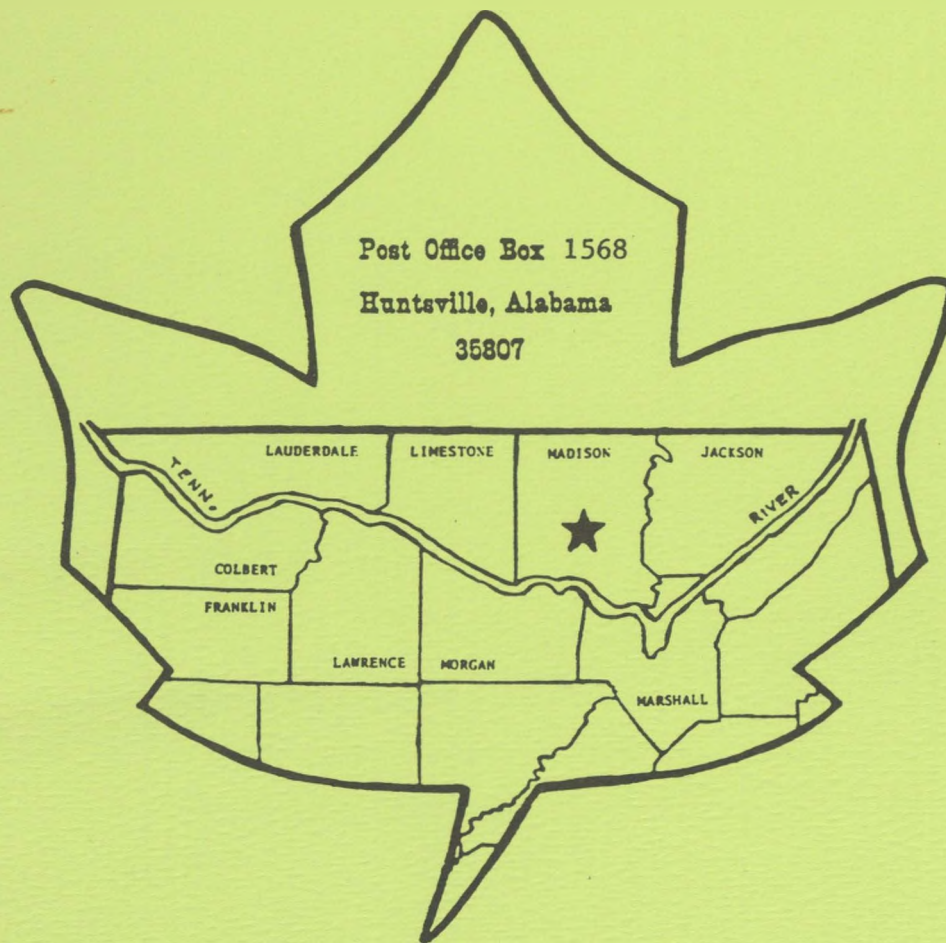


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Editor's Leaf

TVGS SEMINAR

On April 5, 1986 TVGS will sponsor their annual seminar. **PLEASE SEE THE COLORED SHEETS IN THE CENTER OF THIS ISSUE.** Lloyd D. Bockstruck, head of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library will speak on *The Settlement and Western Migration of the United States from the Atlantic to the Mississippi*. This topic affects every person whose ancestors left the eastern coast and moved westward and southwestward.

TEXAS WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE SESQUICENTENNIAL

Congratulations, Texas, on your Sesquicentennial of the Texas War for Independence. From time to time we have run articles in *Valley Leaves* showing North Alabama's connections and contributions to Texas' thrilling history. In this issue, we have used more Texas material than usual—our way of honoring the adopted state of many citizens from our valley counties.

Countless North Alabama men lost their lives at Goliad on Palm Sunday (March 27), 1836, when, after surrender, they were halted a mile from Presidio and executed en masse. They had been told they were being sent home. Included in this massacre were Dr. Jack Shackelford's Alabama Red Rovers from Courtland and Tuscumbia, and Capt. Peyton S. Wyatt's company from Huntsville. The muster rolls of both of these companies have been carried in earlier issues of *Valley Leaves*.

If any of our readers have information on the men of Goliad please send it to Mr. Kevin R. Young, President, Society of Mexican War Historians, P. O. Box 4530, Victoria, Texas 77901.

DEATH'S HARVEST

It is with a feeling of loss that we announce the deaths of four of our good members:

Lena B. Werling, Clearwater, Florida

Judge Myrtle Green, Madison County, Ala. Judge of Probate, retired

Frank Looney, Athens, Alabama

Roy E. Gibson, Fort Worth, Texas

We will miss them and the many contributions each of them made. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the families and friends of each.

HUNTSVILLE'S NEW LIBRARY

Our enthusiasm is boundless over the new library being built in Huntsville, Alabama. The genealogical and historical sections will be many times larger than at present and will benefit everyone. **SEE THE COLORED CENTERFOLD OF THIS ISSUE FOR MORE INFORMATION.** This new library should benefit you, our TVGS members, no matter where you live.

