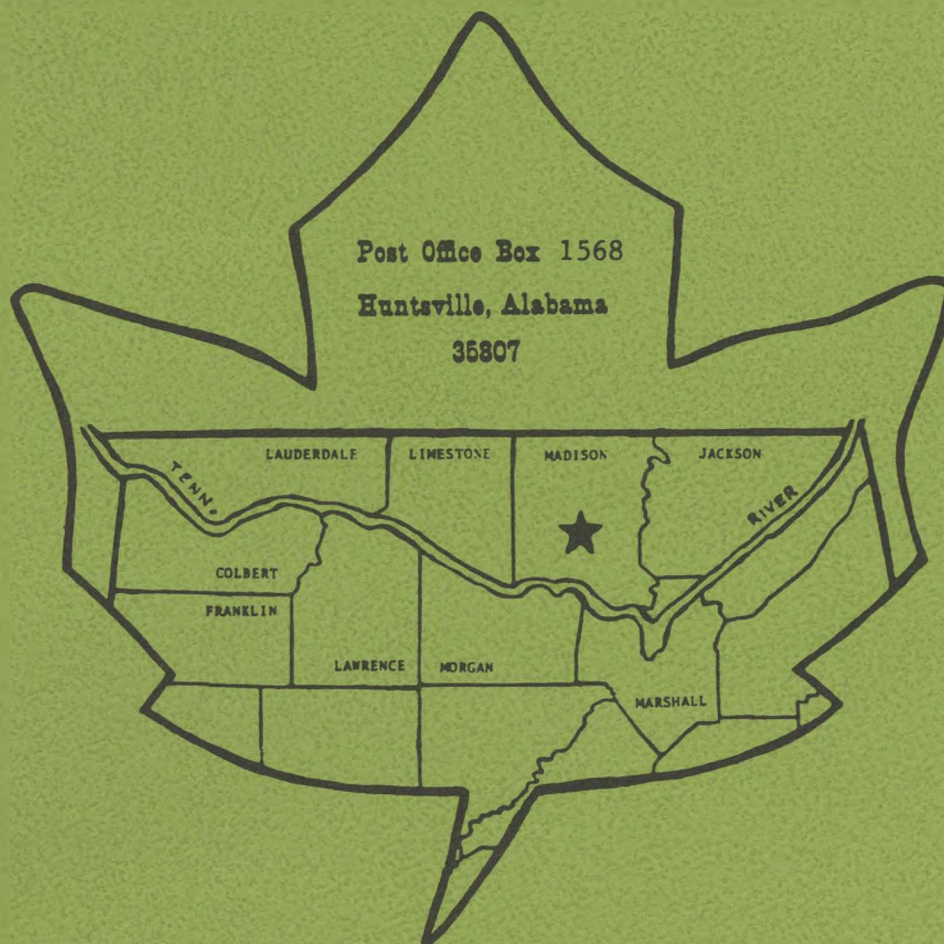


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MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA 1850 FEDERAL CENSUS: Population Census, Index to Slave Census, and Mortality Census compiled by Janet Baker Burks. 8-1/2 x 11, 146 pages, soft cover, surname index. \$15.00. Order from Marine/Walls Historical Publications, 1300 Hayes St., Hartselle, AL 35640

Having a transcription of a census is a help in tracing one's families. Janet Baker Burks, a resident of Tyler, Texas, with roots in Morgan, Marshall, and Lawrence Counties, has provided an excellent detailed transcription of the 1850 Morgan County Federal Census with a big plus: she has included an index to the slave schedule and the mortality census. The introduction to this book is excellent.

The population schedule was copied in its original order so that one may see the neighbors of a household. In some of the Somerville District listings the county of birth was recorded by the census taker and Mrs. Burks has included that information along with the age, birth place, sex, and occupation of each person. Also included is whether illiterate and whether in school or not. All page numbers and enumeration dates are included so it is easy for one to correlate her work with the original on the microfilm.

The slave census index lists the names of the slave owners and the number of slaves for each. The mortality census lists the people who died in Morgan County between 1 July 1849 and 30 June 1850. This schedule gives age at death, state of birth, month of death, cause of death and number of days ill before death. It also lists whether the person was married or single and the occupation of most.

The page layout is visually pleasing with enough white space in which to add your own comments, notes, and family information.

MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA 1850 FEDERAL CENSUS SCHEDULES 4, 5, AND 6: Agricultural Census, Industrial Census, and Social Statistics compiled by Marilyn Sue Short Marine and Ivydene Simpson Walls. 8-1/2 x 11, 53 pages, soft cover, surname index, and informative Introduction. \$10.00. Order from Marine/Walls Historical Publications, 1300 Hayes St., Hartselle, AL 35640

Sue Marine and Ivydene Walls have compiled the remaining schedules of the 1850 Morgan County, Alabama Census — schedules few people know exist. In doing so they are providing researchers with agricultural, industrial and social statistics for the county. This data rounds out the study of family and community life at mid 19th Century.

The agricultural census lists each farm with an annual produce worth \$100 or more. Names of the owners, numbers of acres owned, cash value of the farm and livestock plus much other interesting data are included in detail.

The industrial census recorded data on businesses with an annual gross product of \$500 or more and includes information similar to that in the agricultural census. It is interesting to note that there are only thirteen businesses listed.

The social statistics are my favorite of the three. Here one finds the information about the lives of the Morgan Countians in 1850. There were ten schools in the county each with one teacher and each having from 15 to 311 students (one hopes for the teacher's sake that the 311 student count was an error!). The Morgan Advertiser had a weekly circulation of 300. Three of the citizens were born in England, 12 in Ireland and 2 in Scotland; 3,938 were born in Alabama. The most common surname was Thompson. Many other interesting details are found in this schedule.

The information found in this volume is invaluable in the study of family and community history.

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THE McCLELLANS and ALLIED FAMILIES by Doug, Vaughn, and Sam Stewart. 8-1/2 x 11, 256 pages, index, hardbound, illustrated. Order from Vaughn Stewart, 620 Fagan Springs, SE, Huntsville, AL 35801 [Price not given.]

Doug, Vaughn, and Sam Stewart have combined their memories, research and talents to publish "The McClellans and Allied Families," a history of their mother's family. The narrative in the first six chapters is centered around excerpts from the Civil War journal of Bailey George McClellan (Company D, 10th Alabama). Chapter Seven is a history of the McClellan reunions which began in 1974.

The family history data begins in Chapter Eight with data on Robert McClelland who sailed to Charleston, SC from Belfast, Ireland in 1767. The text is illustrated with charts showing the family relationships. References to source material are scattered through the text.

Later chapters include more of Bailey G. McClellan's journal entries as well as reminiscences of family members. A full-name index is provided for the McClellans and a surname index for allied families. Some allied lines are Bryant, Dulaney, Hall, Hill, Kelly, Martin, Stewart, Sewell, Walker and Weaver.

TROGDON FAMILY HISTORY BOOK by Mrs. Joe J. Costello. 899 pages plus index, 8-1/2 x 11, hardbound, illustrated. May purchase from the author: 4117 Adams St., Apt. 306, Kansas City, KS 66103. [No price given]

Mrs. Costello's history of the Trogdon family traces the descendants of William Trogdon whose will was signed in Randolph County, NC 4 April 1805. Photographs, sketches and maps illustrate the text. The text combines family data and personal narratives. Transcriptions of some early wills and other documents are included, but data in individual listings are not documented. A full name index is provided.

THE 1860 CENSUS OF JACKSON COUNTY, GEORGIA transcribed by Terri B. Boyd. 1984. 8-1/4 x 11, soft cover, indexed. May purchase from Mrs. Boyd, 3502 Ventura Road, Huntsville, Ala. 35805 [No price given]

Terri B. Boyd has transcribed and indexed the 1860 Jackson County, Georgia census, the second of what we hope will be a long series of her publications of the records of this north Georgia County.

The census data are arranged as found on the National Archives microfilm of the original population schedule. Militia Districts and post office divisions are indicated and a chart for locating the militia districts is provided. The surname index refers to the household number. Persons researching the Jackson County, Georgia area will welcome this well presented research aid.

HISTORIC HUNTSVILLE, A CITY OF NEW BEGINNINGS by Elise Hopkins Stephens. Published 1984 by Windsor Publications of Woodland Hills, California in cooperation with the Historic Huntsville Foundation, Inc. 8-1/2 x 10-1/2 hard cover with dust jacket, 207 pages, full name index, fully illustrated with photographs on nearly every page. May be ordered from Historic Huntsville Foundation, Inc., 124 South Side Square, Huntsville, AL 35801 \$22.95

As editor of this quarterly I have had countless requests for a history that would help researchers understand the social and economic conditions of the era in which their ancestors lived. I believe this book is what they have been waiting for. This is not a dull "facts and figures" history; it is liberally spiced with stories about residents in Huntsville's past, some humorous and some sad but always entertaining, lively, and most of all, informative. You will learn a lot about the Civil War and may even discover your ancestor had Union leanings or at least was a Union sympathizer. Many myths concerning this war are dispelled here. This book is divided into seven chapters, each dealing with a successive era of Huntsville history. Mrs. Stephens begins with an eye-opening account of the land frauds that rocked the nation—land in Madison County that some of your ancestors later purchased legally. In the first chapter you may find an answer to why your ancestors migrated to north Alabama from far-away states and even the routes they took. You may determine that some of your ancestors were squatters and why they were called that. Mrs. Stephens speaks of "Blue Bloods" (aristocrats) and "Red Bloods" (plain folk) and by relating interesting stories she illustrates how the two cultures mingled.

Especially important to those of you researching the lives of your planter-farmer ancestors were the fluctuating cotton prices. From these prices you can see why your ancestor became wealthy, went broke, or even pushed westward. Another clue to your ancestor's financial situation may be in the segment on credit extended settlers and the banking system. When your sojourn through Huntsville's history has ended you will undoubtedly have a much greater understanding of the period in which your ancestors lived in Huntsville, whether it was in 1809 or 1975, and of the problems they faced each day of their lives.

[Reviewed by Dorothy Scott Johnson from the viewpoint of a genealogist.]



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 15

Surveyors District Northern Part of Alabama. Township 1, Range 4 East. Surveyed in the 1st quarter of 1823 by James W. Exum, Deputy Surveyor & signed by Jno. Coffee, Surveyor.

Section 1

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. G. Davis
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	N. Sims
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Geo. W. Vandiver
Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	W. D. Hayter
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	G. Wilson
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	Terrel Gray
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Terrel Gray
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	A. Davis

Section 2

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 $\frac{1}{4}$	R. Vandiver
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	H. Dodson
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	R. N. Dodson
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	J. C. Dodson
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Barks (Burks?)
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Martin
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Burks
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	P. R. Dodson
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Millie Burks
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	W. George

Section 3

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	S. Dodson
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	John Wilson
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	John Wilson
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	George Wilson
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	G. W. Wilson
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	John Wilson
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	George Wilson
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	George Wilson
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Oliver M. Posey
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Oliver M. Posey

Section 4

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	G. W. Wilson
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank? Surveyor's name (J. W. Exum) written above
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Dodson
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Ezekiel L? Sanders
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	S. E. Dodson
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	Oliver M. Posey
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Ezekiel L? Sanders
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank

Section 5

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SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Ezekiel L? Sanders
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Cox
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Blank
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	J. C. Martin
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	James Cox
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	Ezekiel L. Sanders
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Duboise?
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	S. Dennedy
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Duboise?
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	W. Larkin
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	R. K. McCullum
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	A. A. Lamb

Section 6

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	H. W. Rhodes
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	E. Dyer
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	J. Rhodes
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	H. W. Rhodes
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	H. W. Rhodes
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	J. H. Britton
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	H. McElyea

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Decatur County (continued)

Township 1, Range 4 East (continued)

Section 6 (continued)

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Britton
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ I. Green
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ C. McCollum

Section 7

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Larkin
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Isaac Green
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Isaac Green
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ C. McCollum
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. B. Stringer
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Geo. W. Riddle
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ James Riddle
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Geo. W. Riddle
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. B. Stringer
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ James Riddle

Section 8

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Kennedy
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Eli Monks
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. K. McCollum
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Larkin
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Erwin
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Griffin
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Hill
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Erwin
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Gaddis
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 9

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sophia King
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Kennedy
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E, J. Kennedy
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Kennedy
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Kennedy
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Kennedy
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. K. McCollum

Section 10

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ William George
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sophia King
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 11

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Davis
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Miller

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Illegible
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Millie Burks
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Illegible
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ William George
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Miller
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S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Illegible
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 12

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Cruse
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Terrel Gray
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ John Caperton
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Terrel Gray
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Miller
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ I. Bishop
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Wilson
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Crabtree
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Wilson
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Miller
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ L. D. Yates
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 13

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. H. Lanham
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Sisk
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Lanham
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Miles Miller
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Robertson
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. D. Hayter
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Miles Miller
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. M. Olivers
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sampson Gifford

Section 14

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NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. M. Miller
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Boice (or Brice?)
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Boice (or Brice?)
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sampson Gifford
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Terrel Gifford
Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 15

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Boice (or Brice?)
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. George
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Hill
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Jacob B. Miller

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Decatur County (continued)

Township 1, Range 4 East (continued)

Section 16 (School)Section 17

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Griffin
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Cagle
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Blackwell
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. McCullum
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
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 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Holt
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Hill
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Cagle
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Riggs
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Cagle
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Cagle
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 18

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 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Elledge
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Riddle
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 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Riddle
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. K. McCollum
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Riddle
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Cagle
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Cagle
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Beason
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Kennedy
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Beason
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Robert D. Hodges
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Robert D. Hodges

Section 19

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Nick? Jacks
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Fanning
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Copeland
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Brewer
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Josh Fanning
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Section 20

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Cagle
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Frazier
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Britton
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Frazier
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. (or S?) H. Britton
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Frazier
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Copeland
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Riggs
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Yates

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. F. Jacks
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ David F. Jacks

Section 21

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ John C. Isbell
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Henry Davis (marked out)
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. F. Jacks
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ John Hutton

Section 22

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Bland
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. T. Mason
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. T. Mason

Section 23

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Terrel Gifford
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Terrel Gifford
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. T? (or V?) Burkes
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Colbert
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Robertson
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Wisely (Wesley?) Sisk
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ N. J. Ivey
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Colbert
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 24

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T? Henshaw
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. D. Hayter
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Robertson
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Carpenter
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. P. McElyea
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Geo. Frazier
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Sisk
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Sisk

Section 25

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. D. Price
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Counts
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Cruse
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ I? Cruse
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Money
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Counts
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. M. Collins
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Ivey
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Counts
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. P. McElyea
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Sisk
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Thomas (-continued)

Decatur County (continued)

Township 1, Range 4 East (continued)

Section 26

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Sisk
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. H. Reid
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Martin
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. H. Reid
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. H. Reid
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. M. Reid

Section 27

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. B. Reid
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Brown
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. T. Mason
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Brown
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Holland
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 28

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Hutton
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Simpson, Jr.
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Rob. H. Jacks
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Beason
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Riggs

Section 29

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. W. Rhodes
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Yates
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. McCarley
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Turner
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. W. Hill
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Wittaker?
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. W. Rhodes
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Rhodes
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. W. Hill
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. W. Hill
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. W. Hill
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Fanning

Section 30

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. W. Hill
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Franklin P. Vaughn
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. W. Hill
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ James Fanning
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Fanning
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Franklin P. Vaughn

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Franklin P. Vaughn
 Robert T? Reed

Section 31

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

J. Fanning
 J. Fanning
 James M. Waller (Miller?)
 Robert T? Reed
 James M. Waller (Miller?)
 Blank
 Joseph Martin
 Blank
 Blank
 Jos. Graham

Section 32

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

William Simmons
 William Simmons
 J. Fanning
 Blank
 J. Martin
 T. Hall
 S? Hall
 T. Hall
 Blank
 Blank

Section 33

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$

Blank
 Joseph L? Brewer
 J. Hall
 J. Brown
 J. Hall
 T. Hall
 Joseph L. (or J?) Brewer
 Jos. Hall
 Joseph L. (or J?) Brewer
 James Hall

Section 34

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$

Blank
 Wm. Vandever
 Blank
 Moses Swaim?
 Blank

Section 35

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

A. H. Reid
 G. Hu pith (Hudspeth?)
 H. McElyea
 J. McCartney
 M. Swain
 C. Frazier
 W. Hatchet
 S. Frazier
 M. Swaim

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Colbert



COLBERT COUNTY WILL BOOK "A" 1869 - 1903 3rd Installment

The earliest Will Book in Colbert County is Book "A" which is from July 22, 1867 to May 11, 1903. Many of the earliest wills recorded in this book were dated in Franklin County before it split into two counties. Abstracted from photocopies by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Pages 38-43 DAVID DESHLER

Dated: 8 March 1870, Philadelphia, Pa.

Witness: William Elliott

Prob: 10 Feb 1872, Colbert Co.

J. H. Dunn

Executor: My dear friend Gen. John D. Rather

I, David Deshler of Tuscumbia, Colbert Co., Ala. (now sojourning in the city of Philadelphia) ... in good health and sound mind and memory ... pay just debts and funeral expenses ... to be decently buried with my family in the cemetery in Tuscumbia, Ala. ...

To the Deshler Female Institute, Inc., of Tuscumbia, Al., lots No. 155, 156, 185, and 186 forming the square of lots on which my home residence is located & upon which is situated the house in which James Deshler was born (in whose memory the above institution was named and incorporated). This gift is on condition the Institute shall raise \$10,000 to insure "the establishment of a first class female institution for the education of present and coming generations" conditioned that it never become a religiously sectarian institution. "My objection is not to religious teaching but distinctly to Sectarian preferences in professionally teaching Special doctrines or creeds." The idea is to enlighten the pupils to enable them to choose rationally and adopt a religion of their own. If I am misinformed and there is no "Deshler Female Institute" in Tuscumbia then I make the same bequest to any organized corporate body existing for the same objectives and purposes.

My land and town property to be sold as soon as circumstances will permit and rented up to the time of the sale.

My land and town property in Minnesota to be managed or disposed of through my agent, H. B. Hancock of Minneapolis.

To my friend and executor, John D. Rather, my library now at Tuscumbia, my iron safe, paper press, and table.

To my young friend, Silas P. Rather, my shotgun and acruments (he has them in his possession now.)

To my sister Catharine, married to Lewis K. Hottenstine of Berks, Pa., my silver table-ware (now in my son's safe.)

To my nephew, Walter D. Shantz, the gold watch (hunting case) formerly belonging to my son (a relic.)

To my niece, Elenora C. W. Shantz, the gold watch (a Lapine) formerly my wife's (also a relic.)

The balance of my property (except money, stocks, or debts due me) to be sold.

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David Deshler's Will (-continued-)

To John D. Rather, in trust, \$5000 to be invested and interest to be paid annually to my niece, Ellenora C. M. Schantz. If she dies without children then at her death it is to go to her brother, Walter D. Schantz.

The balance of my estate to be divided between my nephews and nieces (the children of my deceased brothers James Deshler and John Deshler, and my sister, Catharine, married to James K. Hottenstine, my niece Ellenora C. M. Schantz, and the children of my nephew Walter D. Schantz. If any of my said nephews took "an active part voluntarily, to carry on the fanatical, barbarous, and unrighteous War upon the Southern States of the Union by serving in the Union Army so called—or by aiding and abetting with their personal influence or money in said unholy Crusade" he shall be excluded from any benefit from my estate "considering as I do that they assisted in diminishing the value of same.

/s/ David Deshler

Judge A. W. Ligon of Colbert County, Ala. ordered George Pierce to take depositions of William Elliott and J. H. Dunn of Philadelphia, Pa on 10 Feb 1872. William Elliott's deposition was taken on 16 Feb. 1872 by George Pierce in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Elliott stated he was a resident of Philadelphia for 23 years, was a banker, and aged 48. He knew David Deshler about 22 years, "the occasion being during his periodical visits to Philadelphia during that period." Elliott judged Deshler to be between 65-70 years of age in appearance at his death. Deshler was a tall, stout man with a florid complexion. Elliott stated he believed Deshler had no immediate family living.

The deposition of J. H. Dunn, the other witness, was taken by George Pierce on 17 Feb. 1872 in Philadelphia, Pa. Dunn stated he had resided in Philadelphia 19 years, is a banker, aged 40 years. He knew David Deshler intimately for 15 years through Deshler's trips to Philadelphia and judges he was 60-65 years of age, of above medium height, stout, and florid.

