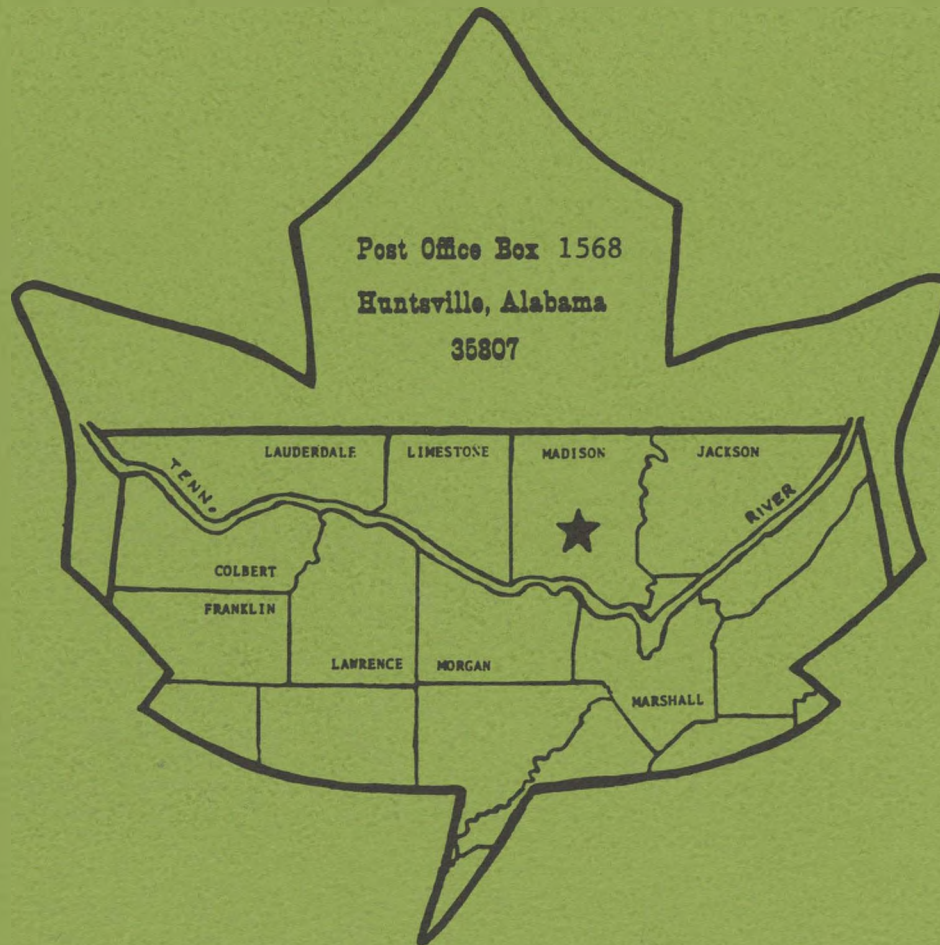


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Editor's Leaf

MARGARET COWART RECEIVES AWARD

Congratulations to our own Margaret Cowart, past "Valley Leaves" editor, who received the prestigious Lackey Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the field of genealogy in publishing her "Old Land Records" series. The award was given by the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham last spring. It was named in honor of the late Richard Lackey, the nation's foremost authority on land records.

WHERE TO WRITE FOR VITAL RECORDS

The United States Government Printing Office has issued a book entitled "Where to Write for Vital Records; Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces." It was compiled by the Department of Health and Human Services and sells for \$3.25. Every genealogist should have a copy of this book. It lists every state in the Union and lists the price and address to write to in order to obtain birth, death, marriage and divorce records. It also contains a "Remarks" column in which useful information is given relative to ordering these records. For your copy send \$3.25 to U. S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. 20402 and ask for "Where to Write for Vital Records."

PURCHASING/RENTING MICROFILM OF CENSUS RECORDS

As you probably know, the U. S. Government sells microfilm of the census records at \$17.00 per roll through the National Archives. For most of us, the cost is prohibitive. However, at last we have discovered a reasonable alternative. A firm in Bountiful, Utah now sells top quality microfilm for \$9.00 per roll and you can order all Federal Census records up to 1910, the mortality schedules, selected state censuses and other selected materials. I have ordered several rolls and found the quality to be the same as that purchased from the National Archives. Not only is it \$8.00 cheaper but I have always received the film within two weeks of the date I ordered it. There is an initial \$25.00 fee to join and a yearly renewal of \$15.00. When you join you will be sent a large catalog of what is available. They also have a loan program where you can, for \$2.50, borrow a roll of microfilm up to two weeks. Incidentally, they now have the Miracode/Soundex available. The firm is:

American Genealogical Lending Library
P. O. Box 244
Bountiful, Utah 84010

GOODBYE FRANKLIN COUNTY

It is not without a great deal of soul-searching that the TVGS Board of Directors recommended to the full membership, and the full membership agreed, to suspend publishing material on a regular basis on Franklin County. That county courthouse burned to the ground three times and material is virtually unavailable. We attempt to publish the same number of pages on each county on a yearly basis and feel we can no longer hold to that commitment on Franklin County because of lack of material. Since we adhere to the most strict code of ethics we feel it is only fair to those who depend upon us for material from that county to let them know ahead of time that as of September we will not have a regular Franklin County chapter. Our heartfelt thanks to those persons such as Evelyn Evans of Russellville who have been so helpful over the past years in supplying us with Bible records and other material from this county.

SPRING SEMINAR

We are planning our annual spring seminar to be held April 14, 1984. Plans have not yet been finalized but when they are we will send notices to the entire membership. Huntsville is beautiful in April - do plan to attend.



Dorothy Scott Johnson
Editor



Book Reviews



EDITOR: Annwhite Fuller

HARDIN U.S.A., NORTH MARSHALL CO., ALA., by James Oran Hardin, 1983. 8-1/2 x 11, soft cover, 425 pages, index, \$25. Order from: J. Oran Hardin, P. O. Box 392, Kilmarnock, Va. 22482

Mr. Hardin is producing a "growing" history of the Hardin family — the original edition of 330 pages has grown to this TVGS review copy of 436 pages (all indexed). Maps, photographs, and reproductions of records are used to document the genealogy. Sources of the information are noted. Several indexes are used due to the growth of the book.

More than a genealogy of the Hardin family, Mr. Hardin has provided historians with a glimpse of farming and farm life in north Marshall County, Alabama. Information for this section came from his studies for his MS in Animal Nutrition and Biochemistry as well as his experiences while growing up on a Marshall County farm. Your reviewer especially enjoyed the history of the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School at Grant, Alabama. Excellent book.

MIGRATION OF HOLBROOKS FROM ENGLAND TO AMERICA & FORSYTH COUNTY, GEORGIA by Winnie Tallant. 8-1/2 x 11, 100 pages, soft cover, \$12.50. Order from author, Route 11, Box 626, Cumming, Georgia 30130

Mrs. Tallant's work traces the Georgia descendants of the Reverend John Holbrook who settled in Salem, New Jersey in 1723 and moved in 1792, with his wife, Jane Smith, to Northampton County, Virginia. His son John died in Franklin County, Georgia ca July, 1805. Copies of wills, photographs and maps personalize this family history. Also included in the text is a history of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Cumming, Georgia. Unfortunately this work is not indexed.

A VALLEY HERITAGE: THE KING-MORGAN FAMILIES OF CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA, by Morris Penny. 8-1/2 x 11, 287 pages, soft cover. Order information available from The Heritage Room, Huntsville Public Library, P. O. Box 443, Huntsville, AL 35804

In Part One of "A Valley Heritage," Morris Penny traces the early history of the Nances Creek Valley of present day northeastern Calhoun County, Alabama. The second part contains information on the ancestors and descendants of Mansel King who came to Alabama from South Carolina about 1848. Samuel Jr. and Jonathan Morgan, sons of New Jersey Revolutionary Soldier Samuel Morgan, moved to the Nances Creek area from Georgia.

Related surnames are Brewton, Rice, Yarbrough, Hamilton, Little, Boles, Anderson and Williams. The book has a full-name index.

JOSIAN W WILSON & LYDIA MELINDA WILSON & SLASHAM VALLEY, St. CLAIR COUNTY, ALABAMA KINFOLK by Mildred S. Wright. 8-1/2 x 11, 94 pages, maps, photographs. Hardcover \$28.78, accopress \$18.75. Order from the author, 140 Briggs, Beaumont, Texas 77707.

Mrs. Wright has published another of her very useful books. This history of the family of Josiah W. and Lydia Melinda Wilson is illustrated with family photographs, maps, and copies of original documents. A full name index provides easy access to the data in the book. Other surnames included in this family history of the Etowah and St. Clair County, Alabama, area are Baswell, Cobb, Davis, Franklin, Jackson, Jenkins, Jester, Lowery, Putman, and Waldrip.

SURNAME INDEX, 1860 CENSUS, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH by Billie Lipscomb & Mary Lou Loudon, 1983. 8-1/2 x 11, 58 pages, soft cover, \$10.00. Order from The East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Centroplex Branch, P. O. Box 1471, Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Ms. Lipscomb and Dr. Loudon have published more than a surname index for the 1860 census of East Baton Rouge Parish, La. The index includes the full name of heads of households and at least one representative of each differing surname within a household. Entries furnish race, age, sex, and birth-

place of each person as well as the census page and household numbers.

The well-chosen format of the book makes this an excellent reference tool for family and history researchers in East Baton Rouge Parish. Any profit earned from sale of this index will go to the Genealogical Section of the Centroplex Branch of the Baton Rouge Library.

NEHEMIAH HOWARD AND HIS FAMILY, by Rebecca Echols Terry. 8-1/2 x 11, 240 pages, hard-cover, \$20. from the author, P. O. Box 206, Huntsville, AL 35804.

TVGS charter member and past president, Rebecca Echols Terry, has published a history of Nehemiah Howard and His Family that could be used as an example of how-to-write a family history. The documentation and clear format makes this book a joy to use. A full-name index is included. Nehemiah and Edith Smith Howard moved from Orange County, N. C. to Union District, S. C. and later to Elbert County, Georgia.

MONROE AND CONECUH COUNTY, ALABAMA, MARRIAGES 1833-1880 by Drs. Robert E. and Lucy W. Colson. 4 x 5-1/2, 153 pages, hardbound. Order from Southern Historical Press, P. O. Box 738, Easley, S.C. 29640 - \$20.00

In 1835 a fire destroyed most of the early records in the Monroe County courthouse. The marriages in this volume are among the earliest records now on file in Monroe County. Since Conecuh County's courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1865 the earliest marriage book covers 1866-1876. The date from each marriage book is arranged alphabetically by the grooms' surnames with separate brides' indexes for each county. Each entry includes the date of the marriage and the names of the security and minister or Justice of the Peace. The Colsons have compiled a volume much needed by South Alabama researchers.

VICTORIA-CROSSROADS OF SOUTH TEXAS published by the Victoria County Genealogical Society, 8-1/2 x 11, 26 pages, quarterly, \$10. per year. Order from the Victoria County Genealogical Society, 302 North Main St., Victoria, TX 77901

The Summer, 1983 (Vol. 4, No. 3) issue of this quarterly contains information from Victoria, Goliad, DeWitt, and Lavaca Counties of south Texas. Included are cemetery records, a deed index, Civil War muster rolls and a doctor's account ledger. One section has research tips and another lists new books at the Victoria Public Library. Queries are accepted from non-members on a space-available basis. Each issue is indexed.

THE HORNADAYS, ROOT AND BRANCH by Quinn and Aline Grandier Hornaday, 442 pages, indexed. Order from the authors, 6435 Avenida Cresta, La Jolla, CA 92037.

"The Hornadays, Root and Branch" is divided into two major sections; one a narrative history of the Hornadays, the other a genealogical listing of the descendants of Nathan Hornaday. The authors have, due to lack of space, not included data about the daughters of the family. Early generations of the family were in North Carolina, Georgia, and Arkansas. The book has a full-name index

WHITE ROOTS - A NICHOLS GENEALOGY by M. Q. Nichols. 8-1/2 x 11, 349 pages, soft cover. Order from the author, c/o Nick's Pharmacy, 1815 Texas Avenue, Bridge City, TX 77611.

Photographs, copies of documents and maps illustrate this Nichols genealogy. Documentation is the strong point of the book. Facts stated are illustrated with copies or transcriptions of original documents when possible. The index is, unfortunately, incomplete.





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 XI

Township 4, Range 3 East (continued)

Section 18

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ D. McDuff
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. McDuff
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Power
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ S. G. & J. McCartney
 (except pt formerly in
 Andrew Lacy's Reserva-
 tion to D? Gurley)
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ S? Green

Section 19

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (part formerly in Andrew Lacy's Reservation to W. Griffith) remainder to W. Whittaker
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (part formerly in Andrew Lacy's Reservation to J. Turner) remainder blank
 W. Whittaker
 Blank
 Blank
 James C. White
 (pt formerly in Lacy's Reservation to N. Carrington) remainder: pt of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ to N. Carrington, pt of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ to Robt. Cole
 N. Carrington
 Robt. Cole
 J. Lewis
 James C. White
 Blank

Section 20

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. M. Lowe
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (pt formerly in Lacy's Reservation to N. Carrington) remainder: pt of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ to J. Kennemore, pt of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ to S. Price
 J. Kennemore
 S. Price

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Criner
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Anderson
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Camp (except small pt formerly in Lacy's Reservation to James Cole)
 James Cole
 H. Langton
 Blank

Section 21

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Carrington
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. M. Driver?
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ B. M. Lowe
 Blank
 S. Jones
 E. (or C?) Gilley
 Blank
 J. C. Camp
 T. Justice
 J. C. Camp

Section 22

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ K. J. Harrison
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Knowlton
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ K. (or S?) Knowlton
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. M. Knolton
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ K. J. Harrison
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. M. Knolton
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Price
 Blank
 E. M. Knolton
 M. Bowers
 Blank
 E. M. Knolton
 Blank
 Blank
 J. K. Evens

Section 23

Blank
 W. H. Johnson
 John E. Crawley
 J. Gwathmey
 J. L. Hale
 K. J. Harrison

(-continued)

Decatur County (continued)

Township 4, Range 3 East (continued)

Section 23 (continued)

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Hodges
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Hodges
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Hodges
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Bowers

Section 24

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. N. Wisdom
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ John E. Crawley
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. N. Wisdom
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ P. W. Hodges
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 25

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Catherine? E? Gillis?
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Gillis (or Catherine
 E. Gillis?)
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Catherine (E. Gillis) ?
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ mostly Joseph Elliott's
 Reservation, rest blank
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Small pt of Joseph Ell-
 iott's Reservation, rest
 blank

Section 26

Blank except pt of south
 half is in Sutton Stevens
 Reservation

Section 27

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Martin? McPeters?
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. K. Evens
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Martin? McPeters?
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Martin? McPeters?
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 28

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Eliza Gilley
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Eliza Gilley
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Redman
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Smith
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. T. Tribble
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Wilhelm
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Kennemore

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Redman
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Kennemore

Section 29

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Price
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Frazier
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Redman
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Redman
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Kennemore
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Mead, Thompson
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Kennemer
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 30

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Lewis
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Asa F. Blair
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Nancy? McAnelly
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Lewis
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Nancy? McAnelly
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Asa F. Blair
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Asa F. Blair
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Keel, Sr.
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 31

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ John W. M. Kimbrough
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Thomas F. Damrel
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. J. Manning
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. J. Manning

Section 32

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Jones
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Brady
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Redman
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ John W. M. Kimbrough
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Redman
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. B. Hill
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. P. Frazier
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Trustees of John L. Bullock

Section 33

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. E. Kennemore
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Jones
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Anderson
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Smith
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Donated to State
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. J. Anderson

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Decatur County (continued)

Township 4, Range 3 East (continued)

Section 33 (continued)

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Redman
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. P. Smith
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Frazier
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Frazer
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Brady
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ P. Brady

Section 34

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank except for small part of Sutton Stevens Reservation.
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. T. Renfrow
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Giles Lee (also small part of Sutton Stevens Reservation)
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. E. Kenemore
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Helen? (Helms?)
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Lee (small part of Sutton Stevens Reservation)
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Giles Lee
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. G. Pruett
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. P. Smith

Section 35

Sutton Stevens Reservation except: pt of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & all of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ to G. Lee (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ blank); pt of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & pt of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & all of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ to T. Adams

Section 36

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Joseph Elliott's Reservation
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Stevens except pt of Joseph Elliott's Reservation
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank except for part of Joseph Elliott's Reservation
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Elliott except pt of Joseph Elliott's Reservation
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Evens except small pt of Joseph Elliott's Reservation

Land District Northern Part of Alabama, Township No. 5, Range No. 3 East. The Cherokee reservation line and fractional sections occasioned thereby in this Township surveyed in the 2nd quarter of 1829 by Hunter Peel, Deputy Surveyor. Examined & Approved Florence, Ala-

bama, May 18, 1829. Jno. Coffee, Surveyor.

Section 1

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ P. H. Ambresta
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Evens
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. N. Clampett
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. B. Derrick
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Maples
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Evens
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. M. Erwin
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. P. Fletcher
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. M. Derrick
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Derrick

Section 2

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Maples
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Maples
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ F. Jones
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Maples
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Atchley
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Maples
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Butler
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Maples
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. H. Moore
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Bowers

Section 3

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Maples
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Lee
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Lee
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. B. Kennemer
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Smith
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. H. Maples
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. W. Pruett
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Maples
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. H. Maples
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. W. Grimmett
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. McKay
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. H. Maples
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. W. Pruett

Section 4

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Arthur Frazer
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Ball
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ C. B. Hill
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Frazer
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. M. Kennedy
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Frost
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Petty
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ K. Babb

Section 5

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. B. Hill
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Frazer
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

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Decatur County (continued)

Township 5, Range 3 East (continued)

Section 5 (continued)

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. McKulley (McNulty?)
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Upton
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. S. Bibb
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. E. Douglas
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ F. C. Patterson
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Upton
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. E. Douglass

Section 6

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Isaac Myers
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. A. Wynn
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. E. Douglass
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (W of Bdry) S. A. Wynn
 (E of Bdry) James S. Russell?
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (W of Bdry) James S. Russell?