GILES COUNTY, TENNESSEE CEMETERY RECORDS

We are delighted to learn that the long-awaited collection of cemetery records of our neighbor, Giles County, Tennessee, is soon to be available to the public. *Cemetery Records, Giles County, Tennessee* is being published by the Giles County Historical Society. It will include all known cemeteries in Giles County. This huge book may be ordered (pre-publication price) for \$40.00 from Mrs. Floyd Smith, P. O. Box 693, Pulaski, Tennessee 38478. Plans are to mail the book in July or August, 1986.



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Book Reviews



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Threadgills, Book II, compiled by Janis Heidenreich Miller and Wordna Threadgill Wicker. Printed by Gateway Press, Inc., Baltimore, Md. 325 Pages, full-name index, 6x9, hard cover. \$15.00. May be ordered from Janis H. Miller, P. O. Box 2245, Hudson, Ohio 44236.

This is the second edition of an earlier book on the Threadgills. It is a more comprehensive genealogy than the first and includes many corrections and additions.

Threadgills, Book II traces the antecedents of Deodatus Threadgill of Virginia to 1615 and his descendants in America (who arrived here via Bermuda) from 1728. The author calls attention to the metamorphose of the name from and to Threlkeld in some branches. This should be very helpful to those tracing Threlkelds.

From England (with a possible brief stay in France) to Bermuda to Norfolk County, Virginia, the authors have provided an interesting glimpse into the lives of various Threadgills bearing the name Deodatus. A great deal of intense research is shown in this volume.

The Threadgills have been primarily a Southern family. The authors concentrated on documenting and detailing the family to the Civil War period and, for the most part, leaves it up to the present generation to trace their ancestors back to that period — a relatively easy task.

Ten generations are traced including the children of the various couples. Birth and death dates are given where possible. Old family letters are included as are some maps and charts. In the Addenda the authors have included numerous persons named Threadgill that they have been unable to connect to the documented family lines. Also in the Addenda are lists of Threadgill soldiers in the Revolution, War of 1812, and Civil War (both North and South but mostly South).

This book is a “must” for anyone named Threadgill or for those tracing that name.

Halbert-Holbert History, Vol. I by Karen Halbert Moore. 628 Pages, illustrated, hard cover, indexed, \$25.50. Order from the author, 8999 Hillsboro H. S. Road, Hillsboro, Mo. 63050.

Karen Halbert Moore has included more than just her family line in Vol. I of the *Halbert-Holbert History*. She plans to include additional information on the incompletd lines when she publishes a second volume “within the next few years.”

The work begins with the family of William Halbert of Essex County, Virginia, who was “the first of his name found in the colony of Virginia.” His wife is believed to be Mary Wood, widow of Thomas Wood. William and Mary Halbert had two sons, Joel and William. The remaining 24 chapters deal with their descendants as well as other Halbert/Holbert families that the author has found during her research.

Two chapters of special interest to Tennessee Valley researchers are about the families of Joel and John Halbert of Lincoln County, Tennessee and of Frances Halbert Blackburn of Maury County, Tenn. Other lines are found in North Carolina, Indiana, South Carolina, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, New York and Massachusetts. Some of the other surnames included are Hill, Berry, Brown, Gresham, Ackers and Sherrills.

Sources of information are cited at the ends of the chapters. The book contains a full-name index.

Lauderdale County, Alabama: Annotated Index to Chancery Court Records, Equity Record Book C, 1827-1830 by Teresa Brewer Campbell and others. 8½x11, viii plus 53 pages, full-name index, soft cover, \$7.00. Order from the Natchez Trace Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 420, Florence, AL 35631.

Book "C" is the oldest extant book of Lauderdale County, Alabama chancery records. The thirty cases recorded in Book C, completed between 1827 and 1830, contain evidence of documents dated as early as 1808—nine years before the creation of Lauderdale County. The index consists of 2600 entries pertaining to 370 surnames. A list of court officials is included.

The first section of this work is a table of contents of the cases included in Book C. The annotated index contains the name of the person involved in the action, the page number on which the name is to be found, the year and the type of document. An example: Charles Dement - p. 379 - Deposition. Using the "contents" section, one determines that this entry involves the case of Chesley B. Roundtree vs. James Hammons (1827-1830).

The *Lauderdale County, Alabama: Annotated Index to Chancery Court Records* was a cooperative project of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and the Natchez Trace Genealogical Society. We congratulate them on the successful completion of this community project.

Georgia Cemetery Directory and Bibliography of Georgia Cemetery Reference Sources by Ted O. Brooke. 8-½x11, 70 plus pages, soft cover, \$10.00. Order from: Southern Ancestors, 79 Wagonwheel Court, NE, Marietta, GA 30067.

Ted O. Brooke has compiled a directory of the published, or available, cemetery records of Georgia through 1984. The directory lists the cemeteries alphabetically by county, giving a coded reference to the location of the cemetery record. 10,725 cemeteries are indexed by the work.

A 202-item bibliography lists the publications cited and gives the abbreviations that are used in the directory listings. The work includes a Georgia county map.

When using the *Georgia Cemetery Directory and Bibliography of Georgia Cemetery Reference Sources* one must pay special attention to Mr. Brooke's method of continuing columns from page to page or else valuable information will be lost. The *Directory* will be a great help to those doing Georgia research.

Old Land Records of Colbert County, Alabama by Margaret Matthews Cowart. 8½ x 11, soft cover, illustrated, full-name index, \$18.00. Order from the author, 7801 Tea Garden Road, SE, Huntsville, AL, 35802.