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GEORGIANA Mc. CARTER

Dated: 29 April 1871
 Prob: 12 March 1872
 Executor: not named

Witness: James P. Bell
 W. B. Alexander

To my beloved brother, Charles W. Carter, a note I hold against him, the balance being about \$140.

To each of my sisters, Roberta Carter and Eliza E. Turner, \$10. each.

To my nephew, James Robert Allen, \$10. and the balance of all my personal effects.

To my beloved brother, John H. Carter, all right, title and interest I have in real estate and at his death it is to go to the heirs of his body.

At my death my brother John H. Carter to pay above sums to each of above named heirs.

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SOLOMON DUKE

Dated: 3 Nov. 1871
 Prob: 4 March 1872
 Executor: not named

Witness: James D. Erwin
 Sam Corsbie

To my beloved wife, Ellender Duke, for her kindness to me through life: the place on which I now live being one-half of the NE/4 of Sec. 24-4-15W during her lifetime and at her death it is to go to my son-in-law, Ely Brown.

To my beloved wife, Elender Duke, during her lifetime, all my personal property with the right to dispose of same as she thinks proper.

To my son-in-law, Eli Brown, and my daughter, Alvira Brown, his wife, the above described land for their kindness and attention to me in my old age.

To my sons, John Duke, James Duke, Green Duke, Jefferson Duke, Andrew Duke, W. R. Duke, and Franklin Duke, and my daughters Mary A. Loyde, Elizabeth A. Tucker, Elizar Perry, and Amanda Hazelwood have already received their shares of my estate.

his
 Solomon X Duke
 mark

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DENNIS BROWN

Dated: 20 April 1872, Tuscumbia, Ala.
 Prob: 20 May 1872
 Executor: William A. Stoune of Tuscumbia

Witness: John Baxter
 J. W. Gilbert

... being of sound mind though feeble in body ... pay all just debts ...

To my sister, Mrs. Bridget Morgan, all my property, money and effects and at her death
 it is to decend to the heirs of her body.

his
 Dennis X Brown
 mark

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CHRISTIAN SNIDOW

Dated: 13 Oct. 1865 Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind.
 Prob: 8 Dec. 1873
 Executor: Henry H. Russell, my adopted son

Witness: Silas Calgrove
 E. L. Watson
 John Farra
 Jos. Edgar, all of
 Winchester, Ind.

I, Christian Snidow, of Winchester, Randolph Co., Indiana ... of sound mind and memory and
 considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life ... pay lawful debts ...

To my beloved sister, Ellen J. Snidow of Giles Co., Va., in fee simple, a promissory note
 (now in the hands of Chapman J. Johnson of Giles Co., Va. for collection) signed by
 the said Ellen J. Snidow to me for \$168 due 17 Sept. 1853. If she has paid the note
 then that amount is to be refunded to her.

To my beloved wife, Celestina Snidow, all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate,
 real and personal, during her natural life.

To my adopted son, Henry H. Russell, of Randolph Co., Ind., at the death of my wife, the
 following property:

1. My personal property.
2. Real estate in Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind., it being the west halves
 of Lots No. 2 and 5 heretofore conveyed to Daniel Rush.
3. The undivided 1/12 of land in Giles Co., Va. known as the Big Meadows
 of Big Strong Creek containing 763 acres, the same having been
 jointly owned by my lamented father, the late John Snidow Sr. and
 his brother William H. Snidow, both of Giles Co., Va. One-twelfth
 was vested to me at the death of my father.
4. Undivided quarter of real estate in Clinton Co., Iowa [described], totaling
 483.30 acres the same having been located by me on October 1, 1853
 for the benefit of Chapman J. Johnson pursuant to an agreement in
 writing that I was to have 1/4 as compensation for services; said
 agreement deposited with my brother, David J. L. Snidow of Giles
 Co., Va.
5. All property, real and personal, not herein devides is to go to my adopted
 son, Henry H. Russell, of Randolph Co., Indiana.

/s/ Christian Snidow

Deposition of witnesses taken in an action pending in Colbert Co., Ala. probate court wherein
 Henry H. Russell is plaintiff and the heirs of Christian Snidow are defendants:

Deposition of Enas L. Watson of Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind., of lawful age,
 states he is 43 years old, a practicing attorney, and has been a resident of
 Winchester over 21 years. He has known Christian Snidow over 20 years and
 first became acquainted with him when he lived in Spartanburg, Randolph Co.,
 Ind. He then moved to Winchester where he lived several years until he moved
 to Alabama. Snidow was about 68 years old and about six feet tall, a little
 stooped forward, large bones, and rather sunken in the breast. Watson states
 he duly witnessed Snidow's will in the presence of Snidow and the other witnesses.
 Watson states he went to Snidow's residence, at Snidow's request, in Winchester,
 Ind. and he and others witnessed Snidow sign the will then they each signed as
 witnesses.

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Will of Christian Snidow (-continued-)

Deposition of Silas Calgrove, witness, of lawful age. Calgrove states he has resided in Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind. since the fall of 1837 and that he is a circuit court judge. He knew Snidow at least 25 years. Snidow resided in Randolph Co., Ind. and for the last 10 or 12 years of their acquaintance he [Snidow] lived in Winchester. He judges Snidow to be about 68 years of age, six feet tall and stooped in the shoulders. Note: Balance of his deposition concurs with that of Watson above.

Pages 53-56 JOHN THARP

Dated: 14 Oct. 1873
 Prob: 6 April 1874
 Executor: William S. Gray

Witness: Richard Taylor
 D. C. Arnold

I, John Tharp ... of disposing mind and memory and in feeble health ...

On October 15, 1869 I conveyed to my brother, Robert Tharp, now deceased, the following land in Colbert Co., Ala: NE/4 Sec. 18-6-10W; E/2 NW/4 Sec. 18-6-10W; SW/4 of NW/4 Sec. 18-6-10W; E/2 SW/4 Sec. 18-6-10W; NW/4 SW/4 Sec. 18-6-10W and the E/2 SE/4 Sec. 18-6-10W. Also the E/2 SW/4 and W/2 SW/4 Sec. 19-6-10W, totaling altogether about 640 acres and recorded in Deed Book "C" on Page 242.

On March 30, 1872 Robert Tharp conveyed this land as follows:

To his son, Eli Tharp, the E/2 NE/4 and E/2 SE/4 Sec. 18-6-10W;

To his dau., Parthany Rebecca Williams, wife of James Williams, the NW/4 NE/4 and NE/4 of NW/4 and SW/4 of NW/4 Section 18-6-10W and the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 19-6-10W.

To his son, John H. Tharp, the E/2 SW/4 and SE/4 NW/4 and NW/4 SW/4 of Section 18-6-10W.

To his daughter, Patsey Ann Tharp, the SW/4 NE/4 Sec. 18-6-10W and W/2 SE/4 of Sec. 19-6-10W.

Whereas, I made a mistake or misdescription in my deed to Robert Tharp and the mistake was corrected after I signed the deed. Fearing that since the correction was made after I signed the deed it might invalidate it, and wanting to give clear title, I declare that the correction was made at my request and I hereby ratify and confirm same.

[Note: This land is actually in Franklin County, Alabama but this original deed was made before Colbert County was carved from Franklin.]

his
 John X Tharp
 mark

Page 56-57 JOHN DOUGLASS

Dated: 26 Jan. 1874
 Prob: 25 May 1874
 Recorded: 28 May 1874
 Executor: not named

Witness: F. A. Nail
 W. L. Douglass
 Wilkes Davidson

... of sound mind and knowing my physical condition ...

To my wife, Julia A. Douglass, all my land and appurtenances thereto.

To my two sons, John Alfred Douglass and James Ashley Douglass, all my perishable property and money which I may have.

I appoint my brother, James Douglass, their guardian without bond or security.

I authorize my brothers, James Douglass and Thomas Douglass, to collect all outstanding claims and pay all my just debts.

/s/ Jno. Douglass

KING CEMETERY

Copied by WPA workers in the 1930's and used here through the courtesy of the Colbert Co. Commission. For a complete introduction to the cemeteries copied by WPA please see Volume 19, Issue No. 1, Page 10. TVGS can not guarantee the accuracy of these inscriptions and they should be used as clues rather than gospel. No location was given on the King Graveyard, however, it is probably the King Cemetery in the SE/4 of Section 27-4-9W as shown on the Colbert County Highway map.

C. Taylor Hizoon June 22, 1847 Oct. 15, 1921	O. L. Spangler July 9, 1850 June 2, 1924	Lena Burton, dau. of D. L. & M. K. Spangler July 17, 1905 Aug. 11, 1906	Ellen Fennel, wife of S. V. Blythe April 21, 1876 Sept. 24, 1928
Eldridge, son of James & Rebecca Fennel Oct. 12, 1888 Oct. 19, 1907	Rebecca Deloney, wife of James Fennel Sept. 10, 1846 Sept. 20, 1903	James Fennel Oct. 9, 1846 March 2, 1921	Evelyn Ophelia, dau. of J. E. & M. L. Felton July 30, 1912 March 21, 1913
Pattie Lee, dau. of J. E. & M. L. Felton Feb. 20, 1908 Fan. 31, 1913	Hartwell K., son of H. K. & Mary J. Felton Nov. 9, 1875 Nov. 24, 1876	Thomas Leckey, son of H. K. & M. J. Felton Feb. 7, 1873 Sept. 13, 1896	unmarked grave here
Benjamin Rush King D. D. S. Nov. 25, 1874 Aug. 22, 1928	Paul King, son of J.M. & Cynthia K. Minor Sept. 18, 1888 Dec. 25, 1895 Age 7 yr., 3 mo., 3 ds.	Paul J. King, son of P. & M. A. King June 27, 1863 Aug. 22, 1888 25 yr., 1 mo., 25 ds.	Paul H. King Sept. 6, 1822 Aug. 29, 1871
Mary Ann King Jan. 30, 1837 Oct. 2, 1870	Eugene King Aug. 19, 1858 Oct. 18, 1864	Ernest Edward King June 29, 1860 Oct. 16, 1864	Edward Goodwin, youngest son of Albert A. & Celia McGregor Nov. 7, 1877 Mar. 16, 1893
Prof. Albert A. McGregor March 1, 1835 March 11, 1907 CSA: 1861 - 1865	Celia King, wife of A. A. McGregor Born Nov. 28, 1838 Married Dec. 23, 1858 Died July 5, 1900	Mary A., wife of Thomas Lile Died Dec. 21, 1867 Age 26 yr., 11 mo., 21 ds.	R. O. Walter King Dec. 30, 1855 Dec. 10, 1867
Hartwell King July 4, 1848 Sept. 3, 1860	Robert King 1810 - 1866	Margaret A., wife of Robert King May 15, 1823 Sept. 3, 1900	Silas, son of Philemon & Eliza J. King May 14, 1858 June 25, 1896
Leo King Nov. 3, 1875 Sept. 26, 1893	Camilla King May 2, 1860 Nov. 17, 1876	P. W. Felton Feb. 28, 1871 Oct. 25, 1877	Annie Kathalene Felton July 2, 1860 July 17, 1860
Philemon King July 15, 1815 Dec. 14, 1878	Elisza J. King April 30, 1834 March 16, 1916	Alice Ren, dau. of P. & E. J. King July 3, 1857 Sept. 23, 1852	Sallie E. Carter, wife of W. O. King Dec. 1, 1853 Nov. 3, 1906
Pattie Jones Sept. 3, 1846 Nov. 9, 1876	Richard King 1752 - 1830	Walter Reynolds Goodwin May 28, 1862 Jan. 16, 1864	Edith Ruth Goodwin July 10, 1861 Sept. 30, 1875

King Cemetery (-continued-)

Col. Edward Goodwin Sept. 7, 1830 Sept. 25, 1863	Ann Lafayette, his wife Apr. 22, 1830 Feb. 26, 1902	Sue G., wife of Johnnie Deloney Feb. 2, 1858 June 19, 1891	Hartwell King March 1, 1785 Sept. 3, 1841
Bertha Curtiss, wife of Hartwell King Feb. 10, 1785 Oct. 22, 1872	Edward H., son of O. & M. R. King Dec. 18, 1830 Oct. 8, 1851	Philemon, son of O. & M. R. King March 23, 1846 Sept. 29, 1849	Mary L., dau. of O. & M. R. King Oct. 10, 1844 May 20, 1845
Martha Rebecca, wife of Oswald King June 26, 1811 Oct. 31, 1851	Imogene, wife of F. R. King July 24, 1862 March 25, 1924	James Hartwell, son of I. W. & F. R. King Feb. 11, 1894 Oct. 17, 1908	Mary H. Smith, wife of Hartwell R. King Oct. 11, 1828 March 6, 1898
Hartwell R. King March 5, 1820 Dec. 11, 1872	Infant son of Tignal & Susan Jones [No dates]	Benjamin, son of Tignal & Susan Jones Sept. 10, 1840	James Edwin, son of A. L. & Annie Davis Died Aug. 18, 1857 Aged 8 days
Henry, son of H. R. & M. H. King Sept. 5, 1854 Aug. 3, 1857	Hartwell, son of H. R. & M. H. King May 7, 1851 July 15, 1851	Dungan, son of H. R. & M. H. King Aug. 17, 1858 Sept. 16, 1858	Richard H., son of H. R. & M. H. King Jan. 28, 1862 Sept. 18, 1867
Deborah E., wife of Paul S. King Feb. 9, 1859 Dec. 27, 1878	Steppie E. Pickett wife of Paul S. King June 5, 1859 Feb. 1, 1929	C. H. Puller May 23, 1861 June 25, 1930	Hugh M. King April 19, 1865 Dec. 25, 1910
Mary McW. Warren wife of B. C. King Feb. 18, 1840 June 5, 1899	Mary King [No dates]	Annie Lafayette King <u>Sr.</u> March 11, 1828[?] May 18, 1828[?]	Washington Lafayette King Oct. 1, 1824 Oct. 25, 1827
Robert K., son of Dr. T. R. & Inez K. Jones Sept. 19, 1893 June 3, 1897	Percy W. King April 11, 1850 Nov. 4, 1897	Martha A., wife of Robert King Dec. 17, 1837 April 17, 1900	Robert King Dec. 12, 1832 May 16, 1905
Nancy Emily, dau. of R. & M. A. King Oct. 11, 1860 April 1, 1931			

MATHUNE CEMETERY

This cemetery is located six miles east of Riverton and one mile east of Hog Hollow out on Bald Knob in the northwest portion of Colbert County. Copied by WPA workers in the 1930's.

John Millum Davis Died Nov. 7, 1908 Aged 41 years	Margaret L., dau. of B. E. & Rebecca J. Davis Died Oct. 26, 1872 Aged 2 yrs., 6 mo.	Mrs. Becky Jane Davis Died Jan. 10 [no year given] Aged 86 years
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Franklin




GRAY-PETREE FAMILIES

The following newspaper clippings and written recollections of the Petree and Gray families were contributed by TVGS member Micki J. Bureson of Euless, Texas. The following recollections were written by Maude H. Petree Clark (b. 21 Apr 1890) in 1978 at age 89 years. She was the daughter of John Wilson Petree and Edie Elizabeth Patterson.

THE GRAY FAMILY

As for Mr. Gray, I don't remember his given name. He and family lived on a farm, had a large white house and at each end was a big nice chimney. The rooms were rather large with a long hall in between. They were a happy family. I believe [they had] nine children: William Henry, Amos, Marvin, Pink, Marshall, Dona, Ida, Mattie and Mollie. Their mother died when Marshall was born and Dona cared for him until their Dad married a widow that had a boy. His [the step-brother's] name was Floyd Ware. Mrs. Ware was so good to all the children. They got along just fine. Mollie and I were the same age. I remember I was so glad they had a mamma. She was my first Sunday School teacher. I just loved her.

They farmed and had a mill on the river near their home. You took the shelled corn to him and came home with cornmeal and was it good! The river was dammed up with rock to get their power for the mill. And it was a good place to catch trout and catfish. Later he bought another place on the other side of town; there he farmed and also had a cotton gin where he made cotton in[to] bales. He and the boys could do the work at this place and he had a nice bunch of cattle also. The house on this place was a big white house with double chimneys for two large rooms, had porches on both sides with rooms on each end of the porches. I thought it was the best looking house anywhere; had to go down several steps then a walk to the dining room which had banisters on the side. [There was] a pretty top on the walk like this  to keep the sun, rain or snow off. The kitchen was to the left of the dining room.

The dining room had something built near the ceiling, had strips of paper fixed on boards, paper hanging down twelve inches or more. It was built so someone at the end of the large table [could] pull a string and keep the flies off the table. There were no screens then. It sure worked, believe me!

I remember sometime we could hear the Gray family singing a little after sundown. It was beautiful singing. Dona played the organ and Ida sang alto; Pink, tenor; Amos, base. Mollie and Mattie sang with them too. In fact, they all would join in at times. They were all musically inclined and a nicer family could not be found.

JAMES LEWIS GRAY OBITUARY

[Note: This obituary of James Lewis Gray, the subject of the foregoing recollection, is believed to have been from a Franklin County newspaper and was probably dated in August, 1913. Please note that the second wife's name was Weir in the obituary and was written "Ware" in the recollection.]

James Lewis Gray was born February 17, 1840. Was married to Miss Mary Jane Russell January 24, 1867. Later he married Miss Hiberna Weir. To them were born twelve children, ten of them are living, two are dead.

He was a soldier in the civil war, served his country to the end of that struggle, came home when the war was over, settled down and made a good citizen. He made a profession of religion and joined the Methodist church and lived in that communion until his death. He filled and served his church in different offices of steward trustee for more than forty years. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He conducted more burials and made more Masons than any other man in all this section of the country. He was chosen to represent his lodge in the grand lodge more often than any other man.

At 2 a.m. August 7, 1913, the Grand Master of the universe called him from labor to refreshment in the lodge above at the ripe age of nearly 73 years.

I. A. GRAY OBITUARY

[Note: I. A. Gray was a son of James Lewis Gray and moved to Taylor County, Texas in 1904. The migration of this typical family is most interesting. There was no identification on the obituary as to the name or date of the newspaper in which it appeared.]

Last rites for I. A. Gray, 58, pioneer Taylor County [Texas] farmer will be held from the Laughter Undertaking company chapel this afternoon at 4 o'clock, with the Rev. C. B. Meador of Abilene and the Rev. H. L. Thurston of Caps, Methodist ministers, conducting the service. Luther J. Webb will conduct the song service.

Mr. Gray died Tuesday afternoon at 6:10 o'clock at his farm home in the Potosi community where he had

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lived for a quarter of a century. A native of Russellville, Ala., he moved to Taylor County in 1904 and settled on Mrs. J. W. Petree's farm, seven and one-half miles southeast of Abilene. He remained on that farm until his death.

Besides his widow, Mr. Gray is survived by three sons and two daughters: Wilson, Luther and Lucian Gray and Misses Jouventia and Elizabeth Gray, all of Potosi; five sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Julia Patterson, Tahoka; Miss Mattie Gray, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Henry George, Belmont, Miss; Mrs. C. M. Peden, Dalhart, Tex; Mrs. B. B. Nelson; P. P. Gray, Belmont, Miss; Marshall Gray, Tishomingo, Miss; M. L. Gray; a sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Gray of Tishomingo; a niece, Mrs. Clyde Shaw of Slaton; and a nephew, J. O. Patterson of Tahoka also survive.

Mr. Patterson was at his uncle's bedside when the death occurred and Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are here for the funeral.

Active pallbearers will be Will Nesmith, Ben Holley, Oscar Bennett, Charles Latham, Court Donnell and Joe Duckworth.

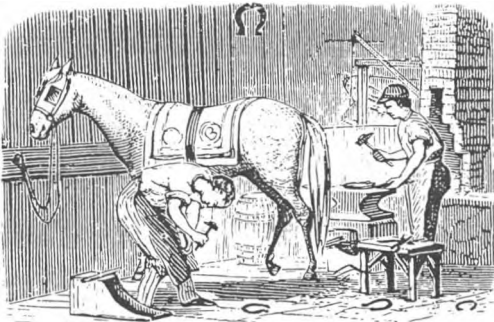
Honorary pallbearers: Floyd Parker, Jim Gilbert, Lon Lockley, Max Fisher, J. M. Plowman and Grady Andrews.

Interment will be made in Cedar Hill cemetery here.