Section 7

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ to Bdry E. E. Douglass
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ to Bdry E. E. Douglass
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ to Bdry E. E. Douglass
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ to Bdry W. Honea
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. D. Atchley
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Manning
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Babb
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Maples

Section 8

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Davis
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Smith
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Styers
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. (overwritten with A)
 Atchley
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Wilhelms
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Atchley
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ to Bdry A. Atchley
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ pt to Bdry A. Atchley
 pt to Bdry J. M. Maples
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 9

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. C. Camp
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. G. Kiddles
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. E. Douglass
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Tindell
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. E. Douglass
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Rash (Rush?)
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Medlin
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Glover
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. E. Douglass
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ E. E. Douglass

Section 10

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. H. Moore
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Woodall
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Smith
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Woodall
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ V. G. Pruett
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ V. G. Pruett
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Cruse
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Lacey
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Woodall
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Lacy

Section 11

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Maples
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Maples
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Bower
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. H. Jones
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. J. Roundtree
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. M. Pruett
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. H. Jones
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ V. G. Pruett
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ V. G. Pruett

Section 12

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. N. Colvert
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Derick
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Geo. Derrick
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. N. Colvert
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. H. Evens
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jacob Derrick
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jacob Derrick
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. M. Derrick

Section 13

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. H. Evens
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Lee
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. J. Colvert
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. H. Evens
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Kennemer
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R? T. Hodges
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Atchley
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Rope (Ross?)
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Gipson
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SOUTHERN CLAIMS COMMISSION

CATHARINE B. WINSTON

The following Report was copied and contributed by Mrs. V. W. Hamner, Jr., TVGS member from Huntsville, Alabama. It is Report No. 991 from the Second session of the 46th Congress of the House of Representatives, and is the result of an investigation on the part of the Southern Claims Commission into a claim made by Catharine B. Winston, widow of Isaac Winston, resulting from damages she sustained to her plantation by Federal soldiers during the Civil War:

April 8, 1880 - Laid on the table and ordered to be printed

Mr. P. B. Thompson, Jr., from the Committee on War Claims,
submitted the following

REPORT

The Committee on War Claims, to whom the petition of Catharine B. Winston, administratrix of Isaac Winston of Colbert County, Alabama, for compensation for cotton taken by the United States Army, was referred, respectfully report:

There are no papers filed with the petition, except one paper purporting to be a receipt of some United States quartermaster. The genuineness of this paper is not proven. There is not even an allegation that Isaac Winston, petitioner's intestate, was a loyal man. There is no proof the government got the cotton or the proceeds. Alabama at the time was at war with the United States, and this was cotton in enemy's country. It was, if taken by the government, a subject of capture, as declared by the Supreme Court (2 Wallace, Mrs. Alexander's cotton case), and no liability on the government to pay for the same. For these many reasons, we report that the claim should not be allowed, and ask to be discharged.

End

NOTE: Isaac and Catharine Winston lived on a plantation called "Belle Monte" which they built ca 1830 about five miles south of Tuscumbia and west of U. S. Highway 43 in central Colbert County. Isaac was the son of Anthony Winston, Revolutionary Soldier. Isaac was born in 1795 and died in 1863. His wife, Catherine B. Jones, was born in 1798 and died in 1884. They reared five children at "Belle Monte."



Franklin



1907 CONFEDERATE CENSUS

(Fourth Installment)

This series began in Volume No. 17, Issue No. 4 (June, 1983) of Valley Leaves and is concluded in the next issue. The Alabama Legislature passed an Act requiring a census of all Confederate Soldiers to be taken in 1907 for the purpose of pension payment. 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 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.

The Probate Judge in each county had the duty of securing the information and sending 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 Military Division of the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Alabama. The material used in Valley Leaves was taken from microfilm copies of the ledgers in the Archives.

The clerks compiling these records were careless in the spellings of various geographical locations and corrections have been made when 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.

79. Harvey Gholson Sargent Russellville, Alabama Mr. Sargent was born January 29, 1843 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in August, 1861 at Courtland, Alabama in Company H of the 16th Alabama Regiment of Infantry and continued until December 31, 1862. He lost an arm at the Battle of Murfreesboro, Tennessee and was discharged in April, 1863.



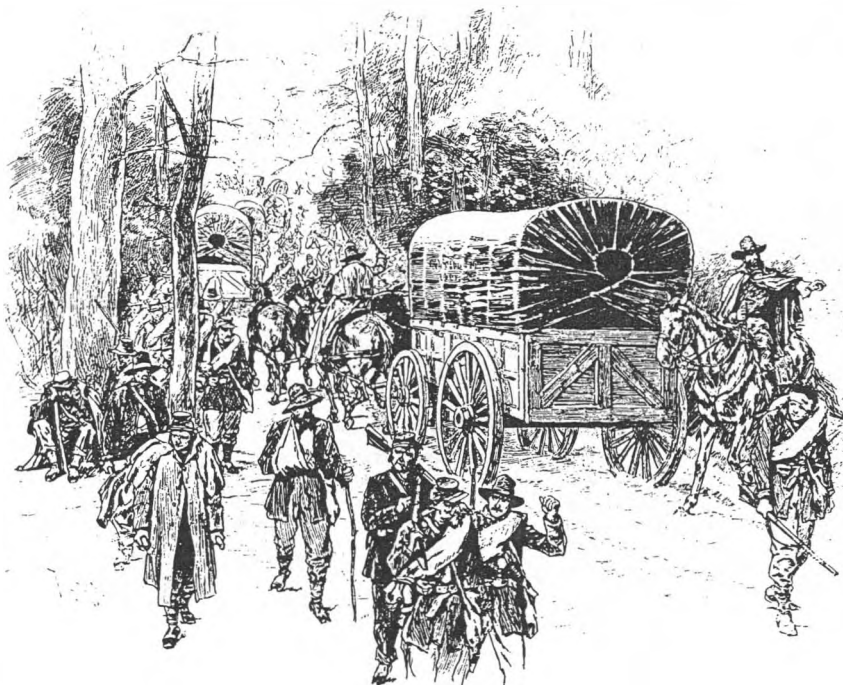
RELIEF FOR THE WOUNDED

80. George Washington Stout Mehama, Alabama Mr. Stout was born August 9, 1843 in Washington County, Tennessee. He entered service as a private in March, 1863 at Tuscumbia, Alabama

in Company C of the 11th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.

81. David Crockett Smith
Phil Campbell, Ala.

Mr. Smith was born June 10, 1836 in Newberry County, South Carolina. He entered service as a private in June, 1861 at Carrollton, Alabama in the 11th Alabama Regiment of Infantry and continued until 1862 when he was discharged at Richmond, Virginia. He re-enlisted as a private in 1863 at Selma, Alabama in Locket's Corps of Engineers and continued until 1865 when paroled at Talladega, Ala.



WOUNDED AND STRAGGLERS ON THE WAY TO THE LANDING, AND AMMUNITION-WAGONS GOING TO THE FRONT.

82. James Irvin Smith
Russellville, Alabama

Mr. Smith was born in 1840 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in March, 1862 at Moulton, Alabama in Company E of the 11th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.

83. John Smith
Russellville, Alabama

Mr. John Smith was born January 7, 1845 in Lawrence County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in November, 1863 at Pond Springs, Alabama in Company G of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs.

84. George Washington
Sow[Low?]
RFD #1
Newburgh, Alabama

Mr. Sow[Low?] was born November 10, 1837 in Lexington County, South Carolina. He entered service as a private in October, 1862 at Huntsville, Alabama in Company E of the 5th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.

85. William Frederic
Taylor
Russellville, Ala.

Mr. Taylor was born April 23, 1843 in Lawrence County, South Carolina. He entered service as a private in December, 1872 at Port Royal Ferry, South Carolina in Company F of the 14th South Carolina Regiment of Infantry and continued until April 9, [1865] when he was paroled at

Appomattox, Virginia.

- 86. James Lafayette Taylor Belgreen, Alabama Mr. Taylor was born April 21, 1854 in Jefferson County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in August, 1863 at Pleasant Site, Alabama in Company A of the Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Iuka, Mississippi.
- 87. James William Taylor Daily, Alabama Mr. Taylor was born March 28, 1840 in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in July, 1862 at Florence, Alabama in Company E of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until April 20, 1864 when he was paroled at Frankfort, Ala.
- 88. Allen Haley Taylor Pleasant Site, Ala. Mr. Allen Haley Taylor was born March 15, 1844 in Tuscaloosa Co., Alabama. He entered service as a private in November, 1862 at Tuscumbia, Alabama in Company E of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Frankfort, Alabama.
- 89. John Willaford Thorn Russellville, Alabama Mr. Thorn was born June 30, 1839 in Morgan County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in April, 1862 at LaGrange, Alabama in Company B of the 35th Alabama Regiment of Infantry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.
- 90. William Hitower Thorn Burlson, Alabama Mr. Thorn was born Madison County, first entered service December, 1861 at Alabama in Company 27th Alabama Regt. and was discharged 1862 at Jackson, August 25, 1823 in Alabama. He as a drummer in Florence, B of the of Infantry in October, Mississippi.



- 91. Elbern Perry Thorn Daily, Alabama Mr. Thorn was born in April, 1826 in Morgan County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in April, 1862 at Barton, Alabama in Company E of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until 1865. He was at home sick at the time of the Surrender.
- 92. William Isom Thompson Mr. Thompson was born July 17, 1840 in Franklin County, Alabama

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William Isom Thompson
Mehama, Alabama

and entered service as a private in November, 1862 at Moulton, Alabama. He was in Company D of the 11th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.

93. Charles Ebenezer
Wilson
Russellville, Ala.

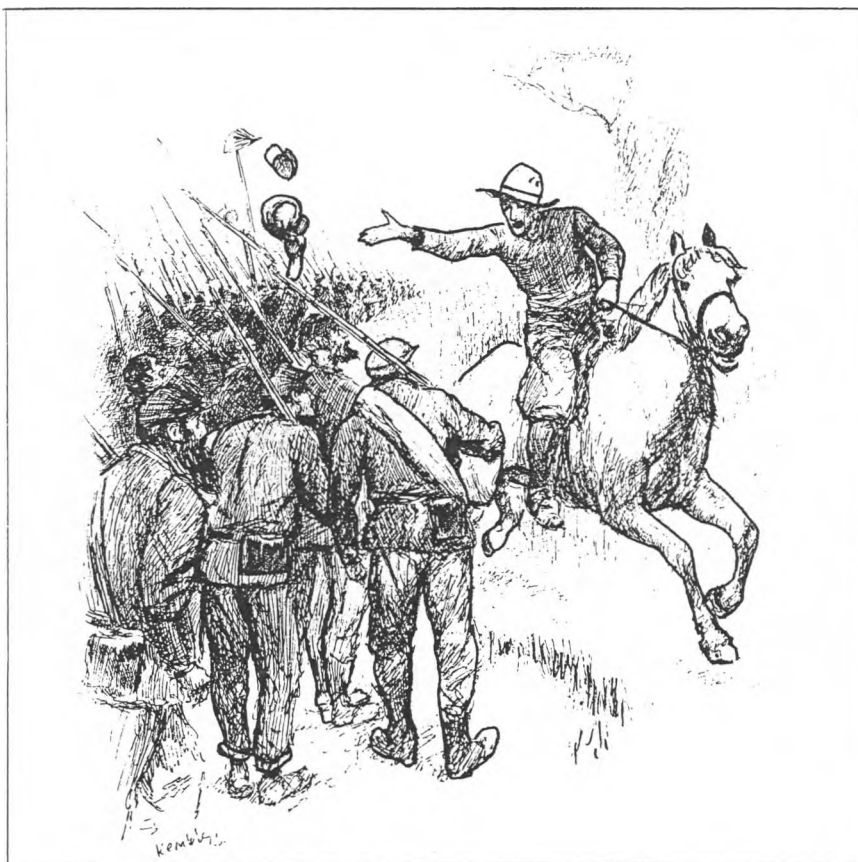
Mr. Wilson was born October 10, 1845 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in October, 1863 at Newport, Alabama in Company J[I?] of the 11th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Ala.

94. James Edwards Wilson
Russellville, Alabama

Mr. Wilson was born October 11, 1839 in Franklin County, Alabama. He entered service as Orderly Sergeant in July, 1861 at Knoxville, Tennessee in Company H of the 16th Alabama Regiment of Infantry and served until Spring of 1863. He re-enlisted as Adjutant in 1863 at Newport, Alabama in Company J[I?] of the 11th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until May, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.

95. William Josiah Wasson
Newburgh, Alabama

Mr. Wasson was born November 7, 1844 in Lawrence County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in July, 1862 at Landersville, Alabama in Company A of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Cavalry and continued until April, 1865 when he was paroled at Pond Springs, Alabama.

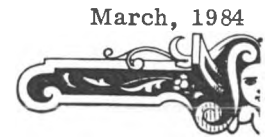


"LEE HAS SURRENDERED TO GRANT!"

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Jackson



March, 1984

MARRIAGE RECORDS 1851 - 1856

(Eleventh Installment)

This is the earliest surviving marriage book in Jackson County, the earlier ones having been destroyed during the Civil War. For the introduction to these records please refer to the September, 1983 issue of Valley Leaves. Continued from Volume 18, Issue No. 2 (December, 1983). Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

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293	Milas Russell	Lucinda H. Shook	2-26-1856	3-6-1856	Joseph R. Morris, MG
294	William Latham	Manerva Isbell	2-27-1856	2-28-1856	E. C. Williams, JP
294	Meredith W. Webb	Margarett Moore	3-14-1856	3-15-1856	Adam Beard, MG
295	Levy Frazier	Martha Slone* [*Sloan in index]	2-5-1856	2-7-1856	E. C. Williams, JP
295	Ezekiel Harris	Jane Sellers	2-29-1856	3-4-1856	J. G. Bynum, MG
296	Jesse Sample	Lucinda Blancett	3-8-1856	3-9-1856	Thomas Campbell, JP
296	Samuel Kinder	Tennessee J. Wilson	3-4-1856	3-7-1856	R. L. McBride, JP
297	Wm. Cooper	___[blank]___ Tenny	3-10-1856	3-13-1856	J. B. Gally, JP
297	Joseph Massey	Jane Shomake	3-14-1856	3-18-1856	Daniel Hill, JP
298	page blank				
299	L. B. Wammack* [*is probably Womack]	Delilah Temple	3-26-1856	3-26-1856	James Austill, MG
299	Westly Thornton	Nancy Rogers	3-13-1856	3-20-1856	Joseph Minor, JP
300	Daniel Brown	Mary Ann Cain	4-5-1856	4-6-1856	Joseph Wilson, JP
300	James O. Selvy	Mary A. J. Shook	4-8-1856	4-23-1856	James Morris, JP
301	Michael Swain	Martha Bostick	4-12-1856	4-15-1856	W. A. Hood, JP
301	Daniel Markum	Anna Harris	4-14-1856	4-15-1856	Enoch Floyd, MG
302	Joseph Ashwork	Mary B. Garner	4-15-1856	---	---

Page	Groom	Bride	Lisc.	Sol.	By:
302	John Culver	Caroline McKelvy	4-16-1856	4-16-1856	A. Allen, JP
303	A. M. Saxon	Ella Acklin	4-17-1856	4-18-1856	J. G. Dixon, JPC
303	Benjamin F. Christian	Mary Webb	4-17-1856	4-17-1856	Noah Shelton, JP
304	Jackson Ledbetter	Margarett E. Floyd	4-17-1856	4-17-1856	Joseph Minor, JP
304	Robert Benson	Martha A. R. Davis	4-19-1856	5-1-1856	W. J. Hatt, MG
305	James E. Adams	Mary Maples	4-28-1856	5-12-1856	Simeon Hawk, MG
305	William Law	Nancy Hopee* [*Hogan in index]	4-30-1856	5-4-1856	Thomas J. Wood, MG
306	Samuel W. Hall	Meriah Harris	5-5-1856	5-6-1856	J. R. Morris, MG
306	T[F?]. Boyd Foster	Sallie Mason	2-28-1856	2-28-1856	John B. Tally, JP
307	Alfred Strickland	Margarett M. Blancett	4-26-1856	4-27-1856	Thomas McJulion[?], JP
307	James Romans	Hulda Kirby	5-8-1856	5-8-1856	Henry J. McPherson, JP
308	John R. Davison	Arcadia Hendree	5-18-1856	5-25-1856	M. F. Graham, JP
308	Carter Miller	Matilda Sanders	6-3-1856	6-5-1856	William J. Kirk, JP
309	James R. Hembree	Rebecca M. Johnson	5-31-1856	5-31-1856	T.A. Witherspoon, MG
309	Thomas H. Hall	Nancy Swaford	6-6-1856	6-8-1856	John Crow[?], JP
310	Elias Holder	Jane Collins	6-7-1856	6-8-1856	J. B. Tally, JP
310	John Rodden	Rebecca Whalan	6-14-1856	6-15-1856	James Austill, MG
311	Lester H. Morris	Attilia Young	6-17-1856	6-18-1856	M. P. Brown, MG
311	Charles W. Clark	Rebecca Young	7-26-1856	7-26-1856	Joseph S. Clark, JP
312	Wm. H. Davis	Virginia E. Minor	8-6-1856	8-10-1856	Enoch Floyd, JP
312	Stephen D. Allen	Elizabeth Lusk	8-8-1856	8-8-1856	James R. Isbell, MG
313	Christopher Boshew[?]	Virginia Kirby	8-8-1856	---	---
313	Anderson P. Hudgins	Emily Stinnitt	8-9-1856	8-10-1856	F. M. Hickman, MG
314	William Thomas	Ellen Smith	8-12-1856	8-13-1856	Joseph Minor, JP
314	John F. Wamack* [*is probably Womack]	Margarite Council	8-13-1856	---	---
315	J. M. Lewis	Hettie Jones	8-14-1856	8-14-1856	Felix Johnson, MG
315	William Long	Vinna[?] Wimberly* [*is Linna Wimberly in index.]	8-16-1856	8-20-1856	John Cawlfild, JP

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1839 JACKSON COUNTY NEWSPAPERS

Since Jackson County records were burned during the Civil War, locating 1839 issues of The Bellefonte Courier and Jackson County Republican has been a real find for genealogists and historians. To our knowledge, these are the earliest newspapers from that area in existence. Microfilm copies are in the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Alabama. Judge William D. Page abstracted the following material from the microfilm. Most of these papers were filled with national news, however, all material of a local nature has been abstracted and is being carried here.

The Bellefonte Courtier and Jackson County Republican
Bellefonte, Alabama
R. T. Scott, Editor
Published weekly
Volume 2, Number 28, April 11, 1839

Taken up by James H. Scruggs, above
Bolivar, in said County ... a sorrel mare ...
appraised at \$30. Notice dated 6 March 1839.
Moses Jones, Clk. Co. Court

SHERIFF'S SALE. To satisfy two fi fa's
issued out of Circuit Court of Jackson County...
to sell at Courthouse at Bellefonte ... W/4
of SE/4 of Section 28, Township 1, Range 8
East and also a part of W/4 of NE/4 of
Section 33, Township 1, Range 8 East beginning
at southeast end of said tract, to the drain,
meandering the drain southwest of John G.
Chambers' entry, thence north down said line
to the beginning, containing 12 acres or
less. Levied upon as property of James Henry
to satisfy judgments in favor of Hugh B.
Caperton and J. G. Chambers.
H. Norwood, Sheriff

LOST. The subscriber lost on the 3d inst. at
the court House in the town of Bellefonte a
small leather pocket book, containing a note
on J. W. Bridges for forty eight Dollars; one
on Ezekiel Kennedy for \$12.12-1/2 cents, one
shinplaster on Yeatman and Woods, the No. of
which was 144, and one note executed by
John Willis to Hugh Berry, and a number of
other notes too numerous to mention ... a
liberal award.

