts ... appoints Robert M. Patton executor ...

To my executor, in trust, all my personal estate consisting of two slaves (Susan and Martha), household and kitchen furniture, and a house and lot on Seminary Street in Florence, Ala. This property to be held for my two daughters, Mary Elizabeth Saffarrans and Ann Manervia Saffarrans for their use and profit.

My executor to finish the house on Lot No. __[blank]__ out of the monies due me and to sell

the slave, Susan, and purchase a young woman.

Witness: S. C. Posey, F. Samoner, and L. Lester.

Pages 253-255
Signed with an "X"

SAMPSON C. LANIER

Dated: 15 Sept 1855
Prob: 16 Oct 1855

To my sister Louisa Colston, \$500.

To the children of my sister, Charity Allen, including all those children by her first and second husbands, \$500. to be divided equally among them.

My negro slave, Edwin, and my present cotton crop to be sold.

To my sister, Louisa Colston, half my interest in the estate of my father, Thomas Lanier, and the other half to the children of my sister, Charity Allen.

To my beloved wife, Sarah Adaline Lanier, the remainder of my real and personal estate including any debts due me and the cash on hand.

Appoints Baylis E. Bourland executor.

Witness: B. Taylor, Benjamin F. Crittendon, and Sterling J. Mobley.

Executor's Petition

Dated: 1 Nov 1855

Sampson C. Lanier died in September, 1855. He died without children but did leave a widow, Sarah A. Lanier, and the following sisters plus representatives of two deceased sisters, to-wit:

Arabella Weaver, wife of Joseph Weaver
Lewis H. Lanier
Sarah Ann Lanier
Burwell Lanier
Lewis Colston

All the above are residents of Lauderdale County, Alabama.

The children of Charity Allen by two husbands, Nixon and Allen:

Mary Catherine Toddy, wife of Arthur Toddy, residing near
Ripley, Tennessee.

Thomas L. Nixon, resident of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama.
Eliza Murrin, wife of Martin Murrin, resident of Madison
County, Alabama

Martha Robertson, wife of John H. Robertson.

John Allen, residence unknown - perhaps California, if living.

William Allen, resident of Madison County, Alabama

Arabella McFall, the daughter of Matilda McFall, deceased, a resident of
Lauderdale County, Alabama.

Eliza Smallwood, a resident of Wayne County, Tennessee.

Executor prays for probate of the will.

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Lawrence



"MISPLACED" MARRIAGES

1821 - 1840

In reviewing Marriage Book "C," 1841-1848 of the Lawrence County marriages, TVGS member Mr. Roy E. Gibson of Fort Worth, Texas discovered twenty-five marriages that should have been recorded in earlier books. If you have searched in vain for your ancestor's marriage in one of the earlier books it may be that it was recorded in a later book for some reason not clear to us 160 years later. We thank Mr. Gibson for calling this to our attention and are happy to publish the following "misplaced" marriage records of Lawrence County, Alabama, excerpted from Marriage Book "C," 1841-1848.

Page No.	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	Minister
8	Kimbrough, James M.	Rodgers, Mary Ann	12 Dec 1840	C. McDonald, MG
9	Stevens, Jarrett W.	Wallace, Jane D.	30 Dec. 1840	C. McDonald, MG
33	Hart, William A.	Jarman, Amanda	14 Nov. 1839	Thomas B. Wear, MG
34	Carter, John D.	Jarman, Nancy H.	17 Dec. 1839	Thomas B. Wilson, MG
64	Moore, Marcus L.	Sitsey, Martha I.	14 March 1834	Justinian Williams, MG
83	Royal, Henry D.	Morrow, Permelia W.	20 Dec. 1838	Thomas B. Wilson, MG
98	Simmons, John J.	Jones, Rebecca A.C.	28 Oct. 1828	L. Saunders
99	Thorpe, William	Martin, Belsona	___ Jan. 1829	L. Saunders
141	Swoope, John M.	Earley, Cynthia Ann	4 May 1830	L. Saunders
142	Swoope, Jacob K.	Sherrod, Maria A.	15 May 1828	L. Saunders
142	Findley, Hugh	Saunders, Martha A.	18 June 1828	L. Saunders
143	McMahan, John F.	Shackleford, Harriet C.A.	20 Aug 1835	L. Saunders
144	Watkins, Samuel G.	Olim, Caroline	26 June 1839	L. Saunders
144	McGregor, William	Harper, Elizabeth	14 May 1834	L. Saunders
145	Garrett, William	Richardson, Nancy L.	21 July 1829	L. Saunders
145	Watkins, Thomas A.	Fitzgerald, Sarah E.	23 May 1834	L. Saunders
146	Savage, Samuel	Fitzgerald, Anne	1 June 1824	L. Saunders
146	Peel, Volney	Boyster, Charlotte R.	16 Aug. 1827	L. Saunders
147	Walton, Martin	Jones, Abigail	5 Aug. 1824	L. Saunders
147	Ward, Benjamin	Booth, Mariah	18 April 1822	L. Saunders
147	Harper, William W.	Birdsong, Menerva	8 Feb. 1827	L. Saunders

"Misplaced" Marriages (-continued-)

Page No.	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	Minister
146	Bass, Thomas S.	Wesdon, Sarah L.	23 April 1827	L. Saunders
148	Harper, Milken	Farley, Ann	31 Jan. 1828	L. Saunders
148	Harvey, John	Harper, Ann	23 Dec. 1828	L. Saunders
Note: This is the Reverend John Harvey who served in the American Revolution from North Carolina and drew his pension while living in Lawrence County.				
149	Harris, Benjamin	Jones, Minerva	18 Dec. 1821	L. Saunders

ACTS OF ALABAMA

The following legislative acts were excerpted from the "Acts of the General Assembly of Alabama."

THOMAS GREEN ESTATE

An Act to remove the Administration of the estate of Thomas Green from the county of Winston to the county of Lawrence in this State:

That from and after the passage of this act the administration of the estate of Thomas Green, deceased, be and the same is hereby removed from Winston to Lawrence county in this state.

That the court of probate for the said county (Lawrence) shall take jurisdiction of said administration, and that the administrator of said estate shall be required to give bond and account and make settlement with the said court of probate as required by law in other cases, Provided That the sureties of the said administrator shall first file their assent in writing to the provisions of this act, in the probate court of Winston and Lawrence county.

Approved: February 8, 1861

MARY A. KING

An Act to constitute Mary A. King a free dealer.

That Mary A. King, wife of Paul King, of the county of Lawrence, be, and she is hereby declared a free dealer, and as such shall have the right to sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, plead and be impleaded, in all the courts of law and equity in this State, acquire and hold property in her own name and right free from the management and control of her said husband, and generally to do and perform any and all acts that she may think proper, as fully and completely as if she were a feme sole.

Approved: February 20, 1866

Washer Cemetery (-continued-)

KEY - Glen Carlton, Son of J. C. & E. B. Key. 1913 - 1917

KEY - Twin baby brothers, [Sons] of J. C. & E. B. Key. Born and died Dec. 8, 1928. Sleeping.

KEY - John C. Key - Oct. 10, 1888 - Jan. 10, 1964)

) Double headstone

KEY - Eunice Key - Dec. 15, 1891 - (blank))

BYARS - Luther Tom, son of L. J. & M. M. Byars, Born May 24, 1903 - Died Mar. 14, 1907. Gone but not forgotten.

LONG - Lassie, Dau. of H. C. & H. E. Long. Born Nov. 8, 1906 - Died July 20, 1907. Gone to be an angel.

LONG - Gladys Long. March 10, 1914 - Dec. 8, 1922. Darling, we miss thee.

Row Two

LIPSCOMB - Julia Ann Lipscomb - June 24, 1865 - Sept. 12, 1955) Double headstone

) "A kind father and faithful mother"

LIPSCOMB - Nathaniel Lipscomb - Dec. 15, 1858 - Mar. 24, 1912)

Note: Julia Ann was the daughter of William A. and Sarah Key Pickens. Nathaniel was the son of Joseph and Martha (Norwood) Lipscomb. They were married 8 Feb. 1881.

LIPSCOMB - Anias, dau. of N. J. & Julia Lipscomb. March 18, 1896 - March 2, 1907. The pains of death are past, labor and sorrow cease.

LIPSCOMB - Minnie, dau. of N. J. & Julia Lipscomb. Born April 16, 1894 - Died July 4, 1898. Asleep in Jesus.

LIPSCOMB - Mattie, dau. of N. J. & J. A. Lipscomb. Born Feb. 28, 1880 - Aged 6 mos. Gone but not forgotten.

LIPSCOMB - Inez[?] D., dau. of N. J. & J. A. Lipscomb. Born and died 1886. At rest.

PICKENS - Sarah Pickens - Born 1833 - Died April 17, 1899. At rest.

Note: She was the widow of William A. Pickens. Her first marriage was to ___ Key.

There were three graves on her right marked with unlettered fieldstones and five on her left.

Row Three

ARMSTRONG - Edie Armstrong - Born Sept. 24, 1898[1888?] - Died Nov. 6, 1897.

BRADFORD - Velma E. Bradford - March 28, 1880 - Jan. 10, 1961. Gone but not forgotten.

Note: She was the daughter of Joseph D. and Julia Ann (Heflin) Key.

BYARS - William Floy, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Byars. Born Jan. 2, 1904 - Died Aug. 2, 1904. Asleep in Jesus.

KEY - J[oseph] D. Key - Born Oct. 8, 1848 - Died July 16, 1927. Gone to a brighter home Where grief cannot come.

Note: He was the son of Tandy and Minerva (Pickens) Key.

KEY - J[ulia] A[nn] (Heflin), wife of J. D. Key. Born Aug. 2, 1857 - Died Feb. 3, 1898. Lord she was thine, not ours. Thou has done me no wrong.

Note: Joseph D. Key and Julia Ann Heflin were married Feb. 27, 1879.



Washer Cemetery (-continued-)

--- Two unlettered fieldstones marking graves.

KEY - Grandmother. Minervy Key. March 12, 1818 - July 12, 1866
Note: She was the dau. of Israel Pickens Key.

KEY - Grandfather. Tandy Key. Dec. 7, 1815 - June 10, 1905. At rest.

--- Unlettered fieldstone marking grave here.

KEY - Israel Pickens Key - Born Jan. 18, 1852 - Died Sept. 6, 1898. The cross is my anchor.
Note: He was the son of Tandy & Minerva (Pickens) Key. He married Cynthia Boling in 1872.

KEY - John William Key - June 30, 1861 - March 24, 1937)
Note: He was the son of Tandy & Minerva (Pickens) Key) Married 21 Feb. 1884

KEY - Laura Emma (Heflin) Key - Feb. 22, 1861 - Jan. 10, 1958)

Row Four (copied west to east)

--- Four unlettered fieldstones here marking graves.

KEY - Lillian, dau. of J. W. & M. E. Key. Nov. 28[25?], 1897 - March 29, 1899. An angel visited the green earth and took the flower away.

KEY - Rena Allison, dau. of J. D. & M. B. Key. Oct. 7, 1908 - Sept. 27, 1910. A loved one from us is gone, a voice we loved ... etc.

WILLIS - Brown, son of Lewis & Annie Willis. Feb. 20, 1909 - Jan. 3, 1912. In remembrance of little brother.

--- Nine unlettered fieldstones here marking graves.

SMITH - Infant son of W. H. & Etta Smith. Born and died Sept. 26, 1920.

OLIVER - William W. Oliver - Oct. 28, 1864 - May 5, 1931)
) "Gone but not forgotten"

OLIVER - Nancy E. Oliver - Nov. 30, 1871 - Sept. 5, 1963)

Note: There were at least three graves around the Oliver stone, one on the north has a footstone with "L. H." carved thereon.

WASHER - Mary Washer. Born Jan. 15, 1822. Died date unknown. Not dead but sleeping.

Note: The date given as the birth dates for William and Mary Washer seem to have possibly been their marriage date. William Washer was born about 1793, and Mary Washer was born about 1794 according to census records.

WASHER - William Washer. Born Jan. 15, 1822. Died date unknown.

WASHER - Grandson Washer. Born May 2, 1839. Died date unknown. Not lost but gone before.

Note: Grandson Washer was the son of William and Mary Washer.

INSOLVENT PERSONS

1827

This list of Insolvent Persons, dated 1827, in Lawrence County, Alabama was found in the Alabama State Archives in December, 1980. Located and contributed by Mrs. Harry E. Collins, Birmingham, Alabama.