JOHN WILSON PETREE
(Recollections)

John Wilson Petree was born in South Carolina Oct. 15, 1843 [and] moved from there to Pleasant Site [in] Franklin Co., Alabama. He married Eda Elizabeth Patterson. To this union was born ten children, four boys and six girls. I was the ninth child. There are only two living now, W. F. Petree, age 92 near Dallas in a home and Maude Clark of Capitan, New Mexico, age 88.

My dad was a blacksmith when they had two children, Luther and Dave. His place of business



was near the only store at Pleasant Site, Alabama. Was hard to make a living in his shop. To his surprise the owner of the store came out of his shop, said "John, I want to sell my store and all in it to you."

Dad said, "No, I can't do that—don't have a cent to pay you." He replied, "John, take over the store and pay me as you can." So he gave him the keys. I don't know how many years he had the store; must have been several years. The Post Office was put in one corner of the store. The mail came by horseback from Cherokee, Mississippi; it came twice a week. The name of the store was "General Merchantile." On the other side of the store was a place where Louis Riggs took pictures. Everything anyone would need was in there, even material to make coffins.

The oldest sons would freight the stuff needed with oxens from Russellville, Alabama or Iuka, Mississippi. Dad would go to market to Nashville, Tennessee to buy dry goods, etc.



We only had oranges and coconuts at Christmas time. But we had the cellar full of sweet and Irish potatoes, sauerkraut, and all kinds of canned fruit and vegetables. Also a small barrel of grape wine. And the smoke house was full of meat, a barrel of molasses, a barrel of salt, and enough lard for the year. The barrels of flour and sugar were kept in the kitchen.

My dad bought a farm when the first four children got married. Was good bottom land near a creek. Had three houses on it; two were log houses. That's where the oldest got their start raising cotton and corn. We always had cows to milk and some beef to sell late in the fall. We always had peanuts and popcorn and several kinds of nuts to eat by the big fireplace in the winter.

Must not leave Mother out. She was always knitting allnight—Dad's wool sox and two pair for each of us. The girls' [stockings] were made from cotton and Mother spun the thread that made each of us the stockings, [then] dyed them with bark of some kind. She had a big loom and made the most beautiful coverlets [as] they were called, one was blue and one was red—a very beautiful design. They were made of wool and used for spreads. She also made a rag carpet with her loom for our big living room. We had grass carpeting on the parlor as the room was called then. It had two pretty wooden beds in it, an organ, and a pretty, small table with a bowl and pitcher [on it, and] a book case and rockers.

The mantle was fixed with pretty vases and pictures. The fireplace was a nice built one (where the boys would come to see the oldest girls.)

Dad was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School. He would go and take us younger children to the church walking. Mother would come later for

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the preaching sermon. We would all walk home together.

Moved to Texas

My Uncle Jim Petree that lived near Potosi found a place for sale, wrote Dad to come see it. He went and bought 600 acres a little ways south of Colony Hill. It had one two-story house on it. He built three more houses on the place. Later on he sold out everything we had and moved to Abilene except a few trunks full of things. Our apples were so good he shipped one barrel full but when it got to Abilene it was empty; guess someone smelled them, don't you? My oldest sister and family moved out with us. They were Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Gray and they had two small boys, Wilson and China Gray. They lived on the farm for quite a while and had three more children, Lucian Gray, Jouventia Burleson, and Elizabeth Gray. Wilson and Elizabeth are deceased, also the parents.

My oldest brothers, Luther and Dave Petree, also lived on the place several years. They married sisters, Forte Nelson and Clemmie Nelson of Pleasant Site, Franklin Co., Alabama.

Dad was not satisfied not running a business so he bought out a grocery store on Chestnut Street. He thought he could do like he did in Alabama: extend credit to everybody. He thought everyone's word was as good as gold but he soon found it was quite different here. He had a nephew, Walter Petree, come out and help him. I don't remember just how long he had the store but not too long. He bought another farm north of Abilene. I forget just how many acres. All the places were sold after Mother past on and proceeds divided among the children. Mother died November 11, 1933.

My dad had an Oldsmobile and he drove it in the country but not downtown. They lived at 14 South Oak Street. Several times a week he would walk to North First to the fire station and play dominoes with the fire boys. And on June 25, 1917 he started home. He was on the sidewalk on North First Street when a car driven by an elderly lady ran upon the sidewalk and mashed him against the brick wall. He never knew what happened. Some wanted to sue her but Mother said "No, that won't bring Dad back and will only make the lady suffer more." We did not even know her. She lived near Buffalo Gap.

He was the best dad anyone could ever have. His motto was, "If you can't say some good about someone, don't say anything."

J. W. PETREE OBITUARY

J. W. PETREE IS KILLED BY CAR

Aged Resident Died Within an Hour After Being Struck by Auto.

HAPPENED MONDAY NOON

Mrs. Ben F. Graham of Cedar Gap Accidentally Struck Mr. Petree With Her Motor Car.

J. W. Petree, an aged resident of Abilene, received injuries when struck by an automobile at noon Monday from which he died one hour later at a local hospital where he was taken following the accident.

He was struck by an automobile driven by Mrs. Ben F. Graham of the Cedar Gap section and according to witnesses it was an unavoidable accident.

With T. W. Allen, Mr. Petree was crossing the street from the Grace Hotel corner to the Mecca Cafe corner, North First and Cypress Streets. When they had crossed a little more than half the width of the street, and while within about three feet of the round concrete traffic sign, Mr. Allen happened to glance around and saw the car almost upon them.

"I yelled, 'Look out!'" he said, "and gave Mr. Petree a shove at the same time, attempting to push him out of the path of the car. This I was unable to do. The left fender of the car struck my leg and brushed me aside but did not hurt me. Mr. Petree was caught between the right wheel of the car and the bumper. The car ran up onto the sidewalk, throwing Mr. Petree against the building near the corner, and then bumped into him. From the way the tracks of the car looked on the pavement, the driver must have started to drive to the left of the traffic sign but happened to think that the right side was the proper way and turned suddenly to make the turn. She probably miscalculated the distance from the car and was unable to stop before the collision came."

Mr. Petree was taken in the same car to the Alexander Sanitarium where he died about one hour later.

Mrs. Graham was almost prostrated by the accident.

Mr. Petree leaves several children and was well known here.

Mr. Petree was injured internally. He was 73 years of age and leaves a widow and nine children. The family came here 13 years ago from Pleasant Site [Franklin Co.], Alabama. Mr. Petree was an ex-Confederate soldier, a Mason and a member of the Methodist church.

Funeral arrangements had not been announced at 2:30 o'clock Monday. Following are children: Mrs. C. H. Lee, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Mrs. J. D. Lee

Gray-Petree Families (-continued-)

of Haleyville, Ala; Mrs. Fred Clark, Midland, Texas; Luke A. Petree, Potosi, Texas; E. T. Petree, View, Texas; Mrs. I. A. Gray, Potosi,

Texas; Mrs. J. H. Beasley, Abilene, Texas; Mrs. A. H. Nelson, Abilene, Texas, and W. F. Petree of Abilene, Texas.

GONE
TO
TEXAS

JOHN SUTHERLAND [JR.]
(Franklin County, Alabama)

HEADRIGHT CERTIFICATE NO. 82

Republic of Texas



This is to certify that JOHN SUTHERLAND has appeared Before the Board of Land Commissioners for the County of Colorado and proved according to Law that he arrived in this country previous to the declaration of Independence and that he is a Man of Family and Entitled to one League [4,423.4 acres] and one Labor [177.1 acres] of Land upon the condition of paying at the rate of _____ for every Labor of Irrigable Land and \$5.00 for every Labor of temporal or arable Land and \$2.40 for every Labor of Pasture Land contained in the survey secured to him by this certificate.

Given under our hands this second day of March Eighteen hundred and Thirty Eight.

Attest
Robt. Brotherton
Clerk

Abraham Alley President
W. M. Thompson Associate Comr.

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

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Jackson



SOUTHERNERS WHO SERVED IN THE UNION ARMY (Part two of two parts)

For the introduction to this article please refer to the last issue of "Valley Leaves," December, 1984.
Compiled and contributed by TVGS member and Recording Secretary, Eva Burger.

The Compiled Service Records of Volunteers, Union Soldiers who Served in the First Independent Vidette Cavalry Company "A"

- Latham, Andrew J.
Private, age 44, enrolled 29 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.
- Lusk, John
Private, age 18, enrolled 28 August 1863. Captured at Hunts Mill 26 September 1863.
Died 25 October 1863 at Richmond, Virginia hospital.
- Lusk, William
Private/Sergeant, age 42, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Franklin County, Tennessee.
Captured at Hunts Mill 26 September 1863 and confined at Richmond, Virginia. Admitted to
hospital at Annapolis, Maryland, on 18 November 1863.
- Marimon, Abraham B.
Private, age 33, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Tennessee. Captured 26 September 1863
at Hunts Mill.
- McAnely, John W.
Private, age 18, enrolled 20 December 1863 at Larkinsville. Born in Jackson County,
Alabama.
- McAnely, William H.
Private, age 18, enrolled 10 January 1864 at Larkinsville. Born Jackson County, Alabama.
- Michael, Marian L.
Private, age 25, enrolled 10 June 1864 at Stevenson, Alabama. Born in Tennessee.
- Moore, George G.
Private, age 48, enrolled 28 August 1863.
- Morgan, Moses A.
Private/Corporal, age 25, enrolled 6 September 1863 at Stevenson, Alabama. Born in
Bedford County, Tennessee.
- Murray, Elijah A.
Private, age 27, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.
- Murray, John K.
Private/Corporal, age 29, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.
Died 4 February 1864 near Larkinsville.
- Murray, William D.
J., Private, age 41, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born Madison County, Alabama.
- Myrick, Richard G.
Private, age 30, enrolled 10 September 1863 at Stevenson, Alabama. Born in Early
County, Georgia.

Southerners in Union Army (-continued-)

Pace, Jackson

Private, age 35, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama. (Buried in Latham Cemetery.)

Pace, Joseph B.

Private, age 21, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

Precise, David R.

Private, age 18, enrolled 6 September 1863 at Stevenson, Alabama. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

Precise, Robert P.

Private, age 18, enrolled 6 September 1863 at Stevenson. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

Rich, Madison H.

Private, age 29, enrolled 6 September 1863 at Stevenson. Born in Randolph County, North Carolina.

Sanders, Francis M.

Private, age 18, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Tennessee.

Sanders, Elijah

Private, age 35, enrolled 3 November 1863 at Stevenson, Alabama. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

Sanders, Elijah G.

Private/Sergeant, age 30, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

Sanders, Ivory

Private, age 32, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Tennessee.

Sanders, John B.

Private, age 27, enrolled 3 November 1863 at Stevenson, Alabama. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

Sanders, William W.

Private, age 18, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Dekalb County, Alabama.

Selby, James M.

Private, age 19, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

Selby, John N.

Private/Sergeant, age 26, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

Shelton, William P.

Private, age 19, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.



Southerners in Union Army (-continued-)

- Skelton, Samuel G.
Private, age 22, enrolled 28 August 1863.
- Skelton, William C.
Private, age 20, enrolled 28 August 1863. Captured at Hunts Mill on 26 September 1863. (Buried Blue Springs Cemetery, died 22 November 1924.)
- Smith, George C.
Private, age 46, enrolled 28 August 1863. Died 8 April 1864 at Larkinsville, Alabama.
- Smith, Sterling M.
Private, age 28, enrolled 6 September 1863 at Stevenson, Alabama. Captured at Hunts Mill on 26 September 1863.
- Sparks, John T.
Private, age 38, enrolled 10 September 1863 at Stevenson, Alabama. Born Spartensburg District, North Carolina.
- Thrower, Levi
Private, age 24, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born Coffee County, Tennessee. Sick, left Stevenson, Alabama 20 October 1863. Died from disease at home near Larkinsville on 10 November 1863. (Buried in the Latham Cemetery)
- Thrower, Reese
Private, age 38, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Tennessee.
- Tinney, Elijah
Private, age 32, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.
- Tinney, John C.
Private, age 34, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.
- Tubb, George
Private, age 18, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.
- Tubb, John
Private, age 44, enrolled 16 November 1863 at Larkinsville, Alabama. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.
- Weaver, Lewis
Private, age 18, enrolled 1 December 1863 at Larkinsville. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.
- Webb, Henry A.
Private, age 22, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Giles County, Tennessee.



Awaiting Her Son's Return.

Southerners in Union Army (-continued-)

Wilburn, Elias

Private, age 32, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

Wilkinson, Joseph

Private, age 40, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Marion County, Tennessee. Died on 9 January 1864 at home near Larkinsville.

Williams, James K. P.

Private, age 19, enrolled 27 November 1863 at Larkinsville. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

Williams, John W.

Private/1st Lieutenant, age 30, enrolled 28 August 1863 as Private at Larkinsville, Alabama. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant 10 September 1863 at Stevenson, Alabama.

Williams, Jonathan

Private/QM Sergeant, age 22, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama. (Buried in the Latham Cemetery.)

Williams, Thomas M.

Private, age 18, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama. Died 19 February 1864 near Larkinsville (buried in Kirkpatrick Cemetery across Guess's Creek.)

Willis, James

Private, age 37, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born in Jackson County, Alabama.

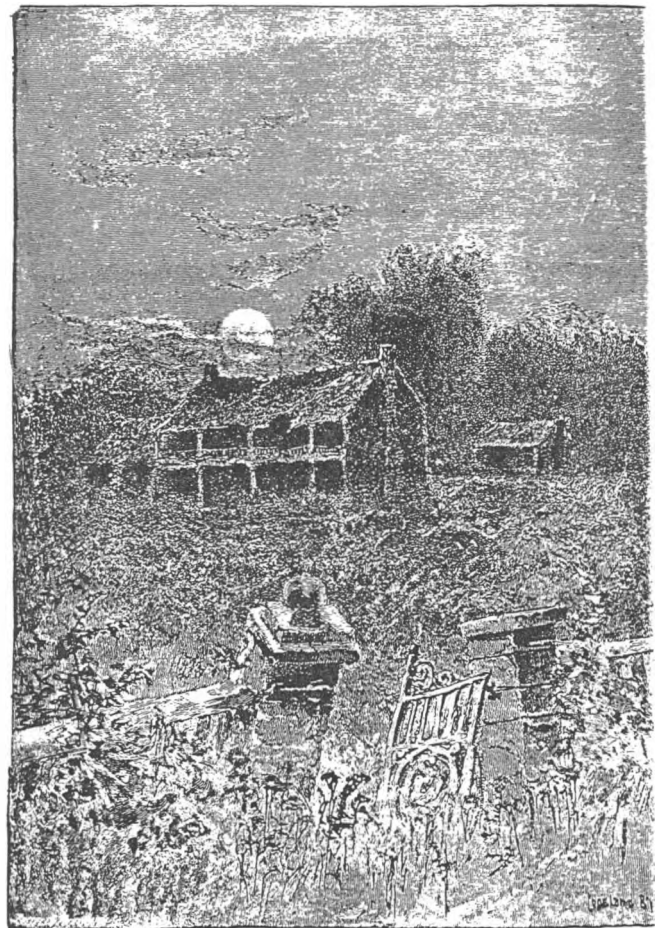
Wilson, Michael

Private/Corporal, age 41, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born Barren County, Kentucky. Captured 26 September 1863 at Hunts Mill. Prisoner of war records confined at Richmond, Virginia; died there 13 December 1863.

Womack, Robert M.

Private/Corporal, age 33, enrolled 28 August 1863. Born Jackson County, Alabama.

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After the War

RUSSELL WILLIAM CLAY CEMETERY

This cemetery is located at Princeton, Jackson County, Alabama. This portion of the Clay Cemetery is situated on the southwest side of the road. The old Taliaferro (or Toliver) Cemetery joins on the east side and the remaining part is situated on the north side (across the road) from the above two portions. The entire acreage formerly belonged to Russell William Clay. The Russell William Clay Cemetery is approximately 1/2 acre. In the middle of the area is the Russell William and Mahala (Jones) Clay ornate marble monument with an open Holy Bible on one side. The monument is approximately 15 feet high and has a wrought iron fence around it. Their children's plots begin at each corner:

At the southwest corner, their daughter: Julia Ann Beason and family
 At the southeast corner, their daughter: Ruth Catherine Stovall and family
 At the northeast corner, their daughter: Jane Isabella Robertson and family
 At the northwest corner, their daughter: Elizabeth Bostick and family
 At the east (center) their son: Martin Alexander Clay and family

This cemetery was copied by Addie Shaver and Ann Gahan in 1982 and contributed by Mrs. Gahan. The helpful notes are by Mrs. Gahan. Please read from left to right across the page.

<u>CLAY</u>		Russell William Clay	Bethel Hinshaw Clay
Martin Alexander Clay	Martha Clay Jacobs	Feb. 2, 1895	Dec. 9, 1896
Mar. 10, 1847	July 30, 1866	Aug. 30, 1962	----
Dec. 6, 1909	Nov. 28, 1940		
Father	Mother		
<u>EUSTACE</u>			
Jeanette Clay Russell	Emmett Elice Eustace	Eula Clay Eustace	
Oct. 17, 1915	Dec. 18, 1893	Sept. 25, 1896	
Oct. 2, 1973	June 3, 1960	Jan. 14, 1974	
Mother, we love you.		[Eastern star emblem]	
<u>CLAY</u>		<u>BEASON</u>	
"Come up higher" the	"Let me go, take me now"	Julia Ann Clay	James A. Beason
last words of	the last words of	Mar. 31, 1855	Jan. 25, 1852
Russell William Clay	Mahaly Clay	Aug. 11, 1905	July 27, 1920
Mar. 6, 1804	Feb. 2, 1817		
Dec. 7, 1885	June 10, 1892		
81 yrs., 9 mos., 1 day	75 yrs., 4 mos., 8 days		
"Erected by M. A. Clay and his four sisters, in loving remembrance of Father and Mother, 1892."			
Loula Beason	John Clay Beason	Chastity Ellen (Trice)	Mahalia Josephine Beason
Wife of Henry Alsbaugh	Feb. 29, 1884	April 18, 1887	Apr. 4, 1887
Oct. 8, 1877	Aug. 22, 1950	April 6, 1969	May 31, 1887
July 6, 1904	Father	Mother	[Twin of Wm. Joseph Beason. No marker.]
Elizabeth Beason	James Clay Beason	<u>BOSTICK</u>	
Dec. 30, 1927	Dec. 19, 1923	Elizabeth Clay	John R. Bostick
Dec. 30, 1927	June 21, 1941	Sept. 28, 1838	Sept. 22, 1832
	[Killed in auto. accident]	Sept. 30, 1912	April 14, 1901
[Note: Elizabeth and James Clay Beason were children of William Joseph and Essie (Kennedy) Beason who are buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California.]			