Mrs. Cowart has gone beyond a mere transcription of the Government Tract Book by adding material to help you understand where, when, and why your ancestors settled. Her explanations are so well written that you can almost see your ancestor trying to outbid Pres. James Madison and Andrew Jackson for land at Tuscumbia.

This work is of exceptional importance to North Alabama researchers. One reason is that Colbert was carved from Franklin which is a burned-out county. Records you were seeking in Franklin may be in Colbert.

The boundaries between Colbert and Lawrence, and Colbert and Franklin Counties have changed since Colbert's establishment in 1869 and Mrs. Cowart includes maps showing these changes. You may have been looking in the wrong county all along.

Important additions to this book are the copies of actual plats to the towns of Coldwater (now Tuscumbia) and York Bluff (now Sheffield) and a list of who purchased what lot. Another very important addition to researchers is the list of land purchasers and *where they came from*.

Mrs. Cowart opens her work with a brief history of Franklin and Colbert Counties. She then defines

Book Reviews (-continued-)

terms used in connection with the land papers and presents information on how to order copies of the land patents. Her introductions are worth the price of her books.

The tract book entries are in order by township and range and are accompanied by maps showing the location of the sections in each.

Key Newsletter compiled and edited by Capt. Lance E. Key, Star Route 23, Monte Road, Eagle River, Alaska 99577. [No price given.]

Long-time TVGS member, Lance E. Key, family historian, has recently contributed a complete set of his "Key Newsletter" to us. Captain Key, a native of Baton Rouge, La. and an LSU graduate, has done a super job of correlating and disseminating Key family information in these newsletters.

The first newsletter was published in January, 1980 and has been published quarterly since (although we understand they may be a tad late when the salmon are running). Goals are to compile and record genealogical and historical information pertaining to Key ancestors and present-day family members. A long-term objective is to compile a Key book.

Capt. Key's delightful sense of humor, coupled with his interest in genealogy and gifted ability to convey mental pictures with words, makes the Key Newsletter good reading even if one is not a Key.

This Key family seems to begin with James Key and his wife, Sebeilla/Syvillia Ann Britt, of Moore Co., N. C. Capt. Key then discusses their children and their migration westward. For instance, Calvin, Martin Crawford, and Samuel Key (sons of James & Sebeilla) moved to Florence, Alabama ca 1848-49; Calvin moved on to Texas in 1869.

In these Newsletters, Capt. Key has maps, old family letters, photocopies of documents, and quite a few photographs which add so much to any genealogical publication. Also included are tombstone inscriptions and family group sheets. Each Newsletter has a section entitled, "Present Day Keys" and one entitled "Yesterday's Keys."





"LET US HOLD CONVERSE WITH THE NATION'S SLAIN."



North Alabama



CONFEDERATE VETERANS AND WIDOWS PENSIONS

The following information was abstracted from the pension applications of Confederate veterans and widows at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Alabama. This series is continued from the December, 1985 issue of "Valley Leaves" and for a full introduction please see the September, 1985 issue. The date in the left column is the earliest date found in the file.

Part 3

Aldridge, William V.
Morgan County
13 July 1904

William V. Aldridge entered service as a Sergeant in Company "C" of the 35th Alabama Regiment on 25 February 1862 at Courtland, Alabama and was honorably discharged 17 May 1865. He is now unable to do manual labor due to "Rheumatism and general breaking down." He is 65 years of age and lives at Trinity, Alabama.

On 13 July 1904 William V. Aldridge stated he owned property in Trinity valued at \$275. Personal property consisted of a horse, cow, two hogs, watch and a vehicle for a total value of \$94.50.

On July 19, 1911 he stated he is now on the Morgan County pension roll. He was born 4 June 1839 in Walker County, Alabama.

A note in the file showed he signed an oath of allegiance to the United States Government at Pond Spring, Alabama on 17 May, 1865 when he was paroled. He was described as being 5' 8" tall, had light hair, blue eyes, and fair complexion.

Alewine, John A. J.
Marshall County
9 January 1917

Mr. Alewine is 85 years, 6 months, and 24 days of age and lives at Boaz, Alabama. He has been a resident of Alabama 20 years. He was a Private in Cavalry in Company "B" of the 7th Confederate Regiment for three years. He was never wounded and was paroled in 1865. Mr. Alewine was married in 1849 but is now a widower. His living children are:

Lucinda Clay, age 62
J. A. Alewine, age 56, a farmer.

John A. J. Alewine was in Texas once on a visit and is presently living with his son. He has no property, real or personal.

Alexander, J. N.
Morgan County
19 March 1898

J. N. Alexander entered service in Company "D" of the 48th Regiment of Alabama Infantry. He was struck with a shell at Antietam, Maryland. He now has a large tumor under his right arm and lives at Falkville. He is a farmer but has no property.

On 20 May 1899 he stated he was wounded at Sharpsburgh, Maryland and is now unable to earn a living due to "wounds and rupture." He is 57 years of age.