All names had the figure "25¢" written after their names except Allen Steward and John Spannard who had "\$1.00" written after theirs, and Wm. Breedlove, B. Manning, and James F. Ballard who had "81-1/4¢" written after theirs, and Robert Freeman who had "\$11.13" after his. The total was \$38.06-3/4 which had "State tax" written by it. Another amount of \$19.03-1/4 had "County tax" written by it with no indication of where that figure came from or how it was derived.

Peter Gaugher	Archer Lee
James Goree[Gosee?]	David Thompson
Alfred Stephens	Henry Cullender
Robert Rodgers	John Spannard
John W. Roberts	Archer Campbell
John W. Rodgers	Wm. Breedlove
A. B. Bigham	Boldey Lee
Terner Jeffrey	James A. Crowden
George Swiglar	Rufus Johnson
William Woodward	Brethel Trulove
Richard P. Armstrong	Charles V. Gordon
Allen Steward	Thomas Wright
Willias[William?] Walkins[Watkins?]	Lina Plant
Peter W. Fortner [marked out]	Ben Davis
Joseph W. Carlner	John Mallery
George Frances[Tranes?]	Samuel Reaves
John Spradley	John Heardgrove
Adam Weaver	John Davis
Wm. McNutt	Joseph Wilson
Woodrow Coopwood	Willis Wilson
Joseph Heflin	A. H. Doyle
James Roady[Roach?]	Benjamin Taylor
James Wilson	Robert Elliott
Richard Maslial[Martial?]	Jefferson M. Board[Roard?]
Adam Nigar	John M. Board[Roard?]
William McDaniel	H. Ingram
Andrew Seges[?]	E. Cowens
James Randolph	Jeremiah Lee
Abraham Randolph	Jonathan Gibbs
Elisha Staper[Staner?]	Joseph Page
John McSwain	B. Manning
Robert Freeman	James F. Ballard
John Payn	Thomas Hawkins
Cherley Payn	Thomas Morris
Ruben Shelton	Wm. Tanner
Elisha Loyd	Thomas Wrenn
	Joshua Turner

The above list was taken from a dim Xerox copy and was difficult to read. The scribe wrote with a small, cramped hand and the writing was hurried which added to the difficulty in transcribing these names. Some names could be interpreted more than one way and we have tried to show you alternative interpretations.



Limestone



EARLY NEWSPAPERS

In the Zeitler Room of the Huntsville Public Library are housed some very rare newspapers of the pre-Civil War period. Among them are six published in Athens, Alabama. The Limestone County Archives has a complete set of newspapers beginning after the Civil War but few before that time have survived. Most of these early newspapers are taken up with politics on a national level and have very little local news. We will carry only the items of local interest.

THE LIMESTONE NEWS, January 5, 1859

News by the Overland Mail (St. Louis) Jan. 3

The overland mail of the 6th inst., arrived on Saturday. Maj. Morry came passenger. He confirms the previous accounts of the Gila river gold mines.

There was a considerable emigration to Sonora. The California mail station on Concha river had been attacked by Comanches and 31 mules stolen.

UTAH—On the 26th of Nov. the U. S. District Court met. The report that Brigham Young had been summoned to answer for the imprisonment of the Gentiles was false.

Snow in the mountains was very deep which caused great suffering to men and animals.

Some gold banks on a small lake newar Asp Hollow had been discovered.

MARRIED

On the 1st ult, by the Rev. Benjamin Lentz, Robert Brooks to Miss Susan Jane Jarrett, all of this county.

On the 22nd day of December, by the same, William McCravy to Miss Nancy Elizabeth Belew all of this county.

On the 15th of December, by Elder John H. Dunn, Charles W. Northern to Miss Cassandra C. Ray, all of this county.

NEW FIRM

ANDERSON & MCKINNEY (G. R. Anderson and A. L. McKinney)

We are prepared and intend to give satisfaction to all who may give us a call. Horses fed by the year, month, week, day, or single feed, on time, when desired. For hire the cash will be expected in every instance, and good references given by strangers. Drivers will be held responsible for any damage done to horses or vehicles.

Our Stable is the best in the Northern part of the State and our hostlers trusty and experie-

nced, and we profess to be as accommodating as the most fastidious could desire.

We have two pair of Mules, one pair of horses, and several single harness and saddle horses for sale. Also, some new Buggies.

Give us a call and we will give you value received for your money. Athens, Jan. 1, 1859.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Letters testamentary upon the estate of Albert Walls, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Limestone county, on the 3rd day of January, 1859—Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, within the time prescribed by law (it being 18 months) or they will be forever barred.

Hugh W. Tisdale, Executor - January 5, 1859

SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of three Executions to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Limestone county, Ala., I will expose to sale to the highest bidder, for Cash, in front of the Court House door in the town of Athens, on the F__ [torn] day in February next, the following negroes, towit: Nancy, a woman, aged __ [torn] Edow, her child, aged about __ [torn] as the property of Gideon __ [torn] ... John A. Johnson, Sheriff

FRANCIS SORRELL ESTATE

Came John H. Binford, Robert N. Malone, and Joseph B. McDonald, Commissioners appointed to sell the land belonging to the estate of Francis Sorrell, deceased, and filed in this court their account and vouchers for final settlement thereof and for the inspection of all concerned. It is ordered that the 4th Monday in January inst. be set for the hearing of said publication.

It is also ordered by the Court that publication

be made for three consecutive weeks, by publication of a copy of this order in the "Limestone News," a public newspaper printed in said county, requiring all persons in any way interested in said settlement to be and appear before a Court to be held at the Court house in said county, on the fourth Monday in January inst., and show cause, if any they can, why settlement as aforesaid shall not then be made and the same admitted to record.

Thomas G. Tyus, Judge P.C. Jan. 5, 1859

ATTENTION

To our Cotton and Wood Factories, Corn Mill, &c., we have attached a superb SAW MILL and are now prepared to fill all orders with as even, smooth, and straight lumber as any mill in the State.

Orders may be given to us in person, or left at Dr. Malone's Drug Store.
J. N. Haynes & Co. - January 5, 1859.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT

We learn from the Huntsville Advocate that on Friday night last a hand on the freight train, named Barnes, from about Tuscumbia, was instantly killed by the cars at Brownsboro Depot [Madison Co.]. He attempted to get to the train after the cars were in motion, fell, and the wheels passed over him, cutting him in two.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

On the First Monday in February next, we will sell in front of the Court house door in the town of Athens, a negro girl named Hannah, aged about 37 years. Said girl is a good cook, washer and ironer; also, a fair fieldhand. Twelve months credit will be given to the purchaser, and note and two good securities required.

Geo. R. Anderson, W. P. Tanner, Benton Sanders, Commissioners. Dec. 29, 1858.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the estate of Lewis Holbert, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Limestone county on the 22d day of December, 1858. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to me, and those holding claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, within the

time prescribed by law, (it being 18 months) or they will be forever barred.

Jere. G. Buys, Administrator - Dec. 29, 1858

NOTICE

Any person who can give information as regards ALEX. JOHNSON, who left this country sometime in 1835 or '36, and removed to Texas, will be liberally rewarded—if they knew said Johnson before he left this county. Any one having such information will be amply repaid by calling at this office. Dec. 22, 1858.

NEW LIVERY AND SALE STABLE

Cook & Malone (J. M. Cook and Harper Malone)

Cook & Malone having purchased the interest of John McAllister in the Stable formerly owned by McAllister & Cook, respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage. We are prepared to feed and take care of horses in the best style, and on as moderate terms as it can be done elsewhere.

We keep constantly on hand for hire, sale or trade, horses, either for harness or the saddle, and on reasonable terms.

We will furnish conveyances to any part of the country to all who may apply, either with or without drivers. Give us a call, for we intend to give satisfaction. Dec. 15, 1858

THOMAS McCONNELL ESTATE

Came Richard H. Dailey, Administrator of the estate of Thomas McConnell, and filed in this Court his allegations verified by his oath, alleging that the estate of said deceased is insolvent.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that a copy of this order be published in the Limestone News, a public newspaper printed in the town of Athens, in said county, for three consecutive weeks, requiring the creditors of said estate to be and appear before a Court to be held by the Probate Judge of said county, at the Court house in the town of Athens, on the 3d Monday in January next, (1859) and show cause, if any they can, why said estate shall not then be declared insolvent and settled as such accordingly.

Thomas G. Tyus, Judge. Dec. 8, 1858

MARTHA FINN ESTATE

Administrator's Notice. Letters of Administration on the Estate of Martha Finn, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Hon. Probate Court of Limestone county, on the 7th day

of December inst.—Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to me and those holding claims against the same must present them, properly authenticated, within the time prescribed by law (eighteen months) or they will be forever barred.

J. A. Johnson, Administrator. Dec. 8, 1859

TO MY CUSTOMERS

I am now prepared to fill all orders for any kind of clothing, and manufacture them up at the shortest notice, not to be surpassed by any town in North Alabama—the facilities being such by Railroad and Stage that I can furnish anything wanted at the shortest notice.

Geo. R. Peck. October 6, 1858

Last Will and Testament

of

THOMAS PARKER

Dated: 4 June 1819

Probated: 20 Feb 1826

1. My executor to sell my land on Limestone and Swann Creeks and pay all debts.
2. To my beloved wife, Charlotte, the whole of my estate during her widowhood or until one of my children marries or arrives at age 21 years. At the marriage, or upon reaching age 21, each child to have their share of my estate.
3. If my wife should marry, my negroes to be divided equally among her and my children. Balance of estate to be sold and divided equally among my wife and my children. If my wife does not marry then my estate to be divided as in Item 2 above.
4. To my beloved wife during her natural life, the land I have on Round Island Creek but at her death it is to be sold and divided equally among my children.
5. Appoints wife Charlotte executrix.

Witness: John J. Hodges
Jesse U. Isbell

The above Last Will and Testament was recorded in Limestone County, Alabama Will Book 3, on Page 50. It was contributed to "Valley Leaves" by Mrs. Myrtis P. Handley, 417 Green Springs Highway, Birmingham, Alabama 35209.

Death of

ROBERT K. PEEBLES

Died at his home in Mooresville, Limestone County, Ala., Tuesday evening, Nov. 29, 1887, Robert K. Peebles ... burial in Mooresville tomorrow ... 30 years of age.

[Source: The Huntsville Weekly Mercury, Wed., Nov. 30, 1887.]



ORPHANS COURT MINUTES, 1824 - 1830

(Part five of several parts)

1827

Continued from June, 1983.

This is not the earliest Orphans Court Minute book in Limestone County. At least one prior book is in the Limestone County Archives.