Elizah Kennedy

Jackson County Orphans Court. January 25,
1839. Alexander Riddle and John R. Coffey,
Administrators of the Estate of Henry R.
Camron, deceased ... estate is insolvent ...
claims to be filed on or before December
14, next ...

Moses Jones, Clk. Co. Court

BANK NOTICE. Branch of the Bank of the
State of Alabama, Decatur ... February 20,
1839 ... S. O. Nelson, Cashier.

Jackson County Orphans Court. March 21, 1839
Eldrid W. Williams, Executor of the last will
and testaments of Celia Williams, deceased ...
accounts and vouchers filed ... claims to be
presented on or before 4th day of May next ...
Moses Jones, Clk. Co. Court

BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENT.

J. G. Eusties, tailor, in lower rooms of the
printing office at Bellefonte

SHERIFF'S SALE.

To satisfy judgment entered in County Court of
Jackson County ... to be sold at Courthouse at
Bellefonte on April 1, 1839 ... W/4 of SW/4
of Section 15, Township 4, Range 6 East and
SW/4 of NW/4 in same section, township and
range, 120 acres ... levied upon as property
of Daniel Lucas to satisfy judgment of Wm.
Gullatt.

H. Norwood, Sheriff

SHERIFF'S SALE

To satisfy judgment entered in County Court of
Jackson County ... to be sold April 1, 1839, at
Courthouse at Bellefonte ... 40 acres of land ...
"in the immediate neighborhood of Hambleton
Anderson on Crow Creek; the No's together with
a more particular description will be made known
on the date of sale." To satisfy judgment in
favor of T. B. Foster ... levied upon as property
of Russell G. Anderson.

H. Norwood, Sheriff

NOTICE

In pursuance of an order from the Orphans Court
of Jackson County, Ala., we will offer for sale
to the highest bidder for cash, in the town of
Bellefonte, on Monday the 6th day of May next,
the following real estate of the late Jesse Corn,
subject to the widow's dower, to wit: SE/4 of



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the NE/4 of fractional section No. 6, Township 4, Range 9 East, containing 40 acres in Jackson County, State of Alabama; also one-half of lot No. 1 situated in the plan of the town of Bellefonte in the county and State aforesaid, it being the North or back end of said lot from the public square known as the lot on which the said late Jesse Corn lived previous to his death.

John R. Coffee
James L. Carter
J. C. Black,
Commissioners

Orphan's Court, Jackson Co. April 8, 1839
Phillip Swink, administrator of the Estate of George Swink, deceased ... intestate, died possessed and seized of NW/4 of NW/4 of Section 15, Township 3, Range 5 East containing 39-77/100 acres ... petitions for sale of land for payment of debts ... Edwin Swink and William Swink, two of the legatees of the estate, reside beyond the limits of the State ... citation to issue to heirs to appear in Orphan's Court on or before 25th day of May next ...

Moses Jones, Clerk Co. Court

Orphan's Court, Jackson Co., April 2, 1839
William J. Price, administrator of the estate of Drury Wood, deceased ... the estate is insolvent ... claims to be presented on or before the first Saturday in April 1840 ...

Moses Jones, Clerk Co. Court

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

... the undersigned qualified in County Court of Jackson County, Ala., as executrix of the last will and testament of Thomas W. Scott, deceased ... claims to be presented within eighteen months from 16th day of January 1839.

Nancy Scott

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Joseph P. Frazier appointed administrator in County Court of Jackson County, Ala., of estate of Thomas Tharp, deceased ... claims to be filed within eighteen months ...

Joseph P. Frazier

SHERIFF'S SALE

Undersigned will expose to sale ... at the Courthouse in the town of Bellefonte on the first Monday in April next ... SE/4 of SW/4 in

Section 25, Township 3, Range 3 East, 40 acres levied upon as property of James M. Campbell, to satisfy fi fa in favor of Levi Byram to satisfy judgment against George Freeman, William Freeman and James M. Campbell.

H. Norwood, Sheriff
By G. W. Rigney,
his deputy

SHERIFF'S SALE

To satisfy judgment entered in County Court of Madison County, Ala., ... will sell at the Courthouse at Bellefonte on Monday the 6th day of May next ... N/2 of NW/4 of Section 19, Township 4, Range 5 East containing 80 acres (with the exception of the dower of the widow) ... levied upon as the property of John Smith to satisfy judgment in favor of Thomas B. Murphy.

NOTICE

To satisfy four fi fas issued out of County Court of Morgan County, Circuit Court of Madison County and Circuit Court of Jackson County ... to sell at the Courthouse at Bellefonte on Monday the first day of April next ... three forty-acre tracts and one twenty-acre tract. The No's together with a more particular description will be made known on the day of the sale. Levied upon as property of Pascal St. Clair to satisfy judgments in favor of Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Decatur.

H. Norwood, Sheriff

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned: that on the thirtieth day of October 1838 I executed two notes of hand to Martha Webb, one for eleven dollars payable the 25th day of Dec. next thereafter; and one for fifty two dollars payable the first day of June next; this is to forewarn all persons trading for said notes; as the consideration for which they were given, has failed, and I do not intend paying them.

Solomon Stone
Jan. 24th

TRUST SALE

By virtue of power vested in me as Trustee in a deed of trust executed by John Campbell to secure certain debts due Wm. D. Hayter, Halding and Echals [Holding and Echols] and Ford Brown & Co. I will offer for sale ... at the residence of said John Campbell on the 6th day of May next the following Real and personal property ... in Jackson County, State of Alabama ... W/2 of



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the NW/4 of Section 12, Township 2, Range 3 East containing 79-27/100 acres and also [description of additional tracts of real estate blurred], and also [personal property described.]
Alfred Johnston
Trustee

NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE

... to be sold at the Courthouse in the town of Bellefonte on 1st day of April next ... "two forty-acre tracts of land lying in Jackson County and in the immediate neighborhood of Thomas Eistace." Levied upon as property of Willie J. Hambleton to satisfy judgment in favor of Joiner Gentry.

H. Norwood, Sheriff

SHERIFF'S SALE

... slave to be sold at the Courthouse at Bellefonte levied upon as property of Jacob Vanzant to satisfy judgments in favor of C. Stinnett and John Kennedy.

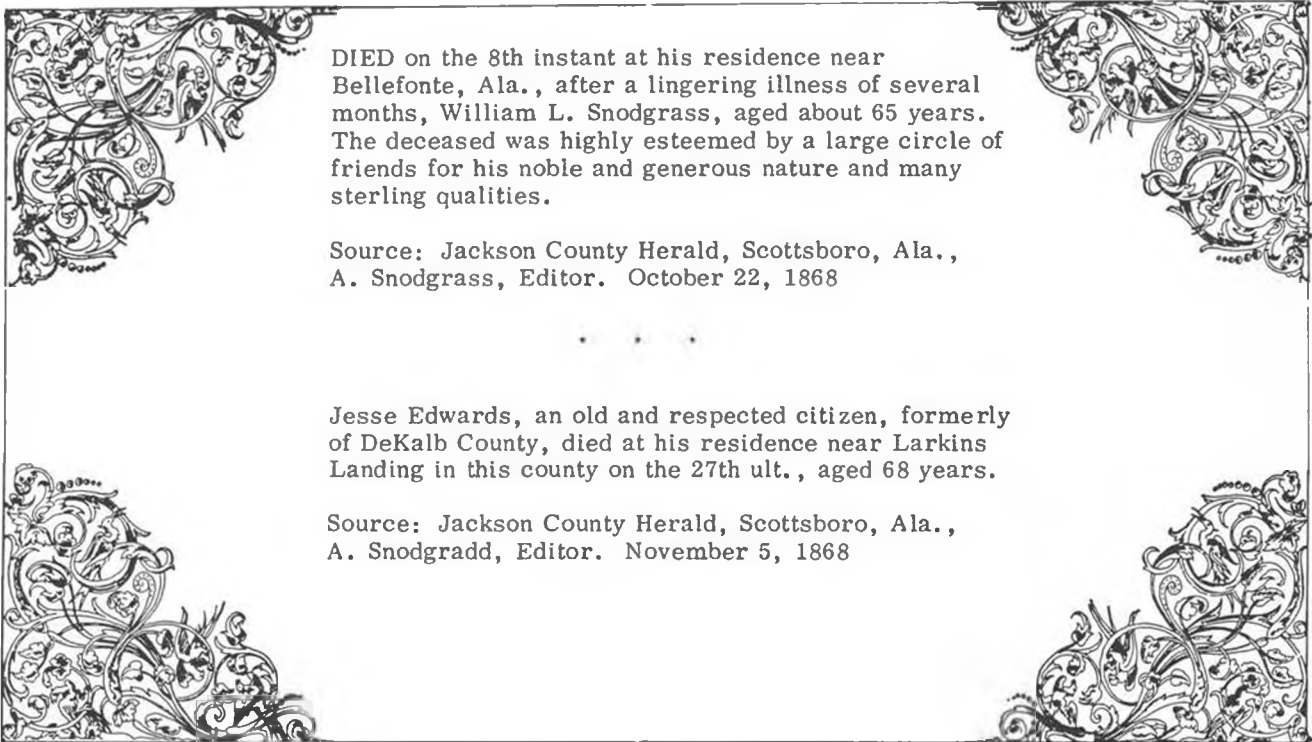
H. Norwood, Sheriff

SHERIFF'S SALE

... to satisfy five orders issued out of Circuit Court of Jackson County ... will offer for sale at the Courthouse in the town of Bellefonte, Ala. on the 6th day of May next ... E/2 of NE/4 of Section 2, Township 5, Range 5 East containing 79-71/100 acres ... levied upon as property of Thomas Johnson to satisfy judgments in favor of Samuel Hughs.

H. Norwood, Sheriff

-End of 1839 Newspaper Abstracts-



DIED on the 8th instant at his residence near Bellefonte, Ala., after a lingering illness of several months, William L. Snodgrass, aged about 65 years. The deceased was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends for his noble and generous nature and many sterling qualities.

Source: Jackson County Herald, Scottsboro, Ala., A. Snodgrass, Editor. October 22, 1868

. . .

Jesse Edwards, an old and respected citizen, formerly of DeKalb County, died at his residence near Larkins Landing in this county on the 27th ult., aged 68 years.

Source: Jackson County Herald, Scottsboro, Ala., A. Snodgrass, Editor. November 5, 1868

JACOB LEROY SMITH BIBLE

This Bible is now in possession of James N. Smith, Sr., of Vicksburg, Mississippi. It was photocopied, transcribed, and contributed to "Valley Leaves" by TVGS member Evelyn Smith Rochelle of 1620 Clinton Avenue East, Huntsville, Al 35801.

This Bible was printed in 1846 by the American Bible Society of New York.

FAMILY INFORMATION

Page 1 [Written on the last page of the Old Testament]

J. L. Smith and Margaret Wilbourn were married the 25th day of January, 1840.

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J. L. Smith was born the twenty fifth day of June, 1822

Cor dóvá Postóffice [marked out]

Margaret Smith was born the third day of November, 1821

Mary E. Smith was born the thirty first day of March, 1844

William Jeff Smith was born the twenty ninth day of May, 1847

Margaret Emaline was born the twenty eighth day of January, 1849

L. E. Smith was born the twenty first day of April, 1851

The following family information was also contributed by Evelyn Smith Rochelle but was not in the family Bible.

Jacob Leroy and Margaret Wilbourn Smith and their children lived in the Paint Rock Valley area of Jackson County, Alabama. Jacob Leroy Smith died between August, 1864 and 1866; Margaret Wilbourn Smith died in October, 1875.

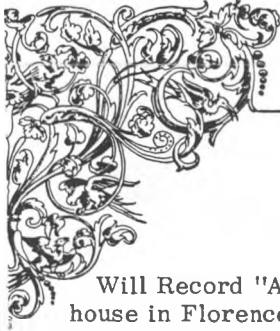
Their daughter, Mary E. Smith, married Brit Bingham and had William Perry Bingham and John B. Bingham. Mary E. (Smith) Bingham died before 1866.

William Jeff Smith married Sara Elizabeth Houk first and had Minnie Smith, Willie Smith, and Simon Oakley Smith. He married second Diana Charlotte Frazier and had James E. Smith, Joseph Jackson Smith and Thomas Oscar Smith. William Jeff Smith died 4 February 1914.

Leroy Ellison Smith married Martha Ann Kirkpatrick and had Joseph Smith, Jefferson Smith, Arthur Smith, and James Smith. Leroy Ellison Smith died 27 February 1900.

Margaret Emaline Smith died young.

-End of Record-



Lauderdale



WILL RECORD "A"
1835 - 1858
(Seventeenth Installment)

Will Record "A" is a large, red 316-page volume and it is in the Lauderdale County Court-house 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 judge at the time these minutes were made.

Abstracts of the wills of Lauderdale County were first published in Valley Leaves in Volume 7 (Dec., 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.

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Petition to Probate Will
James McMurray

Petitioner: William Herman, executor

James McMurray died at his residence in Lauderdale County, Alabama "on the third Inst." [Note: Unfortunately, the Petition is not dated so it does not establish the month and year of his death.] Petitioner has had the will in his possession since it was executed on October 7, 1856, and now prays the court that it be admitted to probate. The heirs of James McMurray are:

- Sidney McMurray, the widow
- Lucinda S. Herman, wife of Petitioner and dau. of James McMurray
- James McMurray, son aged 3 years
- William McMurray, of lawful age)
- Franklin McMurray, age about 19) grandchildren of James McMurray
- Caroline McMurray, age about 17) and children of Andrew McMurray,
- Amira McMurray, age about 13) deceased.
- Andrew McMurray, age about 11)

All the above are residents of Lauderdale County, Alabama. All the following heirs are residents of the state of Texas unless noted:

- Malinda Pricket, wife of Joel Pricket and dau. of James McMurray
- William McMurray, son of James McMurray
- Amira McDougall, daughter of James McMurray
- John E. McMurray) Grandsons of James McMurray, also residents of Texas
- Anderson McMurray)
- Lucinda Thornton, granddaughter of James McMurray and wife of Josiah F. Thornton, a resident of Tennessee.

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Signed with an "X"

JAMES McMURRAY

Dated: 7 Oct 1856
Prob: 20 Jan 1858

To my beloved wife, Sidney Maryanna McMurray, during her natural life or widowhood, the west half of the tract whereon my present dwelling house now stands containing 80 acres; also the 40 acres lying south of my dwelling house which was purchased from George Simmons who was the executor of the William Landman estate; and also the 40 acres west of the Landman tract, also purchased from George Simmons. My wife to also receive one horse, saddle, buggy, bureau and glass, six chairs, two beds and furniture, two cows and calves, ten head of sheep, twelve head of hogs, Five Hundred Dollars cash (\$500.), and such kitchen furniture and farming tools as may be necessary for her comfort.

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To my son, James Bradshaw McMurray, \$200 for his education.

To my daughter, Lucinda S. Herman, my Bible in three volumes.

My executors to sell my real and personal property and equally divide proceeds "among my several heirs [not named]."



Appoints friend William Herman executor.

Witness: Thomas Martindale, Charles Tomlinson.

Statement of Dr. W. E. Harraway

Dr. Harraway states he attended James McMurray during his last illness in which he made his will. McMurray consulted with Dr. Harraway the same day he made his will and it is Harraway's opinion that McMurray was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time he made and signed his will.

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Petition to Probate Will
George Duncan

Petitioner: Jane Duncan, widow of George Duncan
George Duncan died in Lauderdale County, Alabama, in April, 1857, with a will. Petitioner is his widow and the following children are his heirs at law and also residents of Lauderdale County, Alabama:

John J. Duncan, of full age
Nancy A. Duncan
William Duncan
Ebenezer Duncan

Witnesses to the will were Charles Sullivan, Ebenezer G. Young, and M. R. Whitten, all residents of Lauderdale County, Alabama.

Petitioner prays for probate of will.

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GEORGE DUNCAN

Dated: 17 March 1857
Prob: 8 June 1857

... being in a bad state of health in body but in common mind and memory ... pay all just debts ...

To my beloved wife, Jane Duncan, for her use and benefit forever, all my real and personal property.

Appoints wife, Jane Duncan, administratrix.

Witness: Charles Sullivan, Ebenezer G. Young, and M. R. Whitten

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Petition to Probate Will
Randal Eastes

Dated: 20 Oct 1857

Petitioner: Elizabeth Curtin by her next friend, W. B. Wood

Randal Eastes died October 20, 1857 leaving the following heirs:

Calvin Eastes of Lauderdale County, Alabama.
Barbary Eastes, "since married," (but petitioner does not know to whom),
a resident of Lawrenceburg, Lawrence County, Tennessee.

Petitioner prays for probate of will.

"This is my act and deed, being in sound mind, in the County of Lauderdale, State of Alabama, I do here give and convey all my notes, accounts, and debts due or falling due, with all my stock of cattle, hogs, horses, and all my personal property of every description with my horse to Elizabeth Curtin and her two children, Willis Ann and Calvin, for their especial use and benefit; all my debts, one to be paid out of the proceeds, and necessary expenses, are to be paid. I would wish Col. Hawkins, the Probate Judge, to take the management as he thinks will be most to their interest."

Witness: James J[A?] Turner, J. C. F. Wilson and W. S. Estes.
Note: Will copied verbatim.

Statement of James A. Turner, Witness

At the time Randal Eastes signed his will he was in his right mind and he dictated same to J. C. F. Wilson who write it down. At the same time Eastes spoke and conversed about his other affairs in a rational and sensible manner. He had been taking medicine every two or three hours and at times appeared to be in a stupor but at the time of the signing he was himself and knew what he was doing. At two different times afterwards, when he was in good health and sound mind and disposing memory, he read the said will in the presence of the witnesses and declared it was just as he wanted it and that he could not better it; this was several months after making his will.

Statement of William S. Estes, Witness

At the time Randal Estes signed his will he believes he was in his right mind; that at the time he conversed sensibly and rationally about other matters of his affairs.

... of sound mind ... pay just debts ...

My estate, perishable and real, is to be kept together until my youngest child arrives at full age. At that time my estate is to be divided equally among my wife and heirs at law if she is still living at that time.

If my wife, Sarah R. Thompson, remarries before my youngest child becomes of age I want my estate divided at that time between her and my heirs at law. [Note: children not named.]

I wish wife, Sarah R. Thompson, and my son, William A. Thompson, to be Executrix and Executor of my estate.

Witness: Champion Anderson and James Walston

* * *

Probate of Will: On January 30, 1857 both witnesses to the will swore that Thompson was of sound mind when he signed his will.