Alexander, John S.
Morgan County
4 February 1915

John S. Alexander enlisted as a Private in Company "G" of the 1st Tennessee Infantry about 25 April 1861 at Fayetteville, Tennessee and was honorably discharged in mid-June 1865. He was wounded at the Battle of Petersburg, Virginia on 2 April 1865 and was paroled from the hospital at Washington City, D. C., from 15 to 18 June, 1865. He now lives in Decatur but owns no property.

Civil War Pensioners (-continued-)

Alexander, John Tyler
 Alexander, Fannie (widow)
 Lawrence County
 21 March 1919

Fannie Alexander states she lives in Danville, Alabama and is aged 50 years, 4 months, and 6 days. She has lived in Alabama all her life. John Tyler Alexander enlisted in the fall of 1863 as a Private in Company "A" of the 11th Alabama Cavalry and served 2-1/2 years. He received a flesh wound in his thigh but it was not serious. He was paroled in May, 1865.

They were married in fall of 1886. The value of her property is \$648 and she receives \$57 per month "on account of death of son in recent war." [Note: Probably World War I.]

Her living children are:

Ed Alexander, age 23 - has family
 Sallie Alexander, age 21 - lives with me
 Henry Alexander, age 16 - farming
 Jake Alexander, age 14 - farming
 Walter Alexander, age 11 - farming

She owns no real estate but owns two horses and a gun which are valued at \$648.

Alexander, T. J.
 Alexander, Martha A. (widow)
 Madison County
 31 July 1912

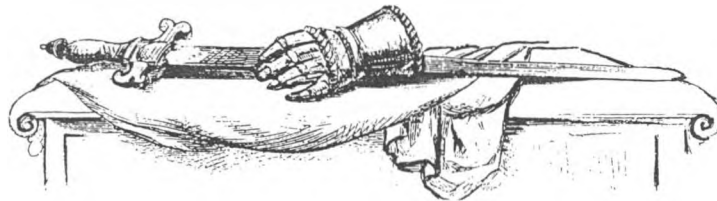
Note: There are two separate files on this couple, one on T. J. Alexander and one on his widow, Martha A. Alexander, in the Archives.

On 31 July 1912 T. J. Alexander states he enlisted as a Private in Company "E" of the 1st Tennessee Cavalry at Columbia, Tennessee and was honorably discharged 5 May 1865. He is now aged 74 and in ill health; he resides at Maysville and owns 76-1/2 acres of land at Maysville valued at \$400. He also owns town property in Maysville valued at \$500 and a store house in Maysville valued at \$150 for a total valuation of \$1050. His personal property totals \$140.

On 21 July 1914 Martha A. Alexander states her husband, T. J. Alexander, died 1 July 1914. No other information in her file.

Alexander, W. R.
 Lauderdale County
 2 July 1898

He was a Private in Ingram's Company of Brooks' Regiment of Arkansas Cavalry. In January, 1863 at Dardanelle, Arkansas he was shot in the left leg above the knee and in consequence of the wound plus old age he can no longer earn a living. He now lives at Centre Star, Alabama and is a farmer. He owns two mules worth \$80 and two heifers worth \$15. On 2 July 1898 he stated he was 73 years old.





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 19

Township 4, Range 4 East (continued)

Section 21

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Williams
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Rush
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Dodson
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Williams
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Satterfield
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Dodson
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Berry
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ J. L. Peters

Section 22

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Berry
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Ferrell
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Fish
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Brandon
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S.(or I?) Cruse
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Ferrell
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Williams
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Dodson

Section 23

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Manning
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Manning
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Larkins
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Isbell
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Larkin
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Isbell
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S.(or I?) Cruse
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jesse Laxson
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jesse Laxson
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S.(or I?) Cruse

Section 24

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Monks
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Bishop
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Monks
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Bishop
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Shelton
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Palmer
 W. Renfro
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Lindsay
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Mennit?
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. B. Harris

Section 25

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. M. Frazier

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Thompson
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Larkin
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S? Cruse
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Isbell
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Rowan
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Fulcher
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jas. Craig
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jas. Crain
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Summers
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jas. Craig

Section 26

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M? Isbell
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S? Cruse
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Boyd
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Simms
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Isbell
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Sims
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Rush
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Dodson
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Pence

Section 27

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Lawrence
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Sims
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Barrett?
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Dodson
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Lawrence
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Neavill
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Boyd
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Dodson
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Boyd

Section 28

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Dodson
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Shelton
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Dodson
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Peters
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Stevens
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 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Dodson
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Posey
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Carmichael
 W. C. Vincent

(-continued)

Decatur County, Township 4, Range 4 East (continued)

Section 29

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Wm. Peters
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Carson
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Peters
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Peters, Jr.
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Rush
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. C. Pinson
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. V. Stevens
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Peters

Section 30

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Jordan
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. Lawrence
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Lucas?
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Houk
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Peters, Sr.
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jas. McCartney
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Joseph Elliott's Reser-
 vation except that pt
 belonging to Jas. McCart-
 ney

Section 31

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Peters
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Larkin
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Frazer
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Joseph Elliott's Reser-
 vation except pt of NE $\frac{1}{4}$
 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ to D. Larkin and
 pt of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ to J.
 Frazer
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. P. Morris
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Donated to State?
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Whitecotton
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Lacy
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Larkin except pt of
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ that
 is Elliott's Reservation

Section 32

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Jones
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. B. Studdurte?
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ F. D. Stevens
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Hines
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. B. Studdurte?
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. R. Fletcher
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Valentine Whitecotton