Russell William Clay Cemetery (-continued-)

Billy E. Bostick 1936 - 1937	Cola A. Bostick Dec. 14, 1875 Oct. 20, 1950	Maggie H. Bostick Oct. 9, 1879 Nov. 2, 1964	
<u>HALL</u>		<u>ERWIN</u>	
Alta Graham Hall Jan. 5, 1890 Feb. 28, 1974	William Harvey Hall Dec. 18, 1891 July 23, 1953	Sam Jones March 3, 1885 March 29, 1966	Vera Graham March 13, 1888 Dec. 19, 1956
John M. Graham March 20, 1860 Nov. 6, 1915 Father	Mary J. Graham March 31, 1864 Nov. 23, 1953 Mother	Callie L. Trice Dec. 7, 1859 March 6, 1949 Mother	Sam M. Trice Oct. 24, 1856 Sept. 3, 1934 Father
Fannie I. Trice Nov. 26, 1886[1883?] Nov. 25, 1973	Walter W. Trice Aug. 1, 1881 Nov. 21, 1943	S. A. Trice Oct. 3, 1880 July 2, 1923	Annie L. Trice Feb. 19, 1887 Feb. 1, 1977
Arthur A. Trice Sept. 17, 1883 July 13, 1969	Lillian M. Trice Jan. 9, 1889 March 26, 1981	<u>ROBERTSON</u>	
J. Rich Putman Mar. 17, 1867 June 25, 1901	Margaret E. Putman [wife of R. Putman] Dau. of W. T. & J. I. Robertson] Oct. 25, 1873 July 30, 1896	Jessie E. Putman July 30, 1896 Aug. 29, 1896	William T. Robertson 1847 - 1931 William E. Putman July 30, 1896 Aug. 28, 1896
John Reed Feb. 21, 1876 April 14, 1947 Dad	Sue Willie Reed July 16, 1878 Jan. 21, 1938 Mother	George William Reed 1903 - 1943	Annie D. Reed Butler [Dau. of J.W. & S.W. Reed] Aug. 13, 1905 Mar. 13, 1939
Lonnie Velta Jones May 23, 1906 Feb. 24, 1970	Mary Belle Reed Jones March 10, 1914 ----	George T. Hall Nov. 15, 1884 Feb. 10, 1966	Pearl R. Hall July 12, 1889 April 19, 1971
Inf. dau. of G. T. and Pearl Hall Dec. 29, 1913 Dec. 31, 1913	Woodrow Thomas Hall Jan. 3, 1931 April 28, 1956	Mary M. Houston Nov. 11, 1870 Jan. 5, 1910 [Wife of W. T. Houston]	Maud, wife of N. Neve Bridges March 22, 1876 July 11, 1904
Roger William Hodgdon June 16, 1913 May 20, 1978 64 years of age Tech. 4, U. S. Army World War II	Harriet Jane Hodgdon Sept. 10, 1918 ---- Inf. of Fred & Ida Mae (Stovall) Henshaw [No tombstone]	<u>STOVALL</u>	
Henry A. Stovall June 3, 1871 Mar. 28, 1952	Nellie C. Stovall June 18, 1880 June 17, 1953	Emma L. Stovall June 8, 1873 Jan. 4, 1910	William H. Stovall May 8, 1840 June 13, 1921 John R. Stovall Jan. 17, 1875 Sept. 14, 1935
Inf. dau. of John R. & Emma L. Stovall Feb. 13, 1901 Feb. 14, 1901	Claude Ellis Stovall Feb. 11, 1899 Jan. 16, 1902 2 yr., 11 mos., 15 ds. [Son of John R. & Emma Stovall]	William Clay Stovall Feb. 21, 1881 Sept. 11, 1955	Effie Swaim Stovall April 18, 1894 Feb. 11, 1973
Inf. Keahey, b. 1956 - d. 1956 [No tombstone]		Inf. son of William E. & Minnie Green Feb. 1, 1903 - Feb. 18, 1903 [Parents of this infant bur. Aspermont, Tx.]	

Lauderdale

1921 CONFEDERATE CENSUS

Please refer to the December, 1984 issue of "Valley Leaves" for an introduction to this census.

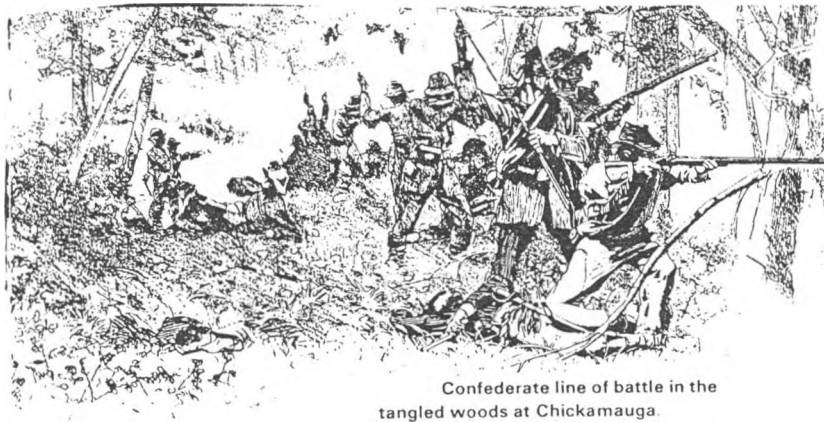
Continued from December, 1984

William C. Davidson
Florence, Ala.

William C. Davidson was born near Florence, Lauderdale County, Alabama on March 17, 1844. He lived in Alabama until 1884 when he moved to Texas and lived there until 1918. He was placed on the pension rolls in Comanche County, Texas then moved back to Alabama in 1918.

He is presently married to his third wife, Elisabeth Davidson. He lists his wife as being dead (apparently his first wife). She was born in Lauderdale County and they were married at Cloverdale, Ala. in July, 1862. He is a registered voter in Black Beaver Precinct of Lauderdale County.

Mr. Davidson entered service about July 14, 1861 at Florence, Alabama, as a Private in Company H of Longstreet's 4th Alabama Regiment under Capt. Robert McFarlane and Col. Law. He was in the Battles of



Confederate line of battle in the tangled woods at Chickamauga.

Chickamauga, Knoxville, Philadelphia, Tn., Resaca, Ga., Dandrige, Tn., and many others. He was never wounded but was captured in July, 1862 at Darley's Factory near Clover Dale and was imprisoned for about one hour.

About August 10, 1863 he transferred into Company B of the 9th Tennessee Regiment under Forrest and Wheeler and directly under Capt. Reynolds and Col. J. B. Biffle. He left the service in December, 1864 when Good crossed the Tennessee River and he was cut off from his detail.

He has two living children who are:

1. Mary Jane Liles, a farmer living at Hines, Ala.
2. William T. Davidson, a farmer living at Hines, Ala.

He has received his pension warrant regularly since being on the roll with the exception of about two in changing from Texas to Alabama.

/s/ William C. Davidson

Witness: S. J. Fowler
June 2, 1921

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1921 Confederate Census (-continued-)

William C. Davidson (-continued-)

Hines, Ala.
June 2nd 1921

Mr. Chas. E. McColl

Dear Sir:

I volunteered in McFarlan's Co. H-4 Ala. Regmt. July, 1861. Served in that till March 1862 when I had Typhoid Fever and was Discharged from Disability. Come Home on Crutches in March 1862, gained Strength by July, 1862 and went to work in Darley & Benhand[?] Wool factory making gray jeans for uniforms. Worked there till July, 1863 when the Yanks Burned it Down. They made me and the crew prisoners for about one hour till they knew we could not put it out then turned us loose on promise to be good. Then they went 10 miles down the creek to Martin's factory and burnt them. There were 5 factorys burned in 4 hours time. "Then I joined Capt. James Reynolds Company B-9th Ten Regiment under J. B. Biffle" who was under Bedford Forrest in 1864 and then under Joseph Wheeler till the End. I was with the command till Hood crossed the Tenn. River on Return from Nashville, Tenn. and was cut off at Florence on Beef Detail and never could get to the Command any more.

Now I wish to state I Refrained from asking a Pension till about 4 years ago when my neighbor saw I was getting old and crippled by machinery trying to make a support for my family so I set to work and accompt. it in Texas and came back to Alabama in June, 1918 and the Co. Judge Said I must get it transferred and keep it going. So am very thankful to friends and I wish to State further that there is one of my Comrads that from Some cause or eney[another] is not Drawing any Pension [and] who is more worthy than many others for I was By His Side through 2 winters in East Tenn. and know if He is not worthy neither I nor any of the others [are]. I speak of H. C. Pruitt of Pruiton, Ala. So Hoping you can Do Something for Him. I am as Ever your friend,
William C. Davidson
Hines, Ala. Rt. 1

David Clay Crow
513 E. Tuscaloosa St.
Florence, Ala.

David Clay Crow was born in Florence, Alabama on May 25, 1845. He has lived in Alabama all his life except for three years from 1909 to 1912 when he lived in New Mexico. He states he is not married, has no children, and is now unable to work. He is a registered voter in Florence, Alabama.

Mr. Crow entered service August 2, 1863 as a private in Company M of the 4th Alabama Regiment of Infantry then later went into the Cavalry. He served under Capt. Tom Ingram and Col. W. A. Johnson.

David Clay Crow was in the Battles of Gettysburg, Athens, Pulaski, Indian Creek and went from Tuscaloosa to Selma with General Forest. He was wounded in 1864 at Pulaski, Tennessee but was never captured or imprisoned. He served in the army about 2-1/2 years and was paroled at the close of war in 1865 at Pond Springs, now Wheeler, Alabama.

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1921 Confederate Census (-continued-)

David Clay Crow (-continued-)

Mr. Crow states he has received his pension warrant regularly since being on the rolls except he was cut off part of the time he was in New Mexico.

/s/ David Clay Crow

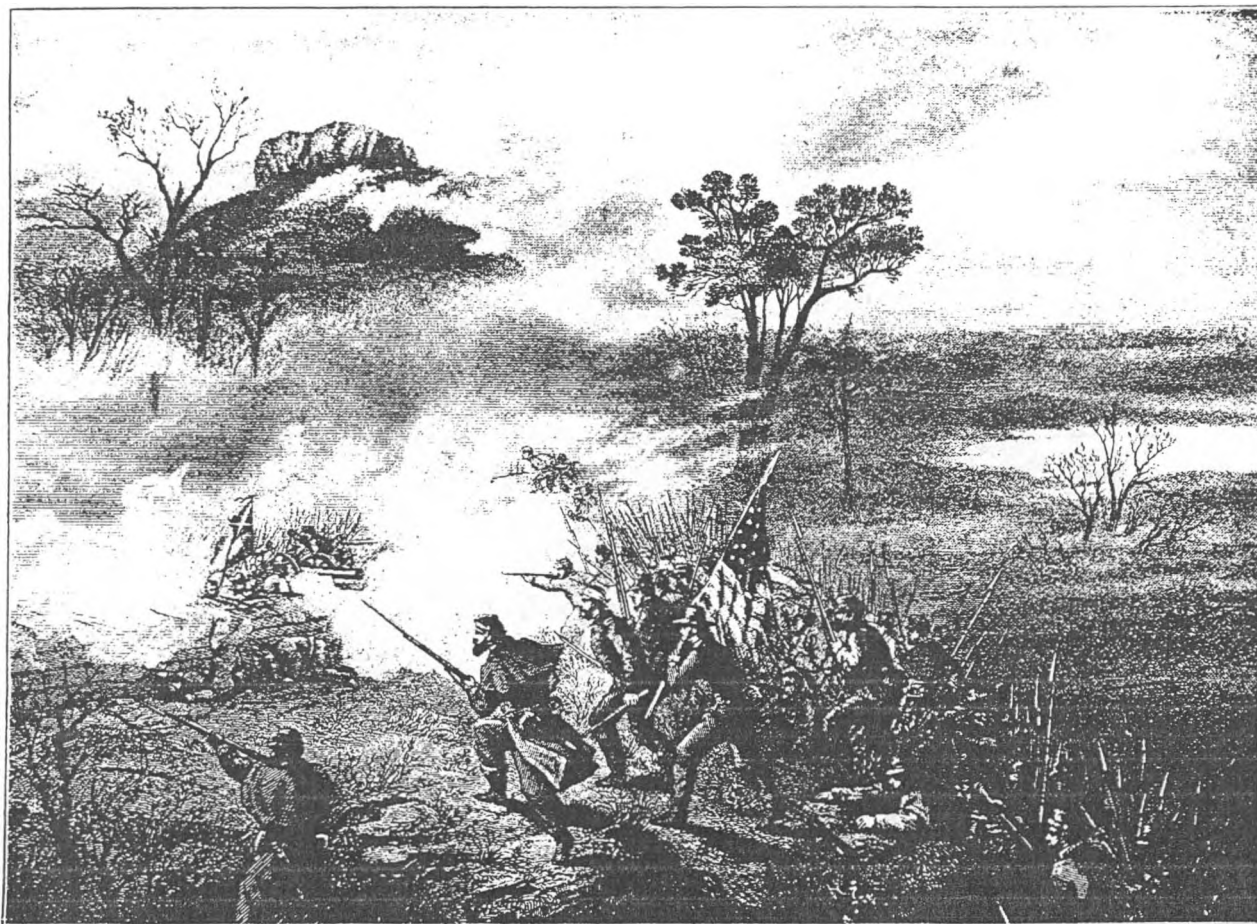
Witness: J. I. McClure
June 4, 1921

Dennis Carroll Hendrix
Route 4
Florence, Ala.

Dennis Carroll Hendrix states he was born September 1, 1839 in Blackburn Beat, Lauderdale County, Alabama. He has always lived in Alabama except for the years 1865, 1866, and 1867 when he lived in Tennessee.

Mr. Hendrix states he is not married at the present time.

Hendrix enlisted in the Army in May, 1861 at Gravelly Springs, Alabama as a Private in Company D of the 9th Alabama Regiment



BATTLE OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.

1921 Confederate Census (-continued-)

Dennis Carroll Hendrix (-continued-)

of Infantry under Capt. J. B. Houston and Col. Wilcox. He was in the Battles of Seven Pines, and the Seven Days Battle before Richmond, Virginia. He was wounded in June in the Battle Before Richmond but was never captured or imprisoned.

Mr. Hendrix also served in the 10th Tennessee Regiment of Cavalry for about six months after he was wounded. He served under Capt. Jno. Huggins and Col. N. N. Cox. His total service was for about 3-1/2 years.

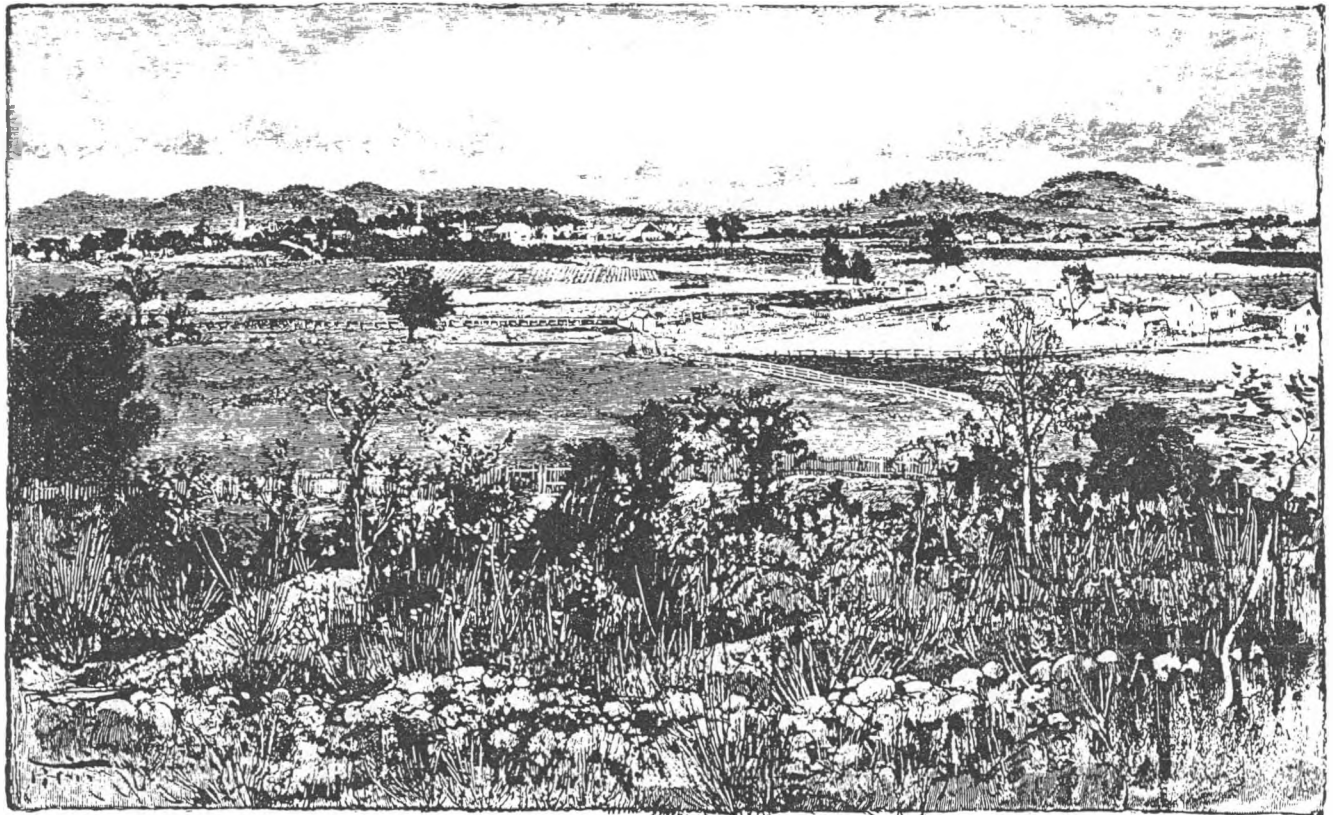
He is presently living with a daughter. The names, addresses, and occupations of his children are:

1. Wm. Robert Hendrix, Minister, Birmingham, Ala.
2. Jno. Polk Hendrix, Farmer, Fort Valley, Ga.
3. Callie Mildred Hendrix, Rt. 4, Florence, Ala.
4. Mary Ella Hendrix, Florence, Ala.

He states he has not received his pension regularly since being put on the rolls.

/s/ D. C. Hendrix
June 8, 1921

Witness:
W. H. Koonce
Florence, Ala.



THE BATTLE-FIELD OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE, LOOKING NORTH FROM GENERAL CHEATHAM'S HEADQUARTERS.



Lawrence



DEED BOOK "B" (3rd Installment)

Throughout Deed Book "B" the Clerk of the County Court is shown as John Gallagher, therefore, his name will not be repeated at the end of every document in these abstracts. All parties are of Lawrence County unless noted. The original book is housed in the Department of Archives and History in Montgomery and these abstracts are made from a microfilm copy. Copied from the microfilm and contributed by TVGS member, Janet Burks of Tyler, Texas.

Pages 95-97 Deed. 18 Jan. 1823

On 7 Jan. 1822, for \$525., Clinton Norvell gave a Deed of Conveyance to David M. Hunter for one negro man called Abner, aged about 23 years. Said deed to be void if Norvell repaid Hunter \$525. by 25 Dec. 1822 or 60 days thereafter. Hunter did pay Norvell \$225. and Norvell releases all claim to the slave Abner.

Ack: 18 Jan. 1823

/s/ Clinton Norvell

Rec: 18 Jan. 1823

Pages 97-99 Bill of Sale. 23 Jan. 1823

Simeon P. Willet sold to Johnson McKinney, for \$500., a negro man named John who will be 24 years of age next March. Willet warrants John to be sound in mind and body.

Ack: 23 Jan. 1823

/s/ S. P. Willet

Rec: 23 Jan. 1823

Pages 99-101 James Porter Calhoun Apprenticeship. 6 Feb. 1823

James Porter Calhoun, with the approval of his father, Wilson Calhoun, both of Williamson County, Tenn., binds himself as an apprentice to Henry Washam of Lawrence County, Alabama. James Porter Calhoun is to live with Washam until he is aged 19 years which will be on 6 November 1825. Washam to teach him to art or mystery of a tailor and to furnish him sufficient meat, drink, apparel, washing and lodging during his apprenticeship and at the end of his term Washam is to give Calhoun a suit of clothes valued at \$45. to \$50.

Ack. & Rec. 6 Feb. 1823

/s/ James P. Calhoun

/s/ Wilson Calhoun

/s/ Henry Washam

Pages 101-104 Deed of Trust. 19 Feb. 1823

Martin B. McMahan owes Bernard M. Patterson \$100. and gave Patterson his note for same on 30 Dec. 1822 due by 15 Feb. 1823. To secure Patterson against loss, McMahan deeds to John Gallagher, in trust, Moulton town lot No. 26. If McMahan pays Patterson the \$100. by 6 Oct. 1823 then this deed is void otherwise Gallagher to sell lot at public auction and pay Patterson after giving 10 days notice in three public places in Lawrence County.

Ack. & Rec. 19 Feb. 1823

/s/ Bernard M. Patterson

/s/ M. B. McMahan

/s/ John Gallagher

Page 105 Performance Bond. 24 Feb. 1823

George A. Glover was appointed by the Judge of the County Court of Lawrence County on 24 Feb. 1823 and also by the Commissioner of Roads and Revenue to be the Lawrence County Tax assessor and collector in the present year. Glover gives a performance bond of \$22,000 with William Anderson, William Farris, Davis M. Hunter, Joseph Coe, and Fletcher Taylor his securities. All are firmly bound to Israel Pickens, Governor of Alabama.