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

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

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

Photocopied by Eulalia Wellden, Limestone County Archivist, and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>	
155	89	1 Jan 1827	<u>Joshua H. Cherry Est</u> Joshua H. Cherry died without a will. John W. Cherry applied for, and received, Letters of Administration after giving \$400 bond with David Craig and Aaron Redus, his securities. James Miller, John Sherrod, and Samuel McKinney appointed to appraise this estate. The perishable property ordered sold at public sale.
156	89-90	5 Jan 1827	<u>Noah Dutart Est</u> Noah Dutart died seized and possessed of the Certificate of the SE/4 of Section 5-4-4W in the district of lands offered for sale at Huntsville. The personal estate is insufficient to pay the balance of the installments now due to the United States for the said land. The court ordered the sale of the land certificate.
157	90	5 Jan 1827	<u>William Malone Est.</u> On application of Patrick Inglish it is ordered that a citation issue to Cornelius Malone, Administrator of William Malone, to appear in court on the third Monday in February, 1827, with his accounts and vouchers of his administration ready for final settlement.
158	90	5 Jan 1827	<u>Margaret Phillips Est.</u> The administrator of Margaret Phillips is ordered to sell a negro man, Paul, belonging to this estate, for the payment of debts since there is no other property sufficient in value to pay the debts.
159	90	5 Jan 1827	<u>Benjamin Fox Est.</u> The executor is ordered to sell the perishable property of this estate.
160	90	15 Jan 1827	<u>Thomas Lawrence Est</u> Moses Birdwell, Admr., petitioned the court to sell the land certificate covering the South half of the southwest quarter of Section 18, township 3, Range 3 West; petition granted.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>	
161	91	15 Jan 1827	<p><u>George Foote Est.</u> Samuel Smither -vs- Philip A. Foote, Admr. of George Foote, decd. The court ordered Philip A. Foote to convey by deed to Samuel Smither the following land:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">NE/4 and NW/4 Sec. 4-3-1W) land located in SW/4 Sec. 33-2-1W) Madison County, Al.</p>
162	91	17 Jan 1827	<p><u>George Dabbs Est.</u> Levi Edwardson, Admr., ordered to sell as many of the estate's slaves as necessary to pay estate's debts.</p>
163	92	22 Jan 1827	<p><u>David Parker Est.</u> Mary Parker, widow of David Parker, decd., asked the court to lay off and allot her dower in the lands of David Parker. The court ordered the sheriff to summon five discreet and disinterested freeholders to allot and lay off dower in the following lands:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">NW/4 Sec. 3-5-3W NE/4 Sec. 3-5-3W E/2 SW/4 Sec. 34-4-3W</p> <p>James Avant, John N. J. James, Henry Peebles, Benjamin Dickerson, and Patrick Sandifer were appointed to allot the real and personal estate amongst the heirs, (heirs not named).</p>
164	93	15 Jan 1827	<p><u>John Coleman Est.</u> John Coleman died without a will. Ruffin Coleman applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$5000 bond with John D. Carriel and James Craig his securities. Nicholas Davis, Tinsley Davis, and James Craig were appointed to appraise the personal property of this estate. The perishable property was ordered sold at public sale.</p>
165	93	29 Jan 1827	<p><u>James R. Patterson Est.</u> The court ordered the administrator to sell so many of the slaves of the estate as necessary to pay the estate's debts since the perishable property is insufficient to pay them.</p> <p>NOTE: There are two pages numbered 93, therefore, we have designated the second one as Page 93A.</p>
166	93A	5 Feb 1827	<p><u>Emeline Fryar Guardianship</u> Emeline Fryar, over age 14, chose Nicholas P. Bond her guardian. Nicholas gave bond of \$2000 with James W. Walker and William Dewoody his securities.</p>
167	93A	5 Feb 1827	<p><u>Fryar Guardianships</u> The court appointed Nicholas P. Bond as guardian of:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Isaac Fryar) 2. Peggy Ann Fryar) children under age 14 years 3. Samuel Fryar) 4. Nicholas Fryar)</p> <p>Bond gave \$2000 bond with James W. Walker and William Dewoody, securities.</p>
168	94	5 Feb 1827	<p><u>Robert Henry Est.</u> Robert Henry died with an undivided interest in the SW/4 Sec. 8-4-3W in Limestone County. His personal estate is insufficient to pay the balance due the United States Government on this property. The court ordered the administrator to sell the land to pay the Government.</p>
169	94-95	5 Feb 1827	<p><u>John F. Walker Est.</u> John F. Walker's Will was produced for probate by John W. S. Jones, the</p>

Item Page Date

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named executor and was proven by the oaths of Benjamin Wilson, Jesse Burdett, and James Webb, witnesses, and ordered recorded. John W. S. Jones applied for Letters Testamentary after giving \$12,000 bond with Waddy Tate and Jesse Burdett his securities. Benjamin Sikes, William Word, and Jesse Burdett ordered to appraise personal property. Jones ordered to sell this estate agreeable to the Will.

170 95 9 Feb 1827

William McGehee Est.

The Last Will & Testament of William McGehee was proven by the oath of John J. Winston, witness, and ordered recorded. Letters of Administration heretofore granted are revoked and annulled. Nancy McGehee, the named executrix, applied for and received Letters Testamentary after giving \$12,000 bond with Livingston McGehee and Amos Vincent, her securities.

171 95 9 Feb 1827

McGehee Guardianship

Nancy McGehee was appointed guardian of the following children:

Margaret T. McGehee

Martha Ann McGehee

Frances E. McGehee

by the will of William McGehee. Letters of Guardianship were issued after she gave \$12,000 bond with Livingston L. McGehee and Amos Vincent her securities.

172 95 19 Feb 1827

William Driver Est.

Final settlement made and ordered recorded.

173 96 19 Feb 1827

Martha Miller Guardianship

Martha Miller, under age 21 but over age 14, chose Edward Massie her guardian. He gave \$6,000 bond with Reuben Massie and Wingfield Cole as his securities.

174 96 19 Feb 1827

Miller Guardianship - Amelia and Sophia Jane.

Edward Massie was appointed guardian of Amelia Miller and Sophia Jane Miller, both under age 14. He gave \$6000 bond with Reuben Massie and Wingfield Cole his securities.

175 96 19 Feb 1827

Mary Driver Guardianship

Mary Driver, over age 14, chose Green Boulding Sr. her guardian. He gave \$10,000 bond with Green Bouldin Jr. and Lewis Glaze his securities.

176 96 19 Feb 1827

Driver Guardianships

Green Bouldin Sr. appointed guardian of David L. Driver, Luke Driver, Lewis Driver, and Barsheba Driver, all under age 14. Bouldin gave \$10,000 bond with Green Bouldin Jr. and Lewis Glaze his securities.

- to be continued in the December issue-

NOTICE

Those of you doing research in Limestone County will be glad to learn that the Limestone County Historical Society has just published an index to the early Orphans Court Minutes of that county. This is a full-name index of every person mentioned in some of the earliest Minute books and gives the book and page number in which that person's name can be found. This index will be of immense value to those attempting to find ancestors in Limestone County. The book sells for \$12 and may be ordered from the Limestone Co. Historical Soc., Box 83, Athens, Al. 35611.



Madison



MILES BIBLE RECORD

The following is from the Bible of William James Miles who was born September 6, 1838 and died May 27, 1889. The Bible was passed on by his wife, Nancy C. Hill, to their son, Walter Oty Miles, and is now in the possession of their granddaughter, Mrs. Fannie Mae (Dick) Bartz of 506 Davis St., Taylor, Texas 76574. The father of William James Miles, Pleasant Miles, is the great-grandfather of Mrs. Bartz and Norman B. Cox. Mr. Cox contributed the information with permission of Mrs. Bartz.

The
HOLY BIBLE,
containing the
Old and New Testaments:
translated out of
The Original Tongues;
and with
The Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised.
New York:
American Bible Society
Instituted in the Year MDCCCXVI.
1877

.....

W. J. Miles 1893

Note: A note at the top of the first page states: "this is the Birth [of] your father's and mother's children."

Pleasant Miles was born Oct. the 12th 1815
Bethany M. Ramsey was born July 26th 1816
William J. Miles was born Oct. 6th 1838
Samuel B. Miles was born Dec. 10th 1840
Martha A. Miles was born Dec. 11th 1842
Gabriel T. Miles was born June 9th 1845
Henry B. Miles was born May 28th 1847
Pleasant W. Miles was born May 21st 1849
Calvin A. Miles was born Apr. 20th 1851
Mary F. Miles was born Apr. 19th 1853
Benjamin P. Miles was born Jan. 20th 1855
Arvenia[Araenia?] B. Miles was born Sept. 4th 1857
Vinia A. L. Miles was born Apr. 1st 1860

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W. J. Miles was born on Oct. 6th 1833
N. C. Renfro was born on June the 20th 1846
W. J. Miles and N. C. Renfro was married on 20th
September, 1866

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W. J. Miles [and] N. C. Hill was married the 20th day
of November, 1879
Walter Oty Miles was born August 31st 1881
N. P. M. Jones was born Sept. 16 1885



Miles Bible Record (-continued-)

W. O. Miles & N. P. M. Jones was married on
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1902

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Walter Eugene Miles was born on Thurs., Aug. 26,
1902.

Fannie Mae Miles was born Tues., Aug. 30, 1904
James William Miles was born Aug. 6, Sunday, 1911

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W. E. Miles & Jewell Spillers was married on Saturday,
Dec. 27, 1924. (Later Divorced)

James William Miles and Marie Mallon was married June
Sat. 30, 1934 (Divorced later).

James William Miles and Jewell Kathleen Whitesides married
July 9, 1967 1 p.m. - Jewell birthdate 2-23-1915.

D. C. Bartz & Fannie Mae Miles married Sunday, Nov. 4th 1928.

Note: There was another generation of births here beginning in 1935 and going through 1967 but since it is our policy to publish material prior to 1900 we have omitted them. This information can be supplied by Mr. Norman B. Cox, 1796 Newman Dr., Trenton, Michigan 48183 or a Xerox copy of the original record may be seen in the Heritage Room of the Huntsville Public Library.

DEATHS

Nancy C. Miles died the 7th day of December 1871. She was
25 years, 5 months and 17 days of age.

Bethany M. Miles died on the 28th day of March, 1868. She
was 52 years, 8 months, 2 days of age.

William J. Miles died May the 27, 1889, Age fifty years,
7 months and 21 days.

Heeny Hill died July the 14th AD 1892

Lewis Waltz died Aug. 18, 1911, Age 73 years, 4 months,
and 9 days.

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Mrs. N. C. Waltz died March 16, 1917, 79 years, 2 months,
7 days.

Walter Odie Miles died April 22, 1943 - 8:25 p.m., Thursday,
Age 61 years, 8 months, 22 days.

Walter Eugene Miles died Jan. 6, 1950 @ 9:20 p.m., Friday,
Age 47 [years], 4 mo., 12 days.

Mrs. Nora Pearl May (Odie) Miles died Oct. 11, 1946, 11:20 p.m.,
Friday, Age 61 years, 25 days, no months.

Dick C. Bartz died Sept. 27, 1965 - Monday, 5:30 a.m., age
67 yrs., 3 mo., 27 days.

On inside of the front cover is the following:

W. J. Miles/Book Bought at/Brenham Texas/Washington County.
I came to Texas 18...

Note by Norman B. Cox: Stephen B. Cox and Vina [Vinia A. L.] Miles, the youngest sister of W. J. Miles, were married Feb. 10, 1881 in Madison Co., Ala. and moved to Texas shortly thereafter; some other members of the family possibly moved to Texas earlier.

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LOONEY-THOMPSON DEED ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The following Acknowledgments were found in Rhea Co., Tenn. in the Sessions Minutes, 1823-29. Jesse Thompson married Jean[Jane?] Looney in Hawkins County, Tennessee 21 September 1808. Both the Looney and Thompson families moved to Madison County, Alabama. Contributed by Mrs. Richard H. Gilliam of Huntsville, Alabama.

Source: Rhea Co., Tenn. Session Minutes, 1823-1829, Page 114. August 3, 1824.

Tuesday, August the 3^d 1824

Thomas Thompson &
Priscilla Thompson, his wife
and others, heirs of
Absolam Looney, deceased
To
John W. Looney

} Deed of Conveyance dated the 2^d day of August 1824,
for an undivided eleventh part of a tract of land in
Madison County and State of Alabama was duly
acknowledged in open court by Thomas Thompson to
be his act and deed for the purpose therein expressed,
and Priscilla Thompson after having been privately examined separate and apart from her
husband by the court wheather she made and signed the same freely and of her own accord
without coercion or restraint from her husband Thomas Thompson or any other person
whatever acknowledged the said deed of conveyance in open court to be her act and deed for
the purposes therein expressed and the same was ordered to be certified for further probate.

Source: Rhea Co., Tenn. Sessions Minutes, 1823-1829, Page 99. August 2, 1824

Monday, August the 2^d 1824

Jesse Thompson &
Jane W. Thompson, his wife
& other heirs of Absolam
Looney, Deceased
To
John W. Looney

} A Deed of Conveyance dated the 2^d day of August 1824 for
an undivided eleventh part of a tract of land in Madison
County and State of Alabama was duly acknowledged in
open Court by Jesse Thompson to be his act and deed for
the purposes therein contained, and Jane W. Thompson after having been privately examined
separate and apart from her Husband by the Court whether she made and signed the same
freely and of her own accord without any coercion or restraint from her husband Jesse Thompson
or any other person whatever acknowledged the said deed of Conveyance in open Court to be
her act and deed for the purposes therein expressed and the same was ordered to be certified
for further probate.

HAM ESTATE FILES

The following are abstracts of the contents of the estate files of James Ham and his widow, Elizabeth Ham as found in the Madison County Courthouse.

James Ham Estate, file No. 78

James R. Ham and W. Graves Bouldin, Administrators.
James Ham died in 1834 without a will but owning about 720 acres of land and slaves.