Section 33

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Weller?
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. C. Vincent
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Carmichael &
 W. C. Vincent
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Carmichael &
 W. C. Vincent

Section 34

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Frazier
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Boyd
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Carver
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Boyd
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Carver
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. McCartney
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Brown
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. W. Williams
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Summers
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Carver

Section 35

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Laughinghouse
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Laughinghouse
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R? Fearn
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Irby
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Cast
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Brown
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. L. Brown
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Pence
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Brown
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. M? Driver

Section 36

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ W. B. Hunt
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Laughinghouse
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ D. Larkin
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Boyd
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Boyd
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Laughinghouse

Surveyor's District, Northern Part
 of Alabama, Township No. 5, Range
 No. 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Austin
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Voozey
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ W. M. Driver
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Chitwood
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. B. Green
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. G. French
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Erwin
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ P. Smith
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Payne

Section 2

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Johnson
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Pence
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Geo. Light
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. C. Dabney
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. F. Smith
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. M. Driver
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Moore

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Decatur County, Township 5, Range 4 East (continued)

Section 2 (continued)

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Rankin
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Parker
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Byram

Section 3

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ E. King
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Isbell
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. M. Tipton
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Cruse
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. G. Wisdom
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. G. Wisdom
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. D. Harless
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ T. G. Wisdom

Section 4

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Derrick
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. P. Fletcher
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. C. Vincent
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. P. Fletcher
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. B. Stoddard
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ G. B. Derrick
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. D. T. Harliss
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E. W. Williams
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. B. Stoddard
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Bowen

Section 5

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. R. Fletcher
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Whitecotton
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. J. Fletcher
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ V. Whitecotton
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. J. Fletcher
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. H. Moore
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. J. Fletcher
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ G. Sims
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Smith
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. P. Maclay?
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Whitecotton
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ L. Turner
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Z. Kennemor

Section 6

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ F. R. Rich
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ F. R. Rich
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Evans
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Whitecotton
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Ricketts?
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. C. Vincent
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Evens
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. C. Vincent

Section 7

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ R.(or A?) Buchanon
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ S.(or I?) Baxter
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Baxter
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. J. Roundtree
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. N. Colbert
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. C. Vincent
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S.(or I?) Baxter
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Baxter
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. C. Vincent

Section 8

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J.(or I?) Whitecotton
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ I. G. Wood
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Henry Lewis
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Ross
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Henry Lewis
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Curr?
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ C.(or H?) Ross
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J.(or I?) G. Wood
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Ross

Section 9

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Curr
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Curr
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J.(or I?) G. Wood
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ P. B. McMillan
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Saml. H.. Cort
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Saml. H. Cort
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Curr

Section 10

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Laughinghouse
 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ T. G. Wisdom
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ P. B. McMillan
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Tiller?
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ P. B. McMillan
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank

Section 11

Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Smith
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Rinkins
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Wright
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Wright
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Martin
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ B? Sublett
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. W. Vernon
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Wright
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Wright

Section 12

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J? B. Stevens
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. Smith

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Decatur County, Township 5, Range 4 East (continued)

Section 12 (continued)

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Maples
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Smith
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Freeman
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. B. Stevens
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ C. Kirby
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E. S. Scruggs
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Smith

Section 13

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ George T? Hastings
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J.(or S?) Chambers
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Gidion
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ P. Smith
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Z. Gidion
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Gidion
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. Allison
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. L. Pinkston

Section 14

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ P. Smith
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ B. Smith
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Preston Smith
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Babb
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ N. Wright
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Vernon
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Preston Smith
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. E. Heard(Kerr?)

Section 15

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Province
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Province
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W. G. Kerr
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Province
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank?
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Province
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. E. Kerr
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Province
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Province
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Clarence J. Matthews

Section 16

(School)

Section 17

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. N? Thomas
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ H. Ross
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. C. Thomas
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Haws
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ R. W. Sisk
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Wilder
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Chitwood

Section 18

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. C. Vincent
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Dudley
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. Try(Fry?)
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Jno. Jones
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Bradly
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. C. Taylor
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Baxter
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Wright
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Perkins

Section 19

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. Chitwood
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ W. S. Todd(Ford?)
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Cruse
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jas. Baxter
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Jno. Baxter
 Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ Jas. Baxter

Section 20

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Perkins
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ I? Wright
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ J. Perkins
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S. D. Kennemer
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J? Perkins
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. J. Hodges
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Z. C. Kennemer

Section 21

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Clarence J. Matthews
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Isom Wright
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ R. W. Sisk
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Isom Wright
 Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ Isom Wright
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Isom Wright
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ S. D. Kennemer
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ A. Kennemer

Section 22

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ M. E. Kerr
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ M. E. Kerr
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Clarence J. Matthews
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Jacob? Block?
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ I. Wright
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Blank
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ J. A. Wright
 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ I. Wright

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Colbert

COLBERT COUNTY WILL BOOK "A" 1869 - 1903
7th Installment

The earliest Will Book in Colbert County is Book "A" which is from July 22, 1867 to May 11, 1903. Colbert County was carved from Franklin County in 1867. This series began in Volume 19. Abstracted from photocopies by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Page 118-119 PETER MEYER

Dated: 29 Sept. 1882
Prob: 4 Nov. 1882
Executor: J. T[F?] Thieme

Witness: C. Lanenstein
William Farr
Christian Leimenstall

... of sound mind and memory ... pay just debts ...