Petitioner: J. P. Bourland, executor.

Thomas Pruitt died at his residence in Lauderdale County, Alabama on April 11, 1857 having made a will. He left considerable property, some of which was undisposed of in the will.

The following persons are his heirs at law and by devise:

Elias Pruitt (a resident of Tennessee), H. A. Pruitt, C. L. Pruitt, and
Betsey Hardwick, wife of James M. Hardwick, residents of Lauderdale Co.

To my two sons, Elias Pruitt and H. A. Pruitt, one lot of negroes valued at \$2200 and the other lot valued at \$2250. [Note: Slaves in each lot were named.] Sons to draw for the lots and whichever gets the second lot is to pay the other \$25.00.

To my son, C. L. Pruitt, my slaves Reuben and Mary and the 80 acre tract on which he has resided the last two years.

To my daughter, Betsy Ann Jane Hardwick, and her children, my house and land containing 240 acres.

Appoints J. P. Bourland executor.

Witness: John B. Arnold, Jonathan B. Young, and John Carr.

... being weak in body but sound in mind ... pay just debts ... [Note: County and state not given but was probably Maury Co., Tn. since it was probated there.]

To my wife, Frances Allmond, and my son, William T. Allmond, the 350 acre tract of land where I now live neighboring David L. Derryberry and including the cave spring, mansion house, and farm. At death of wife it is to go to my son, William T. Allmond. The balance of my land is to be sold and the proceeds divided among my four daughters: Elizabeth See, Nancy Lemaster, Charlotte Lockridge, and Mary Edmonds.

To my wife, Frances, and son, William T., five slaves (named), waggon, yoke of oxen, 1/4 part of my horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, beds and bedsteads, kitchen furniture, books, and farming tools. The remaining 3/4 and my remaining slaves are to be sold at public sale and proceeds divided among my four daughters.

Appoints friend Robert A. Glenn executor.

Witness: Ezra Hardison &
W. G[Y?] Hurt.

CODICIL dated 17 March 1853
That part of my estate bequeathed to my daughter, Nancy Lemaster, I give to the heirs of her body.

Witness: D. C. Kennard & M. C. Roberts.



-To be continued in the next issue of Valley Leaves-



Lawrence



Rane Pruitt
Lawrence County Associate Editor

The following is a verbatim transcript from the original copy of a report to the Lawrence County Commission of monies received into the treasury. Not only does it show the date the monies were received but it shows who made the payment and the reason for that payment.

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF ROADS AND REVENUE

To the Honorable the Commissioners Court of Roads and Revenue for Lawrence County in the State of Alabama. Wiley Gallaway, Clerk of the County Court of Lawrence County and State aforesaid respectfully submits the following Exhibit as a Report of the moneys arising from the Revenue due said County for which he is chareable as such Clerk since the date of his last Report made to said Court November 19th, 1849.

1849 Clerk stands chargeable as follows, to wit -			
Nov	15	To Marriage license of William Blackston	.25
Nov	17	" Marriage license of John Canterbury	.25
Nov	17	" Certificate & Seal for Thomas D. Simms	.25
Nov	19	" Balance vs Clerk on last Report of this date	127.94½
Nov	19	" 2 certificates & Seals for William Reneau	.50
Nov	21	" Certificate & Seal for Crockett McDonald	.25
Nov	22	" 3 Certificates & Seals for Hugh D. Boazman	.75
Nov	22	" 2 " " " Isaac N. Owen	.50
Nov	22	" Marriage license of Wyly Wright	.25
Nov	23	" 2 Certificates & Seals for Richard Leigh	.50
Nov	23	" 4 Certificates & Seals for John J. McMahon	1.00
Nov	28	" Marriage license of John H. Hansell	.25
Nov	29	" " " James J. Peters	.25
Nov	29	" 2 Certificates & Seals for Estate of James Fennel	.50
Dec	1	" Marriage license of Henry D. Phillips	.25
Dec	1	" " " Elijah Williamson	.25
Dec	5	" " " John C. Gibson	.25
Dec	8	" Amt rec'd on Note given by Thos. W. Henderson for Paupery(?)	33.33 1/3
Dec	8	" 3 Certificates & Seals for Jack Shackelford	.75
Dec	11	" Marriage license of William R. Points	.25
Dec	11	" " " William Nicholson	.25
Dec	13	" " " William English	.25
Dec	18	" " " William H. Young	.25
Dec	18	" " " John T. Leckey	.25
Dec	5	" Amt recd of Jacob L. Norton on Stray Book B, p 396	15.00
Dec	13	" " " Elisha Martin " " " 395	1.25
Dec	19	" Certificate & Seal for Jackson C. Montgomery	.25
Dec	20	" Marriage license of George Crook	.25
Dec	20	" Certificate & Seal for Jesse Alsup	.25
Dec	20	" Amt recd of Wm. A. Milam on Stray Book B, p 396	9.00
Dec	21	" Marriage license of Daniel S[L?] Hawkins	.25
Dec	22	" " " Gilliem LeFever	.25
Dec	24	" Certificate & Seal for Dabney Key	.25
Dec	24	" " " James Moore	.25
Dec	24	" License on sale of 6 slaves of (blank) Pointer & Co.	30.25
Dec	25	" Certificate & Seal for David Simms	.25
Dec	25	" Certificate & Seal for W. H. T. Payne	.25

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Commissioners Court of Roads and Revenue (continued)

1849 continued					
Dec	28	"	Amt recd of David McCulloch on Stray Book B, p 397		.50
1850					
Jan	5	"	Certificate & Seal for Danl Q? McMillan		.25
Jan	10	"	2 Certificates & Seals for William F. Moseley		.50
Jan	10	"	Marriage license of William Aarons		.25
Jan	10	"	Certificate & Seal for John M. Jackson		.25
Jan	12	"	Marriage license of Riley J. Cassleberry		.25
Jan	15	"	Retailers license of James M. Beemer		15.25
Jan	19	"	Marriage license of James Burleson		.25
Jan	21	"	" " " Greenberry Fuller		.25
Jan	21	"	License on sale of 2 slaves of Polk & Bolerghjack		10.25
Jan	21	"	Retailers license of Larkin Gipson		15.25
Jan	23	"	Certificate & Seal for Thomas L? Drane		.25
Jan	23	"	Tavern license of William McKelvy		5.25
Jan	23	"	Certificate & Seal for Thomas Lovett		.25
Jan	23	"	" " " " Abel Lovett		.25
Jan	23	"	" " " " Daniel S. Roger [Royer/Boyer?]		.25
Jan	25	"	6 " " " " Darius(?) Lynch		1.50
Jan	25	"	" " " " John Dial (?)		.25
Jan	25	"	Retailers license of James D. Gray		15.25
Jan	26	"	Marriage license of Robert Sugg		.25
Jan	31	"	" " " George W. Sanders		.25
Feb	2	"	" " " Edward W. Salmon		.25
Feb	5	"	Certificate & Seal for Isaac Winston		.25
Feb	6	"	Retailers license of Wilson H. Martin		15.25
Feb	7	"	Certificate & Seal for William L? Dearing		.25
Feb	7	"	" " " " John S. Napier		.25
Feb	7	"	" " " " David G. Fort		.25
Feb	9	"	Marriage license of Thomas H. Homes		.25
Feb	9	"	" " " David M. White		.25
Feb	9	"	2 Certificates & Seals for Obadiah S. Davidson		.50
Feb	11	"	Certificate & Seal for William C. Graham		.25
Feb	12	"	" " " " Murry C. Smith		.25
Feb	15	"	" " " " Alfred L? Dearing		.25
Feb	15	"	" " " " David Hubbard		.25
Feb	15	"	" " " " John Gotcher		.25
Feb	16	"	" " " " Amos P. Gallaway		.25
Feb	16	"	" " " " Thos. L? Drane		.25
Feb	18	"	Amt recd of Gabriel Mullens on Stray Bk B, p 397		12.50
Feb	25	"	Certificate & Seal for Francis A. Leeper		.25
Feb	25	"	" " " " Jane H. Shelton		.25
Feb	26	"	" " " " William L? Dearing		.25
Feb	28	"	" " " " Thomas W. Warren		.25
Feb	28	"	2 Certificates & Seals for Samuel J? Porter		.50
Feb	28	"	3 Certificates & Seals for C. C. Gewin		.75
Feb	19	"	Amt recd of Henry Crowley on Stray Book B, p 399		2.00
March	1	"	Certificate & Seal for Isaac N. Owen		.25
March	9	"	" " " " Jack Shackelford		.25
March	11	"	" " " " Jesse G. Aldridge		.25
March	12	"	" " " " Elijah Stover		.25
March	14	"	" " " " James H. Tremble		.25
March	18	"	" " " " Jack Shackelford		.25
March	19	"	" " " " Thomas Masterson		.25
March	19	"	" " " " Edgar M. Swoope		.25
March	19	"	" " " " Thomas Lile		.25
March	20	"	" " " " James G. King		.25
March	20	"	Retailers license of Roland M. Webster		7.75
March	21	"	Certificate & Seal for Roland M. Webster		.25

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Commissioners Court of Roads and Revenue (continued)

1850 continued

March	30	To	Certificate & Seal for	(blank)	.25
April	1	"	Retailers license of	Elisha R. Bull	12.75
April	5	"	Certificate & Seal for	Thomas J. McDaniel	.25
April	5	"	"	Samuel S. Hennegan	.25
April	5	"	"	Andrew J. Jobe	.25
April	5	"	"	Estate of Benj. Sherrod	.25
April	5	"	"	Philip Tackett	.25
April	8	"	"	Lancaster C. McVay	.25
April	8	"	"	Vernetta Jobe	.25
April	8	"	"	Johnson C. Howell	.25
April	8	"	"	Kezia Berryman	.25
April	8	" 2	"	Daniel Gilchrist	.50
April	8	"	"	David Hubbard	.25
April	11	"	"	John M. Kimsey	.25
April	11	"	"	David P. Lewis	.25
April	26	" 2	"	Thomas L? Minor	.50
April	27	"	"	John M. Jackson	.25
April	29	"	"	James H. Cowan	.25
May	3	"	"	(blank)	.25
May	6	"	"	John M. Jackson	.25
May	13	"	"	John M. Jackson	.25
May	13	"	"	David Borden	.25
May	13	"	"	Charner A. Grant	.25
May	13	"	"	William Warren	.25
May	13	"	"	James K. Townsend	.25
May	13	"	"	John Greenslade	.25
May	13	"	"	Joel Denton	.25
May	13	"	"	Woodford U. LeMay (or Sella?)	.25
May	13	"	"	Thomas J. Chenault	.25
May	14	" 2	"	Thomas H. Jones	.50
May	14	" 3	"	Richard Jones	.75
May	14	" 2	"	Hugh D. Bouzman	.50
May	14	"	"	Thomas D. Simms	.25
May	14	"	"	Thomas R. Brooks	.25
May	16	"	"	Claeburn G. Appleton	.25
May	16	"	"	Irvin McCrary	.25
					Amt. debits 363.77½
1849			Contra	Credits	
Dec	8		By amt receipt of	Jno Irwin on County credited No. 1	33.33 1/3
1850					
May	9		By amt receipt of	Crockett McDonald Treasurer 2	51.95
			"	" Commissions on \$40.25 collected on strays	2.01½
					87.29½

Leaving against the clerk a balance of Two hundred and seventy six dollars & forty eight cents. Your clerk would ask leave to state that the greater portion of the taxes with which he has charged himself is still uncollected. He would likewise state that besides the above exhibit he has received some five or six dollars in part of the taxes on the sale of a slave from Pointer & Co., but has not thought it best to report that until he receives the balance. He is also informed that there is some taxes for the sale of slaves deposited in the hand of individuals but it has not been paid nor does your clerk know the amount all of which is respectfully submitted sworn to and subscribed before me the undersigned the 20th day of May 1850.

Wiley Gallaway

C. McDonald JP

DAVID MASON ESTATE

Sale of Property

The following list of purchasers, amounts, and items sold were taken from the estate papers of David Mason, deceased. The sale was held June 13, 1827. Copied and contributed by Rane Pruitt, Lawrence County Associate Editor.

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"At a return day of the County Court of Lawrence County in the State of Alabama, began and held in vacation at the Court House in the Town of Moulton on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in May, 1827. Present, the Honorable Peter W. Taylor, Esquire, Judge of said court.

"Ordered that the administrator of the Estate of David Mason, deceased, be permitted to sell the crop of cotton of the deceased, being the growth of 1826 supposed to be about seventy bales [of cotton] together with the surplus corn and fodder of said deceased, [and] any horses or stock not mentioned in said writing that he may think proper to sell.

<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Item</u>
Robert Fenner	\$17.50	10 Barrells Corn	W. W. Harper	\$ 7.00	1 Bull
W. W. Harper & Co.	17.50	"	B. Young	11.50	2 Red heifers
Wilkins Harper	17.50	"	James Wall	26.50	3 cows & 1 yearling
Ish[Josh?] Dunn	17.50	"	A. T. Shaw	10.00	2 Heifers
Joshua Lundy	35.00	"	W. McGregor	12.62-1/2	1 Beef Cow
A. T. Shaw	17.50	"	Wm. G. Doyle	9.40	1 Cow & Heifer
A. Sale	19.05	5 Barrells Corn	D. Wright	8.00	1 White Cow
J. Florance	9.05	"	D. Hall	5.00	Old Plough Irons
B. Jones	17.60	10 Barrells Corn	Rebe Elliott	20.00	1 Oxe Cart
B. Jones	18.00	"	B. Jones	12.25	1 Small wagon
Thomas B. Jones	935.53	30 Bailes Cotton	Jacob Smith	5.82	1 Barrel Salt
J. T. Abernatta	223.90	10 Bailes Cotton	J. Couch	5.52	"
William Lynn	265.65	"	G. Walton	11.78	2 Barrells Salt
W. B. Mason	146.00	1 Saddle Horse	R. Burress	10.80	"
M. Wall	31.00	1 Bay Mare	J. Couch	6.00	1 Barrel Salt
James Wall	42.00	1 Gray Mare	W. Harper	5.50	"
W. D. Hart	45.00	1 Old Mule	Hampton	5.92	"
B. J. Jones	80.00	1 Young Mule	A. T. Shaw	5.92	"
W. McGregor	15.25	1 Harness	James Wall	14.00	1 Mans Saddle
A. Shaw	5.00	1 large Carry Plough	S. Merdeth	18.75	"
D. Hall	.50	1 Cotton Scrapper	James Wall	24.00	16 head Sheep
B & L Harper	19.06-1/4	4 yearlings	J. Smith	2.62	1 Broad Axe
B. C. Burnett	13.00	1 Yoke old steers	B. Harris	8.00	1 Log Chain
B. C. Burnett	16.93	4 Heifers	D. Hall	7.30	1 Barrel Salt
W. W. Harper	9.62	3 Yearlings		Total... \$1,965.84	

Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, W. W. Harper, Administrator of David Mason, Deceased, who made oath the above is a true account of the Sale of the property of D. Mason, deceased, therein mentioned on the 13th day of June 1827. Sworn to & Subscribed before me October 11, 1827.

/s/ Andrew O. Horn, Clerk

At a return day of the County Court of Lawrence County in the State of Alabama began and held in vacation at the Court House in the Town of Moulton on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in October 1827, Being the 17th day of said month, Present the Honorable Peter W. Taylor, Esquire, Judge of the Said Court. Ordered that the amount of the sale of the personal Estate of David Mason, decd., be recorded and admitted to record. Recorded in Book B, Pages 247 &^C - copied from the original and recorded 8th March 1830.



Limestone



ORPHANS COURT MINUTES, 1824 - 1830

(Part seven of several parts)

Please refer to the September, 1983 issue for a full introduction to this series. Part 1 of this series was run in September, 1982.

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216	113	21 Aug 1827	<u>William Cowan Est.</u> William Cowan and Nancy Cowan ordered to appear in court on the 3rd Monday in Sept. with their accounts and vouchers and be ready for final settlement, otherwise, an attachment will be issued against them for contempt of court.
217	114	18 Aug 1827	<u>James Slaughter Est.</u> Sarah A. Slaughter applied for and received Letters Testamentary after giving \$400 bond with Ezekiel Birdseye and William T. Gamble her securities. The will has already been proven. Sarah A. Slaughter was ordered to offer at public sale the personal property of this estate in compliance with the will. John R. Evans, Charles B. Matthews, and William B. Higgins were appointed to appraise the personal estate.
218	114	18 Aug 1827	<u>Polly Stegall Guardianship</u> Kelly Stegall, guardian of Polly Stegall, was ordered to appear in court on 10 Sept 1827 to show cause why his letters of Guardianship should not be revoked.
219	114	3 Sept 1827	<u>Agness and Richard Jones Guardianship</u> Wade H. Vining gave further security as guardian of Agness and Richard Jones. John R. Evans, George S. Johns [Jones?], James T. Driver, and Nathaniel Hancock were his securities.
220	115-6	3 Sept 1827	<u>Robert Austin, Jr., Clerk of County Court Performance Bond</u> Robert Austin Jr. was appointed Clerk of the County Court by Gov. John Murphy on 4 Sept 1827. Austin gave \$10,000 performance bond with Andrew J. Edmondson, George Phillips, Samuel Tanner, Hubbard H. Hobbs, James K. Murrah, Hardy Robinson, James Craig, Theophilus Thomas, Abner Hargrove, Robert C. David, and Phillip Blessing, his securities.
221	116	3 Sept 1827	<u>Edward R. Scarbaus Est.</u> Gabriel Smith "and the next of kin of Edward R. Scarbaus" are ordered to appear in court on the second Monday in September 1827 to show cause why his Letters of Administration should not be granted to Benjamin W. McKinney.
222	116	3 Sept 1827	<u>Henry Chambers Est</u> On the complaint of Ruffin Coleman and Nicholas Davis, securities of John McKinly and Arthur F. Hopkins, executors of Henry Chambers, decd., McKinly and Hopkins are ordered to appear in court on the third Monday in Sept., 1827 to release Coleman and Davis from their securityships and to give further security.