Test: Peter W. Taylor

/s/ Geo. A. Glover /s/ David M. Hunter

/s/ W. Anderson /s/ Joseph Coe

Proven 24 Feb. 1823

/s/ William Faris /s/ Fletcher Taylor

- Pages 106-108 Deed of Trust. 12 Dec. 1822
 John Henderson owes Bernard M. Patterson \$321.35-1/2 by a Circuit Court judgment rendered in March term of court, 1822. Henderson is desirous to secure the payment to Patterson and deeds to John Gallagher, in trust, the SE/4 of Section 9-7-7W. If Henderson discharges the debt then this deed void but if debt, plus costs, are not paid by 1 Jan. 1823 then Gallagher to sell property and pay Patterson.
 Ack. & Rec. 12 Dec. 1822 /s/ Bernard M. Patterson
 /s/ John Henderson
 /s/ John Gallagher
- Pages 108-112 Deed of Trust.
 On 30 Aug. 1821 John Henderson gave Bernard M. Patterson his note for \$348.14-1/2 due by 1 April 1822 which note Patterson transferred to Thomas Goff. Suit brought against Henderson in last September term of Circuit Court, Patterson being liable to pay the amount to Goff if Henderson does not pay. To secure Patterson against loss, Henderson sells to John Gallagher, in trust, Moulton town lot No. 155 bounded on north by a lot in possession of John Butler, and also a wagon, harness, four horses, a cow, two bedsteads, beds and furniture. Henderson to be in possession of property until 1 Dec. 1823. If he defaults then Gallagher to sell property and pay debt, otherwise this deed is void.
 Ack. & Rec. 30 Dec. 1822 /s/ Bernard M. Patterson
 /s/ John Gallagher
 /s/ John Henderson
- Pages 112-113 Deed of Trust. 10 Jan. 1823
 Joseph Young owes Menan Priest \$80.50. To insure Priest against loss Young deeds one bay horse (valued at \$150.) to Benjamin Green, in trust. If Young pays Priest before June 1, 1823 this deed is void, otherwise Green to sell horse at public auction after giving 10 days notice.
 Ack. & Rec. 10 Jan. 1823 /s/ Joseph Young
- Page 114 Blank
- Page 115 Performance Bond. 17 March 1823
 Hance M. Cunningham was appointed the Lawrence County Tax Collector for the year 1822. Thomas Pearson, Jeremiah W. Walker, and John McWhorter became securities for Cunningham in amount of \$1947.48 to insure Cunningham's performance.
 /s/ Hance M. Cunningham
 /s/ Thomas Pearson
 /s/ Jeremiah W. Walker
 /s/ John McWhorter
- Pages 115-118 Deed. 18 March 1823
 James E. Mason sold to Henry W. Peebles and Dudley R. Peebles the following property: the NW/4 of Section 18-7-4W and the NE/4 Section 13-8-4W; seven negroes (Henry, Andrew, Isham, Pinkey, and Mariah and her two children, Abraham and Robert); also all his household and kitchen furniture, plantation utensils, stock of horses, mules, cows, sheep and hogs; fodder, cotton gin and bacon; Courtland town lot No. 23 and one lot in town of Florence.
 Henry W. Peebles and Dudley R. Peebles paid Mason \$500. cash and still owe the following:
 \$1000 due 1 March 1824
 \$1000 due 1 March 1825
 \$1000 due 1 March 1826
 \$2000 due 1 Sept., 1827
 Mason has put the Peebles in full possession of his riding horse.
 Test: Wm. S. Dandridge /s/ James E. Mason
 Stephen Jones /s/ Henry W. Peebles
 Ack & Rec. 18 March 1823 /s/ Dudley R. Peebles

- Pages 118-119 Deed. 10 March 1823.
Smith Walker sold to Clinton Norvell, for \$150., part of Moulton town lot No. 45 beginning at the southwest corner of said lot running 60 feet north, thence 70 feet east, thence 60 feet south, thence 70 feet west to beginning.
Ack & Rec. 14 Mar. 1823 /s/ Smith Walker
- Pages 120-121 Deed. 14 March 1823
Reuben Rucker Jr. sold to Jonathan Burford, for \$124., part of Moulton town Lot No. 32.
Rec. 14 Mar. 1823 /s/ Reuben Rucker Jr.
- Pages 122-123 Deed. 14 March 1823
Clinton Norvell sold to Jonathan Burford, for \$62., part of Moulton town lot No. 45 [description same as above.]
Rec. 14 Mar. 1823 /s/ Clinton Norvell
- Pages 124-125 Deed. 15 March 1823
Jonathan R. Burleson and Jane, his wife, sell to Jacob Smelcer for \$80., a Moulton town lot being the S/2 of Lot No. 85.
/s/ Jonathan R. Burleson
Jane relinquished her right to dower on her
15 March 1823, and recorded same day. Jane X Burleson
mark
- Pages 125-127 Deed of Trust. 17 March 1823
William B. Cook owes Drew S. Bynum \$882.95-3/4. To protect Bynum against loss, Cook deeds to Jacob A. Blackwell, in trust, a negro named Sam. If Cook fails to pay Bynum before 25 Dec. 1823 then Blackwell to sell Sam and pay Bynum.
Test: Chas. Peerson /s/ Wm. B. Cook
Proven by Peerson 17 March 1823 /s/ J. A. Blackwell
& recorded same day. /s/ Drew S. Bynum
- Pages 127-128 Deed of Trust. 17 March 1823
Thomas Smith owes Drew S. Bynum \$370.26 by note dated 7 Feb. 1823 and due 1 July 1823 in gold and silver or United States paper. To insure Bynum against loss, Smith deeds to William H. Whitaker, in trust, a negro named Bill. If Smith does not pay Bynum the \$370.26 plus interest then Whitaker to sell negro to highest bidder after advertising same for 10 days in Courtland.
Test: __[blank]__ Perrine[?] /s/ Thos. Smith
Proven and recorded 17 March 1823 /s/ W. H. Whitaker
/s/ Drew S. Bynum
- Pages 128-130 Deed of Gift. 23 Dec. 1822
In June or July, 1820, Rachael Martin of Bedford County, Tenn. purchased, for \$74.50, at a constable's sale (made in favor of William S. Waterson) the property of John Beard as follows:
3 beds, bedsteads, and furniture
1 table, 2 chests, 1 trunk
6 chairs, tea kettle, pair fire irons, pot hooks
1 loom, 2 spinning wheels, poles and piggins of the house [buckets]
Crockery ware, 2 pots, 2 ovens, 1 large kettle and all other house furniture.
1 side-saddle
Rachael Martin allowed John Beard to keep the property in his possession "for a time." Now, "I do for the love and regard I have for Barkley Martin Beard and Rachael Beard, infants of the said John Beard, the same being called after my husband and myself ..." give to said children, to be divided equally between them, the above named articles.
Test: Ebenezer Craig /s/ Rachael Martin
Samuel Craig.
Proven, Delivered for recording, and
recorded 17 March 1823

- Pages 130-134 Deed of Gift. 27 March 1823
For love and affection which Elisa F. Michaux bears toward Martha Elisa Cary, Francis M. Cary, and Robert B. Cary Jr., infant children of Robert B. Cary, the said Elisa F. Michaux does deed to Robert B. Cary, in trust for above children, a negro slave named Dick (aged about 16 years) and a Courtland town lot. Gift made for the maintenance and good education of said children until they all have arrived at age 21. At that time the property is to be sold and proceeds divided equally among them.
Ack., Del. for recording /s/ Elisa F. Michaux
and recorded 27 March 1823 /s/ Robert B. Cary
- Page 134 Deed. 27 Jan. 1823
Daniel Burford sells to Martin S. Kyle, for \$160.00, 9 head of cattle, 2 sows, 3 beds and furniture, and all his plantation tools, household and kitchen furniture. This property had been the property of James Kyle and afterwards sold to Burford to satisfy three executions Burford obtained against James Kyle before Nicholas Loyd.
Test: John Bullock /s/ Daniel Burford
John Best
Delivered for recording and
recorded 5 April 1823.
- Pages 135-137 Deed. 18 Feb. 1823
Daniel Wade sells to H[enry W.] and D[udley R.] Peebles, for \$2425.00 the following negro slaves: one blacksmith named Carley and his wife, Polly, and four children (William, Sam, Nelson, and George.)
Test: Thos. Glass, J.P. /s/ Daniel Wade
on 4 Apr 1823
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- Proven by Glass on 7 April 1823,
Delivered for recording and
recorded 7 April 1823.
- Release: On 18 Feb. 1823 L. H. Jones and Thomas
Glass released all their right, title, claim and interest
to the slaves to H. and D. Peebles. The Release was recorded 7 April 1823.
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- Page 137 Deed. 19 March 1823
William Forhall sells to H[enry W.] Peebles and D[udley R.] Peebles the following negro slaves: Moses, aged about 23 years, and Saly, his wife; also Jerry aged about 14 years.
Test: Samuel Allen /s/ William Forhall
Delivered for Rec. &
Recorded 7 April 1823
- Page 138 Deed. 11 April 1823
Robert R. Reneau sells to John Young a five year old bay horse upon condition that Young deliver to Reneau, at his residence, 50 barrels of sound corn by 25 Dec. 1823.
Ac. 11 April 1823 /s/ Robert R. Reneau
Del. for Rec. & Rec. 14 Apr. 1823
- Pages 139-140 Deed. 15 March 1823
Gideon G. Williams sells to Elisha H. Williams, for \$542.00, all the stock of medicine which Gideon G. Williams is now in possession of together with all the furniture belonging to the shop; also the shop which stands on the west side of the public square in Courtland on the lot belonging to George W. Martin; also one sorrel horse, bridle and saddle; also Gideon's stable and 25 barrels of corn therein plus fodder; also all of

Gideon's medical books.

Test: J. A. Blackwell /s/ G. G. Williams
his
Charles (X) Plant
mark

Ack. and Delivered for recording and recorded 17 March 1823.

Pages 140-142

Deed of Trust. 23 April 1823

Jesse Elam and Jonathan Elam owe Hugh A. Anderson \$300. by a note dated 22 April 1823 and due two months later. To protect Anderson against loss Jesse and Jonathan Elam deed to Nathan Gregg, in trust, a negro woman named Aggy and a negro boy child named Alexander. If the Elams fail to pay Anderson when debt comes due then Anderson to have peaceable possession of said negroes until debt is paid. If they fail to pay then Gregg to sell negroes at public sale after giving ten days notice, and pay Anderson from proceeds.

Test: Wm. Gregg /s/ Jesse Elam
A. Johnson /s/ Jonathan Elam
Del. for Recording and /s/ H. A. Anderson
recorded 25 April 1823. /s/ Nathan Gregg

Pages 143-145

Deed. 20 Dec. 1822

Gabriel B. Ragsdale of Monroe County, Miss. sells to Travis Carter for \$1200., 400 acres of land on the Obion [Obion] River in Tennessee about one mile below the fork of said river being a part out of a 3000 acre tract granted Thomas Davidson by the State of North Carolina.

Test: Philip Threlkeld /s/ G. B. Ragsdale
Wm. Chilcoat

Proven, Delivered for recording
and recorded 20 May 1823.

Note: The Obion River is an east branch of the Mississippi River in west Tennessee watering the counties of Carroll, Weakley, Obion, and Dyer.

Pages 146-150

Deed of Trust. 15 April 1823

Robert Bransford is indebted to Bernard M. Patteson as follows:

1 bond for \$394 due 25 Dec. 1822

1 bond for \$153. payable to John Nekar due about 1 Nov. 1822

1 bond for \$155. dated 15 April 1822 and due 3 days later.

Bransford sells to Reese, in trust, a slave (a blacksmith) named Charles and Tinny, his wife; Spencer a boy aged 10; Sam a boy aged 5; Stephen a boy aged 3; and a woman called Fanny; also 5 wagons, 4 sets of gear and 4 horses.

Bransford to keep possession of property until 25 December next. If Bransford pays above debts by then, then this deed is void. If debts are not paid, then Reese to sell property to highest bidder after giving 20 days notice in "The Alabamaian," a newspaper printed in Huntsville, and pay Patterson with proceeds.

Acknowledged, delivered for /s/ Robert Bransford
recording and recorded on /s/ John Chappell Reese
7 May 1823. /s/ Bernard M. Patteson by his
agent, William H. McCann.

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

WILLIAM LEETCH BIBLE RECORD

This Bible is in the possession of Jane Shelton of Moulton, Alabama, who lives in the house built by William Leetch sometime before 1820. The Bible was left in the Peters' home which was bought by Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Byars. Mrs. Peters was a daughter of William Leetch. Mrs. Byars gave the Bible to Jane Shelton.

The Bible was published in Philadelphia in 1814 by M. Carey, 121 Chestnut Street. It has the name "William Leetch" on the title page. The names in parentheses were entered in a different handwriting above the name as originally entered. The notations in brackets are editorial comments.

MARRIAGES

James Leetch to Amelia D. Kennedy
 William Leetch to Naomi Knox
 Lydia M. Leetch to David M. Hunter
 Naomi S. Leetch to Thomas M. Peters
 [Note: Lydia M. and Naomi S. were children of William Leetch and Naomi Knox.]
 James Leetch Children:
 Elizabeth Ann Leetch &
 Robert M. Galloway
 &
 George M. Dandridge
 Wm. K. Leetch &
 Sarah F. Malone Aug. 8, 1849
 Robert G. Leetch & Sarah Pillow

BIRTHS

William Leetch was born March 22, 1766
 Naomi [Knox] Leetch was born May 15, 1778
 Mary (Knox) Leetch was born December 4, 1796
 Lydia (Gillespie) Leetch was born August 10, 1798
 James K. Leetch was born January 23, 1801
 William C. Leetch was born March 25, 1803
 Lydia M. Leetch was born Jan. 26, 1806
 Robert K. Leetch was born July 12, 1808
 Jane Eliza Leetch was born May 20, 1818
 Naomi S. Leetch was born September 20, 1820

BIRTHS

James Leetch Children:
 Eliza Ann Leetch
 William Kennedy Leetch, Nov. 15, 1822
 Robert Galloway Leetch
 John Massey Leetch
 Isaac Bryson Leetch
 Sarah Polk Leetch

DEATHS

James K. Leetch died June 8th 1828
 William C. Leetch died Oct. 10, 1827
 Lydia M. Leetch died December 2, 1828
 Jane Eliza Leetch died November 20, 1827
 William Leetch, Sr. died September 9, 1837 aged 73 years. [Note: The age does not agree with his date of birth.]
 Mary Knox Leetch died Sept. 1796
 Lydia Gillespie Leetch died Aug., 1897
 Mrs. Naomi Leetch died 10th day of June 1854 (Saturday).
 James Leetch died August 5, 1835
 Thomas Minott Peters, born Clarksville, Tennessee December 10, 1810.
 and
 Naomi Sophia Peters, nee Leetch, born near Moulton, Ala. Sept. 20, 1820. Married in Lawrence County, Ala. June 26, 1838. Children:
 Sarah Naomi b. July 27, 1839 d. July 14, 1863
 William Lemuel, born March 23, 1842
 Martha Leigh born December 18, 1844
 Anna Maria born March 18, 1846
 Mary Minott born March 11, 1850
 Lucy Alice born April 23, 1853
 by Thos. M. Peters



Limestone



ORPHANS COURT MINUTES, 1824-30 Part 11

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
368	179	13 Oct. 1828	<u>Benjamin S. Adams Estate</u> James Hargrove, Admr. -vs- Jeffrey Murrell and Nancy Murrell Meredith Wilkerson [also written Wilkinson] and Elizabeth Wilkerson Robert Hughey and Juliann Hughey and Robert Austin Jr., guardian ad litim of: Sarah Ann Sullivan Mahalah Adams Permelia Adams Mary Hargrove Lucy Hargrove Elizabeth Hargrove Petition for Sale of Real Estate of Benjamin S. Adams, deceased. The Murrells, Wilkersons, and Hugheys did not appear in court to answer the Petition for Sale of Real Estate. Robert Austin Jr., as guardian, filed his Answer denying all allegations. The court orders that commissioners take depositions on behalf of the plaintiff. Case continued until 3rd Monday in November, 1825 at which time a final hearing will be held.
369	179	14 Oct. 1828	<u>Woodson C. Montgomery Estate</u> Terms of the sale of the real estate of Woodson C. Montgomery, deceased, has been complied with. Amos Vincent, James B. Walker, and Scott Bayne, commissioners, ordered to convey to the buyer [not named] Montgomery's title to land in Mooresville being "eighteen feet front of lot Number 44 and running back 60 feet in the town."
370	180	17 Oct. 1828	<u>Paul Mitchell Estate</u> Paul Mitchell died seized of a Certificate for the: NW/4 of Section 4-4-3W and E/2 NE/4 Section 5-4-3W in Limestone County, Alabama. His personal estate is insufficient to pay his debts and the balance owing the United States Government for the above land is now due. The court ordered the administrator (not named) to sell Mitchell's interest in the said Certificate to the highest bidder after giving 30 days notice.
371	180-81	17 Oct. 1828	<u>George Biard Estate</u> John N. Biard, Admr., appeared in court by his attorney and filed a Petition praying that the real estate not be sold to satisfy debts, the personal property being insufficient to pay same. The court ordered that the heirs appear in court on the 4th Monday of November, 1828 to show cause, if any, why a sale should not be made. Heirs are: Martha Biard, widow of deceased Henry Biard Richard W. Biard Pleasant N. Biard and Jane Biard, his wife

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
George Biard Estate (-continued-)			and Robert Austin Jr., as guardian ad litim of: Welcome Biard) George Biard) Keron Happuch Biard) Infants under Drucilla Biard) age 21 years. William Biard)
			Henry Biard is not a resident of Alabama and the Court ordered that a notice of this hearing be published for four successive weeks and also be posted at the Limestone County Courthouse door.
372	181	18 Oct. 1828	<u>Anderson Johnson Estate</u> Christian A. Johnson, Administrator. Final settlement continued until the first Tuesday in December, 1828.
373	181	18 Oct. 1828	<u>James Chapman Estate</u> James Coalter, Executor. Final settlement made.
374	181	18 Oct. 1823	<u>Moses Kindall Estate</u> John D. Carriel, surviving administrator, filed his accounts and vouchers for final settlement. Washington Keyes, William Richardson and Robert Austin Jr. were appointed commissioners to settle the accounts and report to this court on the first Tuesday in December, 1828. Forty days notice to be given to all persons interested in the settlement and they are to appear before the court on the first Tuesday in December, 1828 to show cause, if any, why said commissioners should not be confirmed and final settlement made.
375	182	24 Oct. 1828	<u>John McClung Estate</u> The court ordered: Montgomery McClung David McClung Charles McClung John McClung James McClung to appear in court on the third Monday in November, 1828, to show cause, if any, why George Petty Sr. should not be appointed administrator of this estate.
376	182	31 Oct. 1828	<u>Stroud McCormick [also written McCormack] Estate</u> Stroud McCormick died without a will and Lacy L. McCormack, widow, relinquished her right to administer this estate. Lewis Glaze applied for and received Letters of Administration after giving \$600 bond with Malcolm Thompson and John Finkle, his securities. David Still, Charles Hodges, and John Millhouse were ordered to appraise the personal property of this estate. The court also ordered the administrator to sell the perishable property of this estate at public sale.
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377	184	3 Nov. 1825	<u>Jefferson Sims Estate</u> Jefferson Sims died without a will. Andrew J. Edmondson applied for, and received, letters of administration after giving \$2000 bond with John C. Ballard and James Craig his securities.

NOTE: George Dabbs estate was listed erroneously in the last issue as Dobbs. The name is DABBS.

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DEATH NOTICES FROM "THE ATHENS POST"

Death notices from microfilm copies of "The Athens Post" (located in the Athens Public Library) were abstracted and contributed by TVGS member Marjorie Shelton Kent. The notices for years prior to 1874 were published in Volume 16 of "Valley Leaves" and the years after 1874 are in this volume except for the year 1876 which is missing.