To my beloved children, Emil Meyer, Frederick Meyer, and Robert Meyer, all my
real and personal property.

/s/ Peter Meyer

Page 119-121 GUS A. HENRY JR.

Dated: 31 Dec. 1879
Prob: 2 Jan. 1883
Executrix: My wife, Ella W. Henry.

Witness: John D. Rather
James N. Sampson

To my wife, Ella W. Henry, all my property of every description, both real and
personal.

/s/ Gus A. Henry Jr.

Pages 121-124 ALEXANDER MALONE

Dated: 10 Oct. 1882
Prob: 12 March 1883
Executor: My son, William L. Malone

Witness: John L. Malone
Robert R. Malone

... of sound and disposing mind and memory ... pay just debts and burial expense ...

To my beloved wife, Elizabeth Malone, my entire estate both real and personal during her
lifetime, to be managed and controlled by my executor.

To my son, William L. Malone, as trustee for his wife, Alice N. Malone, my entire
tract of land known as fractional Sec. 30-3-13W (330 acres) and 50 acres in
Section 19-3-13W after my wife's death. Said bequeath is for their use forever
and free from all debts and liabilities of the said William L. Malone.

To my dau., Ellen Goodloe and her children, \$800 to be paid in eight equal annual
installments.

To William L. Malone, trustee, two cows and calves, two beds, bedsteads and clothing
for same, one wardrobe, my writing desk, one dozen chairs, and the gin and all
wagons, farming tools and implements.

The balance of my personal property is to be sold and equally distributed among my
heirs [not named].

/s/ Alexander Malone

Page 124-126 PRISCILLA YOUNG

Dated: 8 Feb. 1877 Tuscombua, Al.
Prob: 28 May 1883
Executrix: My niece, Rosa Heldin

Witness: John Curry
R[obert] T[ownes] Aber-
nathy.

... of sound and disposing mind and memory ... pay just debts ...

To my beloved niece, Rosa Heldin, who has been a member of my family from her child-

Priscilla Young, Last Will & Testament (-continued-)

hood, all my estate both real and personal or mixed.

/s/ Priscilla Young

Page 127-128 MARTHA A. JOHNSTON

Dated: 31 Dec. 1879 Tuscumbia, Al.
Prob: 29 March 1883

Witness: M. Louise Thornton
Henry S. Dill

To my nephew, Persifor Bunch, and my niece, Mattie Bunch, equally, all my estate of every description. I also appoint them executors without bond.

/s/ Martha A. Johnston

Page 129-131 ISRAEL BURNS

Dated: 5 April 1863, Franklin Co., Al.
Prob: 9 Nov. 1863, Franklin Co., Al.
Executor: My son, James Materson Burns

Witness: John W. Redwine
E. B. Todd, both of
Franklin Co., Al.

... of sound mind and memory ... pay just debts ...

To my beloved wife, Eliza Burns, all my real and personal property during her natural life.

After my wife's death, my land is to be equally divided among my children and each to get their part when they come of age.

When my son, James Materson Burns, reaches age 21 he is to be the administrator of my estate. He is to see to it that all my surviving children have an equal division when they come of age.

To my son, James M. Burns, when he comes of age, my silver pencil, the American Encyclopedia, Webster Dictionary, and two medical books (Thompson & Gunn). The remainder of my books to be divided among my surviving children to suit themselves.

I wish, if possible, all the children to be sent to school enough to learn to read and write.

My wife to have right to sell all my useless property for support of the family.

/s/ Israel Burns

NOTE: Probated before Judge Charles Womble, Probate Judge of Franklin County, Alabama on 9 November 1863. A transcript of this will, certified by Franklin County Probate Judge Amos L. Moody on 16 April 1883, was sent to Colbert County where it was recorded on 23 August 1883.

Page 131-134 WILLIAM B. BLACKBURN

Dated: ?
Probated: 4 March 1882, Memphis, Shelby Co., Tn.
Recorded: 19 Sept. 1883, Colbert Co., Ala.

NOTE: Apparently the clerk failed to copy the entire will. The first part of the will is as it should be but then it seems to just stop as if the clerk was interrupted and then forgot he had not copied it in its entirety. For this reason, we have copied the will in its entirety (or as much as was recorded).

State of Alabama)

Colbert County) I, William B. Blackburn, of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind and memory, and disposing mind and impressed with a sense of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make, publish and declare the following to be my last will and Testament, viz:

1st. It is my Will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

2nd. I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Lydia Blackburn, the following described Real and personal estate of which I am seized and possessed, viz: the tract of

Will of William B. Blackburn (-continued-)

land upon which I now live known as the NE/4 of Sec. 32-5-13W, also a fraction of the SW/4 of Sec. 29-5-13W supposed to contain 40 acres ...

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JOHN W. RUTLAND

Dated: 18 Oct. 1882
 Prob: 3 March 1884
 Executor: See below

Witness: N. H. Scruggs
 H. W. Rutland
 Sallie L. Rutland

... of sound mind and disposing memory ... pay just debts ...