Petition for Division of 33 Slaves dated January 27, 1835:

Estate not involved in debt. Perishable property already sold and rents of land will be more than enough to satisfy demands against estate. James Ham died without a will owning considerable real and personal property. The cotton crop can not be gotten out until sometime in July (if fair weather) and slaves will not hire out at that season of the year for a fair price. Heirs are, besides his widow Elizabeth Ham (who died a short time after James Ham):

1. James R. Ham, of legal age) These three children are by Elizabeth (his
2. Mansfield Ham, of legal age) widow); the others are by a previous marriage.
3. Cleopatra A. R. Ham, under age 21)
4. William Ham of Limestone Co., Ala. [m. Rutha Hodges, wid. of Jesse, in Madison Co., Ala. 9 November 1816.]
5. Russell Ham of Limestone Co., Ala. [m. Elizabeth Williamson in Madison Co., Ala. 14 June 1817.]
6. Willis Davidson in right of his wife, Nancy D., formerly Nancy D. Ham of Limestone Co., Ala.
7. Charles Love in right of his wife, Rhoda G., formerly Rhoda G. Ham, of Rutherford Co., Tenn. [Rody Ham m. Charles Love in Madison Co., Ala. 26 Sept. 1815.]
8. John Smith in right of his wife, Misha, formerly Misha Ham, of Bedford Co., Va.
9. Heirs of Sarah (Sally) Smith, decd., who was wife of Austin Smith, decd., and heir of James Ham, (Some of her heirs are under age but how many are unknown to petitioner) of Campbell Co., Va. Her heirs are:
 - (1) Elizabeth H. Smith
 - (2) William H. Smith
 - (3) Robert Y. Smith)
 - (4) James M. Smith) under age 21 on November 23, 1835.
 - (5) Catharine E. Smith)

Petition for Sale of Land dated November 2, 1835:

Madison County, Ala. land:	Limestone County, Ala. land:
NW/4 Sec. 1-3-2W	W/2 SE/4 Sec. 13-1-5W
NE/4 Sec. 2-3-2W	E/2 SW/4 Sec. 26-1-5W
SE/4 Sec. 35-2-2W	containing together 160 acres
Half of SW/4 Sec. 1-3-2W entered in name of William Lesslie and James Ham, totaling 650 acres.	

Elizabeth Ham Estate, file No. 79

Petition for Division of Slaves dated 26 December 1836:

Elizabeth Ham died in 183__ without a will but owning 6 slaves which should be divided among heirs:

1. Philip Bufurd, the issue of her first marriage to _____ Buford.
2. James R. Ham)
3. Mansfield Ham) Issue of her second marriage to James Ham
4. Cleopatra A. R. Ham who has recently)
married John C. Clayton)

A List of Heirs dated January 5, 1848 stated Mansfield Ham was deceased and the following notation was by his name: "Cannot say how many children [he had]."

BENJAMIN ELLIS CEMETERY

LOCATION: This cemetery is located in the center of the NW/4 of Sec. 9-2-1W. To get to this old cemetery you go .3 of a mile north of Patterson Lane on Murphy Hill Road. Turn left onto a dirt road and go approximately 1/8 mile to an old, abandoned house. The cemetery is approximately one to one and one-half city blocks behind the house and at the west edge of dense trees and brush. The cemetery is enclosed by a wire fence and the gate is on the west side. This very old graveyard is covered with vinca minor. Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Hulda Emma	Infant	Oliver H.	Ann Elisa	Elijah Toney
Dau of	Daut. of	Son of	wife of	Died
J. & M. J. Jones	J. & M. J. Jones	J. E. & S. C. Clark	Elijah Toney	April 11, 1865
Born	Died	Born	Born	He has fought a
Mar. 22, 1885	Mar. 5, 1888	Dec. 18, 1883	Sept. 16, 1830	good fight; He
Died	Aged 1 Day	Died	Died	has finished his
July 19, 1888		Mar. 18, 1885	June 26, 1869	course; He has
			Weep not for me.	kept the faith;
				Henceforth there
				is laid up for him
				a crown of right-
				eousness.

NOTE: The above five graves were in the first row after entering the cemetery from the west gate. They were all upright, marble markers.

The following four graves were above-ground box timbs with the inscriptions on the lids. One of the four had no inscription or markings to tell us who was buried there.

Box tomb of adult; no inscription	Mary Ellis born Feb. 14, 1788 died June 4, 1852 Aged 64 years, 3 months & [23 days.] (box tomb)	Benjamin Ellis born May 2, 1784 died [Sep] ^t 30, 1853 Aged 69 years, [4 Mon]ths & 28 Days. (box tomb)	In Memory of Martha A. R. [Ellis] Born April 16, 1828 Died March 25, 1854 As you are now so once was I, as I am now so you must be; prepare for death and follow me. (box tomb)
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NOTE: The above information in brackets was supplied from Benjamin Ellis' probate records. All the lids to the box tombs were broken. Martha A. R's last name was missing but according to the probate records of Benjamin Ellis, her father, her name was Martha Ann R. Ellis.

The following stone of Emma E. Ellis was at the foot of the unscribed box tomb and was a marble upright tombstone:

Emma E.
Wife of
J. F. Ellis
Born
At Lawrence C. H. S. C. [Court House, South Carolina]
May 10, 1834
Died April 11, 1856
Blessed are the dead which
die in the Lord For their
works do follow them.

John)	
son of)	
J. H. & W. R. Garner	)	This graveyard was enclosed by a wire fence. Outside the fence
Born	)	was the grave of a child, probably the great-grandchild of
Oct. 25, 1869	)	Benjamin Ellis, as shown at left.
Died)	
Jan. 5, 1875)	

BENJAMIN ELLIS FAMILY

Source: Probate Record Book 31, Pages 220-221.

Petition dated November 14, 1870 by Burwell C. Garner and James B. Ellis, administrators of Benjamin Ellis, deceased, to sell the real estate of the decedent to distribute proceeds among heirs. The petition states that Benjamin Ellis died in September, 1853 at his residence in Madison County, Alabama, seized and possessed of the following real estate:

The NE/4 and the SE/4 and the E/2 of the SW/4 of Section 8-2-1W

The NW/4 Sec. 9-2-1W

The SW/4 Sec. 4-2-1W

The E/2 of the SE/4 of Sec. 5-2-1W

The SW/4 of Sec. 2-2-2W and also 152.12 acres in the NW/4 of Sec. 2-2-2W it being all of the NW/4 except about 7.35 acres in the NW corner owned by __[blank]__ Kincaid.

The NE/4 of the SE/4 of Sec. 3-2-2W

60 acres extending across the central part of the NE/4 of Sec. 3-2-2W which was conveyed by Mathew Davis and wife and Joseph Barber and wife to decedent.

60 acres lying north of last named tract and south of Rebecca O'Neal's lands, being the same which was allotted to Archibald Flournoy on the division of the lands of James Flournoy and conveyed to decedent by Ellen D. Hough.

Petition further states that Benjamin Ellis left the following named children and grandchildren, his next of kin and heirs at law:

Benjamin R. Ellis, son, over age 21, resident of Shelby County, Tennessee

William T. Ellis, son, over age 21, resident of Shelby County, Tennessee

Thomas B. Ellis, son, over age 21, resident of Marshall County, Mississippi

Sarah Harris, dau., over 21, residing with husband, Francis Harris, in Jackson Co., Ala.

Mary H. Garner, dau., over 21, residing with husband, Burwell C. Garner, in Madison Co., Alabama.

James B. Ellis, son, over 21, resident of Madison Co., Ala.

Joseph F. Ellis, son over 21, resident of Madison Co., Ala.

Martha Ann Ellis, dau., over 21, resident of Madison Co., Ala.

John W. Ellis, son, over 21, resident of Madison Co., Ala.

Eliza A. Ellis, dau., over 21, resident of Madison Co., Ala.

and the following grand-children, all of whom are under age 21 years and reside in Marshall County, Mississippi:

Benjamin Norris)

Francis Norris)

Newton L. Norris) The children of intestate's daughter, Nancy H. Norris, who died

Andrew J. Norris) in the lifetime of her father, Benjamin Ellis. [Note: Nancy Ellis

George W. Norris) married Stephen M. Norris Jan. 19, 1831 according to the Madison County, Ala. Marriage records.]

Madison County Probate Minute Book 3, Page 606, November term, 1855, states that the Norris children are residents of Marion County, Indiana and that their guardian is Stephen M. Norris, their father. [Note: Apparently the Norris family was living in Marion County, Indiana in 1855 but by 1870 they had moved to Marshall County, Mississippi.]

The probate file of Martha A. R. Ellis, Number 1787-1/2, shows James B. Ellis as Petitioner on January 12, 1854 when he asked the court to declare Martha non compos mentis. James B. Ellis states he is the brother of Martha A. R. Ellis who is "non compos mentis, wholly incapable of transacting business or of taking care of" or managing her estate. She is about 23 years of age and a resident of Madison Co., Ala. She is "laboring under disease and is physically incapable" of attending a hearing nor can she be brought to such a place. A subpoena was issued 23 Jan 1854 to Dr. David Shelby and Allen Walls to testify in court as to Martha's condition. No further information in file.



Marshall



HISTORY OF MARSHALL COUNTY

by

Judge Louis Weiss Wyeth

Judge Louis Weiss Wyeth wrote eleven articles on the history of Marshall County which were published in The Guntersville Democrat in 1883. Mr. Wyeth wrote with the pen of a lawyer and the mind of a historian resulting in accuracy that few "local historians" of that era were able to achieve. In writing these articles he did not rely on memory alone, but referred to and even quoted many of the Acts of Alabama pertaining to the formation of Marshall County.

Judge Wyeth was born June 20, 1812 in Harrisburg, Pa. and as a young lawyer settled at Gunter's Landing [now Guntersville] in 1836. He became involved in the affairs of Marshall County and was first appointed judge in 1837. His contributions were many and among them were his eleven articles on the county's history. Judge Wyeth died in Guntersville July 7, 1889, six years after these articles were published.

WHEN AND OF WHAT ESTABLISHED

That portion of Marshall county which is north and west of the Tennessee River was purchased from the Cherokee Indians by the United States in 1817 and also a small section of land in the southeast part of the county. The residue was acquired by the treaty of 1835, sometimes called the Schermerhorn Treaty, from the name of the commissioners of the United States by whom it was signed, but more generally the Ridge Treaty, from the names of two of the Cherokees who signed it.

The land purchased by the United States under the first treaty was brought into market, i. e., offered for sale by the Government, long before this county was created. That which was purchased under the latter treaty was offered for pre-emption entry in 1842, for one year, and then after being exposed to sale at public auction was subject to private entry.

By an Act of Congress approved June 21, 1866, the public land in Alabama and some other States was withdrawn from private entry and the disposition thereof confined to homestead entry.

In 1880, I think, the land was again made subject to private entry but the homestead law was not repealed and it is uncertain whether or not this included the land in what is termed the Rail Road limits.

Grants of land in Marshall County were made by several Acts of Congress in aid of certain railroads. To the Wills Valley railroad and to the Tennessee & Coosa railroad and to a proposed railroad from Elyton or Tuskalooosa to Beard's Bluff.

On the 9th of January 1836 "an act to establish a county to be composed of parts of

the counties of Jackson and Blount and for other purposes" was approved and is as follows:

AN ACT to establish a county to be composed of parts of the counties of Jackson and Blount and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened. That a county, to be composed of parts of the counties of Jackson and Blount, is hereby established and shall be known and called by the name of Marshall, which county shall be bounded as follows, to-wit:

Beginning on the Tennessee River at the mouth of Shoal Creek and up said creek and with the present line of Blount to a point opposite John Paces' old stand, from thence to the said old stand, thence a direct line to Alexander Gilbreath leaving said Gilbreath in the county hereby established, thence a direct line to the Bridge on the Warrior river near old Mr. Robbins, thence up said river to where the road from Blountsville to Wills creek crosses the same, thence with said road to the line dividing the counties of St. Clair and Blount, thence northward with said line to the present corner of the counties of Jackson, Blount and St. Clair on the top of Raccoon Mountain, thence along the top of said mountain to John Rain's on the road which crosses the said mountain from the Coffee settlement to Wills valley and northward with said road to south Sauta creek and down said creek to its junction with the Tennessee River, thence across said river and up the same to Mink's landing on the north side thereof, thence on a direct line to the northeast corner of

township six of range five east, thence north with the line dividing the fourth and fifth ranges to the southeast corner of section 13 of township 5, range 4 thence west with the section lines to the Madison county line, and thence south with said line to the Tennessee river and down the same to place of beginning.