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223	116	3 Sept 1827	<u>James R. Patterson Est.</u> William Dewoody, Admr., states this estate is insolvent. The court ordred that all persons having claims against the estate file evidence of their claim with the Clerk of the Court within eight months. This order is to be put in some paper printed in the town of Huntsville for two successive months and posted at the door of the Athens Courthouse.
224	117	10 Sept 1827	<u>Harris Guardianships (John and Allan Harris)</u> John Harris and Allan Harris, under age 21 but over age 14, chose Robert Lewis their guardian. Lewis gave \$2000 bond with James Craig and Samuel D. White his securities.
225	117	10 Sept 1827	<u>Harris Guardianships (Charles and Matilda Harris)</u> Robert Lewis was appointed guardian of Charles Harris and Matilda Harris, infants under age 14. He gave \$2500 bond with James Craig and Samuel D. White his securities.
226	117	10 Sept 1827	<u>Stegall Guardianship (Polly Stegall)</u> Kelly Stegall, guardian of Polly Stegall, was cited to appear this day and show cause why his Letters of Guardianship should not be recinded. He did not appear and his guardianship is recinded and void.
227	124	13 Sept 1827	<u>Thomas C. Gill Estate</u> Thomas C. Gill died without a will and M. M. Gill, his widow, re-linquished her right to administer. Gardner Gill was appointed the administrator after giving \$550 bond with John Maples and William Redus, his securities. The Administrator was ordered to sell at public sale the perishable property of this estate. William Inghish, George G. Wilson, and George W. Fisher were appointed to appraise the personal estate.
228	117	14 Sept 1827	<u>Henry Chambers Estate</u> Arthur F. Hopkins and John McKinley, executors of Henry Chambers, decd., released their securities, Ruffin Coleman and Nicholas Davis. Coleman and Davis were replaced by LeRoy Pope who gave \$50,000 bond.
229	118	14 Sept 1827	<u>Richard B. McGehee Estate</u> Richard B. McGehee died without a will. Livingston S. McGehee applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$2000 bond with Fountain McGehee and Alexander G. Jones, his securities. Thomas H. Thatch, James W. Walker and Hamilton Kyle were appointed to appraise the personal property of this estate. The administrator was ordered to expose to public sale the perishable property of this estate.
230	118	14 Sept 1827	<u>John Key Estate</u> John Key died without a will. Isabella Key and Samuel D. Key applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$13,000 bond with Byrd Crawley, Samuel D. White, and Levi Edmondson, their securities. James W. Walker, Samuel D. White, and Hamilton Kyle were appointed to appraise the personal property of this estate. The administrators were ordered to sell the perishable property at public sale. The crop of this estate was ordered sold at private sale.
231	119	28 Sept 1827	<u>Polly Stegall guardianship</u> Polly Stegall, over 14 years of age, chose Robert C. Davis as her guardian. Davis gave \$500 bond with James K. Murrah and Philip Blessing as his securities.

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232	120	15 Oct 1827	<u>Joseph Lattimore Estate</u> Joseph Lattimore died without a Will. Willis Dana applied for, and received, Letters of Administration after giving \$200 bond with Samuel Farmer as his security. Woodford Owens, Randolph Mitchell and Joe Hill were appointed to appraise the personal property. The perishable property was ordered sold at public sale.
233	120-1	15 Oct 1827	<u>Edward R. Scarbrough Estate</u> Edward R. Scarbrough died without a will. Benjamin W. McKinney applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$1000 bond with Augustin McKinney and Charles McKinney his securities. John P. Malone, Silas Hine and Thomas Wilson were appointed to appraise the personal property. The administrator was ordered to sell a negro girl named Lizza and the perishable property at public sale.
234	141	15 Oct 1827	<u>Sarah Lee Estate</u> Thomas Bass, Calvin Hine and John P. Malone were appointed to appraise the personal property belonging to the estate of Sarah Lee, deceased. The perishable property was ordered sold at public sale.
235	121	15 Oct 1827	<u>William York Estate</u> William York died without a will. Sarah York applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$400 bond with Isaac Thrasher and Cornelius Cook as her securities. Jacob Powell, Benjamin Niles, and Benjn. Pollock were appointed to appraise the personal property. The Administratrix ordered to sell the perishable property at public sale.
236	122	20 Oct 1827	<u>Milly Beckham Estate</u> Howell C. Featherstone, Administrator of Milly Beckham, deceased, applied to the court to sell the slaves belonging to this estate since equitable distribution can not be made among the heirs without a sale. Permission granted and slaves ordered sold. The crop of this estate was ordered sold at private sale.
237	122	23 Oct 1827	<u>Robert Henry Estate</u> Samuel D. White, surviving administrator of Robert Henry, deceased, states that the estate of Robert Henry is insolvent. All persons having claims against the estate are required to file their claims with the Clerk of this court within six months. Notice of same is to be published in a Huntsville newspaper for two months successively and a copy posted on the Athens Courthouse door.
238	122	24 Oct 1827	<u>Jane Scott Estate</u> The executor of the Last Will and Testament of Jane Scott was ordered to sell the property of this estate according to the will.
239	123	25 Oct 1827	<u>John H. Coleman Estate</u> The Administrator report this estate is insolvent. The court ordered George Keys, William T. Gamble and Robert C. David, as commissioners, to receive all claims of creditors.
240	123-4	27 Oct 1827	<u>John Elliott Estate</u> John Elliott died without a will. John Malone applied for, and was granted, Letters of Administration after giving \$600 bond with Abner McGaugh and ___[blank]___ his securities. Roland Gatewood, Thomas Clifton, and Thomas Johnson were appointed to appraise the personal property of this

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			estate. The perishable property was ordered sold at public sale.
241	124	30 Oct 1827	<u>Thomas Vining Estate</u> John Vining, Administrator, states an equitable division of the slaves belonging to this estate can not be made among the heirs and distributees without a sale, therefore, the slaves were ordered sold at public sale.
242	125	5 Nov 1827	<u>William Wales Estate</u> William Wales died without a will. His widow, Catharine Wales, in writing has relinquished her right to administer the estate. Charles S. Clemons applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving a \$1200 bond with Allison Hodges and Thomas Hardiman his securities. William Hughes, Jesse Atkisson and James Hargrove was appointed to appraise the personal property of this estate. The perishable property was ordered sold at public sale.
243	126	9 Nov 1827	<u>John L. Darwin Estate</u> John L. Darwin died without a will. His widow, Mary Darwin, relinquished her right to administer, in writing. William Darwin applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$1000 bond with Paul Hildreth and Philip Barnes, his securities. Augustus Smith, Joseph D. Peebles, Tinsley Davis, and E. Walls were appointed to appraise the personal property of this estate. The perishable property was ordered sold at public sale.
244	126-7	9 Nov 1827	<u>Richard B. McGehee Estate</u> Richard B. McGehee died without a will. John C. McGehee applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$2000 bond with Fountain McGehee and Hamilton Kyle, his securities. Thomas H. Thach, James W. Walker, and Hamilton Kyle were appointed to appraise the personal property of this estate. The perishable property was ordered sold at public sale.
245	127	13 Nov 1827	<u>Thomas Vining Estate</u> John Vining, Admr., by his attorney, appeared in court and filed a petition praying for a sale of the real estate since a fair and equitable division can not be made among the heirs without a sale. Citations ordered issued to heirs to show cause, if any, why land should not be sold. It is ordered that: Wade H. Vining Margaret Ragsdale Henry Avent and Sarah, his wife, late Sarah Vining George Campbell and Jane W., his wife, late Jane W. Vining Thomas Gray and Matilda, his wife, late Matilda Vining Hezekiah Ford and Nancy, his wife, late Nancy Vining John R. Evans and Martha H., his wife, late Martha H. Vining and Thomas V. Greer be cited to appear in court on the 3rd Monday in Dec., 1827 to answer said petition. Ordered that Robert Austin be appointed guardian of Thomas V. Greer, an infant.
246	128	15 Nov 1827	<u>John Murphy Guardianship</u> John Murphy, over age 14, personally appeared in court and chose William Clifton his guardian. Clifton gave \$2000 bond with Abner McGaughy and William Black his security.
247	128	15 Nov 1827	<u>Ezekiel England Estate</u>

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			Ezekiel England Estate (-continued-) On application of John H. Williams and William Patton it is ordered by the Court that James Cox and Parham Wall, Administrators of Ezekiel England, deceased, appear in court in Athens on the 4th Monday of December, 1827 with their accounts and vouchers ready for final settlement. James Cox and Parham Wall are not inhabitants of this state and publication is, therefore, ordered in a newspaper in the town of Huntsville for three successive weeks.
248	128-9	16 Nov 1827	<u>William Hargrove Estate</u> William Hargrove died without a will. Abner Hargrove applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$15,000 bond with John Mitchell, Benjamin Hargrove, and James Hargrove his securities. Reuben Tillman, Joel Eddins, and Benjamin Hargrove were ordered to appraise the personal property of this estate. The perishable property is ordered sold at public sale. The crop was ordered sold at private sale.
249	129	22 Nov. 1828	<u>Thomas C. Gill Estate</u> The administrator of Thomas C. Gill's estate was ordered to sell the crop of the estate at private sale.
250	130	28 Nov 1827	<u>James H. Beckham Guardianship</u> John H. Beckham, over age 14, appeared in open court and chose Abner Beckham his guardian. Abner Beckham gave \$800 bond with Samuel Tanner and John R. Evans, his securities.
251	130	28 Nov 1827	<u>Benjamin Fox Estate</u> John Fox, acting executor of Benjamin Fox, decd., states the property of this estate already sold is insufficient to pay the debts of the estate, therefore, it is ordered that the following slaves be sold at public sale to pay said debts: Peggy Cox, a yellow girl; Booker, a man; Joshua, a man, Little Ivan[?]; and Perry, a boy.
252	130	29 Nov 1827	<u>White Guardianships (Nancy, John, William, Rutha, Martha White)</u> William White and Rutha White, infant children of James White, decd., over age 14, appeared in court and chose Mary White their guardian. Mary was appointed their guardian and also guardian of the following children under agr 14: Martha White Nancy White John W. White Mary gave \$1000 bond with Samuel Tanner and Covington Edmondson her securities.
253	131	3 Dec 1827	<u>Ebenezer Luster Estate</u> John Mowery, Administrator, filed his accounts and vouchers for final settlement. Publication ordered in a Huntsville newspaper for 40 successive days requiring all interested persons to appear in Athens in court on the 3rd Monday in February, 1828, to show cause, if any, why final settlement should not be made.
254	131	3 Dec 1827	<u>John P. Miller Guardianship</u> John P. Miller, over age 14, appeared in court and chose Anderson Miller his guardian. Anderson Miller gave \$7000 bond with William Miller and William P. Young his securities.
255	131	7 Dec 1827	<u>John Elliott Estate</u> The Admr. of John Elliott is ordered to sell the crop at private sale.

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256	132	10 Dec 1827	<u>William Walls Estate</u> The Administrator of William Walls is ordered to sell a lease made by John White and James Crawford and assigned by Crawford to James Dotson and by Dotson to the said William Walls, decd., for the term of six years commencing 10 July 1823 (?). The other property of the deceased is not sufficient to pay the estate's debts without sale of said lease.
257	132	12 Dec 1827	<u>Alexander R. Neely and William P. A. Neeley Guardianship</u> Alexander R. Neely and William P. A. Neely, infant children of James Neely, over age 14, appeared in court and chose George Dillard their guardian. Dillard gave \$1500 with George S. Johnson, James Neely, and Cornelius Malone his securities.
258	132-3	13 Dec 1827	<u>Charles King Estate</u> Charles King died without a will and Elizabeth King, his widow, relinquished her right to administration, in writing. William E. Phillips and Calvin J. King applied for, and received, Letters of Administration after giving \$50,000 bond with David Cannon, William I. Adair, and Thomas Love their securities. Thomas P. Washington, Benjamin Pate, and John Harris were ordered to appraise the personal property of this estate. The perishable property was ordered sold at public sale.
259	133	14 Dec 1827	<u>John Lucas and Robert Lucas Guardianships</u> John R. Lucas was appointed guardian of his two infant sons, John and Robert Lucas, after giving bond in the amount of <u>[blank]</u> with John J. Simmons and Benjamin R. Wallace, his securities.
260	133-4	14 Dec 1827	<u>Lucas Guardianships</u> On petition of John R. Lucas (guardian of John and Robert Lucas) and Benjamin R. Wallace and Rebecca Wallace (late Rebecca Lucas) it is ordered that William Richardson, Waddy Tate, Paul Mitchell, Samuel D. Key, and John W. Withers be appointed commissioners to assign the portion of one child to Benjamin R. Wallace and Rebecca R. Wallace, his wife, formerly Rebecca R. Lucas, according to the instructions in the Last Will & Testament of <u>[blank]</u> Brown, decd.
261	134	17 Dec 1827	<u>Thomas Vining Estate</u> John Vining, Admr., asked for the sale of the real estate of this estate and same was so ordered by the court. Washington Keyes, William Richardson, and Philip Barnes were appointed to sell Lot No. 52, part of Lot No. 51, and part of Lot No. 54, all in the town of Athens, to the highest bidder at public auction.
262	134	18 Dec 1827	<u>Hargrove guardianships</u> (Hawkins L., Benj. F. & Wade H. Hargrove) Hawkins L. Hargrove, Benjamin F. Hargrove, and Wade H. Hargrove, children of William Hargrove, deceased, over age 14, appeared in court and chose Abner Hargrove their guardian. Abner gave \$1000 bond with Charles J. Clemons, Benjamin Hargrove, and James Hargrove, his securities.
263	135	21 Dec 1827	<u>Benjamin Fox Estate</u> Archelaus M. Bradley and Eliza B. Bradley (his wife), late Eliza B. Fox, widow and relict of Benjamin Fox, decd., petitioned for a division of the estate according to Fox's will. A citation ordered issued to John Fox, executor, to appear in court on 28 Dec 1827 to show cause, if any, why division can not be made.

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Madison



ROBERTSON BREWER FAMILY BIBLE

This Bible record was contributed by Mrs. R. G. Lowe, 421 North Locust St., Florence, Al 35630. It belongs to Mr. L. Eugene Powell, Sr., of Madison, Alabama. It was published in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1825 and is now in very poor condition. The family notes have also been supplied by Mrs. Lowe.

BIRTHS

Robertson Brewer was born the 18 of Sept. 1798
Robert Brewer was Born Febuary 5th 1819
Joseph Brewer was [born] Febuary 10th 1822
Mary A[nn] Brewer was born January 10th 1824
Margaret Brewer was born January 20th 1826
William R. Brewer was born January 7th 1828
Ann Eliza Brewer was Born August 15th 1832
Hester P. Brewer was Born July the 4th 1798 [She was nee Procter]
Margaret H. Brewer was Born June 7th 1845
John Robertson Tunstill was Born December 5th 1848
Hester Procter Beadle was Born June 23th 1854
Mary Ann Brewer was Born November 10th 1855
Sarah Emily Beadle was Born March the 8, 1857
William Robertson Beadle was Born Febuary the 18, 1860
Mary A[lice] Beadle was Born 19th September 1863
Ada and Ida Beadle was Born April 4th 1865
William T. Powell the [Sic] Was Born March the 16, 1871
Charlie F. Powell was born July the 13, 1873
Ioma O. Powell was born June 18th 1875
Myrtle Powell [was born] Aug. 11, 1877
Anna [Annie] Powell [was born] Aug. 30, 1879
Napoleon S. Powell was Bornd July 16 the 1850, Died Aug. 1, 1928
Hester Procter Beadle was Born June 23, 1854, Died Mar. 20, 1927

MARRIAGES

Robertson Brewer was marid May 25th 1818 to Hester Proctare
Mary A[nn] Brewer was maried Feby 5th 1845 to Robert Tunstill
Robertson Brewer was marid Febuary 25th 1844 to Margaret Hatchett
Ann Eliza Brewer was married to Thomas Beadle Febuary 16th 1853
Joseph Brewer was married to Maria Oliver November 30th 1853
W. R. Beadle and Lizzie Timmons were married June 29, 1910
Mary A. Tunstill was married to Alfred F[rank] Spain December the 24, 1859
W. R. Beadle and Lizzie Timmons was married the 29th June 1910
Hester P. Beadle was married To Napoleon S. Powell November the 4, 1869
Sarah E. Beadle was Married to John Jordan September the 18, 1886
Mary A. Beadle was Married to F. M. Trotman October the 17, 1882
Ada T. Beadle was married to W. F. Garner November 22, 1888

DEATHS

Margaret Brewer died 19 of November 19th 1826
Wm. R. Brewer dyed August 15th 1833
Hester Brewer dyed 30th of Sept. 1842 the wife of R. Brewer
Margarett Brewer died 26 of June 1845 the wife of R. Brewer
Margarett H. Brewer died July 10th 1845 - infant.

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Brewer Bible Record (-continued-)

Deaths:

Robert Brewer died October 19th 1853
 Robert B. Tunstill died January the 11th 1858
 Roberson Brewer died July the 4, 1859
 Joseph Brewer died February the 8, 1861
 Ida Beadle died June the 13, 1865
 Thomas Beadle Died Febuary the 8, 1866
 Mrs. Annie E. Beadle died Sept. 9, 1895
 John R. Tunstill Died January the 3, 1871
 Mary A[nn] Brewer Died Oct. 26, 1878
 Mary A. Spain died August the 1, 1866
 A. F. Spain died Aug. 18, 1894
 Ada T. Garner died 24th June 1925.

-End Bible Record-

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So often in reading an old family Bible it is difficult to determine where each person belonged in the family group. Mrs. Lowe has graciously included that information:

Children of Robertson Brewer and Hester (Hetty) Procter Brewer:

1. Robert Brewer
2. Joseph Brewer
3. Mary Ann Brewer
4. Margaret Brewer
5. William R. Brewer
6. Annie Eliza Brewer

Child of Robertson Brewer and Margaret Hatchett [Second wife]

1. Margaret H. Brewer

Child of Joseph Brewer and Maria Oliver:

1. Mary Ann Brewer

Child of Mary Ann Brewer and John Robert Tunstill:

2. John Robert Tunstill

Children of Annie Eliza Brewer and Thomas Beadle:

1. Hester Procter Beadle
2. Sarah Emily Beadle
3. William Robertson Beadle
4. Mary Alice (Mollie) Beadle
5. Ada Thomas Beadle
6. Ida Beadle

Children of Hester Procter Beadle and Napoleon S. Powell:

1. William T. Powell
2. Charlie F. Powell
3. James O. Powell
4. Emma M. Powell
5. Anna (Annie) Powell

Thomas Beadle lived in Township 4, Range 1 West and is buried southwest of Huntsville on Beadle farm, now Redstone Arsenal. F. M. Trotman lived in Township 4, Range 2 West. William F. Garner lived at Monrovia and William Robertson Beadle lived at 506 West Clinton St. in Huntsville.

THE CAPSHAW FAMILY

The following letter was written by Dr. Preston Capshaw for Benjamin Preston Capshaw. It is in the possession of, and contributed by, Betty L. Taylor of Athens, Alabama. Dr. Preston Capshaw's tombstone is in the Hobbs Cemetery in Madison County but without dates. He married Amanda, daughter of John Hobbs. Dr. Capshaw was born ca 1811 in Alabama according to the 1850 census but he is not shown in the 1860 census. The footnotes are editorial comments and findings.

"My father's family were all large people, all had black or brown eyes and a part of them curly hair, and all had large heads. My father and all his brothers and sisters that I ever saw were slow spoken, all the briskness of speech found in the family came from Mother's side.