1877

- 11 January 1877 William Kennemer, son-in-law of S. W. Easter
- 10 January 1877 Mr. William Danforth, age about 86, died at home of his daughter, Mrs. Davis. He came to Madison County in 1818 and to Limestone County in 1837. He had been a sailor in his early life.
- 11 January 1877[?] Rev. Mathew Ramsey's wife (her name not given.)
- 7 February 1877 Mrs. Elodie Lewis Tanner, wife of Samuel Tanner Jr., daughter of the late John H. Lewis of Huntsville.
- 1 March 1877 Dr. H. F. Crenshaw, at home of brother-in-law, H. B. Derrick Jr., in Marianna, Arkansas
- 15 March 1877 Lewis Nelson, nearly 70.
- 15 March 1877 C. F. Hardeman
- 16 March 1877 Mrs. Jane H. Comon, wife of Hon. Joshua P. Comon and daughter of Rev. Mr. Lindley - born 24 May 1817 at Athens, Athens County, Ohio.
- 16 March 1877 Mollie E. Oliver, wife of John C. Oliver of Mooresville. Born 16 April 1851.
- 2 March 1877 William McNeely born in Logan County, Ky. 15 Feb. 1800, died in Giles County, Tennessee (Elkton).
- 8 March 1877 Mrs. Eunice Westmoreland, wife of Dr. Theo. Westmoreland, dau. of Lewis Nelson, age 33.
- 25 March 1877 John McAllister, born in Mooresville, Alabama February 21, 1820. Married Miss Evaline Russell in October, 1849.
- 26 March 1877 James A. Hendricks born in Wodesborough, Anson County, N. C. Nov. 16, 1816. Family moved to Alabama in 1818 and to Limestone County in 1825.
- 3 May 1877 John D. Holt, age 67
- 4 May 1877 Mrs. Marcella Donnell Carney, wife of Ed M. Carney, daughter of the late J. W. S. and Marie L. Donnell.
- 10 May 1877 David Friend, age 80.
- 9 May 1877 Catherine Austin, wife of Joseph McNeil, daughter of Robert and Eliz. Austin, born 7 July 1844, married 10 January 1865, died in LaGrange, Tennessee.
- 23 May 1877 Sarah Sanderson, wife of John Sanderson, age 61
- 25 June 1877 Early Norris, son of J. C. and Marie Morris[Norris?]
- 28 July 1877 Ferdinand H. Lindsey, born Dec. 25, 1846.

Death Notices from "The Athens Post" (-continued-) 1877

- 26 August 1877 Mrs. Ida Smith, wife of George W. Smith, died at home of William R. Bailey.
- 28 August 1877 Jacob McGovack
- 10 September 1877 Henry Curry, age 75
- 7 October 1877 William Irvin, son of Milton V. Irvin, died at Des Arc, Arkansas
- 23 November 1877 Maggie Lou, daughter of Gov. and Mrs. Houston, born 4 March 1867
- 21 December 1877 Christopher Myers, age 79 years, 11 months and 2 days.

-end 1877-

THE UNION BANNER NEWSPAPER EXCERPTS
Saturday, November 3, 1860
Volume 1, Number 9

HUMOR OF THE 1860's

An Invitation to Dinner.

It was observed that a certain covetous rich man never invited anyone to dine with him. "I'll lay a wager," said a man, "I get an invitation from him."

The wager being accepted, he goes next day to the rich man's house about the time he was to dine, and tells the servant he must speak with his master immediately, for he can save him a thousand pounds.

"Sir," said the servant to his master, here is a man in a great hurry to speak with you; he says he can save you a thousand pounds."

Out came the master.

"What is that, sir?—you can save me a thousand pounds?"

"Yes, sir, but I see you are at dinner; I will go away and call again."

"O, pray, sir, come in and eat dinner with me."

"I shall be troublesome."

"Not at all."

The invitation was accepted. As soon as dinner was over, and the family retired, "Well sir," said the man of the house, "now to your business. Pray, sir, how am I to save one thousand pounds?"

"Well, sir, I hear sir, that you have a daughter to dispose of in marriage."

"I have, sir."

"And you intend to portion her with ten thousand pounds."

"I do, sir."

"Why, then, sir, let me have her, and I will

take her with nine thousand."

The master of the house arose in a passion, and kicked him out of doors.

\$500.00 REWARD

On the 28th day of July last, JONATHAN M. RIDGWAY murdered my husband, David M. Waters in Limestone county, Alabama and fled from justice. I will give the above reward if said Ridgway is apprehended and delivered to the proper officers of Limestone county, Ala., or I will give Three Hundred dollars if lodged in any jail in the United States so that he can be brought to justice. I hope all who can appreciate the attachment due from an affectionate wife to her husband will use the proper means for said Ridgway's apprehension in order that the law may be enforced and justice vindicated.

Said Ridgway is about 28 or 30 years old, weighs about 150 or 160 pounds, about 5 feet, 10 inches high, a slight stoop in the shoulder, black hair, and rather heavy eye-brows, slow spoken, and when speaking shows his teeth plainly, which are large.

All papers disposed to bring the fugitive to justice, and at the same time sympathise with the feelings of an outraged wife will please call attention to this notice.

Margarett E. Waters
Sept. 8, 1860



Madison



WILLIAM SMITH

In his manuscript entitled, "A History of Madison County" Judge Thomas Jones Taylor makes the following statement:

The most distinguished emigrant to our county was Judge William Smith who came here about the year 1834. He had already been supreme judge and United States Senator from South Carolina and a political antagonist of John C. Calhoun, and left South Carolina on account of his disapproval of the nullification tendencies of his people. When he came here he had passed his seventieth year and had already made a national reputation. He served in the Alabama State legislature from 1836 to just before his death in 1840 when he left an immense estate, and his descendants of the fourth generation still own considerable property in Huntsville and vicinity. [Note: This was written in the early 1880's.]

After Judge Smith arrived in Huntsville he built an impressive mansion one block east of the courthouse. This house became the property of his granddaughter, Mary Smith Colhoun, the wife of Meredith Colhoun, and was known for many years as the Calhoun house. [Please note change in spelling of the name.]

In her book, "Changing Huntsville, 1890-1899," Elizabeth Humes Chapman states:

The Calhoun house was an antebellum residence belonging to the Calhoun family, only one of whom was living in 1892. A high, brick wall insured privacy to the place. Although the house was extremely ugly on the outside it had been a very beautiful residence. As the basement was nearly as high as an ordinary story, a very long flight of steps led to the wide front door. The rooms were huge rectangles and squares, frescoed in plumes and flowers on the coping and around the gas jets. Each mantle was of marble. In its better days it housed great art treasures collected by Mr. Calhoun in France and Italy. There was a dungeon in one of the cellars where the family silver was stored. Rare wines were also kept there. Mrs. Virginia Clay Clopton said that Harriet Beecher Stowe visited the Calhouns once and that she thought she got the idea of the dungeon in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" from the one in this house. The roof was mansard copper. Formal gardens were there but all that remained of them in 1892 were a few English boxwoods.

WILLIAM SMITH, LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

Source: Madison County Probate Record Book 9, Pages 268-270 (Will abstracted)

Dated: 29 November 1839 Probated: 7 July 1840 Recorded: 13 April 1841
... being in perfect health and my mind perfectly sound and disposing ... pay just debts ...

My wife, Mrs. Margaret Smith, and my grand daughter, Mary Smith Colhoun and her two infant children, William Smith Colhoun and John Taylor Colhoun are the great objects of my affections and bounty and to whom alone it is my intention to dispose of my whole estate both real and personal.

To my said grand daughter, Mary Smith Colhoun, \$100,000.00 to be raised from the annual proceeds of my cotton crops in Louisiana.

To William Smith Colhoun and John Taylor Colhoun, infant children of Mary Smith Colhoun, each, the sum of \$50,000.00 to be raised from the proceeds of my cotton crops of Louisiana and paid them respectively at the age of twenty-one years. Believing as I do, if they are prudent and attentive to business these sums will furnish them with ample means of building up as large fortunes as they could desire and should they become imprudent and dissipated, more would not be useful to them.

To my said wife, Mrs. Margaret Smith, the whole of my estate after paying debts and the

three legacies hereinbefore expressed, all and every part and parcel of my estate, real and personal, both within the states of Alabama and Louisiana.

I appoint my wife, Mrs. Margaret Smith, my executrix.

Witness: Thos. Brandon /s/ Wm. Smith
 Wm. Brandon
 D. M. Bradford

WILLIAM SMITH ESTATE FILE

Estate File No. 416

Statement from Ogden & Warwick to estate of Judge William Smith:

June 27, 1840	Fine cloth covered coffin	\$125.00
	Walnut case for the same	25.00
	Furnishing Shroud	25.00
	Making walnut case for the Relick	20.00
	Long case for inclosing all others	15.00
		<u>\$210.00</u>

Statement from Ogden & Warwick dated 17 Oct. 1843

March 2, 1841	One Mehogney front Bureau	\$ 36.00
June 2, 1841	5 large dining tables @ \$40.	200.00
Jany. 24, 1842	Fine cloth covered coffin, walnut inside & outside for Mrs. Smith	140.00
	Two pedestals for statuary	25.00
		<u>\$401.00</u>

Source: Huntsville Democrat

"Mrs. Margaret Smith, relict of the late Hon. William Smith, died in this place on the 24th ult. at a very advanced age. She possessed all the sterling virtues of the ladies of olden times."

Statement of Fact dated 6 July 1840

"By the last will and testament of the late William Smith, decd., I am left sole executrix of his said last will and not wishing to service I renounce the same and request that Meridith Calhoun may be appointed Admr. with the will annexed. Respectfully, Margaret Smith."

Administrators Bond dated 2 Nov. 1843

John Calhoun was appointed Admr. after giving \$150,000 bond with Meredith Calhoun and John H. Lewis, his securities.

Administrators Bond dated 29 Aug. 1846

Meredith Calhoun appointed Admr. debonis non after giving \$150,000 bond with John H. Lewis and Samuel Breck his securities.

Inventory & Appraisal of Perishable Property dated 30 July 1840

This appraisal included plantation utensils, 14 work horses, blacksmith tools, cattle, oxen, carpenters tools, oats, 37 slaves, a phaeton carriage, and other items for a total of \$23,724.00. Also appraised was silver plate at \$4000.00 and a library at \$1000.00. Appraised by William Patton, Benj. Patteson, B. M. Lowe, Stephen S. Ewing, and Thos. Brandon.

The following are some of the bills paid by the administrator on this estate. These were bills that Judge Smith died owing. Only a few of the most interesting ones are shown here, ones that give insight into the period of time in which Judge Smith lived.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bill from:</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1834, 6 Aug.	Philip Woodson	Printing name on election ticket	\$ 2.00
1834, 2 Dec.	Philip Woodson	Printing 1200 copies of your address, folding, stitching, and mailing same	100.00

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William Smith Estate (-continued-)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Bill from</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1840, 22 July	C. Holmes	1 trundle bedstead, one sacking bottom	\$ 10.50
1840, 1 Aug.	C. Holmes	Putting slats in bedstead	1.50
1837, Sept.	Willis Blankenship	Season of four cows to Bonaparte	25.00
1840, 19 Aug.	S. Watkins, Treas.	Pew in Presbyterian Church in Huntsville for one year ending 1 August 1841.	15.00
1842, 16 June	J. S. Sample	Iron work from 24 Mar 1841 to 15 Sept 1842 including putting irons on Barouche & mending large pot.	9.62
1843, 2 Nov	Thos. & Wm. Brandon	This was a detailed account of construction, enlargement and improvements, of and to existing house from 16 July, 1833 through 28 Nov. 1839. Among other things, work included finding & laying 708,412 brick at \$7. per 1000 and taking down and cleaning same at \$1. per 1000 for his house. Also for fixing cellar windows, stone gutters for spout, fixing and paving aqueduct, and for kirbing [curbing], leveling, and paving alley between Smith "and B" at the Inn.	8,665.35
1843, 23 Sept	Geo. A. Parker	Plastering house	4,580.57
1844, 12 June	Judah	For delivering at different times 4 women [midwife]	12.00
1843, 24 Oct.	Wm. H. Bryant, tax collector of Autauga Co., Al.	Request to pay tax due on property in Autauga Co. or he will sell a portion of the land.	38.94
1843, 1 Feb.	Richmond Enquirer	Ad for advertising cotton land for sale	10.62-1/2
1846, 2 Aug.	C. C. Clay	Statement for "Your defence in the Circuit Court of Madison Co., Ala. in the case of William H. Gee -vs- you, for damages & C"	50.00
1846, 17 Mar.	Hugh N. Merre	Carpentry work at house in Huntsville (no details)	3,400.00
1846	J.N. Leftwich by W. Wilson	Tinsmith work from June 19 through Aug. 4, 1846 including repairing copper gutter, tinning 6 sauce pans, etc.	20.13

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Obligation.

Received of Thomas and William Brandon, \$11,509.13 in full payment for their half of a note given by Meredith Calhoun and Thomas and William Brandon to Jno. L. Wilkins of North Carolina (which said note was given by them to the said Wilkins to take up a note [of which William Smith and Thos. & Wm. Brandon were co-securities] for James W. Camp) dated 29 Oct. 1842 from the best data we have at present to be governed, for the sum of \$16,634. Now, I, the said Meredith Calhoun do hereby bind myself, my heirs, and my executors to pay the above described note in full hereby releasing the said Thos. and Wm. Brandon from all responsibility in any way from said note. Given under my hand and seal this 16th Aug. 1847.

/s/ Meredith Calhoun"

Source: Huntsville Advocate, 23 June 1871

Died at Bay of St. Louis, Mississippi on June 10, 1871, Mrs. Mary Smith Calhoun, relict of the late Meredith Calhoun and granddaughter of the late Judge William Smith, formerly of this city. Member of Protestant Episcopal Church.

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BELL FACTORY TIME SHEETS

In 1832 Bell Factory was incorporated by an Act of the Alabama Legislature. It acquired its name from a large bell that was rung to summon workers. On 1 March 1834 Patton-Donagan & Co. purchased 75 acres "on which the Bell Factory is situated" from Preston and Agnes N. Yeatman, Germanicus and Arabella Kent, and Isaac and Eliza L. Williams. This was the first textile mill in Alabama.

In the early years of Bell Factory's existence most of the labor was slave labor. The slaves belonging to the partners were, of course, not paid a salary. Slaves owned by others were paid and their names appear on the following time sheets as "boys." There were seven "boys" whose ownership is uncertain from the information available and may have been free blacks. The white men employed possessed certain skills the slaves apparently did not have. These time sheets reflect the total paid work force of Bell Factory for the years from January, 1839 through December, 1841. Space does not allow us to publish the daily work record so we have charted it to show the months that each man worked.

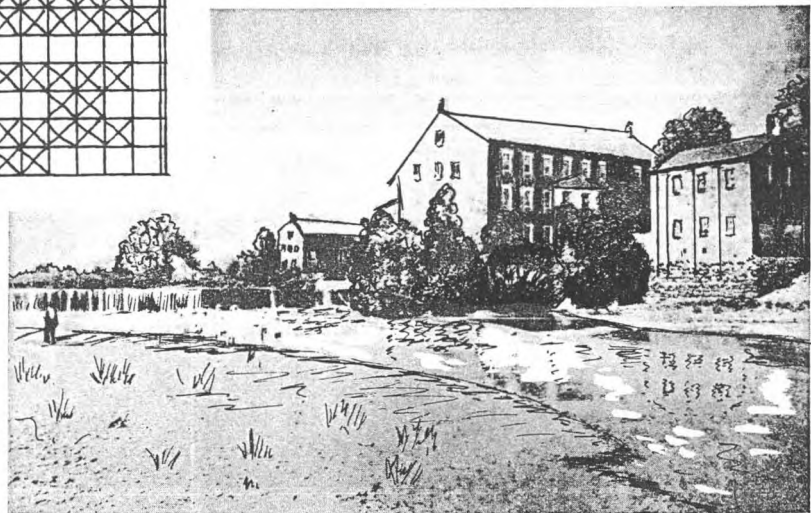
	1839												1840												1841											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Allison, Samuel		X	X																																	
Baron, Jas. N.							X																													
Battle, John																							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
" Thomas																							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Botts, William	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	"Gone away"													
" William (son)				X	X	X	X																													
Brandon's boys:																																				
Edmund																																				
John																																				
Perry																																				
Pleasant																																				
Westley																																				
Branham, Benj.				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Chambers, Robt. T.																							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Champion, James N.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Cook[e], Geo. [T.]																																				
Dyer, Capt. Justin																																				
boy Westly																																				
boy Tom Cain																																				
boy Davy																																				
boy Ned																																				
boy Bill																																				
boy Dick Luna																																				
Ervin, C. F.							X																													
Hale, William	X	X	X																																	
boy Sonny	X	X	X																																	
boy Jacob	X	X	X																																	
Hughey, John			X	X																																
Johnson, James M.	X	X	X	X								X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
boy Grantland												X																								
Johnson, Robert B.	X						X																													
boy Brown							X																													
boy Baron							X																													
Kirk, Benj. L.								X	X	X	X																									
Leary, Cornelius	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X												X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
" Henry	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X												X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
" Leml.	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X												X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
" Thomas	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X												X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
boy Harry																																				
boy Tom																																				
McBride, Jack																							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
" L. A.	X																						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
McGhee, Wesley																																				

Bell Factory Time Sheets, 1839-1841 (-continued-)

	1839												1840												1841											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Malone, Nash's team																																				
Martin, Wm.								X	X	X	X																									
Mitchell, Wm. M.								X	X																											
Moore, Hugh N.																																				
Moran, William	X	X	X	X																																
Patton, Bill																																				
Sammons, G's boy and team																																				
Smith, P. L.																																				
" Perry L.																																				
Smith[e], Wm.																																				
Stonebraker, Bill																																				
Taft [Tafs], Moses																																				
Taylor, Stephen																																				
Valiant, Wm.																																				
Weatherly, Asa H.																																				
White, Robert	X	X	X									X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
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boy Dean																																				
boy Harrington																																				
boy Jack	X	X	X																																	
boy Littleton																																				
boy Martin																																				
boy Pleasant																																				

If the time sheets for the years from 1841 to 1865 and for the years after 1866 are in existence we are unaware of it. In the back of this ledger were the time sheets for the year 1866 only. Unfortunately, most of the time the timekeeper did not list the worker's first name.

	1866											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Azyor[?], M. R.												
Curtis, J.												
" Jas. M.												
" John												
" Senior												
Dalton, G. W.												
Doolittle, ___												
Gibson, ___												
McDowell, ___												
McQuarter, ___												
Merritt[t], ___												
Tiller, ___												



Bell Factory. (Drawing taken from photograph).

In October, 1839 the name of B. S. Kirk is listed but no hours worked are shown. Thomas Battle's and John Battle's names are spelled "Battell" up through May, 1841 and then written "Battle" thereafter. Their names are listed on the ledger in July, 1841 but the record does not show they worked any hours.

The record is somewhat confusing as regards the Leary entries. According to the 1850 census of Madison County, Cornelius Leary was born in North Carolina, age 57, and a carpenter. He is shown as having a wife, Matilda, age 53, also born in North Carolina and a son Thomas, age 20, born in Alabama, a laborer. Another entry shows Lemuel Leary, age 30, a carpenter born in North Carolina with a wife and child. He was undoubtedly Cornelius's son. The 1830 census shows him with a male in his household between the ages of 10 and 15 and two males between the ages of 20 and 30. These were probably his sons. The Bell Factory ledger lists Henry Leary, Lemuel Leary and Thomas Leary individually up through 1839. Then in 1841 there are entries showing C. Leary's "boy Harry" and "boy Tom." Whether "boy" in this case means son or slave is not clear but I have listed them separately on the chart.

The following is a reproduction of one of the time sheets but it has been greatly reduced to fit in the space available. The original book is housed in the Zeitler Room of the Huntsville Public Library.