Be it further enacted, That all citizens now residing or who may hereafter reside upon that portion of territory by this act detached from the county of Jackson shall be liable to the same tax that may be imposed upon the other citizens of Jackson county, until the debts now existing against the county treasury of Jackson county shall be finally paid off and discharged, which tax shall be assessed and collected by the assessor and tax collector of Jackson county, and he by him paid into the treasury of said county, and the county court of Jackson shall at all times be authorized to and vested with full power to cause to be assessed and collected the taxes contemplated by this act, and whenever the county court of Jackson county shall levy any special tax pursuant to law the said county court shall be fully empowered to extend the same to all that territory by this act detached from Jackson county, Provided, that the said taxes shall be applied to nothing but the discharge of the debts herein alluded to.

And be it further enacted that L. D. Barhart, Edmond Bridges, John Baxter, Henry F. Scruggs, and Abram T. Hargis be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to ascertain the amount of debts now due and owing from the county treasury of Jackson county and to make an estimate as near as they can of the amount which would be the fair proportion of said claims chargeable to that portion of citizens by this act ...

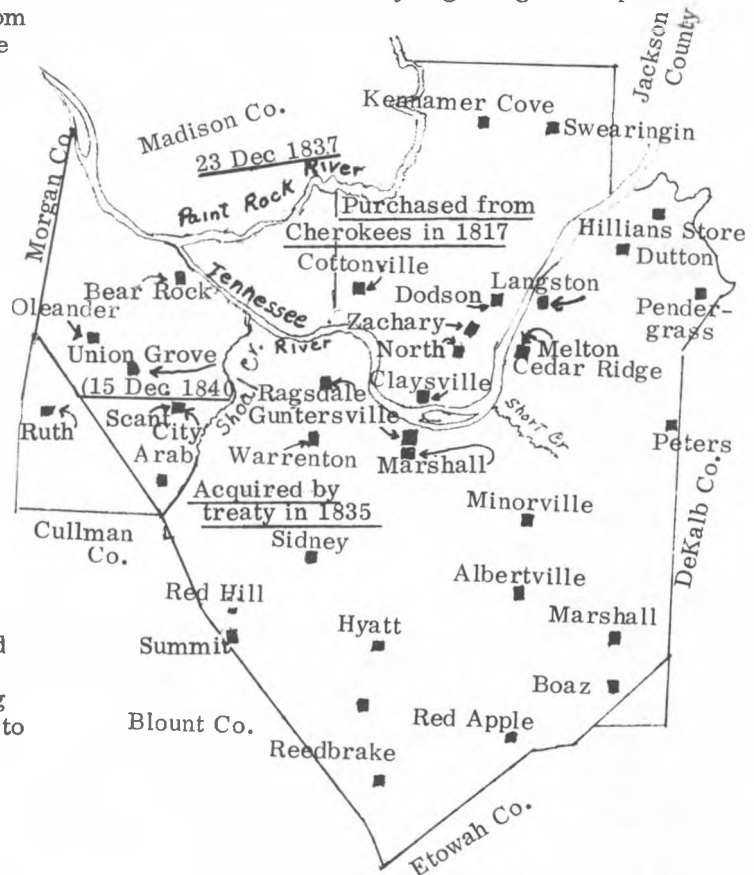
And be it further enacted that the county and circuit courts for said county [of Marshall] shall be holden at Claysville in said county, until otherwise directed by law....

And be it further enacted that an election shall be holden in said county on the first Monday in March next for the purpose of electing a sheriff, a clerk of circuit and a clerk of county courts, of or for said county which election shall be holden at the different election precincts in the limits of said county, and John Stearnes is appointed to hold and conduct said election and to perform the duties of sheriff in said election....

And be it further enacted that all the election precincts heretofore established by law

within the limits of the county established by this act are hereby continued, and two other election precincts are hereby established for said county, one at the house of William Young in Thompson's Valley and the other at the house of David Ricketts in the Honey-Comb Valley ...

And be it further enacted that all that part of Jackson county west of Paint Rock river be attached to Madison County beginning at the point



where the lines of Madison and Jackson county cross Paint Rock river and running up said river to the 12 miles of Cherokee land and running west with said line to the present Madison line. ...

INCIDENTS OF 1836

At the election held under the law establishing the county, the following persons were elected to fill these offices respectively:

Percival M. Bush, sheriff

James M. MacFarlane, clk. of circuit ct.
Richard S. Randles, clerk of county court

Washington T. May had been elected judge of the county court by the legislature which, at that time, had the constitutional right to elect judges. No provision was made by the organic law for the election of county commissioners and consequently none were elected until the regular general election in August, 1836, and the first terms of the court of Roads and Revenues were held by Judge May alone. At the August election in 1836 James Boggess, James Childress, Little D. Boshart and Benjamin S. Parsons were elected county commissioners.

Under the act establishing this county the voters were to select a county seat at the same time they selected the county officers. I am not able to give the exact vote on that question but my impression is that about 325 votes were given for Claysville, some 300 for the "White House," [a fine large frame house built by John Gunter, Jr. about 100 yards from his dwelling house], 100 votes for "John Gunter's," about 150 for "Gunter's Landing," and some few for "Gunter's House," all within a mile of each other on the south side of the Tennessee River.

The votes cast for Gunter's, The White House, John Gunter's, Gunter's Landing, and for Gunter's House were, it was insisted, intended to be given for the same locality, but the officer who had been appointed to superintend the election and declare the result decided otherwise, and so Claysville was declared to be the county seat of Marshall County.

Marshall County on its formation was attached to the Fifth Judicial Circuit of the State, and Hon. George W. Lane of Madison County, judge of that circuit, when informed of the votes given for the respective places mentioned above, decided that inasmuch as it was obviously the intention of the majority of the people that the courts should be held at or about "The White House," he would hold the court there, and so he did not go to Claysville, but from the White House sent word to the sheriff to come there and open court; but the sheriff refused to come and as there was no clerk, no sheriff, no jury, and no cases, the court adjourned.

At the Fall Term 1836, the Hon. Daniel Coleman, judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, under the law then existing alternately with Judge Lane, held the term of the circuit court at Claysville, and it was after that held there until the year 1839.

The first homicide committed in Marshall County was that of Foster D. Paris who was killed by Samuel Fain. This occurred about a mile east of the present court house in May, 1836. The two men met in the public road, had

a dispute about a very trivial matter, one was shot and killed, the other acquitted by the jury who tried the case in 1839 on the ground of self-defence.

At the general election held on the first Monday in August 1836, one Tilghman Burns was killed in Claysville by Eli R. Feemster. This was deemed by the justices who primarily examined the case to have been done so clearly in self-defence that Feemster was not even bound over to court. These were all the homicides committed that year, enough it is true, and sad to tell.

The Cherokees had permitted two bands of Creek Indians to settle on the land now in this county, south of the Tennessee River many years before the treaty of 1835. One of their villages was in the Red Hill Valley on the plantation belonging to the estate of the late William M. Griffin, the other in the Town Creek portion of the county. They were quiet and well behaved for the most part, when sober, but the men would get drunk when they could get the liquor and stay so long as the liquor lasted. When the Creeks of the middle, eastern section of the State, in Talladega, Randolph and adjoining counties, became, or were thought to be hostile, some of the good people of the Town Creek settlement thought that there was something wrong going on among their Creek Indian neighbors and so on one bright Sunday morning in the month of June or July, 1836, they sent a delegation to Claysville for Military aid and protection. The alarm spread, all was excitement, and in a few hours some eighty men had responded, armed and equipped as the law directs. They had the good sense to send over to Gunter's Landing and obtain the assistance of Edward Gunter, a Cherokee Indian, to act as Linguist, (which in those times meant Interpreter,) as he was well acquainted with those Creeks and could speak their language. Samuel K. Rayburn, Esquire, now living in Guntersville, was also sent for and went.

When the troops reached the neighborhood of the Creek Village it was deemed prudential and possibly strategic to send Gunter in advance to ascertain if he could, the purposes of the Indians, their preparations and force. In a few minutes he returned with some two or three of the Chiefs, Head-men, and Warriors of the village who were as badly scared as such great men could well be, and very much surprised at the statements made in regard to their hostility to the whites. They surrendered at discretion, gave their parole and were discharged.

Thus ended the active hostilities of that summer day; but a sad misfortune happened to the soldiers on their return to Claysville which very much dampened (I have some doubts as to that being the proper word) the feelings of the victors. As their baggage wagon was ascending a very long and steep hill the end gate gave way and a barrel containing all their rations fell out,

was bursted, and the contents, alas, could not be gathered up, and the warriors reached their homes sad and thirsty.

NOTABLE PLACES IN 1836

Long before the Treaty of 1835 a Missionary Station had been established for the Cherokee Indians at the place now occupied by Mrs. Alfred Russell, about two miles east of Warrenton. The Rev. William Potter was the Missionary in charge of this, called "The Creek Path Mission Station." It was so called because, as Mr. Potter informed me, it was on or very near the path which the Creek Indians traveled every fall in going from Middle Alabama to the hunting grounds in Tennessee and Kentucky, and the shoals below Gunter's Landing about two miles, was called the "Creek Crossing Place."

At this Missionary Station there was, besides the regular religious service of the Sabbath, a well attended school for the Cherokee children under the charge of Mr. Potter and his excellent wife. From forty to sixty scholars were in attendance in 1836 and until the breaking up of the Station in 1838 and the removal of the Cherokees to their territory in Arkansas. Many of the children taught at that station became most highly honored in their nation and have exercised no little influence in causing it to rank as the first in civilization and culture of the Indian Tribes.

NOTABLE MEN IN 1836

Marshall county had its notable men as well as places in 1836, but I propose to limit myself at present to the notice of but three and I feel confident that all of their contemporaries would agree with me in giving to them the place of honor as being in their day and generation the great men of their county.

William Black, Hugh Henry, and Arthur C. Beard. As I write these names of "the loved and gone before" my eyes are indeed filled with tears but my heart is joyous in the thought that from my first acquaintance with them until they passed away, there never was a moment when the kindest and most fraternal feelings did not exist between them and myself.

Of William Black: In the summer of 1837 Silas Parsons, then one of the most prominent attorneys of North Alabama, and afterwards a Justice of the Supreme Court, was visiting Claysville on professional business and while walking with me one evening around the village asked me if I had made the acquaintance of William Black. I replied that I had been introduced to him but knew little of him. "Well," said he, "get acquainted with him, make him your friend, he has more substantial, reliable common sense than any man I know. Make

a friend of him, and if you ever get into a tight place and want good advice, go to him and go by what he tells you." This was very plain, very kind, and most excellent advice and I never regretted following it.

He was a good man. In 1840 he was the Deputy of Joel Higgins, then Sheriff of Marshall County, and had an execution in his hands in favor of one of the branches of the State Bank against a defendant who did not have as much as the law then exempted to the head of a family, and when he was informed by the defendant that he claimed no exemption and was willing to give up his only horse and everything else he had, he absolutely refused to make the levy. At that time it was not thought that the head of a family must claim the exemption, but was generally believed that the officer, if knowing the fact, should respect the privilege conferred by law. This was the view he took and acted upon, stating that he would rather pay the debt or resign his office than levy on property under such circumstances. No trouble ever came of this for the debt, interest and costs were all paid in due time.

He was a brave man. He had an execution in his hands against a prominent merchant, who, in breaking times of 1839-40-41, had some ten or twelve valuable slaves that were being "fixed up" for a flight to Texas. But just before they started Deputy Black levied on them. I happened to be at the Landing when the affair came off and witnessed what transpired. Black was not a large man, did not probably weigh more than 140 pounds and the defendant was a very large stout man and weighed at least 180 pounds. It was in Hugh Henry's store at the Landing. Black was leaning on the counter in the most perfectly nonchalant manner imaginable while his antagonist was brandishing a bar of iron over him and cursing and threatening in a very alarming manner, and the only answer Black made was, "why Joe I am no more afraid of you than I am of a little child, and if I thought it worth while I would put you out of the house and thrash you well." The money was made on that execution also.

I have no information in regard to the time or place of the birth of Mr. Black; he died on the 7th of December, 1847 in Marshall County.