"Dr. Preston Capshaw, a little vindictive and hard to reconcile, served as Justice of the Peace for many years and was noted for his impartiality to belligerents, he was a familiar reader of the Bible, but did not proffer to adhere to Christianity, but on the contrary, he was an avowed Arion or Unitarian.

"Essick Capshaw came to this country from Wales about the year 1740 and settled in Baltimore. He soon after married Mrs. Johnson,¹ a widow of that city, and went to live on her plantation. They had two children, William and Essick.² (The Essick who came from Wales in 1740 was Cousin Preston Capshaw's great-grandfather.)

"After the death of their father, the two sons, William and Essick, moved to North Carolina and settled on the Roanoke River³ where the principal crops were grain and tobacco. They were prosperous and highly respected and accumulated a good property.

"Essick married a Miss (Wicks?). He was a very passionate man and after getting into trouble on account of his hasty temper, which finally resulted in his taking the life of the high Sheriff of the county in which he lived, resulted in his financial ruin. Previous to this, he had been prosperous but much given to sporting. After the ruin occasioned by this sad affair, he and his son, Essick, went to Louisiana, then a French province. The son married a Creole lady of wealth, but she died leaving no children.

"William married a young lady from Virginia named Watkins, of good family. She became the mother of eight children⁴ all of whom lived to mature age and reared families. William was a very quiet, peacable man, slow to anger and much loved by his neighbors. Essick was a Whig⁵ and William a Tory [Royalist], though he took no active part in the war—as the war waxed warm the Whigs began to hang the Tories. My grandfather (this is William, cousin Preston Capshaw's grandfather) prudently resided within the British lines. (I suppose he went from North Carolina to Virginia when he went into the British lines or

1. As in all undocumented family histories, one must question some of the statements made in this letter. For instance, a Tyron County, North Carolina deed dated 23 October 1769 shows that John Stanford deeded land on the north side of Main Broad River to Essex Capshaw, "son of Francis Capshaw, decd., and Elizabeth, his relict" for the "natural love to his half brother, the said Essex Capshaw." This indicates the boys' father was Francis, not Essick, and that he married a lady named Elizabeth Stanford (also written Stanford), not Johnson, unless she was married to Johnson in between her Stanford and Capshaw marriages. Furthermore, Elizabeth had children by her marriage to Stanford and her two families were apparently quite close.

2. They may have had more children as Tyron County, North Carolina deed records show not only Essex and William but also one James Capshaw.

3. Deeds show they owned land on White Oak Creek on the south side of Green River, Tyron Co.

4. The 1790 North Carolina Federal census shows William with 1 male in household over 16, four males under 16, and four females; no slaves. One child was apparently born after 1790.

5. Apparently this is in error as Essex Capshaw is shown in 1780 and 1781 as receiving pay for his service with the British in Zachariah Gibbs' Regiment, Spartan Militia, Ninety Six Brigade, a private.

he may have gone farther down than Virginia.) On his return home he found it in ruins, his slaves had been driven off and sold or scattered. He continued to live on the same place for many years. At the age of sixty years he became totally blind and so remained until the day of his death which occurred at the age of eighty-six. After he became blind he resided with his youngest daughter until he died, leaving her a family of likely negroes for her trouble.

"These are the names of William Capshaw's children: Esther, James, Rebecca, Josiah, William, Daniel,¹ Elinor, and David.

"Esther married a man named George Wilson,² but I know nothing of her or her family.

"James was a very quiet, sober man in his youth, but in early manhood he had the misfortune to take the life of another and that marred the whole of his after-life. He and his brother Josiah moved to East Tennessee³ where their children grew up.

"Rebecca married John Tubbs[?] and I know nothing further about her.

"There is no mention of Daniel or Elinor. Perhaps they stayed in the old country in North Carolina. Cousin Preston Capshaw does not say what became of them.

"David and William⁴ came to Alabama together in 1808⁵ when the country was a wilderness, but it soon had many newcomers and cotton commenced to be planted and was hauled in wagons in the seed to Nashville. In 1810 David and William built the first cotton gin in the Tennessee Valley and sold it at a large profit and immediately built another which David ran for many years.⁶ He secured a good tract of land and brought up his eleven children, all of whom lived to be over 30 years of age.

"David was born in 1781 and died in 1840.⁷ He was full six feet high, broad shoulders and his carriage was very erect. He had large black eyes and black curly hair. He was quite passionate when provoked but was warm and cordial in his attachment to his friends and a kind and hospitable neighbor to an enemy. He was avowedly open and perhaps a little vindictive. He made his home at the foot of what is yet called Capshaw Mountain where all his children were born and reared. He was a natural mechanic and could fabricate any tool or instrument he needed, but always in a rough manner. He was not a neat farmer but a successful one, always having a surplus for sale. He had a large peach orchard and added to his income by the sale of Brandy. He never owned but a few slaves and these only a short time. He hated Negroes and never allowed them to loiter about his place. He often told me when I was a

1. The index to the 1830 Alabama Census by Gandrud shows Daniel Capshaw living in Pickens County, Alabama.

2. George Wilson is also shown as living in Pickens County in the 1830 Ala. Fed. Census index.

3. Josiah, James, and William L. Capshaw are shown on the 1830 Federal Census as living in Warren County, Tennessee [Middle Tennessee, not East Tennessee.]

4. William Capshaw obtained a license to marry Mary McKinney 9 June 1813 according to Madison County's Marriage Book I.

5. Not in the Madison County 1809 Squatter Census; David first listed on the tax lists in 1812 and William in 1815. William and his sons, James and Josiah, are listed in the 1810 Rutherford Co., N.C. Federal Census which indicates they did not leave North Carolina until between 1810 and 1812.

6. The Madison County Federal Tract Book shows David Capshaw purchased the SW/4 Sec. 32-2-2W on 3 April 1814. Deeds show he purchased 45 acres in the SW corner of the NW/4 Sec. 4-3-2W from James and Hannah Kenzey on 1 March 1815. If the Capshaws owned land prior to this there is no record of it.

7. David Capshaw's estate was admitted to probate in Madison County, Alabama 9 September 1839. In his estate file is a letter from his widow, Mary, which states that David died on 11 March 1839 and she relinquishes her right of administration in favor of her son, David G. Capshaw.

mere boy that on a not too distant day would be the occasion of a terrible war that would result in his [the negro's] freedom and advised me if I should make money, never to invest in that property, but in land which could neither die or run away. He despised the Yankee reformers and abolitionists for wishing to turn such a cursed race loose among the Whites.

"In regard to education, he believed the three "R's" enough for a boy to start in life with. If the grit was in him he could build on that to any height. He allowed his boys great liberty, allowing them to attend all public gatherings except going at night to camp meetings, which he held to be demoralizing. To boys he was always respected; by his acquaintances, for his faithfulness and firmness. He would not commit a falsehood under any circumstance, (his motto was: "Tell the truth and shame the devil.") As a general thing he was liberal and indulgent toward his children. Yet in many things he was harsh and unyielding and often impressed them more powerfully with fears than with respect, so much so that he failed in securing the unlimited confidence and esteem so desirable in leading them forward in the way they should go.

"The maiden name of his wife was Mary McCracken; her father was James McCracken who came to this country from Scotland. Her mother was Mary Smith who came to this country when she was two years old from Ireland.

"Mary McCracken Capshaw was a perfect model of industry and economy. She seldom went from home but devoted her whole time to domestic employment and the care of her children. She was small and sprightly, with clear blue eyes and curly brown hair. Never knew her to have a serious attack of illness till after she was sixty years old. She died at [the home of] her daughter, Cassa, of lung disease in 1857. She was born in 1792. A stone marks the grave in the cemetery near Rogersville, Alabama. The children were Cassa, Preston, James McCracken, Robert Smith, David Granville, John William, Aroma, Calvin Rush, Mary, Caswell Carver and Benjamin Franklin.

"Cassa married John Simpson¹ who died on his farm near Rogersville. They had five sons and two daughters. Two sons perished at Corinth during the [Civil] war. The rest have families except George who lives in Texas.

"James married twice. Each time to a widow. He and his second wife died of yellow fever in Houston, leaving a son about 16 years of age. He was educated by his uncle Preston. At the end of the second session, he went to Military School in Nashville. He returned home and enlisted in the Confederate Army, was wounded at Fort Donelson or taken prisoner. He remained so for a year, was exchanged, joined his command. On his return, he died in the hospital at Grenada, Mississippi.

"Robert was killed in the U. S. Army during the war with Mexico. I heard Ma speak of Bob Capshaw often.

"David married at the age of 14 years and moved to Arkansas where he raised four sons and three daughters. Some of his children still live in St. Francis County, Arkansas.

"Calvin was a lawyer at Guntersville (?), Alabama. He married a daughter of Judge Adams and had one daughter born after he died.

"Caswell was never a success. Married a daughter of Dr. Bathwell. She was 14 years when they eloped in Georgia and married. He spent a wandering life, though capable of good results. He died in Birmingham, Alabama and left a family. Dr. Bathwell lived in Ashville, Alabama where Caswell married his daughter.

"Aroma married _____ Smith, an industrious farmer.² They moved to _____ Miss.,

1. Cassa Capshaw married John S. Simpson 23 Oct. 1832 according to the Madison County Marriage Book 4, Page 60.

2. Aroma Capshaw married Sterling Smith 28 August 1839 in Madison County according to Madison County Marriage Book 4, Page 496.

then to Waco, Texas. Her oldest son, Sam Smith, lives at 410 Dallas Street, Waco, Texas, and two sisters live in the city. They are well off and very cordial, pleasant people.

"Mary married Grover (?) Bouldin.¹ She had two beautiful children, David and Tabitha. Bouldin was a brutal man and I learned after her death that he killed her by his unkindness.

"Benjamin married Charlotte Buston (?) of Huntsville, Ala. Had eight or nine children but only four of them grew to mature years. Benjamin is preaching in Spring Valley, New York, 1903. He married Alice Streecher (?) of Cunningham, Mass. Viola married Thomas Bell of Conley, Georgia and lived on a plantation. Ben Capshaw died while on a business trip to Fayette, Alabama. He was born in Madison County, Ala. December 1, 1828. Ben roved to Weatherford, Texas, then to Martin, Tenn. Katherine was born in Martin. After living there one year he went back to West Point.

1. Mary Capshaw married Richard Graves Bouldin 19 August 1847 according to the Madison County Marriage Book 4A, Page 184.



KILLED GOING AFTER A COFFIN


ALABAMA MAN KNOCKED FROM THE TRACK BY A PASSENGER TRAIN.

Huntsville, Nov. 21, 1896. W. B. Cobb was killed at
Paint Rock by Memphis and Charleston train No. 4, east bound, tonight.
Cobb attempted to cross in front of the train and was knocked down by it.
His head was crushed and one leg was cut off.

Cobb lived near New Hope, this county, and leaves a wife and four
children.

He had gone to Paint Rock to meet the train and get a coffin he
expected to be brought in for his father.

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Marshall



HISTORY OF MARSHALL COUNTY

by
Judge Louis Weiss Wyeth

(Part 3 - final)

For a full introduction to Judge Wyeth's history please refer to the September, 1983 issue of "Valley Leaves." This is the third and final part of the history of Marshall County written by Judge Wyeth and published in the Guntersville Democrat of 1883.

COUNTY OFFICIALS

(-continued from December, 1983-)

County commissioners; three year term:

John P. Kennedy, Champion Faris and
Alexander W. Black. 1877-80.
Horatio Ferguson, Alexander W. Black,
Champion Faris and Joseph H. Hooper,
1880.

By an Act passed at the last session, the term of office for the commissioners is exted to four years and the next election will occur in August, 1884.

Senators. Marshall and Blount counties formed a senatorial district and the senators elected were:

Emory Lloyd of Blount, 1839
Mace T. B. Brindley of Blount, 1841
William M. Griffin of Marshall, 1844
Mace T. B. Brindley of Blount, 1847
Enoch Aldridge of Blount, 1851

The senatorial district was changed to Marshall and DeKalb counties and the following named persons were elected senators:

James Lamar of Marshall, 1853
Samuel K. Rayburn of Marshall, 1857
Robert W. Higgins of DeKalb, 1859
James Critcher of Marshall, 1863
William O. Winston of DeKalb, 1865

The district was again changed so as to attach us to Jackson county and the senators were:

Charles O. Whitney of Jackson, 1868
Alexander Snodgrass of Jackson, 1872
L. A. Dobbs of DeKalb, 1876
Preston Brown of Jackson, 1880

Representatives:

Middleton T. Johnson, 1837
Richard Golding, 1838
William M. Friffin & William Barclay, 1839
William M. Griffin & James M. Adams, 1840
Wm. M. Griffin & Jas. Fletcher, 1841, 1842,
and 1843.
Edmond Hays & Jas. Fletcher, 1844
S. M. McElroy & Jas. Fletcher, 1845

The constitution was then so changed as to make the session biennial.

James Critcher & Louis Wyeth, 1847
James Critcher & James M. Adams, 1849 and
1851.
Jas. Fletcher & Frank Gilbreath, 1853
Jas. Critcher & James L. Sheffield, 1855
Jas. L. Sheffield & Wm. M. Griffin, 1857
Barton S. Clapp & Wm. M. Griffin, 1859 and
1861
John J. Sibley & A. C. Beard, 1863
James L. Sheffield & Percival M. Bush, 1865.

An interval of one year occurred here by reason of the reconstruction process, after which were elected:

Seaborn F. Kennamer, 1868
Rufus K. Boyd, 1870 and 1872
C. B. St. John, 1874
Wm. M. Griffin, 1876
James Critcher, 1878
O. H. Milner, 1880
Guss May, 1882

POPULATION

1840: whites 6688
 blacks 865
 total 7553



Population (-continued-)

1850:	whites	.....	7952
	blacks	.....	894
	total	.....	<u>8846</u>
1860	whites	.....	9596
	blacks	.....	1872
	total	.....	<u>11,468</u>
1870:	whites	.....	8504
	blacks	.....	1367
	total	.....	<u>9871</u>
1880:	whole population	...	14,585

This shows a wonderful increase in the last ten years. My impression is that this county is the fifth in the State in the ratio of its increase in population from 1870 to 1880 and no doubt when the improvements in the navigation of the Tennessee river are completed, and surely that can not be much longer delayed, the advance in population, intelligence, and refinement will be greater still. May the Good Lord hasten these results.

THE FIGHT AT GUNTERS

John Gunter was born in North Carolina and the tradition in his family is that when a child he was captured by an Indian tribe and taken to South Carolina. After he grew big enough to shift for himself he escaped from his captors and took refuge with the Cherokees with whom he ever after made his home. He married a Cherokee woman and possessing great energy and sense he acquired considerable wealth and died in the fall of 1835 at a very advanced age, my impression is somewhere about 85 years. His wife died the same fall.

He left quite a large family of children, all grown: three sons, Edward, Samuel and John, well educated, intelligent men. The two elder were of sober, industrious habits and very highly esteemed. John, the youngest, about 21 or 22 years old when his father died, was somewhat wild and reckless and pretty much of a spendthrift; Four married daughters survived their parents.

Shortly before his death, the old gentleman had made his will in and by which he had appointed the Rev. Wm. Potter, the missionary at Creek Path Station, the executor; the will was duly probated in Jackson county for Marshall county had not yet been created, and the executor entered upon the discharge of his duties. But he soon found it was much easier, or at least more in accord with his feelings, to attend to the spiritual rather than the material portion of his charge and soon resigned his office as executor.

The old man Gunter has long been engaged in trade with the Indians, had a good quantity of cleared land, a large number of slaves, and was supposed to have a great deal of money. When he died the clearings were there, the slaves were there, but the money could not be so clearly seen. What had become of it? Had the old man really left any? And if he had, where was it? It was as generally believed as anything else that he had at least \$5000 in silver at the time of his death, but where was it?

All the nooks and crannies about the house and the stables were searched and nothing found. Then the idea got out that the money was buried somewhere around and Mr. Potter told me that while executor he had superintended diggings about the garden and orchard, but nothing had been found.

It was said, however, that young John, who was his father's favorite, knew a good deal more than anyone else about that buried money and I have had it from very reliable authority that he had carried over to Huntsville and deposited in the bank several thousand dollars in silver which, from their appearance, were supposed to have been once buried. The impression on my mind was, and still is, that the young man had found the place where his father had buried his coin.

I do not know much about what was then, or is now, the Indian law but have been informed that when the father died the child who first got into possession had the best title and as Edward Gunter had a good home and plantation about a mile south of his father's residence (where William Allen Loveless now lives); and as Samuel Gunter had a good home and farm on Town Creek and as all the daughters were married and settled, and naturally enough it happened that young John thought he had the best right to the home place, and he took it.

The home place of the elder John Gunter was about 200 yards from the creek and very near the foot of the hill in what is now Guntersville. After his death his son, John, built a large warehouse and a handsome store house adjoining - about 150 yards from the dwelling house and 50 yards from the creek. This was the largest house in the county, was painted white, and was known all over the county and beyond as "The White House."

When I first came to Marshall county, April 29th, 1836, Mr. John C. Johnson was living at the Gunter house and cultivating the farm. The White House was occupied by Johnson. Rayburn & Co. had by far the largest stock of goods of any one store in this region. Mr. Johnson also kept a boarding house and his house was generally full. My impression is that he had bought the place, houses and all from young Gunter before my arrival but if not, he did very soon after.

Sometimes in the summer or early fall of 1836 he sold out to Col. Nathaniel Steel who took

possession of the premises and lived there until the spring of 1837.

After the resignation of Mr. Potter as the executor of the will of old John Gunter, Mr. Alexander Riddle, then Sheriff of Jackson county, was appointed by the Judge of the Orphans Court of that county administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of John Gunter, deceased, and as such obtained an order to sell the improvements left by the elder Gunter and under the order did sell the same at public outcry, for I think some \$1500 to a company that was represented by Wallen P. Macfarlane, Cornelius Allen, William H. Wiggs, and George W. Allen. There were some 12 or 15 persons I was informed had joined in the purchase, but I do not know that I ever heard, and certainly do not remember, who they all were.

Some short time after this sale, in May, 1837, as I was going to Sunday school in Claysville where I then resided, I met Jas. Macfarlane who also was a teacher and a most estimable Christian gentleman. I told him it was time for us to be at Sunday school; he replied that he had to go over the river that day, that he expected there was going to be a great fight and he ought to or must be there. This was the first I had heard of any anticipated difficulty and told him that he had better go with me to school. He said he could not, that he must go over the river. He went. I knew him well and loved and esteemed him very much. Every body did; he had no enemy, and I never doubted for a moment but that in his gentle, loving, Christian heart, his motive and purpose was to endeavor to act as peace maker and prevent a conflict. But he "must go over the river," - strange utterance; sad prophecy.

He did go over the river, that river that separates the present from the eternal, and before the sun had gone down his lifeless body was carried back to Claysville.