Workmens Time In October 1839

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total	
<i>Edw N. Champion</i>	1	1	1	1	1/2	4 1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	4	26 1/2	
<i>Wm Botto</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	4	27	
<i>Bory Branham</i>	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	4	22	
<i>Robt. S. Chambers</i>	1	1	1	1	1/2	4 1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	4	23 1/2	
<i>Robt White</i>	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	4	27	
<i>Wm Martin</i>												1										1	1	1					1	1	2	2	
<i>B. S. Kirk</i>																																	

Time In November 1839

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Total		
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<i>Wm Botto</i>	1	1	2 1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	36	
<i>Bory Branham</i>	1	1	2 1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	26	
<i>Robt. S. Chambers</i>	1	1	2 1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	31	
<i>Robt White</i>	1	1	2 1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	36	
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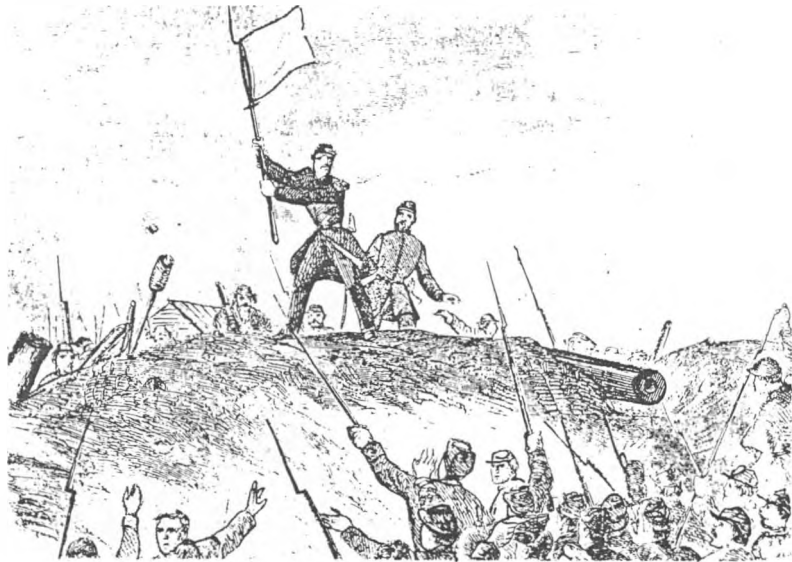
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1907 CONFEDERATE CENSUS

For the introduction to the 1907 Confederate Census of Alabama please refer to Volume 19, Issue Number 1, September, 1984.

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81. Joseph B. Furguson
Cottonville, Ala. Mr. Furguson was born October 9, 1839 at Vanna, Marion County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in October, 1862 at Guntersville, Alabama in Company "J" of Forrest's Battalion and continued until it was consolidated with the 4th Alabama. He was captured in February, 1864 and paroled in February, 1864.
82. Joseph A. Freeman
Union Grove, Ala. Mr. Freeman was born May 17, 1840 at Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in April, 1862 at Tuscaloosa in Company "K" of the 24th Artillery and continued until paroled at Meridian, Mississippi on May 6, 1865.
83. James A. Fowler
Boaz, Ala. Mr. Fowler was born December 1, 1841 at Brooksville, Blount County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in July, 1862 at Blountsville, Alabama in Company "B" of the 12th Alabama and continued until paroled at Raleigh, North Carolina on May 12, 1865.
84. Thomas D. Griffen
Guntersville, Ala. Mr. Griffen was born October 9, 1833 in Ireland, Great Britain. He entered service as a private June 7, 1861 at New Orleans, Louisiana in Company "I" of the 7th Louisiana and continued until paroled at Appomattox Courthouse or Lynchburg on April 9, 1865.
85. James R. Grummar
Langston, Ala. Mr. Grummar was born in Marshall County, Alabama [No date given.] He entered service as a private in the fall of 1861 at Camp Cheatam,



The surrender of Fort Donelson, February 16, 1862

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- Tennessee in Company "G" of the 42nd Tennessee. He was captured at Fort Donelson, Tennessee. He re-enlisted as a private in the fall of 1862 in Company "G" of the 4th Alabama Volunteers and continued until he changed back to the old company at Vicksburg, Mississippi and serviced until the close of the war.
86. Richard F. Gibbs
Union Grove, Ala. Mr. Gibbs was born March 7, 1848 in Marshall County, Alabama. He entered service as a private July 5, 1864 at Browns Valley, Alabama in Company "G" of Col. Lewis' Regiment. [No other information.]
87. James Garrard
Boaz, Alabama James Garrard was born February 3, 1842 at Sugar Hill in Hale County, Georgia. He entered service as a private in May, 1862 at Warrenton, Alabama in Company "C" of the 48th Alabama and continued until captured at Richmond, Virginia. In the fall of 1865 he was exchanged and paroled.
88. Jesse B. Gray
Albertville, Ala. Mr. Gray was born May 8, 1841 in Lawrence, Lawrence County, South Carolina [Note: Should be "Laurens in Laurens Co., S.C."] He entered service as a private May 9, 1862 at Chattanooga, Tennessee in Company "A" of the 45th Regiment and continued until captured at Chattahoochee River, Georgia. He was exchanged and paroled in April, 1864.
89. William J. Goodwin
Arab, Alabama Mr. Goodwin was born October 14, 1837 in Clinton, Lawrence [Laurens] County, South Carolina. He entered service as a private in 1862 at Guntersville, Alabama in Company "K" of the 4th Alabama Cavalry and continued until discharged on account of ill health in the latter part of 1863.



The interior of a hospital car

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90. Joseph M. Gilbreath
Guntersville, Ala.

Mr. Gilbreath was born December 14, 1844 at Fort Payne in DeKalb County, Alabama. He entered service as a private February 5, 1863 at Columbia, Tennessee in Company "G" of the 4th Alabama Cavalry and was paroled May 15, 1865.

91. Morgan Guffey
Scottsboro, Ala.

Morgan Guffey was born in February, 1822 in Kentucky. He worked in a Salt Peter cave two years and was a prisoner two years. [No other information.

92. Thomas J. Gunnells
Albertville, Ala.

Mr. Gunnells was born May 23, 1844 at Upson, Upson County, Georgia. He entered service as a private in 1862 at Flint River, Georgia in the Company of James Elwator and continued until the close of war.

93. John W. Guffey
Scottsboro, Ala.

Mr. Guffey was born August 20, 1840 at Dotsonville, Jackson County, Ala. He entered service as a private in October, 1862 at Larkinsville, Alabama in Company I [J?] of the 6th Tennessee and continued until discharged in April, 1865 at



he was
Shelbyville.

94. David G. Garner
Albertville, Ala.

Mr. Garner was born April 4, 1843 at Jacksonville, Mississippi Georgia Volunteers and con- Hope, Georgia in the spring private in March, 1865 at Tales' Company and con- 1865.

at Jonesboro, Henry service as a private July 23, in Company "A" of the First tinued until he deserted at New of 1865. He re-enlisted as a Kingston, Georgia in Capt. tinued until discharged in May,

95. Jacob G. Garrard
Boaz, Alabama

Mr. Garrard was born County, Georgia. He 1864 at Gadsden, Alabama Cavalry

November 18, 1846 at Guinesville, Hale entered service as a private in September, Alabama in Company "A" of the 14th and continued until paroled in 1865.

96. Martin J. Green
Meltonsville, Ala.

Mr. Martin J. Green was born August 22, 1839 at Roseville, Buford County, Tennessee. He entered the service as a private January 2, 1862 at Watrace [Wartrace?], Tennessee in Company "A" of the 44th Tennessee and continued until he was paroled at the close of the war.

97. John E. Garrett
Albertville, Ala.

John E. Garrett was born April 8, 1830 at Spartanburg, South Carolina. He entered service as a private April 2, 1862 at Powell Camp Ground, Alabama in Company G [Y?] of the 25th Alabama and continued until paroled April 9, 1865.

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98. Thomas D. German
Albertville, Ala. Mr. German was born April 4, 1842 at Bear Creek, Wilkes County, North Carolina. He entered service as a private April 26, 1861 at Morganton, Georgia in Company "E" of the 2nd Volunteers and continued until paroled April 12, 1865 at Appomattox Court House, Virginia.
99. Phillip H. T. Gower
Albertville, Ala. Mr. Gower was born December 13, 1833 in Gwinnett County, Georgia. He entered service as a private May 15, 1862 at Richmond, Virginia in Company "G" of the 16th Georgia and was discharged on September 15, 1862 at Richmond, Virginia. He re-enlisted as a private in the fall of 1862 at Atlanta, Georgia in the State Service. [No other information.]
100. Newell C. Gramer
Meltonville, Ala. Mr. Gramer was born December 28, 1843 at Cottonville, Marshall County, Alabama. He entered service as a private in November, 1862 at Camp Cheatham, Tennessee in Company "G" of the 42nd Tennessee and continued until captured at Fort Donelson in December, 1862. He was exchanged and re-enlisted as a private in August, 1863 at Vicksburg, Tennessee in Company "G" of the 55th Alabama. He continued until he was wounded in July, 1864 and furloughed home. He lost his left leg and remained home until the close of the war.
101. James W. Garner
Arab, Alabama Mr. Garner was born May 2, 1843 in Georgia. He entered service as a private on May 10, 1862 at Bowden, Georgia in Company "C" of the 55th Georgia and continued until captured at New Hope, Georgia in July, 1864. He was taken to prison at Chicago at close of the war.
102. J. R. Gramer
Langston, Ala. Mr. Gramer entered service as a private in September, 1861 in Company "G" of the 55th Alabama. [No other information.]
103. James F. Garrison
Pendergrass, Ala. Mr. Garrison was born in 1835. He entered service as a private on September 17, 1862 at Roanoke, Virginia in Company I[J?] of the 13th Alabama and continued until he was discharged on April 12, 1865 at Sharpsburg, Virginia
104. George Robinson
Hodges
Albertville, Ala. Mr. Hodges was born November 10, 1843 at Woodville in Jackson County, Alabama. He entered service as a Corporal on June 26, 1861 at Woodville in Company "G" of the 12th Alabama and continued until October, 1863 when he left and joined the cavalry at Orange Court House. He re-enlisted as a Sergeant in April, 1864 at Guntersville, Alabama in Capt. Whitecollins' Scouts and continued until October when he was captured and sent to Camp Douglass, Illinois. He remained north of the Ohio [River] until end of war. He has the muster roll of his old company.
105. Samuel P. Horton
Joppa, Alabama Mr. Horton was born August 5, 1847 at Sugar Hill, Gwinnett County, Georgia. He entered service as a private in the spring of 1864 at Gainesville, Georgia in the Home Guards and continued until transferred. He re-enlisted as a private October 1, 1864 in Company "B" (Graham's). He was captured at Kingston, Georgia May 12, 1865 and paroled.



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Morgan



ORPHANS COURT REGISTER 1 1818 - 1873

The Morgan County Orphans Court Register 2 from 1818 to 1827 was carried by "Valley Leaves" in Volume 7 (Sept., 1827 through June, 1828). While Register 2 dealt with estate matters, Register 1 deals with laying out the road system in Morgan [then Cotaco] County, apprenticeships, tax levies, Revolutionary War Pension Claims, and other matters that could easily fall under "miscellaneous business." In later years this book was used primarily to record the registration of cattle brands. This book contains a fascinating accumulation of facts and it is probable that names will appear in this volume that may not appear in other records. On the following page we have reproduced Page 1 of this book to show you the condition of the book, the style of writing, and the form used. The actual book is much larger as this was reduced considerably in size to fit on our pages.

Page 1 Records of the proceedings of the County Court of the County of Cotaco.
Monday 8th June 1818.

Present: John Menefee, Chief Justice
 Horatio Philpot Esqr.) Assistant Justices
 James Thomason Esqr.)

On petition of Jno. T. Rather and 22 others, the court grants an order for a road commencing on the south side of the Tennessee River, opposite Ditto's Landing, to the line of Cotaco and Lawrence Counties by the best and nearest route to Melton's Bluff. Isaac Guess, Marvin Kyle, Thomas D. Crabb, Joseph Burleson, Cornelius Asher[Archer?], Hezekiah Johnson and Henry Turney are appointed to view the route and to report to this court at the next term.

Page 2 Tuesday, 9th June [1818]

Ordered by the court that 25¢ be collected on each poll, black and white, in Cotaco County for the use of said County; also 12-1/2¢ on the \$100 for the sale of merchandise and 50¢ on each wheel of a pleasure carriage.

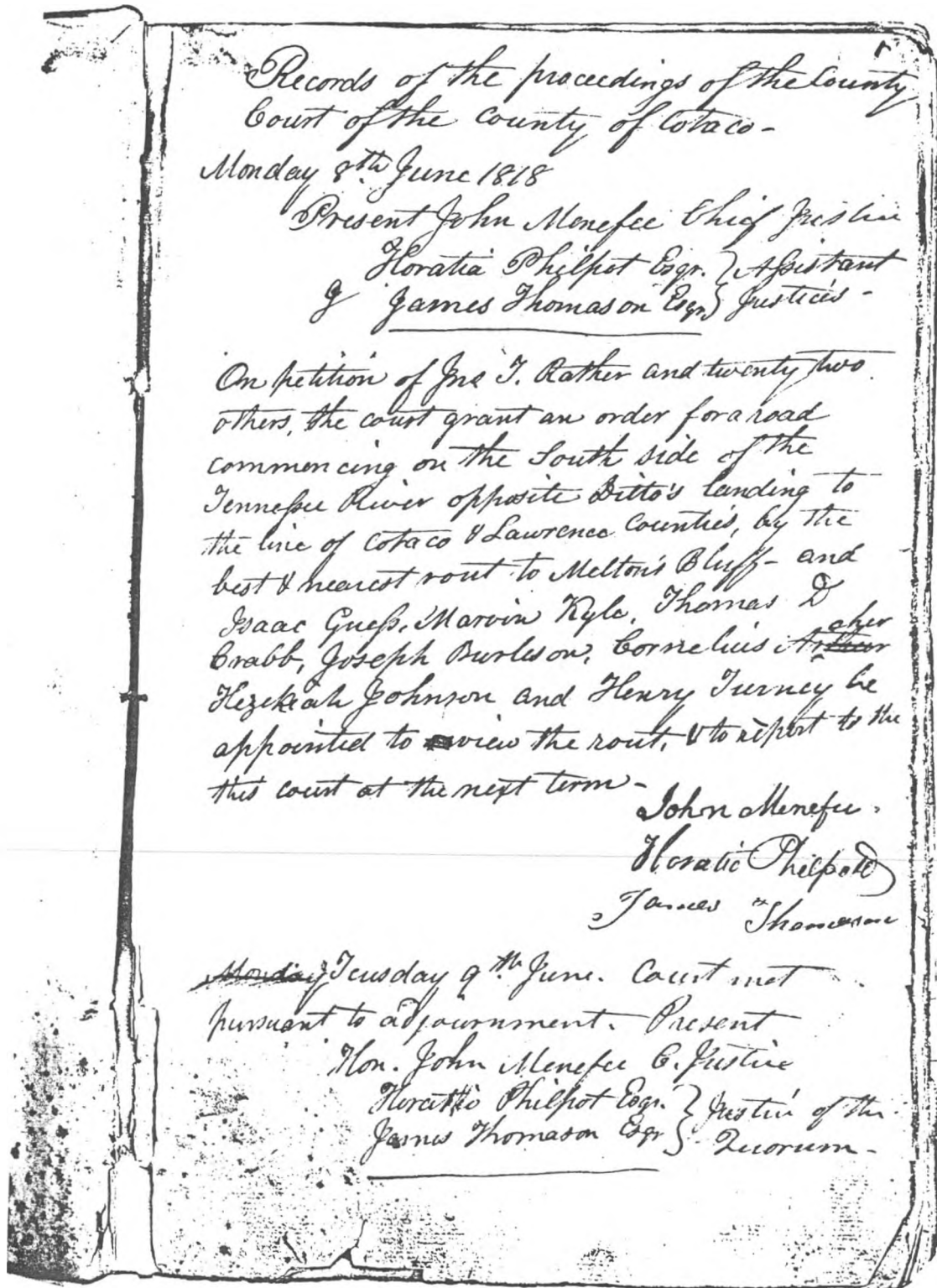
On petition of Joseph Smith and four others, it is ordered by the court that a road be laid out beginning at a point on the county line at the southwest corner of the 6th township, range 5, and running by the most convenient and best way to intersect a road to be laid out leading from Ditto's landing to Melton's Bluff. Edward Stinson, Samuel Gwens, David Alford, Matthew Cyrus, John Kyle, Abram Skidmore, and William Farmer to be a Jury to view the said route and report to this court at the next term thereof.

The court orders \$5.00 to be paid the clerk of this court for expenses he has expended in the purchase of necessary books for his office.

Ordered that every licensed tavern keeper in Cataco County shall furnish travellers and their horse with refreshments at the following rates:

Page 3 For breakfast & Supper, 25¢
 For keeping a horse 24 hours, 75¢
 Lodging, 12-1/2¢
 Half pint whiskey, 12-1/2¢
 Half pint peach brandy, 18-3/4¢
 Rum, wine & brandy, 37-1/2¢
 Single feed, 25¢

Isaac Lankthon, Jonathan Burleson, and John T. Rather appointed by the court as inspectors of the election for members of the assembly in the Territorial Legislature.



The first page of the Cotaco [Morgan] County, Alabama Orphans Court
Register 1.

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The court ordered that a temporary jail be built at the place where the present court shall adjourn to and described as follows:

"Good Strong loggs of fourteen feet long to be well notched so as to make them close with a logg flare at least six inches from the ground hewed three sides so as to make them quite close, wall to be at least eight feet high to the upper floor, which shall be of good strong split loggs, edged, so as to make them close, also, at least two rounds on said upper floore, with a good cabbिन roof, a door with a good strong shutter & two small windows to be greated."

The Sheriff shall forthwith advertize and let out the said building to the lowest bidder to be paid out of any money that may be in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated. Sheriff shall furnish a good and safe lock and hinges for the door.

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This court has agreed to adjourn to the place in this county known by the name of Somersville where the necessary Buildings will be prepared for the Reception of said court.

Monday, 14 Sept. 1818

Present: Hon. John Menefee, Chief Justice
Horatio Philpot, Esqr.)
James Thomason, Esqr.) Justices of the Quorum

Court opened with the Sheriff rendering a bill from Joseph Cleft for one pair of locks for 75¢ and one lock and 4 hinges for \$2.25 for a total of \$3.00. Said expense was allowed to be paid out of the county treasury.

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Joseph Cleft and others [not named] petitioned the court for a road leading from Sommerville to Thos. J. Crabb's ferry on the Tennessee River. John Burleson, John Skidmore, John T. Rather, Joseph Culb[Culp?], John H. Gray, James Anderson and James Wright was appointed jurors agreeable to Cleft's petition.

John T. Rather and others [not named] was granted an order for a road leading from Sommerville using the nearest and best way towards the falls of the Black Warrior [River] to the boundary line of Cotaco County and ordered that Archibald Kirkland, Greenberry Wilson, Joseph Clift, Hezekiah Johnston, Samuel Ray, Thomas S. Bibb, and Joseph Blevins be a jury to view and mark the way for a road agreeable to the petition.

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John T. Rather and others [not named] were granted an order for a road from Sommerville to Ditto's Landing using the nearest and best way. Isaac Guess, John McMahan, Thomas Hodges, Marvin Kyle, John Collins, John Loy, and William Vaughn appointed a jury of review to mark the way for said road.

John T. Rather and others [not named] were granted an order for a road leading from Sommerville using the nearest and best way to Lawrence County directing a course to Meltons Bluff. William Nun, Benjamin Slade, Jonathan Medford, Jonathan Burlison, Hezekiah Johnston, Levi Taylor and Reuben Bailis were appointed a jury of review to lay off and mark the way for said road.

Richard Holly and others [not named] were granted an order for a road leading from McMahan's Ferry on the Tennessee River using the nearest and best way to intersect the old Black Warrior trace where it now crosses the southern boundary line of this county, leading to the Bear meat Cabbins. Richard Holly, William King, __[torn]__, David Williams, Darrington Patton, Isaac Hill and James Wilcocks were appointed a jury to view and mark the way for said road.

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Page 7 (-continued-) On Petition of W. Gray and others [not named] the court granted an order for a road leading from Sommerville on the Spring frog trace until it intersects the road leading from McMahan's ferry to Bear meat cabins. Walter Holmes, D. Duris Holms, E. Pope, Wm. Beard, John Rhea, Isaac Blanton, and M. Hill were appointed a jury of review to lay off and mark the way for said road.

An order from this court at their last term being returned not executed: Court ordered that said order be renewed and altered to read as follows, viz:

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"That Edward Stinson, Samuel Givens, David Alford, Mathew Cyrus, John Bolton, Abraham Skidmore, and William Turner be appointed to view and lay out a road beginning at a point on the county line at the southwest corner of the sixth Township, range fifth, and running by the most convenient and [torn] way to intersect a road to be laid [torn] from Sommerville to Meltons Bluff And to require them to report to this Court at their next term.

The prison bounds in Sommerville, Cotaco County, to be bounded by Broad Street and Spring Street on the north and south, and east and west by East and West Streets.

September 15, 1818

Thomas S. Bibb was granted an order for a mill in Sec. 27-7-4W in the SW/4 of said section. The mill dam is to be eleven feet high.

John T. Rather was granted an order for a mill in Sec. 6-7-3W at or near the place where Harland's Mill stands. Mill dam to be raised eight feet high.