Hugh Henry was born April 11, 1796 in East Tennessee and died in Guntersville April 29, 1856. For some years before the treaty of 1835 he had been engaged in business in the Cherokee Nation and was very popular with them.

The manner in which trading was carried on in those days was very different from the present mode. Mr. Henry has told me that a great number of cattle would every year be obtained and in the early fall would be sent in droves to the Baltimore market. It would take days and weeks to accomplish the trip. When there, the cattle would be sold and the proceeds invested in merchandise

which would be hauled in wagons to some point on the upper waters of the Tennessee, put on barges and floated down the river to Gunter's Landing. It took months to accomplish with much toil and labor then, what now can be done in a few days; but that toil and labor had ample compensation in the development of manhood.

But being human, he had naturally some infirmities. He would speculate, and he would endorse for a friend. I have often heard it said of him, indeed he has told me so himself, that it would take him about seven years of hard work to get money enough to break on. Sometime in 1839 or 1840, the price of cotton at the opening of the season was about 10¢, but it kept gradually falling to 8, 7, six, it seemed impossible to get any lower, and he purchased largely - I was told about 1500 bales. But alas for him, the bottom had not been reached; when his cotton got to New Orleans, he was offered about 5¢ for it; he was induced by some friends however to ship it to Liverpool, and there it was sold and netted him about 3-1/2 cents; of course this was the year when he had to go down pecuniarily but if he was cast down in heart no one knew it, he still worked on, and won at last, and most worthily, a handsome competence for his latter days.

He would endorse for his friends, and often times this resulted in great annoyances to him. He came to me on one occasion with two interesting documents for legal advice and assistance. He had endorsed the firm name of Hugh Henry & Son on two Bills of Exchange for some commission merchants in Decatur for about \$3500. These Bills had been discounted at the Bank in Decatur, sent to New Orleans where payable. The Decatur merchants had gone broke and these documents were notices that at the next term of the circuit court to be held at Somerville in Morgan County, the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Decatur would move for judgment against the Endorsers for debt, interest, damages, exchange, costs, etc. The thing look, and really was, bad enough and I could not blame my friend for feeling so somewhat himself. But when he handed me all his papers I could discern, I thought, a little (very little it is true) ground for hope although the Bills had been presented, protested for non-payment, and notices sent by mail to the Endorsers.

In one case the notice had been addressed to the endorser at Gunter's Landing, Marshall county, Alabama. Now there was not at that time a post-office of that name in Marshall county, or the State of Alabama. The name of the postoffice at, or rather near the Landing was then "Helicon," and on the trial the production of the official list of postoffices settled the question of fact and the Judge settled the question of law charging the jury that the notice must be addressed to the legal post-office of the Endorsers.

In the other case the bad hand writing of my

client or the bad eye sight of the "notary" who had protested the bill, saved the defendant. For in his protest he described and copied the bill as being endorsed by "Hugh Henry & Son." On the trial of the case this variance between the bill offered in evidence and the one described in the protest was urged, the objection was sustained and judgment was for the defendant.

The experience of that cotton speculation and the Bills of exchange nearly, if not quite, cured him of those infirmities and for the last 10 or 12 years of his life in his business qualifications, industry, honesty, friendships, he was a model man.

Arthur C. Beard was born on the 18th day of March, 1810, and died January 17, 1877. He was very different from the other two friends of whom I have been writing in temperament and mode of actions. They were cool, calm, and quiet workers and exercised their influence by the fire side, or in the counting room, or office; he was an impetuous, ardent man and when he worked, and for the most part what and how he did, was known of all men. This innate impetuosity sometimes got him into trouble, and perhaps sometimes got or kept him out of it. With him a fight was "a la ontrance," and yet when his adversary gave up he would turn and defend him, a word of expostulation or entreaty would subdue him. On one occasion at the "Landing" we were engaged in conversation when some loud talking attracted our attention. Turning around we saw Bob Steel and Alfred Russell a short distance off fixing for a fight, one had an axe in his hand, the other a club. I knew my friend had influence with Steele, and thought I had some with Russell, and addressing Beard I told him, "I was not going to see those men fight—you go to Bob and take him away and I will keep Russell back." "All right, I will." I went to Russell and with the aid of friends kept him off and was doing my part splendidly when someone in the crowd called to me to look out. I did turn around, and there was my co-peace-maker actually handing to Bob Steele a gun which he had snatched from someone in the crowd. I was somewhat amused but more angry, and went up to Beard and took hold of the gun before Steele got it. I told him he was a poor excuse for a peace-maker. He replied, "Well, I could not help it." I believed him and never asked him again to help prevent a fight.

I am afraid I am making this chapter too long. I have mentioned these incidents of my old friends that my readers may know them as I knew them and as they were. It was not these eccentricities that made them leading and influential, they were faithful, fearless, sensible men, and to know them was to love them.

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ORPHANS COURT
1838 - 1839

This 276 page volume is located in the Marshall County Courthouse in Guntersville, Alabama. It is a record book although it is labeled "Orphans Court Minutes." Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson. Continued from Volume 17, Issue No. 3, Page 194 (June, 1983).

Pages 149-154 Micajah Davis Estate

June 4, 1838. Micajah Davis died without a will. John A. Meroney applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$500 bond with Joseph G. Garrett and Andrew Ice, his securities. Meroney to make an inventory of the estate and return same to this court within three months.

Inventory consisted of a pair of saddle bags (\$2.00), saddle (\$8.00), a dark sorrel horse (\$75.00), and a carry all wagon (\$80.00), for a total appraisal of \$168.82. The property was sold as follows:

John Lanner - \$81.00 (carry all)
William Recheu[?] - \$62.25 (horse)
James Davis - \$7.00 (saddle)
Jesse Upton - .87-1/2¢ (saddlebag)
total ... \$168.62-1/2

Debts of the estate included:

Grayson & Williams	\$ 4.70
Walker & Miller	.89
R. Dickey	2.11
John B. Manley	4.57-1/2
Cobb & Miller	1.07-1/2 (assigned to Daniel Bohannon)
Morring[Manning?] & Richards	34.50
Kele[Keel?] & Co.	13.72
Henry Stevens	6.07-1/2
Hannah Johnson	.80
J. Davis	.45

Estate settled 6 March 1840.

Pages 155-158 Benjamin Davis Estate

Benjamin Davis died without a will. John A. Merony applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$200 bond with Joseph G. Garrett and Andrew Ice his securities. The court ordered Thomas Manning, R. C. Newman, and William Watts to appraise the estate and make a return within three months.

<u>Inventory/Appraisal</u>	<u>Pruchasers:</u>	<u>Amt. Paid</u>
1 pistol - \$10.00	James Davis	\$ 6.00
1 pare pantaloons - \$8.00	William S. Johnson	6.75
1 Fine Frock Coat - \$22.50	Thomas Davis	18.00
1 pare saddle bags - \$1.50	E. Bridges	1.00
1 hat - \$3.00	James Davis	2.50
Total appraisal = \$45.00	Proceeds ..	\$34.25

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Morgan



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

Morgan County Marriage Book "A" is the earliest marriage book found in this county and covers the period from July 18, 1821 through March 1, 1861. The book begins with marriage No. 132 so we can assume there are at least 131 of the earliest marriages missing. This series began in "Valley Leaves" in Volume 16, No. 1 (Sept., 1981). Heretofore we have copied the name of the person officiating at the ceremony but beginning with this issue that name will be dropped. Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Lisc.</u>	<u>Sol.</u>
876	Wolfe, James R.	Basham, Jane	1-1-1834	Jan., 1834
877	Eagin, James	Jones, Sarah	1-2-1834	---
878	Sims, David	Fuller, Nancy	1-2-1834	1-2-1834
879	Wood, James B.	Wise, Elizabeth	1-8-1834	1-10-1834
880	Beauchamp, Nowell H.	King, Mary	1-21-1834	1-21-1834
881	Lang, William	Wallace, Rebecca	1-29-1834	1-30-1834
882	Barclay, Robert	Madkins, Martha	2-4-1834	---
883	Wall, Thomas T.	Dinsmore, Nancy	2-6-1834	2-11-1834
884	Noe, David W. ["Know" written in pencil in margin by this name.]	Britain, Elizabeth	2-13-1834	3-3-1834
885	Wright, Jesse W.	Wade, Margaret	2-18-1834	2-18-1834
886	McDaniel, William	McCrosky, Malinda	2-19-1834	2-20-1834
887	Wallace, George W.	Ray, Cyrena	2-20-1834	2-25-1834
888	Swan, Jeremiah	Basham, Polly	2-1-1834	3-6-1834
889	Morris, Calvin	Tunstill, Ann E.	3-4-1834	3-6-1834
890	Waldnap, Evans J.	Yeager, Nancy	3-6-1834	3-6-1834
891	Watkins, William J.	Adams, Polly M.	3-12-1834	3-12-1834
892	Lynn, Andrew	Kelly, Ruthy	3-27-1834	3-27-1834
893	Smith, John	Irvine, Mary E.	3-27-1834	3-27-1834
894	Ridge, William	Pace, Zephora A.	4-12-1834	4-22-1834
895	Young, James	Stokes, Mary Ann	4-16-1834	4-17-1834
896	Vest, Albert H.	Locke, Mary Ann	4-21-1834	4-22-1834
897	Adams, David	Pate, Betsy	5-22-1834	6-5-1834

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898	King, John Jr.	Sawyers, Rebecca	6-10-1834	6-10-1834
899	Morrison, Robt. D.	Sawyers, Sarah	6-10-1834	6-10-1834
	Note: M. M. Mackenzie performed both of the above weddings so we can assume it was a double wedding.			
900	Cowan, James H.	Matthews, Eliza P.	5-11-1834	5-12-1834
901	Thompson, George W.	Boswell, Emaline	6-14-1834	---
902	Brinkley, Wesley H.	Ramsay, Darcas	6-24-1834	---
903	Minor, Floyd M.	Blackwell, Sarah	6-26-1834	6-26-1834
904	Ryan, William	Foreman, Patsy	6-30-1834	7-3-1834
905	Inmon, Henry	Stinson, Lucinda	7-9-1834	7-10-1834
906	Bailey, Stephen	Noaks, Amy	7-9-1834	7-9-1834
907	Harbeson, Charles H.	Davis, Isabell	7-10-1834	7-13-1834
908	Williams, Charles	Hainey, Ruthy	7-15-1834	7-15-1834
909	Ellison, William	Nelson, Elizabeth	8-11-1834	8-15-1834
910	Eanards, Adams	Brown, Ealey	8-11-1834	---
911	Madison, Hiram	Love, Nancy	8-25-1834	---
912	Sharp, Saml.	Maxwell, Nancy	8-26-1834	8-26-1834
913	Wright, William L.	Wright, Lethy	9-4-1834	9-4-1834
914	Mead, Mastin	Lawrence, Rebecca	9-6-1834	9-8-1834
915	Gibson, Joseph C.	Taylor, Polly	9-10-1834	9-11-1834
916	Martin, Dabney A.	Richardson, Eliza	9-23-1834	---
917	Hill, Micajah	Martin, Rachel	25th of ___, 1834	[No month given; no return.]
918	Holly, H. H.	McNorton, Jemima	---	Nov., 1834
919	Holmes, James	Wilkerson, Charlotta	12-1-1834	12-1-1834
920	Casner, Martin	Medford, Jane	12-2-1834	12-3-1834
921	Riggs, William	Conally, Polly	12-16-1834	12-16-1834
922	Moyers, John	Hudson, Catharine S.	12-18-1834	12-18-1834
923	Boon, Squire	Surratt, Mary C.	12-22-1834	12-23-1834
924	Garland, Ambus	Barnet, Elizabeth	10-2-1834	12-27-1834
924	Anderson, Isaac	Edmondson, Mary	12-25-1834	12-25-1834
925	Pope, Ethelard	Stuart, Ann	1-5-1835	1-5-1835