Mr. Steele had no doubt heard of the purpose to take possession of the place and had prepared for the struggle. In order that my readers may have as good idea of the transaction as possible, I will draw a plat as well as I can of the yard and house in which the terrible tragedy was acted out.

The dwelling house was what we generally call a two-story double log cabin with a 10 or 12 foot passage between [a dog-trot house]. Immediately back of the right hand room was an eight foot passage then in the L form, a dining room and kitchen, each about 18 feet square; about 8 feet back of the kitchen was a smoke house or lumber room about 20 x 24 feet, the end projecting about 4 feet out so that a person standing on the end of the little porch or platform of the lumber room could see through the hall or passage of the main house. In that lumber room Col. Steele had

placed some two or three or four double barreled guns, well loaded, and in it was his brother, Graves Steele.

When the company from Claysville, and of course an attendant crowd, arrived at the gate some 40 or 50 feet from the house, or maybe they had reached the entry, the purpose of their visit was demanded and given; a conference was proposed to see if the thing could not be arranged without a fight and some two or three on each side went off to one side of the yard to talk the matter over. They could not agree. Colonel Steele went to the lumber room and most of the others to the house.

In the meanwhile the crowd had nearly filled the passage anxious to see what was done. Just then Col. Steele and his brother Graves Steele came out of the lumber room to the end of the platform commanding a full view of the passage and commenced firing on the crowd in it. James Macfarlane was almost instantly killed; Eli R. Feemster was mortally wounded and died about five days later. Several others were wounded, George Allen very severely, others slightly. The fight ended and the curtain fell on this first act of that horrible tragedy.

Shortly after the death of Macfarlane, the Steeles (Nathaniel and Graves) were arrested and a preliminary examination was had before some three or four magistrates. Richard Golding, James Childress, and Larkin Beavert I think were three of them. The excitement in the community was very great and while everybody regretted the killing of James Macfarlane and Eli R. Feemster many thought that the Steeles had done no more than the law allowed. That question in the case was never tried or decided in any earthly tribunal. The examining justices deemed it prudent to order the commitment without bail of the defendants and they were sent to the jail in Huntsville.

In the course of a few weeks a writ of habeas corpus was issued in their behalf and on the investigation of the case before Hon. George W. Lane, then Judge of the fifth judicial circuit, an order was made admitting the defendants to bail. I do not remember in what amount but the bail was given and they discharged from confinement.

At the fall term, 1837, an indictment was found against Nathaniel Steele, Graves Steele, and one Collins who was supposed to have in some way or other aided the Steeles; but the case was not tried at that term, being continued.

At the spring term, 1838, owing to illness of Judge Lane, there was no session of the court. Under the law then, if the judge did not get to the court house on Monday by 3 o'clock p.m., the sheriff was required to adjourn until the next day, and if he failed to come on Tuesday then the sheriff was to adjourn until Wednesday,

and on Wednesday at 3 o'clock p.m. adjourn until the next term. In accordance with this law the sheriff, Percival M. Bush, Esqr., did on Monday and on Tuesday at the proper time adjourn the court until Wednesday morning.

And now Wednesday had come and owing to some cause which I do not now remember, no word or message had been received from Judge Lane, and he was still anxiously expected and hoped for. The Steeles who lived about four miles south of Gunter's Landing and, of course, some five or six miles from Claysville, the then county seat, concluded to go there so that if the Judge did not come they would be present according to the condition of their bail-bond.

The other side was tired of "the law's delay;" they wanted "blood for blood" and watched and waited. Claysville was a small village with a single street and not many houses on that street. The second house on the right side of the street approaching from the river was a small log building of one room about 20 steps from the road or street. This was taken possession of by some 8 or 10 persons, friends and relatives of those who had been killed and wounded in the conflict at Gunter's house. They were well-armed; they knew the Steeles were coming in a carriage—the daubing was knocked out from between two logs in the cabin at a convenient height from the floor—and they placed themselves in ambush and "watched and waited."

To make assurance doubly sure, right opposite to the cabin in which they were concealed, they placed a few rails across the road to retard the progress of the carriage; to make it go more slowly; and that nothing should be left undone to make certain the results, one of their friends had been sent to the ferry to watch and notify them of the coming of the doomed men.

The Steeles, as has been stated, concluded to go to Claysville and procured from a friend his carriage and horses. Col. Nat Steele and his brother, Graves, occupied the back seat; another brother, Alexander Steele, with Collins in the front seat, one of them driving. They reached the landing and were seen to enter the ferry boat; it was started for the opposite shore. Someone rode on before to the town and passing by the place of ambush gave the appointed signal and went still further on and "watched and waited."

He did not have long to wait. In a few minutes the noise of the coming carriage was heard; it came nearer and nearer still, and when opposite the cabin those concealed therein fired and almost instantly Col. Steele and Graves Steele were killed and Alexander Steele and Collins were very severely wounded.

The horses, wild with fright and with no one to control or guide them, dashed furiously up the

street. At the distance of about 80 yards they ran against the fence on the left side of the street and Alexander Steele and Collins either jumped or were thrown out from the carriage and staggered towards the center of the village where they found protection.

There and then it was that Arthur C. Beard displayed some of the noble traits of his character. He was a relative and warm friend to James Macfarlane who some ten months before had been killed at Gunter's house. He was then, and I think also at the time of which I am now writing, living in Claysville, had heard the firing and saw the wild confusion that ensued; saw Collins as he was struggling on for a place of safety and met him. Collins surrendered to him and begged for protection. Beard took him by the arm, held him up and guarded him through the crowd to a place of safety. Aleck Steele found refuge in the Drug Store of Walker & Inman.

The horses soon recovered from the concussion at the fence and dashed up the street, through the large crowd of people who had gathered for the court, all attempts to stop them or change their course were futile; on and on they rushed, just exactly opposite the door of the house in which lived the Rev. Minor B. Feemster who was killed at the same time with James Macfarlane, the coupling pin of the carriage broke and the horses passed on with the front wheels, and the body of the carriage fell and in that carriage the two Steeles lay dead—dead—dead, and the second, and thank God, the last act of this tragedy closed.

All who were engaged in this transaction as far as I have any information left the State. Certainly no one was ever tried by any earthly legal tribunal. Everyone has passed from earth to the Judgement of Him who is infinite in Wisdom, Power, Justice, and Goodness.

But we have a lesson to learn from this sad story, and that lesson is: to "let the law vindicate the right." It is strong enough to do it; often perhaps too slow, sometimes indeed erring, but ever reaching for the truth and always better than passionare impulse.

I do not think that the sale by administrator Riddle of the Gunter improvements was in accord with the law. But how much better would it have been if Col. Steele, when the party from Claysville came over to obtain possession of the property, had given up to the force of numbers and appealed to the law of "forcible entry and detainer?" In a few months at most he would have been restored to his possessions, his hands unstained by blood, and he praised and respected by all as one who had acted wisely and bravely in looking to the law to vindicate his rights. But he threw away the opportunity.

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

This is the earliest marriage book found in Morgan County and is from July 18, 1821 through March 1, 1861. It begins with marriage No. 132 so we can assume the first 131 marriages are lost. This series began in Valley Leaves in Vol. 16 (Sept., 1981). Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Lisc.</u>	<u>Sol.</u>
1152	Anway, Denson	Tatom, Nancy D.	6-7-1838	---
1153	Mailler, William	Clark, Francis E.	6-18-1838	---
1154	Alford, John N.	Thomas, Rhoda	7-5-1838	7-8-1838
<u>1154</u>	Acock, Henry	Harding, Elizabeth A.	7-14-1838	7-19-1838
1155	Agent, Leo W.	Ingrum, Mary	7-18-1838	---
1156	Reeves, Semion W.	Orr, Mary Ann	7-18-1838	8-19-1838
1157	Smallwood, R. C.	Clark, Sarah	8-3-1838	8-5-1838
1158	Jones, Sol	Jennings, Paralee	8-6-1838	8-16-1838
1159	Means, John	Kennedy, Dorcus Ann	8-17-1838	8-30-1838
1160	Bailey, David	Dinsmore, Elizabeth	8-28-1838	8-28-1838
1161	Ridge, Isaac	Duff, Sinia	8-30-1838	8-30-1838
1162	McCullers[McCullens?], Wm.	Billingsly, Elizabeth	8-30-1838	9-6-1838
1163	Watkins, H. A.	Hill, Margaret	9-13-1838	9-13-1838
1164	Stroup, Benjamin	Stovall, Roena	9-24-1838	9-25-1838
1165	Owen, Wm. E.	Johnson, Emily F.	9-29-1838	10-2-1838
1166	Morell, William	Sharpley, Elizabeth	10-30-1838	---
1167	Bailey, Wm. J.	Roberson, Mary E.	10-5-1838	10-5-1838
1168	Roane, Gabriel	Greer, Martha	10-6-1838	10-14-1838
1869	Dement, Bridges	Ballew, Eliza P.	10-10-1838	10-11-1838
1170	Honey, Thomas	Dailey, Stacy	10-18-1838	10-18-1838
1171	Greene, Cornelius W.	Clark, Louisa	10-24-1838	10-24-1838
1172	Terry, Wiley B.	Bush, Malinda T.	10-29-1838	11-1-1838
1173	Baker, Dempsey	Wilson, Malinda	11-5-1838	11-6-1838

<u>No.</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Lisc.</u>	<u>Sol.</u>
1174	Wilhite, James B.	Hart, Sabrina	11-7-1838	11-7-1838
1175	Burns, Hezekiah	Rutledge, Mary	11-10-1838	11-16-1838
1176	Maxwell, Saml. J.	Wuarles, Sophia A.	11-15-1838	---
1177	Lynn, Andrew	Maples, Matilda	11-22-1838	11-22-1838
1178	Dunn, Jacob	Collins, Sarah	11-22-1838	---
1179	Larimore, Saml.	Davis, Nancy M.	11-24-1838	11-27-1838
1180	Russell, John P.	Read, Elizabeth	11-26-1838	11-28-1838
1181	King, Wilsey P.	Wilson, Eliza P.	11-29-1838	11-29-1838
1182	Lundy, John H.	Strain, Rachel	12-1-1838	---
1183	Brooks, Saml.	Puckett, Mary A.	9-27-1838	---
1184	Pearson, Jo.	McMillen, Sarah	10-1-1838	---
1185	no entry			
1186	Day, Andy	Jenkins, Nancy	12-14-1838	12-14-1838
1187	Stokes, Thos. B.	Summers, Elizabeth	12-10-1838	12-13-1838
		<u>1839</u>		
1188	Tapscott, James W.	Amonett, Eliza	1-2-1839	1-3-1839
1189	Harlan, James M.	Evans, Hulda	1-9-1839	1-9-1839
1190	Lynn, Moses W.	McCarley, Elizabeth	1-23-1839	1-23-1839
1191	Ryan, Wm. S.	Oden, Juda M.	2-20-1839	2-26-1839
1192	Owen, Larkin J.	Johnson, Pamela A.	2-23-1839	---
1193	Bowers, Wm. F.	Guyre, Mary	2-23-1839	2-29-1839
1194	Johnson, James W.	Ryan, Elizabeth	3-4-1839	---
1195	Ellison, John C.	Morris, Lilly	12-22-1838	12-23-1838
1196	High, Henry A.	Mosely, Elizabeth A.	10-24-1838	---
1197	Draper, Horace S.	Breeding, Lucinda	2-9-1839	2-12-1839
1198	Hampton, Joseph	Evans, Elizabeth J.	2-12-1839	---
1199	Morris, Jackson	Nelms, Sarah	8-25-1838	8-26-1838
1200	Hurt, F. O[A ?]	Grant, Emily	1-1-1839	---
1201	Jackson, James B[Z ?]	Neal, Margaret	1-4-1839	1-8-1839

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

SPEAKS BIBLE RECORD

This Bible record was secured and contributed to "Valley Leaves" by TVGS member Mrs. Doris Hardwick of Huntsville, Alabama. Many of the Bible entries showed initials only and Mrs. Hardwick has supplied the full name which is shown in brackets. These full names were gathered from other family records and tombstones. J. Wiley Speakes came to Alabama and first settled in Madison County before 1809 along with his father, Thomas Speakes; most of the family then migrated into Morgan County. This name is written Speaks and Speakes.

The Bible, published by Central Publishing House of Cincinnati, Nashville, and Atlanta, does not carry a publication date, however, the writing is quite old and was obviously made contemporarily with each birth, death, and marriage. Each entry is carried here exactly in the form it was written except for some punctuation which was added to provide clarity.

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MARRIAGES

J. Wiley Speakes was married in the year of our lord Feb 15th 1821 to Elizabeth Murphy

W[illiam] A[sbury] Speaks was married January 28, 1852 to M[artha] A[nn] Sandlin by Rev'nd J. M. Dancy

Nancy J. Speakes was married in the year of our Lord Sept 10th 1837 to Mr. John G[win] Nicholson

M[artha] A[nn] Basham was married March 14th 1852 to W[illiam] J[ames] Vaughan by Rev'nd J. M. Dancy

Hansford Speaks was married February 13th 1844 to Mary Pointer

S[arah] E[lizabeth] Speaks was married to B[ur]l G[reen] Hardwick Jan the 2nd 1856 by Dr. A. G. Copeland

R[ichard] H. Basham & M[artha] A[nn] Speaks were married May 24th 1845 by J. Herring, Esqr., all of Ala., Morgan County.

Ellen P[reston] Speaks was married to J[onathan] F. Basham Nov 30th 1857

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BIRTHS

Hansford Speaks, son of J. Wiley & Neoma his wife, was born 8th March 1814

Mary Ann Speaks daughter of Wiley & Elizabeth his wife was born November 3th 1821

Nancy Speaks was born 10th February 1817

James T. Speaks was born May 30th 1823

Donnell M[oody] Basham son of R[ichard] H., M[artha] A[nn] Basham was born July 16th in the year of our Lord 1846

Martha Ann ~~Elizabeth~~ [marked through] Speaks was born in the year of our Lord May 17th 1825

Mary E[lizabeth] Vaughan daughter of W[illiam] A[sbury] and Martha A[nn] Vaughan was born January 11 1853

Wm Asbury Speaks was born the 9th Nov. 1827

Samuel Jasper Speaks was born the 16th April 1830



Speaks Bible Record - Births - (-continued-)

Mary Frances Speaks was born the
26th December 1832

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BIRTHS

Sarah Elizabeth
Speaks daughter
of Wiley & Elizabeth
Speaks his wife was
born 8th Feby 1836

Eleanor P[reston] Speaks
daughter of Wiley Speaks
& Elizabeth Speaks
his wife was borned
October 26th 1839

Henrietta C. Speaks
daughter of Wiley &
Elizabeth Speaks was
born July 1st 1844

G. G[eorge] C[larence] M. Hardwick
son of B[urn] G[reen] & S[arah] E[lizabeth]
Hardwick was born
Dec th 2^d, 1856

B[url] G[reen] Hardwick son
of Garland & Lucy F.
Hardwick was born Nov
the 9th 1834

Henrietta E[llen] B Hard-
wick was born Feb
the 26 1859

James Wiley P. D. Hardwick
son of B[url] G[reen] & S[arah]
E[lizabeth] Hardwick
was born Dec 13th 1860, and
died June 9th, 1929

Sallie G[reen] Hardwick
daughter of S[arah] E[lizabeth]
and [Burl] G[reen]
Hardwick was born
April 2 1863

B. E[vins] J[asper] Hardwick
son of B[url] G[reen] and S[arah]
E[lizabeth] Hardwick was born
July 13th 1865

Mattie Lura Hardwick daughter
of B[url] G[reen] and S[arah]
E[lizabeth] Hardwick born
Nov 3rd 1871 - died Aug. 30th 1936
She married S. E. Stewart on
January 2nd, 1890. S. E. Stewart
was born Aug. 13, 1868 - died
Apr. 30, 1930



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DEATHS

J. Wiley Speaks, husband
of Elizabeth Speaks
died [Nov. 5] 1867
age 86
[Note: His name may have been
John Wiley Speaks. His tomb-
stone says he died at age 83 years.]

Martha Ann Speaks
wife of William Asbury
Speaks died Oct 17th 1906

Elizabeth Speaks
wife of Wiley Speaks
died Nov the 14th 1857
[age 63 years]

Ellen P[reston] Basham wife of
J[onathan] F. Basham & daughter
of Wiley & Elizabeth Speaks died
Oct 14th 1858 [age 19 yrs.]

William Asbury, son of
Wiley & Elizabeth
Speaks died Nov.
25th 1912

Speaks Bible Record - Deaths - (-continued-)

E[ric] P[ercy] John Hardwick, son of
B[url] G[reen] and S[arah] E[lizabeth] Hardwick born [5th]
day of [October] 187[3], died on [6th]
day of [April], 19[15].

B[url] G[reen] Hardwick died
June 17th, 1914
[Note: Tombstone says he died
May 25, 1914.]

Sarah Elizabeth Hardwick
wife of B. G. Hardwick
died Dec. 17th 1916

Milton J[asper] Speaks, son of
Wm. Asbury & Martha Ann, was born
Nov. 24th 1852. Died Jan 1, 1943

Martha Price Speaks, daughter of
Wm. A[sbury] & Martha Ann, married
James Wiley Hardwick on Feb. 10th
1883
and died Nov. 26th 1929.



-End Speaks Bible Record-

SPEAKS FAMILY IN MADISON COUNTY

The progenitor of the Speaks family in north Alabama was Thomas Speaks who died in Madison County between Feb. 26, 1817 when he made his will and April 7, 1817 when it was probated. There is no probate file on Thomas Speaks, however, his will is recorded in the Madison County Deed Book "C" on Pages 1 and 2 of which the following is an abstract:

Thomas Speaks [will signed with an "X"]
Will dated 26 February 1817
Thomas Speaks gives his two sons, Wilie and Hiram Speaks the quarter section of land "whereon I now live" to be divided equally between them, giving Wilie the west side where he now lives (land location not given); no other heirs named. Witnessed by John Amonnet, W. G. Ray, Freeman Jones and Robert Vaughn. Will proven by Jones and Vaughn 7 April 1817 and by Amonnet 12 July 1817.

The following deed (abstracted) was found in Deed Book "D" on Pages 5 and 6 (Madison Co., Ala.)

Deed dated 15 January 1818
James (X) and Polly (X) Rogers of Blount County, Alabama sold the E/2 of the NW/4 of Section 28-1-1E in Madison County to Willie Speaks for \$300. This land had been devised by Thomas Speaks to his son Hiram Speaks and by Hiram's death descended to Willie Speaks (Hiram's brother), and to Polly Rogers and Falba Vaughn (wife of Robert Vaughn), and Charity Speaks (Hiram's sisters), they being heirs at law of Hiram Speaks. Witnessed by William B. Scruggs and proven by him 15 January 1818. [Note: Wyley or Wiley was often written Wily or Willy in the old records.]