Having already provided for my sons, H. W. Rutland, James Rutland, Wells Rutland, and W. R. Rutland by Deeds of Gift in 1874 to certain land, and whereas my wife, Hannah M. Rutland, has made similar provisions for my daughters, Ellen A. Scruggs and Francis M. Pride, by Deeds of Gift to lands, I do hereby make this my Last Will & Testament.

To my wife, Hannah Rutland, and to my daughters, Anne M. Rutland and L. Alice Rutland, all my estate both real and personal. I further make them my sole executors.

I direct that my estate be kept together for joint use and benefit of my legatees.

My property consists of the SW/4 Sec. 35-5-14W (less about 30 acres which has been sold), and 20 acres off south end of SE/4 Sec. 34-3-14W; the NW/4 Sec. 2-4-14W; that part of Sec. 3-4-14W lying north of Cherokee Branch to where it empties into Brown's Creek; part of Sec. 4-4-14W bounded, in part, by Brown's Creek; also certain lots lying in the town of Cherokee; also \$5833.33-1/3 coming to me from the estate of my late uncle, Stephen G. Wells, decd., formerly of Petersburg, Va.

If my dau., L. Alice Rutland, marries then she is to have the E/2 SW/4 Sec. 21-4-14W, the SW/4 Sec. 2-4-14W, the SW/4 Sec. 35-3-14W less 35 ac. already sold; and 1/3 interest in all my lots in Cherokee and 1/3 interest in my legacy from uncle Stephen G. Wells.

If my dau., Annie M. Rutland or my wife Hannah M. Rutland, should marry then the homestead with an equal share of the remaining estate is to be given Annie M. Rutland with my wife receiving the balance.

/s/ J. W. Rutland

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CATHERINE B. WINSTON

Dated: 7 March 1868
 Prob: 28 Oct. 1884
 Executor: Gus A. Henry Jr.

Witness: John Baxter
 Joseph H. Sloss

To my dau., Ella Walker Henry, wife of Col. Henry, all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind, silverware, china, carriages, horses, cattle, wagons, plantation stock and utensils, corn and all the property of like nature I may own at my death.

/s/ C. B. Winston

Note: When the will was produced for probate it was determined that John Baxter, witness, "was now dead." Joseph H. Sloss proved the will. Isaac Winston, Sr. died Aug. 13, 1862 aged 68 yrs; Catherine B. [Jones] Winston died July 25, 1884 aged 86 yr., wife of Isaac Sr.

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WILLIAM B. BLACKBURN

Dated: 7 Aug. 1884
 Prob: 9 March 1885
 Executor: My wife, Lydia Blackburn, and
 James L. Blackburn.

Witness: William Burgess
 Louisa T. Hill
 E. P. (X) Thorn

... of sound mind and memory ... pay just debts ...

To my beloved wife, Lydia Blackburn, the following real and personal estate: The land upon which I now live known as the NE/4 Sec. 32-5-13W; a fraction of

William B. Blackburn Last Will & Testament (-continued-)

the SW/4 Sec. 29-5-13W containing approx. 40 acres, together with all the horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, household and kitchen furniture, money, grain, stores, and property of every description, during her natural life.

At my wife's death, all my property to be equally distributed between the following heirs:

Margaret I[J?] Hall
 Emillia I. Miller, now dead, to her heirs
 Anna L. McClung
 Deiadema L. Richardson
 James L. Blackburn
 Emma H. Weaver
 Dotson L. Blackburn
 William C. W. Blackburn
 Waitstill M. C. Blackburn
 Roxana B. Saunderson
 Arther B. Blackburn
 Osker D. C. Blackburn
 Andrew P. Blackburn

To my grandson, John W. P. Blackburn, son of Thomas N. Blackburn, 1/4 part of an heir's share since I have given my son, Thomas N. Blackburn, more than the other children.

If my sons Arther B., Osker D. C. and Andrew P. Blackburn, minors, continue to live with me or their mother until they are 21 they shall each have a horse, saddle and bridle in addition to their distributive share.

/s/ W. B. Blackburn

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ALEXANDER GIBBS

Dated: 6 Nov. 1880

Prob: 6 April 1885

Executor: My son Josephus Gibbs

Witness: R. T. Abernathy

R. L. Ross

... being of sound & disposing mind & memory ... pay just debts ...

To my wife, Jane Gibbs, the homestead in which I now reside, it being all the E/2 of Sec. 14-4-13W, Colbert Co., Ala. except about 30 ac. in the SE corner and about 15 ac. in the NE corner. My wife to also have all the furniture, tools, implements, horses, mules, and other animals, and all the personal property during her natural life. At her death all my property is to go to my son, Josephus Gibbs.

To my son, Josephus Gibbs, 80 acres of land in the SE corner of the E/2 Sec. 14-4-13W and about 14 ac. in the NE corner of said land; said land now occupied by him as a residence.

To my grandson, William Henry Gibbs, and to my granddaughter, Willie Turner, the NE/4 Sec. 35-4-13W equally share and share alike.