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The following rates are to be allowed at the ferries in Cotaco County on the Tennessee River:

For a waggon and 6 horses, \$1.25
 For a wagon and 4 horses, \$1.00
 Four wheel pleasure carriage, 75¢
 Cart or two wheel pleasure carriage, 50¢
 Man and horse, 25¢
 Single horse, 12-1/2¢
 For foot man, 12-1/2¢
 For each head of cattle, 6-1/4¢
 For each head of hogs, 3¢

The following rates are to apply to ferriages on Flint and Cotaco in Cotaco County:

For each waggon and 4 horses, 50¢
 For each waggon and 2 horses or pleasure carriage with 2 horses, 37-1/2¢
 For man and horse, 12-1/2¢
 For each loose horse, 6-1/4¢
 For a man on foot, 6-1/4¢
 For each 2-wheel carriage, 25¢

"Ordered by the court that all Water [torn] grind for the one eighth."

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December 14, 1818

Present: The Hon. John Menefee, Chief Justice
 Horatio Philpott Esqr.)
 John McCarley Esqr.) Justices of the Quorum

Ordered that Thos. L. Crabb be permitted to establish a ferry across the Tennessee River at the new town of Monroe in Cotaco County and that Crabb give bond as the law directs respecting ferries. Crabb offered John T. Rather, Washington W. Gray, and Wm. Johnson as his securities and same were approved by the court. Bond filed in the clerk's office of Cotaco County, Alabama.

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1921 CONFEDERATE CENSUS

Please refer to the September, 1984 issue of "Valley Leaves" for a full introduction to these 1921 Confederate Census affidavits. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

John Harrison Kitchens John Harrison Kitchens was born January 15, 1842 in Franklin County, Tenn. Box 108, Rt. #3 His wife is now aged 62 years and was born in Morgan Co., Ala. They were Albany, Alabama married in 1883 in Morgan County, Ala.

Mr. Kitchens entered service in March, 1861 at Hillsburrow [Hillsborough in Lawrence County] as a private in Company "C" of the 9th Alabama Regiment of Infantry under Capt. Jim Warn[Warren?] and Col. Willcox. He was in the battle of Williamsburg and the Seven days battle at Richmond, Va. He was wounded on the sixth day of the Seven Day Battle at Richmond, Va. and again at Selma, Alabama. He was captured at Selma, Alabama but not imprisoned. Mr. Kitchens also served in Company "F" of the 5th Alabama Cavalry and was transferred to that Company in December, 1862 under Capt. May and Col. Joe Paterson. He was in the service about four years.

He left the service by parole at Decatur, Morgan Co., Ala. at the end of the war in 1865. He is a registered voter in Lanes Precinct No. 2, is a farmer, and presently living with his family. His living children, their addresses and occupations are:

James B. Kitchens, Rt. #3, Albany, Ala. - farmer
W. A. Kitchens, 1809 6th Ave. So., Albany, Ala. - railroading
Lula Fuller, Albany, Ala. - house keeping
C. T. Kitchens, Rt. 3, Albany, Ala. - farmer
M. M. Kitchens, Rt. 3, Albany, Ala. - farmer
Allie May Kitchens, Rt. 3, Albany, Ala. - housekeeping
E. M. Kitchens, Albany, Ala. - farmer

He has received his pension warrant regularly since being on the rolls. The affidavit was signed as John Harrison Kitchens and witnessed by Marvin M. Kitchens at Albany, Ala. on April 23, 1921.

Seth D. Waddell
Rt. 2,
Albany, Alabama

Seth D. Waddell was born in Morgan County on October 29, 1841 and lived in Alabama all his life. His wife is now 50 years of age and was born in Morgan County. They were married in 1904 in Morgan County.

Mr. Waddell enlisted at Summerville, Alabama in November of 1862 as a private in Company J[I?] of the 5th Alabama Regiment under Capt. A. H. Rice and Jocire[Joseph?] Patterson, Colonel. He was in the service two years and five months and was paroled at the end of the war at Danville, Ala. "afoot and naked."

He is a registered voter in the Priceville, Alabama precinct of Morgan County, is a farmer, and lives with his wife and two children. His living children are:

Howard Waddell, Albany, Ala. - farmer
Sarah Waddell, Albany, Ala. - farmer

He has received his pension "tollarble" well since being placed on the rolls. He signed the affidavit as S. D. Waddell and it was witnessed by William O. McKinney, Route 2, Albany, Alabama.

NOTE: The following letter was attached to the Affidavit:

Route 2
Albany, Ala.

Our first fiting was
all a round Nashville
Tenn all a dun throu
Tenn North all North Miss
Such as Holley Springs
Harris burg, Brices
X rods grin town
com out of Tenn
with Hood faught all
the way from Tenn
River to Selmer and
now have been Siting
in the House 2 years
cant walk.

S.D.Waddell

Translation

Our first fighting was
all around Nashville,
Tenn. That was all I did through
North Tenn and all of North Miss.
such as Holley Springs,
Harrisburg, Brices
Cross Roads, Germantown[?].
I came out of Tennessee
with Hood and fought all
the way from Tennessee
River to Selma, [Ala.] and
now I have been sitting
in the house two years
as I can not walk.

S. D. Waddell

John Wilson Young
Vinemont, Ala.

John Wilson Young was born September 14, 1837 at Sylacauga in Talladega County, Alabama. He is married and his wife is now aged 65 years. She was born near Breman, now in Cullman Co., Ala. and they were married December 5, 1897 near Cullman.

Mr. Young entered service in July, 1861 in Cherokee County, Ala. as a Sergeant in Company "A" of the 16th Alabama Infantry under Capt. J. H. McGaha and Col. W. B. Wood. He was in the battle of Perryville, Ky. and different battles around Atlanta, Ga. and lastly at Franklin, Tenn. He was never wounded, captured, or imprisoned. Not long before the surrender he transferred to Company "D" of the 1st Ala. Regiment of Infantry under Capt. J. W. Young and Col. Bob Abercrombie. He was in the service nearly four years. He left the service on May 2, 1865 at Greensboro, North Carolina and still has his parole.

He is a registered voter in Precinct 18 of Cullman County. He lives with his wife but is no longer able to work. His living children and their residences are:

Mrs. Ida Lee - Waco, Texas
Willie Young - Dallas, Texas
J. E. Young - Waco, Texas
Eddie Young - Houston, Texas
Mrs. Maggie Windes - Temple, Arizona
Mrs. Nora Wilhite - Falkville, Ala.

Mr. Young states he has received his pension regularly since being placed on the rolls. The affidavit was signed as J. W. Young and signed with an "X." His witness was L. P. Martin of Vinemont, Alabama and it was witnessed on May 12, 1921.



View of the battle ground at Franklin.

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.

41 MCDONALD, BYRD, BUSTER, DAY, MCKAY, PENN

Did Randolph McDonald b ca 1757 VA (s/o Alexander & Margaret Harrison? McDonald of Jefferson Co., TN), d 1845, bur Friendship Baptist cemetery Morgan Co., AL have any other wife than Jean/Jane Byrd d/o Richard & Elizabeth Buster Byrd? Richard Byrd d 1802 Hawkins Co., TN. Jane's sister, Ann/Nancy Byrd Day (w/o David Day) is buried next to Randolph McDonald. Jane Byrd McDonald (1780-1831) was 19 years younger than Randolph. Randolph's sister, Roseanna McDonald was first wife of David Day. Did they have any children? David Day is buried in Day's Gap/Speegles cemetery, Morgan Co. Where is Stephen Penn (1760-1839) buried? Where is Mary McKay Penn (1767- ?) buried? Their son, Stephen Chandler Penn, b 1800 NC, d 1846, married Henryetta "Hettie" Esther Day Penn (1801/2-1883/4) buried Day's Gap Cem, where is Stephen Chandler Penn buried? Will exchange pictures & info.

Mrs. Ellouise Ackerman Wynn, 807 W. Tever St., Plant City, FL 33566

42 DELASHAW, KEITH

Seeking parents of Joseph Gibert Delashaw, b Abbeville Co., SC 26 May 1808, m on 31 Jul 1832 in Jefferson Co., AL to Rebecca Keith (b 16 June 1813, Pickens Co., SC, d 27 Dec 1893 Moulton, Lawrence Co., AL), and died 14 Jan 1884, Moulton, Lawrence Co., AL. Buried with wife in Mt. Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, now located in Bankhead National Forest. Sandra Delashaw Warden, 136 E. 58th St., Tulsa, Ok 74105

43 CAMPBELL, CHRISTIAN, WILLIAMS, KIRKLAND, SMITH, MAPLES, CHANDLER, BRANHAM

Seeking info regarding any of the following from the New Hope, Owens Crossroads area: W. A. Campbell, s/o William P. Campbell & Nancy Williams, m Alice Christian, d/o Percy Christian and Sara Jan Kirkland; George W. Smith, s/o Robert Allen Smith and Christina C. Maples, m Mary Etta Chandler, d/o William Allen Chandler and Harriet Elizabeth Branham. Jack A. Campbell, 15219 Herring Ave., San Jose, CA 95124

44 BROWN, JEFFRYES

Seeking info on Savannah Elois Brown and Jesse Jeffryes. Jesse Jeffryes, a Free Will Baptist minister, b 6 Jan 1852 AL, m 1873 in Florence, AL to Savannah Brown, b Aug 1854. Children - William Isaac, Mary Savanna, James Edmond, Robert Anderson and Benj. Martin. Benjamin died Jun 1893 and buried somewhere around Jasper, AL. Family went to Arkansas in 1894. Who were parents of Jesse and Savannah Brown Jeffryes? Did they have brothers and sisters?

Bobbie Montaw, 642 North Louisa, Shawnee, OK
74801



Queries Editor: MARGARET M. COWART

45 ALLEN, ANDREWS, FISK, BAKER, HILL

Seeking info on following. Valentine Hill, b ca 1781 SC and wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Fisk, b ca 1803 SC, eldest dau of Benjamin Fisk. Hill's dau, Priscilla, m John W. Andrews 14 Jan 1856 Madison Co., AL. John W. Andrews, b 1 Jan 1832, d 22 Mar 1898 AL. Believe his parents were A. Andrews, b ca 1803 VA and Winny ? , b ca 1815 AL. Resided in Madison Co. AL. George Baker, b ca 1852 TN m Cynthia Ann Allen 2 Sep 1872 Lincoln Co., TN, d Jan 1874. Who were his parents & siblings? One son, Patric Reuben Baker, b 15 Nov 1873, m Dora Lucinda Andrews ca 1896, d 13 Oct 1932 TN. After George's death, Cynthia m his younger brother, Peter Baker and had one dau, Mattie Baker (Nix), b Sep 1880. When did Cynthia die? When did Pete die? Pete & Cynthia in Madison Co. in 1880. Will exchange.

Patricia Davidson, Rt. 1, Box 8, Palmyra, TN 37142

46 McFALL, McPHEUEL, WALKER, SOUTH, LANIER, BELL

Need parents (b NC), siblings & descendants of Daniel McFall, b 21 Mar 1818 AL or TN, d 1902 Beaverton, OR, m Susan M. Lanier 2 Jul 1846 ?Wayne Co., TN, d/o Thomas Lanier. A shattered McFall Bible lists names: James D. McPheuel, Nancy, John, William, Rebecah, Daniel, Jr., Mary L., Sarah L. McFall. Mary L. McFall m Thomas Walker 28 Nov 1833, Sarah L. McFall m John South 2 Aug 1838. A township map of area near Somerville, Morgan Co., AL was in the Bible. Believe Daniel McFall & daughter, Arrella (Arabella?) Louvica moved to Lauderdale Co., AL aft death of Susan M. Lanier McFall 1853. Arrella L. Bell (husband unknown, Confederate officer?) and father Daniel McFall migrated (possibly aft Civil War) to TX, then Los Angeles, CA 1877, on to OR 1879. Any info on collateral families of Lanier, McFall, South, Walker appreciated.

Patricia Seidler Burling, 1405 SW Wynwood Ave., Portland, OR 97225

47 POLLARD, REYNOLDS

Seeking info on Madison Burns Pollard, b 1829 some place in AL. Where? Related to Alcey Pollard. Madison B. Pollard m Catherine Eliz Reynolds, d/o Fielding Reynolds, a Rev. War soldier who also eludes me. Info on this line would be greatly appreciated.

Betty L. Clarke, 1015 W. Avenue H, Lovington, NM 88260

48 HOUSTON, STEPHENS, TANKERSLEY, NORTON, CLARK

Will share any info on family names of Houston, Stephens, Tankersley, Norton and Clark. Desperate for parents of Hiram Stephens, b ca 1803 GA, and his wife, Matilda Caroline Tankersley, b 5 Jul 1815 AL or GA, d 11 Jan 1894, buried Little Mt. Cemetery, south of Winchester, TN.

Jamye Wilson, 1601 Carlson Dr., Klamath Falls, OR 97603

49 MIDDLEBROOKS, HOGE

Great-great grandmother Jane C. Middlebrooks b 1803 GA. Maiden name unknown, husband's first name unknown. She m Mr. Middlebrooks ca 1830 and was widowed in TX ca 1848. Her children were: James B. b 1831 AL; Zenobia b 1835 MO/MS; Burnett b 1838 MO and Mary b 1845 TX. By 1848 she was in Nacogdoches, TX as are Anderson Middlebrooks and Izban Middlebrooks. She & her fam in 1850 Limestone Co., TX census and in 1860 her children in Karnes Co., TX. Her dau, Zenobia (great grandmother) m William James Hoge (b 1835 TN/MO) ca 1860 and had a son, Andrew Evern Hoge (b 1861 TX, d 1928 AZ). Also among their children were Ophelia Jane, George Ross, Mary Grace, Charles & William James. Appreciate hearing from anyone researching these family lines.

George M. Hoge, 136 W. 27th Place, Yuma, AZ 85364

50 TUCKER, TURBERVILLE, TURBYFILL

Who was Robert Tucker (25) in household of John P. & Adeline (Turberville) Lamb, 1850 census, Franklin Co., AL census? Was Robert related to Adeline? or to Sylva Tucker of Maury Co. TN? Was the family of Labon Turberville moved from Rutherford Co., TN to Lauderdale Co. AL bef 1840? Who was the father of Labon (c 1797 NC), William Riley (b 1822 TN) and Adeline Turberville? Joseph Turberville or Turbyfill lived in Lauderdale Co., AL nr Labon, then in Franklin Co., AL nr William Riley. Was Joseph their father? His other sons were poss Edmond, Larry and E. Pitchford. Sylva Turbe(r)ville m Jeremiah Tucker and they settled in Maury Co., TN ca 1820. Was she related to Labon Turberville? She was b in VA ca 1776 & lived nr Petersburg bef coming to TN. Wish to correspond with descendants of these Tucker and Turberville families. Will exchange info.

Virginia E. Barnes, 145 N. Alabama Ave., Jackson, MS 39209

51 RUSSELL, GRAY

Need proof of parents of Mary Jane Russell b 2 Mar 1849 probably Franklin Co. AL, m James Louis Gray 24 Jan 1867 Franklin Co. Parents were probably William and Elizabeth Russell. No other info known. Also interested in Gray family.

Ms. Micki J. Burleson, 1202 Hillcrest Dr., Euless, TX 76039

52 POCAHONTAS

Want to hear from anyone who is or may be descended from Pocahontas. All letters answered.

Stuart E. Brown, Box 431, Berryville, VA 22611

53 ALLISON, MONTEITH

I am seeking info concerning an ancestor, Robert H. Allison. Robert's parents were William Allison and Margaret Monteith. The parents were born in Ireland. Robert was b ca 1848 in York Co. of Ontario, Canada. When young, his parents moved to Essex County, Ontario. The only info I have concerning Robert is a notation that he died as a young man in Huntsville, AL. He was still with the family when the Ontario census was taken in 1861 but is not listed in the 1871 census. Any info concerning this person would be greatly appreciated.

David Allison, 1238 Norfolk Ave., Sarnia, Ontario, Canada N7S 5E4

54 DRAKE

Have just become interested in genealogy for myself recently although I have been a member of the Hugh Watson Tidewater Genealogical Soc. for years. I am a member of the Drake family that holds it's annual reunion on Monte Sano mountain. My maternal grandfather was named James Arthur Drake and he lived and died in Aberdeen, MS many years ago. Any correspondence or info would be greatly appreciated.

Emily Lassiter, 199 Paradise Point Rd., Grafton, VA 23692

55 BULLINGTON

On the 1830 Madison Co., AL census two Bullingtons are listed: W. H. Bullington and William Bullington. Any help in identification please. Also in "Old Land Records of Morgan County, Alabama" by Cowart, who is William J. Bullington, 17 Feb 1893, 79+ acres, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 8 S, Range 1 West with certificate # 22819?

Lilla Bullington Brackeen, 207 Villa Fontaine Apts., 1520 Carridale SW, Decatur, AL 35601

56 CLARK, NORWOOD

Need help! Seeking marriage record of Joseph Clark, b 1809 SC, and Susannah Norwood, b 1805 SC. She was the dau of William Norwood who was in Lawrence Co., AL bef 1830. Joseph & Susannah Clark are on the 1830 Lawrence Co. census. Seeking info on Thomas & Jeremiah Clark on the 1820 Lawrence Co. census living side by side. Jeremiah Clark was not on the 1830 census. Need to contact someone working on these two Clark families.

SULLIVAN, JOHNSON

Seeking info on Sullivan families in North Alabama. Joel Sullivan died in Benton Co., AL in the 1840's. His wife, Deliah Johnson Sullivan moved to Marshall Co. with sons Joel and Moses. By 1860 Moses was married. Need marriage records of Joel and Moses. Where is Deliah buried? Will exchange info.

James E. Clark, P.O. Box 427, Houston, TX 38851

57 AUSTILL, COOK, BREWER, SISK

Would like to exchange info with anyone researching Austill, Cook, & Brewer families who lived in Jackson Co., AL. John Cook m Sarah Austill probably in NC. Children were: Lusinda, Rubin, Turlin, Isbel, Jone (John), Susanna, Willa (or Milly R.), Emily, A. N., James H., Wm. W., George B., Mary Ugene and Nancy J. John Cook died bef 1846 in Jackson Co., AL or TN. In 1850 Sarah was in Jackson Co., and in 1860 in Rusk Co., TX. Emily Cook Brewer and husband Wiley Brewer were also in Rusk Co., TX in 1860. Would like to know where they were from, what county in TN they lived and how the Sisk family is connected with the Austill family. Also would like to know if anyone has copied the Austill Cemetery on top of Cross Mountain in Jackson Co., AL. If not, would anyone be willing to do this copying? Will be happy to pay for time, postage, mileage, etc.

Nadine Stevenson, 345 Tulip St., Fairfield, CA 94533

58 MARTIN, HARPER, HAMNER, WEBB, HARGROVE, GRIFFIN, ROWLAND, WINGFIELD, JOYNER, LEWIS

Seeking descendants of John Martin and Sarah Wingfield Martin, originally from Goochland Co., VA. Moved from TN or Simpson Co., KY to Huntsville, AL area, buying one tract of land there in 1820 from Thomas Malone. Children: Charles W. m Maria S. Martin Allen Co., KY 1817; Elizabeth b ca 1790 VA m Edward Harper 1813 Warren Co., KY, d Perry Co., AL before 1850; Sarah H. b ca 1805 TN m Samuel Valius Hamner 25 Nov 1819 Madison Co., AL; Mariah B.; Perlina m 23 Dec 1822 Madison Co., AL Thomas E. Hargrove; James H. m Esther L. Griffin 1822; Mary L. m Wm? Rowland; John m Harriett M. ? . Parents of John Martin were John Martin (of Huguenot parentage) and Ann Barbara Lewis of Goochland Co., VA. Parents of Sarah Wingfield were Charles Wingfield and Rachel Joyner of Albemarle Co., VA.

Mrs. Joyce Martin Murray, 2921 Daniels, Dallas, TX 75205

59 ROBINSON, ROBERTSON

Need info on John E. Robinson (name misspelled in 1850 census). He was born 5 Sep 1808 SC. In Marion Co., AL in 1850. Wife's name was Rachel R., b TN. Who was John's father? Rachel's sister was the great grandmother of Jake Blanton, cousin of Ray Blanton (a TN Governor). Any help will be appreciated.

Mrs. Marion Hamilton Robinson, Rt. 1, Box 138 A, Tremont, MS 38876

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