On July 10, 1818 Robert and Falbey (also written Fabbey) Vaughn deeded their share of this land to Wiley Speaks for \$525. This deed is recorded in Madison County Deed Book "E" Pages 79 and 80.

"THE DECATUR NEWS" NEWSPAPER
4 October 1879

The following notes are from the "Brief Mention" column of "The Decatur News." They were copied and abstracted by Margaret Henson of the Heritage Room of the Huntsville Public Library.

Dr. A. J. Yeager and family returned to Decatur a fews since.

C. C. Harris & little Miss Annie Lee made a visit to Nashville this week.

Mrs. C. Smith and her niece, Mrs. Jno. D. Robinson, are on a visit to Madison County.

Col. Sheats is out on the mountains sampling and gauging and doing divers other revenue business.

Mr. Sutton, living two miles west of town, is preparing to move back to Indiana in a short time.

Judge R. O. Pickett, of Florence, and Col. D. R. Hundley of Limestone County, were in town this week.

Isaac McCartney's red bullock was surreptitiously castrated a few nights ago and bled to death from the effect of it.

Bellgreen is the name of the county site [seat] of Franklin county. Judge Wood is holding court there this week.

Capt. Joe Hall came up from Montgomery last week quite sick but we are glad to learn that he has recovered.

Col. and Mrs. W. W. Garth have been on a visit to Morgan several days, but returned home Wednesday morn.

The Messrs. White of Moulton Advertiser, have started a paper in Franklin County.

The little town of Waterloo, in Lauderdale [County], has nineteen cases of serious illness.

Mr. W. C. Preston, heretofore in the Union Express office, has resigned and is succeeded by Mr. Adams, late of Georgia.

Capt. Thomas Gibbs left for Arkansas last Monday. He flanked Memphis and crossed the Mississippi above the infected city.

Mr. M. T. Cartwright's family moved back

to town last Monday, looking all the better by reason of their sojourn in the mountain.

We learn that the Young House, under the management of Mr. John Tomlinson, will take a new name.

Hon. David Day, the efficient Judge of Probate, was in town last Tuesday.

Mrs. Dr. John M. Clark, who with her two little boys have been on a visit to Decatur, left last Monday morning for her home in Lawrence County.

Mrs. Phil L. Henderson returned from Kentucky last week and has taken a position in Prof. Snyder's school. Her daughters, Misses Maylie and Cheatie, will be at home in a short time.

John W. Hansell is now night clerk at the South and North depot. Mr. J. W. Gordon, who has been on night duty, has taken a position in the office and works during the day.

On last Sunday morning, at the residence of T. Crowe, Esq., the Rev. Charles McClelan solemnized the rites of matrimony between Mr. Nathan Lemons and Mrs. Susan Crowe.

Mr. S. S. Smith, of Wheeler's Station, and Miss Annie, daughter of the late Oakley Bynum, were married at Courtland last Tuesday evening. Mr. Smith is a nephew of Gen. Joseph Wheeler.

The new Methodist Church and Masonic Hall at Somerville are about completed. Much credit is due the pastor, Rev. G. W. Crutcher.

Mrs. J. A. Culbertson was summoned by telegraph last Friday, to Ohio, on account of the illness of her mother, but on the eve of her departure she received the welcome intelligence that her mother was better, and did not go.

Hon. Burl B. Lewis has been elected President of the State University at Tuskaaloosa. Mr. Lewis is at present a member of Congress, but will resign his seat to accept the presidency of the University.

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.

904 WILHITE

Tracing all descendants of two bros: John J. Wilhite b 1778 Green Co. TN, d 1841 Morgan Co. AL and Ezekiel Wilhite b 1797, d 1851 Morgan Co. AL. Family book in future. Send family material as soon as possible.

(Editor's note: See Wilhite-Johnson Cemetery in Vol 11, p 56 Valley Leaves.)
Janet Burks, Rt. 22, Box 289, Tyler, TX 75704

905 BROCK, WILSON

Would like to contact anyone who descended from David Brock-b SC ca 1788 and his wife whose name was spelled Nuency on 1850 DeKalb Co. AL census and Nunica on 1860 DeKalb Co. census-b NC ca 1790. 7 children in household in 1850. How were they related to Benjamin Wilson b NC 1821 and wife Elizabeth b 1821 NC? Was Elizabeth a dau of the Brocks? Will exch info with anyone on both families.

May Nelson Kelly (Mrs. D. A.), 171 Seminole, Stephenville, TX 76401

906 LUTTRELL, ELSTON

Need general info on the Luttrell fam from Oxford (Calhoun CO.) AL. Who was the first Luttrell to move into that area and when? What were the occupations of Harvey Wilkerson Luttrell (b 19 Nov 1822 Knox Co. TN, d 26 Jul 1899 Oxford, AL) and Susan Frances Elston (b 14 Feb 1840 Benton Co. AL, d 25 Apr 1897 Oxford, AL) who were married in Calhoun Co. 14 Dec 1856?

PADGETT, BRANSOM, BEASLEY

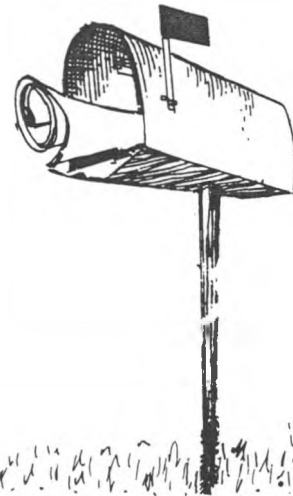
Census records show that Samuel Padgett was born ca 1811 in GA. Who were his parents and where were they from? When did he move from GA to Conecuh Co. AL? He m Lucinda _____ and later Mary _____, before dying ca 1879/80 in Evergreen, AL. His son, Samuel, Jr. (b 1 Oct 1841 Conecuh Co. AL, d 26 Oct 1917 Duffau, TX), m Caroline Bransom (where was she from and who were her parents?). After her death he married Sarah Thomas Beasley. In 1876 the family moved to TX. One son came back to AL. Would like any info on the descendants of the TX branch of the family.

Alex Luttrell, 4613 Dyshell Dr., Apt. 78-A,
Huntsville, AL 35805

907 CARTER, STONE

Desire info of John Carter and Sarah Patsy (Stone) Carter's children: John Carter b 1857, George W. Carter b 1862, Andrew J. Carter b 1864, Mary L. Carter b 1867, Ella Carter b 1870, Francis Carter b 1874, Louis Carter b 1870, Monroe Carter b 1877, and William Carter b 1880. Last known to be in Madison Co. AL in 1880.

Stanley Carter, 712 Mint Springs Rd, New Market,
AL 35761



Queries Editor: MARGARET M. COWART

908 McGEHEE, CRAIGE, CORNELIUS

Need parents of Eli Hugh McGehee, b 1859 Marshall Co., d 1937 Collin Co. TX, m Mary Catherine Craige, Marshall Co. ca 1890. Children: Tom, Sid, Sam Arthur, Bessie, Della, Walter, Hugh, Elmer T., Ethel, Evie. Mary Catherine's mother was Mary Ann Cornelius. Would like to correspond with anyone researching these families.

POSEY, HODGES, CADDELL

Need parents David Price Posey, b 1818 SC, d 1865 AL. Married 18 Sep 1834 Nancy Ware Hodges. Children: Martha, Amanda, Nancy, Josephine, Cordelia, James, Alzira Ophelia m William Thomas Caxdell, moved to TX. Would like to correspond with anyone researching these families.

HODGES, HILL, MADISON, WARD, THOMAS, DICKEY, ABLES, POSEY

Would like to correspond with descendants of Thompson Hodges. Thompson b 10 Nov 1786 SC, m (1) Mahala Hill SC ca 1810, (2) Catherine Morgan in AL. He d Jan 1863. Children: Mary (Polly), Nancy Ware, Harrison, Martha Emeline, Amanda, Margaret, Hazelton, Frances, Elmina. They married into families listed above.

Mrs. Polly Jane Statham, P. O. Box 844, Sherman, TX 75090

909 MASON, WILKINS, PHELPS

Want origin of Robert Mason, father of Jane Mason Wilkins b KY 1787, and info on Dr. _____ Phelps and his marriage to Mary Wilkins, dau of Jane Wilkins. In the summer of 1822 Robert Mason led a party of about 30, including these, from Florence, AL to TX.

O. G. McClain, Box 1336, Corpus Christi, TX 78403

910 PRICE, BRIGGS, TOWNSEL, BREWER

Daniel M., Martin, Alexander Hamilton, Robert and Christian Anne Price b in Russell Co. VA 1789-1811. Fam migrated from Russell Co. VA (1811-1812) to Warren Co. TN, then to Jackson Co. AL, to Lamar and Fannin Cos. TX in 1859. Daniel M. m Sarah Briggs, Martin m Jane _____, Alexander Hamilton m Emeline Townsel, Christian Anne m Calvin C. Brewer. Request information, will exchange.

Earl Provine Price, Jr., M.D., 2413 Lofton Terrace, Ft. Worth, TX 76109

911 COX, SHELTON, RENEAU, ALLRED, HOLT, McMILLON, BENTLEY

Interested in corresponding/exch with anyone working on the family of Edward & Francis Cox of Blount Co. AL. Their children seem to have been: Unidentified dau b 1814, Taliaferro Lewis Cox b 1815 SC, m 27 Dec 1835 Blount Co. to Lucinda Bentley; Catherine Cox b 1816 m 4 Feb 1835 William Shelton; Sarah Ann Cox b 1821, m 18 Nov 1841 Blount Co. to William L. Reneau; Delilah Cox b 1823, m 21 Mar 1843 Blount Co. to Andrew Allred; Greenberry Cox b 1824, m Abigail _____; James Cox b 1834; Francis J. Cox b 1840, m 30 Oct 1856 Blount Co. to Thomas J. Holt. Possibly others. Were these Coxes related to the early Taliaferro & Lewis Sheltons of Blount Co.? Were they related to Ira McMillon who was in Blount Co. by 1824? T. L. & Lucinda Bentley Cox named a son Ira McMillon Cox.

ROBERTSON, HUFF, TILLMAN, BROOKS

Would like to correspond/exchange with anyone working on these Madison Co. families. G-g-g grandfather, John Robertson whose will recorded Madison Co. 12 Mar-20 May 1816. Wife possibly a Huff and related to John Huff listed in 1830 Mad. Co. census. Executor of Robertson's will was Lewis Tillman who m Mary Huff and lived in Limestone Co. Lucy E. Robertson, dau of above John, m 28 Feb 1827, Mad. Co. to Samuel A. Brooks. Robertsons, Huffs & Tillmans were previously from Edgefield Co. SC.

David Robertson, Route 4, Box 292, Jefferson, TX 75657

912 CARPENTER, CHAMBLEE, GRAHAM, HALL, HARTLESS, JONES, MASTERS, PERRY, ROSS, SELVAGE, STEPHENS, TATE, TUCKER, WALLS, WHITAKER, WILLIAMS

Seeking descendants & lineages of: Mrs. Elizabeth () Tate Stephens b 1793 SC of Madison & Marshall Cos; her husband & his brothers; the father of Miranda Tate (m Wm. Jones), Caledonia Tate (m Simon Whitaker), Harriet Tate (m James Whitaker), Eliza Tate (m Nathan Whitaker), Mrs. Susan (Graham) Whitaker b 1790 NC, Abner Tate b 1802 KY & his brother. Also other Madison, Marshall, Jackson, DeKalb Cos. Tates. Also interested in the DeKalb Co. Halls, Masters & Chamblees; Michael H. & Nancy Selvage/Selvidge of Madison Co.; Daniel & Sarah (Hartless) Walls; Willis Carpenter (son of Jane Tucker) & wife Betsey Ross; Oliver Hazard Perry Williams of DeKalb Co.

B. R. Isbell, P. O. Drawer 3049, Opelika, AL 36803-3049

913 DOGGETT/DOGIT/DOGET/DOGGIT

Seeking parentage, maiden name of wife & other info pertaining to Torrence/Tarrence Doggett/Doget/Dogit/Doggitt. Born ca 1794 SC, wife b TN. Tarrence lived in Old Decatur Co. until around 1840 and then moved to Jefferson Co. until he died ca 1860. (Editor's note: He could have lived in the area of old Decatur Co. Decatur Co was established by an Act of Legislature in Dec 1821 and abolished by the same body in Dec 1825.)

DAVIDSON

John E. Davidson came to Marshall Co. ca 1875. He married twice after his first wife died. Would like to correspond with anyone researching this line. John came from Muscogee Co., GA where he served in Civil War. Will exchange or pay cost of copies and postage.

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914 HARDIN, KILPATRICK, McCUTHEON, PATTERSON, NEVINS, JENKINS

Interested in locating any descendants of the following persons: John R. Hardin (b 1729 or 1739, d before 1810) m 2nd 1799 Rowan Co., NC to Mary Ann Nevins (b 1767 Holland, d 1847 Lincoln Co. TN); son James Hardin (b 1800 NC, d 1860 Lincoln Co. TN) m ca 1819 Dicy Jenkins, lived Rowan Co., NC, Carter Co., TN, Cumberland Co., KY, Lincoln Co. TN by 1823, Madison Co., AL ca 1825-35. His son William Maxwell Hardin, Sr. (b 1825 Madison Co., AL, d 1899 Marshall Co., AL) m 1st 1849 Lincoln Co., TN to Margaret M. Kilpatrick. His son James Coffman Hardin (b 1861 Marshall Co., AL, d 1943 Marshall Co., AL) m 1st Mollie McCutcheon in 1880, 2nd Susie Anne Patterson (b 1875 KY, d 1963 AL) in 1892 Lincoln Co., TN. Desire correspondence with any Hardins anywhere and will share information.

KEY, ANDERTON

Who were parents & siblings of John H. Key (b 1857, d 1937 Marshall Co., AL) and wife Celia Ann Anderton (b 1860, d 1932 Marshall Co., AL?)

Tradition says that siblings of John H. Key went to TX. Any info on Keys in north Marshall Co. appreciated.

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915 BLADES, TROOP, WILCOX, BROWN, BATIKES

Need info on family of Isaac Blades, b MD 1787, d Hopkins Co., KY 9 Aug 1851, m 1811? Mary ? , b NC 1795?, d after 1870 census Hopkins Co., KY. Probable children: James T. Blades, b NC 1812?, d 1873?, m 1836? Puty/Pritta/Peyty b 1820?, d 1862/70, possibly Cherokee and had 12 children including Martha Ann b 1838, m 1859 William M. Troop; son b 1820?, m 1843? Louisa (Troop?); C. C. Blades b 1828? TN, m 1849? Mary J. ? ; Noah Blades b TN 1829?; Sinah Louisa Blades b 1830? TN, m Lincoln Co., TN 28 Dec 1847 James Troop (possible bro of William); William J. Blades b 1835? TN, d 1895, m 1st Hopkins Co., KY 19 Sep 1858 Mahala F. Wilcox, m 2nd Hopkins Co., KY 20 Jul 1879 Lydia A. Brown; Alley/Alice A. Blades b 1837? TN, m after 1850; and possibly Matilda Blades b 1839?, m 1858? ? Batikes.

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916 GOLDEN/GOLDIN, GRIFFIN

Listed in the store ledger of Isaac Criner in 1826 at, or near, New Market in Madison Co., AL is an Abraham Golden (or Goldin). Did he have a son named Reuben Abraham Golden b 1812 SC, m 31 Dec 1840 in Talladega Co., AL to Nancy Griffin b 6 Feb 1822, Anson Co., NC, d 1905 Hill Co., TX? Nancy and 5 children, while in MS, went to TX with the John Bennett family. What happened to Reuben Abraham Golden? Did he die in MS? How is Abraham Golden related to my early William Golden (1776-1852) of Madison Co., AL? He also traded at the Criner store nr his home in New Market.

VICKERY/VICKREY, WINWRIGHT, WOODWARD, GOLDEN, BONDINOTT

Need help in Madison Co. on my Vickrey lines. Abner Vickrey was b 1774 Randolph Co. NC, lived in Sullivan Co., IN before coming to Madison Co. Was his first wife Margaret Winwright who d late 1802? Abner's 1st son was Winwright Vickrey and the next child was Margaret Vickrey. In 1824 Margaret Vickrey m in Madison Co. to Eli Woodward. My line was Charlotte Vickrey b 1806 via Abner's 2nd wife Jereter Vickrey, his first cousin. Charlotte Vickrey m Shadrack Golden and lived & died in Madison Co. Abner Vickrey d 1822 and as a widow Jereter (Vickrey)Vickrey m 1823 in IN to John Bondinott. Any help?

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917 BEASON/BEESON, HOLT, McGEE/McGEHEE, BESHEARS

Interested in John/Jonathan/Jehu Beason/Beeson listed on early Madison Co., Miss Terr tax lists. Believe this is one man, my 3rd great grandfather. I believe my great grandfather Jonathan J. Beason was the first grandson and was given his grandfather's name. Was Jonathan/John/Jehu's wife the Elizabeth Beson who received a Land Grant in 1830 in Jackson Co? Is this the same person as the Elizabeth Holt in the 1830 Jackson Co. census living next to Henry Beason? Henry and Frances (McGee) Beason were in the 1850 Oregon Co., MO census. Jonathan J. Beason (Henry's 2nd child) and Mary (Beshears) Beason are listed in 1850 Jackson Co. census. Where did this first John/Jonathan/Jehu come from? Could he have been son of the first Henry Beeson who came with William Penn to Beesontown (now Uniontown), PA? A son, John, went to east TN to stake out land according to book written by Prof. Jasper L. Beeson, descendant of Capt. Edward Beeson. *(Editor's note: Ann's query had more information than TVGS policy allowed us to use. Info abstracted, hopefully, asks the questions that Ann wants answered.)*

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918 TREECE, MIDDLEBROOK, COOPER, WRIGHT

Trying to compile history of family of Jacob Treece and Mary Treece found on 1850 census with children Martin, Catherine & Franklin (D.F.). They were in Jackson Co., AL 1870. Martin Treece m Eva ? . Believe Rebecca m John Middlebrook, Mary m a Cooper or Wright. Would like to hear from any descendants. Would appreciate any info on this family.

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919 BENSON, O'HARA, HARRELSON, GRAHAM, HARRISON, NORTON, BROOKS

Need info on George W. Benson listed on 1850 Barbour Co., AL census as aged 44, b NC. Was his wife Susan O'Hara/Harrelson? Dau Charlotte listed as aged 4. Was this the same Charlotte Benson who m Evan/Ivan Brooks 22 Nov 1859 in Barbour Co., AL? My info states that Charlotte Benson b 4 Aug 1844, d 30 Apr 1909 Hamilton Co., TX. What relationship were the other people in household to George W. Benson, namely John Graham 60, b SC, Nancy Harrison 92, b SC and John W. Norton 56, b SC?

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