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926	Pope, Armsted	Burriss, Mary	1-7-1835	2-21-1835
927	Clark, Napoleon	Echols, Sarah	1-15-1835	1-15-1835
928	Brisco, Wm.	Buller, Martha	1-16-1835	1-18-1835
929	Hughs, James	Rogers, Martha	1-17-1835	1-22-1835
930	Thompson, Robert	Humphreys, Sarah E.	1-21-1835	1-21-1835
931	Sharp, Jonathan	Spain, Mary	1-29-1835	2-4-1835
932	Rogers, William	Trotman, Adaline	3-2-1835	3-5-1835
933	Romine, John B.	McClelan, Eliza	4-4-1835	4-9-1835
934	Sweedon, John	Wilson, Margaret	4-4-1835	4-9-1835
935	Brooks, Milton H.	Skidmore, Mary A.	4-8-1835	4-8-1835
936	Lott, James	Swann, Catharine	4-27-1835	---
937	Smith, Anthony	Basham, Elizabeth	4-21-1835	4-23-1835
938	Horton, James W.	McCarley, Rebecca	4-21-1835	4-21-1835
939	Nesmith, Robt. M.	Woodall, Sarah	5-9-1835	---
940	Norwood, James	Wilson, Phebe A[O?]	5-16-1835	5-19-1835
941	Shields, John T.	Hickey, Mary M.	6-2-1835	6-2-1835
942	NeSmith, John	Stephenson, Eliza	6-8-1835	6-9-1835
943	Cosby, James M.	Nunn, Emelia	6-18-1835	---
944	Dunlap, Thomas	Handy, Mary	6-16-1835	6-16-1835
945	Tunstill, John A.	Canada, Elizabeth	7-1-1835	---
946	Ceelan, David M.	Priest, Lydia	9-4-1835	---
947	Payne, Armstead	Burleson, Jane	7-8-1835	---
948	Cummings, John M.	Devault, Matilda	7-19-1835	7-19-1835
949	Oden, Elias H.	Stringer, Mary	7-24-1835	7-26-1835
950	NeSmith, William	Orean[Osear?], Martha	6-20-1835	6-21-1835
951	Sims, Sam	Fuller, Jane	6-20-1835	6-23-1835
952	Simmons, M.	Trotman, Catharine	7-7-1835	7-12-1835
953	Woods, Osiiah	Johnson, Eliza	7-15-1835	---
954	Nelson, William	Hunter, Polly	7-27-1835	---
955	Edwards, Richards	Ferguson, Mary	8-3-1835	8-3-1835

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956	Phillips, Hiram	Walker, Margaret	8-13-1835	8-13-1835
957	Walden, Elisha	Young, Parmelia Jane	8-17-1835	8-18-1835
958	Dancy, John W.	Rhodes, Sarah E.	8-24-1835	8-27-1835
959	Axton, Robert	Jourdan, Tabitha	8-25-1835	8-27-1835
960	Craft, Elias	McMinios, Ruthey	8-26-1835	8-26-1835
961	Butler, Michael	Hossey, Margaret	9-3-1835	9-3-1835
962	Doso, Thomas F.	Curry, Lavinia	9-7-1835	9-8-1835
963	Rhodes, Henry D.	Sykes, Maria L.T.D.	9-8-1835	9-10-1835
964	Malone, R. D.	Price, Mary A.	9-14-1835	10-1-1835
965	Callahan, William	Johnson, Ann	3-21-1835	3-26-1835
966	Ellis, Ezekiel	Greene, Eliza	9-2-1835	9-7-1835
967	Hollingsworth, Saml.	Hovis, Rosanna	9-21-1835	---
968	Williams, Luke	Clark, Sarah	8-25-1835	8-27-1835
969	Smith, Albert	Love, Eliza	9-24-1835	9-24-1835
970	Daniel, James	Andron, Martha	7-20-1835	7-20-1835
971	Webb, Presley	Basham, Terrissa	10-15-1835	---
972	Patterson, Jacob B.	Stuart, Clamentine H.	10-15-1835	10-15-1835
973	James, Thomas	Sandlin, Susanna	10-21-1835	10-27-1835
974	Christian, William	Burnet, Ann	10-22-1835	10-22-1835
974	Chambles, John	Acoc, Lucy	10-22-1835	10-22-1835
975	McNutt, Robt.	Hargus, Sarah	10-24-1835	10-24-1835
976	Davidson, Stephen	Ditto, Jane	10-24-1835	11-8-1835
977	Thompson, Woody	Burns, Anny	10-24-1835	10-24-1835
978	Morris, Elum	Anderson, Elizabeth J[I?]	11-3-1835	11-4-1835
979	Hendricks, John	Halbrook, Catharine	11-5-1835	11-5-1835
980	Watkins, E. W.	Ford, Malinda	11-10-1835	11-16-1835
971	Birdwell, John	Wright, Winny	11-19-1835	11-19-1835
982	Collinsworth, James	Smith, Elizabeth	11-23-1835	11-25-1835
983	Clark, James	Kent, Polly Ann	12-5-1835	12-10-1835

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-continued from Editor's Leaf-

That the Society would publish a few pages of very early history of what is now northern Alabama concentrating on pre-1819 period (before statehood). What lands belonged to the Indians, how the white man obtained same—purchase, force or treaty? A map with county lines drawn in to show dates Indians gave up certain areas . . .

Madison and Limestone county Chancery Court records.

Colbert County court records of 1887-1888 and 1880 census of Colbert.

Cemeteries of Jackson and DeKalb Counties.

Would like to see information published on Ellis, Malone, and Sullivan families.

Early Lawrence County deeds.

Decatur County information.

Your suggestion is excellent and would be extremely helpful to those persons trying to locate ancestors in North Alabama. Genealogy is more than just birth and death dates; it is history at its best. Historians tend to concentrate on what people did and genealogists concentrate on who did it. What you suggest is going to take a tremendous amount of research, most of it in the National Archives in Washington but we will attempt to cover some of your points from time to time. Judge Louis Wyeth's article on Marshall County in this issue touches upon part of your request and I have attempted to draw a map of that county to better illustrate what he is saying.

Chancery Court minutes beats any "dime novel" for good reading but since they are often not indexed they are practically inaccessible to researchers. A shame! Pauline Gandrud abstracted the Madison Chancery minutes and they are interspersed among her 58 volumes on Madison County. I have literally begged Silas Lucas of Southern Historical Press in Easley, S. C. (the person authorized to sell her work) to pull out the Chancery minutes and publish them in a separate volume and he has promised he will do that in the not too distant future. We would love to publish Limestone County's Chancery minutes if someone would only help with the abstracting. Any volunteers? These minutes not only air our ancestor's "dirty underwear" but also give genealogical information that can be found nowhere else. Help!

I plan to drive to Tuscumbia (Colbert County seat) this fall and come back with material to publish in Valley Leaves. I shall certainly keep your request in mind. Again, if anyone would have the time and patience to copy the 1880 census from the microfilm we will be only too glad to publish it.

TVGS member Addie Shaver is presently compiling cemeteries in the Paint Rock Valley area of Jackson County and publication is planned for this fall or winter. Watch for an announcement of this important publication in Valley Leaves. We do not cover DeKalb County and have no information for you there but if you would write to the Northeast Ala. Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 674, Gadsden, Alabama, 35902, perhaps they can give you some information since they cover DeKalb County.

This issue contains the Benjamin Ellis cemetery and a page of information on the Ellis family taken from Madison County court records. Enjoy.

This is a particularly difficult county to get information from via the mails since the probate judge's interests run to the present rather than the past so I can understand the need for the old deeds to be published. We will make this a priority item for Volume 19.

This county was only in existence from 1821-1825 and records are few and far between. It encompassed what is now western Jackson County, a very small portion of Marshall, and the eastern part of Madison. Many persons have searched for Decatur County court records but to no avail. If records were kept by the county officials those records may have been in the Jackson courthouse when it burned. The state archives deny they have the county records so if they do exist their whereabouts are unknown to researchers. If anything does surface on Decatur County I assure you we will publish it.

Where people were from and how they arrived in Madison County 1816-1822 period?

Most of these people came from the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia, and Tennessee. Some came on flatboats down the Tennessee River and landed at what was then called Whitesburg (a settlement on the river). The majority came overland with carts and wagons pulled by oxen. A few had horses and drove teams. Most of the people came through the Cumberland Pass then came south across Tennessee into Alabama. Between 1785 and 1820, in order to travel across Indian lands in Alabama from a starting point in Georgia, one had to have a passport from the Georgia governor. These passports have been published by the National Genealogical Society (1921 Sunderland Place, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036). Another publication by the National Genea. Society is "The Development of Early Immigrant Trails in the United States East of the Mississippi River." I believe you will find both publications helpful. Write and ask for their catalogue of publications. Prior to 1816 most of the migrants came into Madison County but at about that time other counties began to open up for settlement and squatters went either from Madison County into the other counties or in the cases of Lauderdale, Limestone and Jackson (which border Tennessee) some went directly from Tennessee into those counties. Let me stress that in genealogy we get into trouble when we speak in generalities, therefore, I preface everything said here with "generally speaking."

I would like to see published a indices of early volumes (1 through 15 or 16) either as part of Valley Leaves or in separate publication; much as I'd like to order all past volumes I can't afford it and an indices would help me make choices.

For several years we have talked about issuing an index covering Volumes 1 through 15 (at first it was Vol. 1 through 10, then as the years passed and it still had not become a reality it became 1 through 15). This would be a tremendous help to all of us, even those of us who have the complete set. The reason we have not done it is two-fold: manpower and money. It is a tremendous undertaking and so far we have been unable to find a soul courageous enough to attempt this by hand. Now that we are in the age of the computer the courage is secondary but the money is primary. It would be very expensive and because of that it will have to wait a while longer. Your suggestion is excellent and we only wish we had the means with which to do it tomorrow.

Marriage records where one spouse was Cherokee Indian.

Until after the Civil War when negroes were designated by the word, "Col." on the marriage licenses, there was no racial designation let alone a mention of the tribe in case of Indians. Usually it was a white man who married an Indian maiden and if the couple lived in or near the rest of the tribe they did not have a civil ceremony but instead married according to the Indian custom. Of course, in that case there will be no record of the marriage in our courthouses.

Old county maps and settlements.

You should enjoy the Marshall County map in this issue as we have tried to locate as many of the old settlements on it as possible. Thanks for your suggestion and we will try to do the same with other counties from time to time. The Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery has a fair map collection that might be helpful to you.

Didn't Lawrence County residents migrate into Winston County?

Winston County was carved out of Walker in 1850 and was called Hancock until the name was changed to Winston in 1858. If you are searching for your ancestors prior to 1850 I suggest you look in Walker County. If it was after 1850 then try Winston. Yes, some Lawrence County residents did move into Winston.

Needless to say, not all of your questions or requests have been answered here as room did not permit it. If you have found this helpful do let us know and we will publish other "answers" from time to time.

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.

867 WOMACK, STUBBLEFIELD, MASSEY

Need xerox copy of the Bible records of Abraham Womack, b 1726, d 6 May 1800, Caswell Co. NC, md Elizabeth Stubblefield. Their son, Josiah Womack b 26 Mar 1771, d 30 Jun 1848, Caswell Co., NC, md 17 Feb 1803 Mary Massey. Bibles thought to have been owned by Miss Hester Womack, Ruffin, NC, now deceased.

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

868 BRYANT, FAMBRO

Who were parents of Ryall Bryant and Rial Bryant? Both on Lauderdale Co., AL census 1830. Rial Bryant moved to MO 1831, d in AR. Seeking descendants of William Fambro Bryant and father William J. Bryant-nephew of Attorney William W. Fambro in Dallas Co., AL 1860.

COLE, FAMBROUGH, GWINN, MEEGS, MULLINS

Researching Fambrough of Albemarle, Goochland & Halifax Cos., VA.: Benjamin (to Pittsylvania Co.), Thomas & Catherine (m ca 1756 Bartlett Gwinn). Descendants to TN & GA bef 1800. Elizabeth Fambrough m Robert Cole 1796, d Coweta Co. GA. Her grandmother, Susannah Meegs, m ca 1735 John Mullins, d Charlotte Co. VA. Have info to exchange.

Mrs. Vinita (Jones) Lebedeff, 14073 Collingham Dr., Detroit, MI 48205

869 ASKEW, STOUT

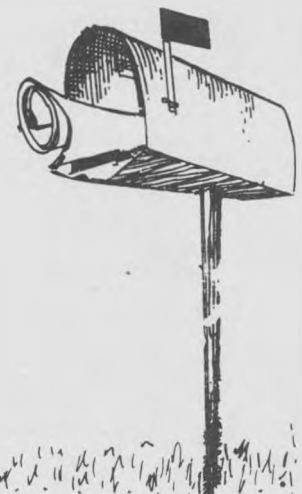
Need to know parents and date of birth for Georgia Ann Askew, Franklin Co., AL. She m Thomas Benton Stout, son of George Washington Stout and Elizabeth E. Smith. Their sons (both b nr Russellville, Franklin Co., AL) were John H. & William George. Thomas B. Stout m again to Lucy Britnell and had: Liela Mae, Claude Elbert, Winnie E., Ethel Josephine and Truman Benton.

Jerry Ann Stout, 1739 North Kessler, Wichita, KS 67203

870 COFFEE, WILLIAMS, HAMMOND, FIELDER

Need info on family of Rev. Marcus Groves Williams (1831-1894), headmaster of Athens (Ala) Female Academy 1884 to 1892, son of Rev. Justinian & Elizabeth (Hammond) Williams. Marcus m Missanah Coffee in 1856. She must have been 2nd wf, who was 1st? She was dau of Richard Smith (1800-1879) & Sarah D. (Fielder) Coffee. Need all info on Richard and Sarah Coffee. Their son, John C. Coffee of Center Star, m the widows Rogers and Patrick. Did John have another wife? Need all info on all of these families. Will exchange.

A. M. Blackman, 5920 Loop Rd, Clemmons, NC 27012



Queries Editor: MARGARET M. COWART

871 BAILEY, MACKEY, DAWSON

Need birthplace of Alice Bailey, b 16 Feb 1852. Daughter of Clinton Bailey and Catherine Mackey, both b ca 1830. Alice m 1881 William Dawson. Mackeys may have owned hotel in Sandsprings, AL.

Ann Geiger Maulsby, 416 Green Acres Dr., NW, Huntsville, AL 35805

872 CAMPBELL

Seeking info about all early Campbell families in northwest Jackson County & northeast Madison County. Particularly interested in families of John Campbell, b ca 1779; Eli C. Campbell, b ca 1800-1810; John R. Campbell, b ca 1820; Willis M. Campbell, b 1823; George L. Campbell, b 1825; Stephen Campbell, b 1833. Will gladly exchange.

Mike Landwehr, 725 39th Street, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

873 HOLLAND

In the Courtland, AL Cemetery (as of 1934) a marker read "Mrs. Frances Holland b 1816, d 1855". Need her identification as to parents, husband & issue.

HOLLAND, CAMPBELL

Lawrence Co., AL marriages: Charity E. Holland m 21 Nov 1855 C. P. Campbell; then Charles P. Campbell m 6 Oct 1861 Mariah A. McLamore. Is the groom one and the same? If so, what became of Charity E. (Holland) Campbell?

HOLLAND, McCRARY

Mary C. "Polly" (Holland) McCrary, widow of Mathew McCrary (1798-1855) of Lawrence Co., AL moved to Sevier Co., AR following his demise. In 1860 she was living in home of a son, Thomas M. McCrary, in Sevier Co., AR. When did "Polly" die and where is she buried?

MOORE, ELLIS

Susan E. Moore m 25 Oct 1876 E. M. Ellis in Lawrence Co., AL. She was living in Albany (?), AL in 1920. Need her dates and place of death & her children's names.

Roy E. Gibson, 4517 Coffee Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76117

874 BELL, MILLER, HENDERSON, ANDERSON, CARRELL

Seeking info concerning Thomas S. Bell and his wife, Mary Miller. Thomas b ca 1819 probably in Limestone Co. Family lore says that there were 11 or 12 boys in family. One brother, William, was Methodist Minister, another brother was member of the Georgia delegation to the Confederate Congress. Thomas and Mary m ca 1841. Mary b ca 1820, dau of Anderson Miller and Sarah Henderson, in Athens, AL. Had sister Parmelia A. Miller. Anderson Miller was son of John Miller & Mary Anderson of Laurens Co., SC. Could Sarah Henderson be the dau of Bennett Henderson of Athens? Thomas & Mary Bell had dau Ann (b ca 1842) and son George (b 1844) and migrated to Sevier Co., AR in 1845. Other children were: Joseph, Sarah, Alabama, Thomas, Harriet & Mary. Living with the family in 1860 was W. B. Carrell, a family name well represented in N. AL in 1820-50. Thomas Bell was a successful farmer, Justice of the Peace and civic leader. He d in 1865 in the Civil War.

George Moore, 3510 S. 96th, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

875 GREGORY, RUSSELL, LEARD

Seeking father & mother of Daniel R. Gregory, b 1827 Morgan Co., AL. m Althea Russell, Morgan Co. 1847. He was Baptist preacher at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Decatur. Sister, Rebecca, m Dickson R. Leard 1847 at her mother's home.

Ruby Karl, 8710 S.F. Austin Rd., Rt. 3, Freeport, TX 77541

876 RICE, THRELKELD

Seeking any info on parents of William Henry Rice, b 22 Mar 1826 AL, d 28 Oct 1881 Woodland Mills, Obion Co., TN. Married Frances Threlkeld 11 Sep 1849 in Owen Co., KY.

Robert E. Rice, P. O. Box 1314, Duncan, Ok 73533

877 COBB, MILLER, DICKERSON, MURRY

Edmond D. Cobb b 1830 SC, m 1848 Florence, AL Artimis P. Miller, b 1833 AL. Children: Columbus Cobb b Mar 1859 AL, m Reanna Dickerson; William Thornton Cobb b Jun 1861, m Mary Murry 1880, d 1934; John Cobb b 1850 AL; Mary Cobb b 1854 AL; Amanda Cobb b 1857 AL. Will exchange.

Phyllis De Angelis, 6449 Merritt Drive, Malibu, CA 90265

878 FOWLER, DAUGHTERY/DAUGHTREY, JOHNSON

Seeking info on my gg grandfather, Jones Madison Fowler, b ca 1823 in Madison Co., AL(?) Were his parents Baxter Fowler (b 1775, d 1836) & Charity Daughtery or Daughtrey (b 1795, d ?) who married 11 Jun 1822? Did they have other children? J. M. Fowler moved to N. Tishomingo Co., MS ca 1837. In abt 1850 J. M. Fowler m Martha A. Johnson (b 1832 TN) By 1858 J. M. & Martha had moved to Polk Co., AR. There Children: William B. (b 20 Oct 1854 MS), Amanda E. (b 1855 TN), John W. (b 1858 AR), George (b 1865 AR), David Edward (b 27 Nov 1866 AR). I would like to hear from any Fowlers or Daughterys still in the area.

JoAnn Lynch, 3627 Locust, Odessa, TX 79762

879 HOGAN, DUTTON, TEDFORD, TEMPLETON, DAY, SPARKS, BELL, CASTLEBERRY

Seeking any info on James Hogan, b 1760's, d 1836 Lawrence Co., AL. Children: Richard, David, James & possibly dau Mary md William Dutton. Moved from TN to Lauderdale, Lawrence & Morgan Cos., AL. Wife's name? Son Richard, b 1794, d 1847 Lawrence Co. Children: Elizabeth md Thomas Tedford; Jane md James Templeton; Kelso; James md Mary Day; Eliza md William Sparks; Richard C. md Elizabeth Bell; Myram md Solomon Castleberry.

MORRIS, YOUNG, WILHITE, SPEAGLE, CULVER, COOK, ANDERSON

Seeking any info on John J. Morris, b 1801 NC, d 1867 Morgan Co., AL, md Eliza Young 12 Aug 1822 Mecklenburg Co. NC. Children: Elizabeth b 1825 m Alfred M. Wilhite; William A.; Jane C. m Jackson? Wilhite; Van Buren b 1833 m 1st Ledia Speagle, 2nd Louisa Culver; Eliza m William Cook; Nancy m Daniel Speagle; T. L. m Laura Anderson; John J.

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

880 TAYLOR, SULLIVAN

Would appreciate any info on the parents of Madison H. Taylor, b 1839 Nash Co., NC. He m Nancy Sullivan 12 Sep 1871 Jefferson Co., AL, & he 1927 in Cullman Co., AL. Also need descendants.

Annamae Nesmith Berry, 1199 Cooley Rd., Live Oak, CA 95953

881 SMITH

Does anyone have a Smith family history which includes the following persons? William Smith, US Senator from SC 1816-1823/1826-1830, moved to AL & became a state legislator & d in Huntsville in 1840, age abt 80 years. Brother, Bennett Smith, lived in Murphreesboro, TN in 1830, noted lawyer from NC. Sister, Elizabeth Smith Harris, wf of Archibald (Archer) Harris of Orange Co., NC, d aft 1820. Need parents, ancestry, other brothers & sisters. A page from the journal kept by my great-grandfather, Buxton Harris, b 1807 Orange Co., NC names the above persons as his relatives.

Mrs. John D. Barth, 5711 E. 5th Place, Tulsa, OK 74112

882 TENNY

Susan Tenny (and various spellings) b 1835 Jackson Co., AL, d between 1862 & 1864 Jackson Co., m Samuel Vaughn ca 1851. Dau of Griffith Tenny and Martha ?. Would appreciate any help available to add to this history.

Sue Vaughn Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 281, Jacksonville, TX 75766

883 GARNER, TATOM

Would like to correspond and exch info with descendants of John A.(S?) Garner of Madison County & Lawson Garner & John Tatom of Morgan Co. All were residents of Ala in early 1800's. I believe John & Lawson were bros but need additional info. My grandparents were Jacob Orr & Ellen Virginia (Garner) Tatom & were born & reared in Morgan Co. John Tatom, grandfather of Jacob O. Tatom, migrated to MS where he d 1850.

Mrs. Mike L. Hoyle, P.O. Box 159, Matador, TX 79244

884 COLLINS

Solomon Collins' estate handled by sheriff of Jackson Co., AL 1828. DAR Patriot list shows Solomon Collins NCOR2183. Craven Co., NC: Solomon Collins m Alley Tignor 12 Mar 1789. Onslow Co. NC: Solomon Collins m Alifare Simpson 14 Apr 1800. Lincoln Co., GA: Nici Collins m G. P. Childress 1818, Mathew Collins m Eliz. Glaze 1819, George Collins m Sally Curry 1815, Albert m Nancy Creamer 1821. Are these the children of Solomon Collins who died 1828 in Jackson Co.? Limestone Co. AL records show Albert d 1832/33, widow Nancy, children-Wm., Martha, Cornelia & Henry. Did his widow m Peter Roland 25 Jul 1834 Limestone Co.? 1840 Limestone census shows Alfred & Joshua. 1850 census shows: Alfred Collins 56 b SC, Elizabeth 82 b NC, Daisey(?) 61 b GA, Matilda 37, Harriet 26 & Susan Lilnsy(?) 17. Also Joshua & Matilda in another district. 1840 Jackson Co. census shows Afctiflia(?), A. C., Alfred C., Arthur & Wm. J. Newspaper obit says Eliz. Collins, wid of Rev. Sol. Solomon Collins living with son Alfred, d 20 Mar 1852 in Limestone Co., AL. Columbia Co., GA: Albert Collins m Louisa Shaw 23 Apr 1826. Need help, will share on any of above.

Mrs. C. L. Neill, Box 103, Pharr, TX 78577

885 TEMPLETON, JOHNSTON, ALEXANDER, BLACK, HAMPTON, LOCKE

Seeking ancestors & descendants of David Templeton who d 1826 Lawrence Co., AL. Married Rosanna Alexander, dau of Gabriel Alexander of Iredell Co., NC. Their children: Silas m Sara Gailey; Mary m William J. Saffell; James m Darcus Saffell; Josiah Albert m Elmira Locke; Andrew m Rebecca Holmes; David E. H. m Margret ?. Most of these children moved to Oktibbeha Co., MS ca 1840. Also seeking info on Archibald & Samuel Templeton of Limestone Co., AL ca 1820 and Robert Templeton who came with David to Lawrence Co. AL ca 1818.

E. O. Templeton, Jr., P. O. Box 96, Starkville, MS 39759

886 HOWARD, BULLINGTON

Need birth date & parents of John W. Bullington of Lauderdale Co., AL. He m Milly Howard whose father or brother (Stephen) was administrator of the Bullington estate 1/11/1832. Children named in estate settlement: Stephen b 1816; Robert b 1818; Mary b ca 1820, m Anderson Hill 1836 Lauderdale Co., AL; Newton b 1823; Benjamin b 1824, m 1866 Mrs? Harriett A. Bullington; William M? b 1826, m? 1859 Miss Ann J. Irvin at Old Female College, Limestone Co. (Athens) AL. (was she #1 or #2?); Susannah b 1827.

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

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