/s/ A. Gibbs

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SAMUEL J. HARRINGTON

Dated: 31 Dec. 1884

Prob: 13 April 1885

Executor:

Witness: Owen W. Julian

Jas. S. Whittemore

To my wife, Adelia H. Harrington, absolutely, all my estate, both real and personal, she paying just debts. Three years after my death she is to sell the 72 ac. I reserved out of the land I sold to W. V. McCracken in Section 2 [no township or range given.] From proceeds she is to pay my dau., Theodora Alexander of Colbert Co., \$700., and my dau., Harriet C. Jarman of Colorado Co., Texas, \$300. and they are to relinquish all claim to my estate. My wife is to have the balance of any money from this sale.

"As it may appear a little singular that I have willed without condition all my property to my said wife and make no provision by name for my children by her, I will here state that I justly owe it to her, having spent fully the amount of the property willed to her, in money of hers furnished freely by her, and in support of both of us and our children and because of the confidence I have in her that she will be as just with her own children by me as she would be acting under directions in my will."

/s/ Saml. J. Harrington

CHEROKEE CITY CEMETERY

During the 1930's the WPA copied cemeteries in Colbert County as one of their projects. This work was deposited in the County Commissioner's office and that office graciously gave us permission to publish them in Valley Leaves. In the 1930's genealogical research was not as exacting as it is today and the copyist did not use chalk on the faces of the tombstones. Since accuracy depended upon the copyist and the typist we have no way to guarantee the correctness of these records. We have chosen to use them, however, because so many of the stones they copied are no longer in existence. For a complete introduction to these cemetery inscriptions please refer to Volume 19, Issue No. 1, Page 10, Sept., 1984.

The Cherokee Cemetery is located in the E/2 NE/4 of Section 34-3-14W on the west edge of the town of Cherokee in the northwest portion of Colbert County.

E.A.H. Bell, wife of W. F. Bell Mar. 3, _____ Dec. 8, 1868	Johnnie F. Alexander Inf. son of J.C. & M. A. Alexander April 24, 1860 Sept. 3, 1861	Augustus W. Granbery Nov. 20, 1830 Nov. 24, 1837	Dr. Henry H. Johnson Born Robertson Co., Tenn. Nov. 10, 1813 Died Franklin Co., Ala. July 17, 1845
Lucinda G., wife of Samuel Finley May 13, 1813 Jan. 3, 1851	Hiram S. Anderson Born in Mercer Co., Ky April 13, 1806 Died in Franklin Co., Ala. July 14, 1847	Miss Matilda Ann McCreary Born in Sumner Co., Tenn Oct. 14, 1816 Died in Franklin Co., Ala. March 13, 1844	Mrs. Mary McCreary Born in Iredell Co., N. C. Mar. 15, 1783 Died in Franklin Co., Ala. Aug. 27, 1842
Martha Ann, wife of Geo. R. Johnson Born in New Bern, N. C. Dec. 8, 1821 Died Aug. 27, 1852	Elizabeth M., wife of Jas. S. Barton May 1, 1834 Dec. 4, 1869 Age 35 yr., 7 mo., 4 ds.	Inf. dau. of James & Lizzie M. Barton Born & Died Feb. 13, 1858	A. B. Rutland Sept. 3, 1845 Sept. 28, 1869
Mary Chandler, dau. of F.W. and E.H. Scruggs Aug. 27, 1896 Dec. 22, 1896	Josephine Shelton Barton Dau. of Armistead and Amanda Barton Nov. 15, 1841 Sept. 3, 1845	Henry C., son of H. G. & Emma Barton Aug. 10, 1872 March 2, 1873	Armistead, son of H.G. & Emma Barton June 26, 1860 Nov. 16, 1871
Joseph M., son of A.G. & S.M. Goodloe June 16, 1834 Sept. 14, 1844	Albert Goodloe, son of Henry & Emma Goodloe Aug. 19, 1866 April 23, 1885	Lizzie, dau. of Barton & Nellie Dickson Born Sept. 28, 1864 in Dawson, Terrill Co., Ga. Died Oct. 18, 1871 at Dickson, Colbert Co., Ala.	Mary, dau. of William & Elizabeth Dickson Born Madison Co., Ala. Oct. 1, 1831 Died Franklin Co., Ala. June 22, 1851
Little Tommie [Dickson?] Dec. 28, 1872 [No other info.]	Mrs. Elizabeth Rivers Wife of Thomas Rivers & Dau. of William & Elizabeth Dickson Feb. 2, 1830 Dec. 3, 1852	Inf. dau. of Thomas & Elizabeth Rivers. [No dates]	George Huston Born in Dickson, Ala. Feb. 5, 1874 Died in Tusculumbia, Ala. Sept. 16, 1901 Age 20 yr., 7 mo., 1 day
Maggie R. Pride Born Sept. 4, 1866 Died July 1, 1867	Annie R. Pride Born Dec. 18, 1867 Died Aug. 18, 1868	Frank G. Pride Born Jan. 28, 1877 Died Aug. 31, 1884	James A. Barton Born Dickson, Ala. Feb. 23, 1841 Died Dickson, Ala. April 13, 1897
Edward Barton, son of N.H. & E.R. Scruggs Sept. 12, 1858 July 4, 1860	Annie Manning, dau. of N.H. & E.R. Scruggs Aug. 1866 Feb. 22, 1867	Jack Rutland, son of N.H. & E.R. Scruggs Nov., 1875 July 9, 1876	Susan M., wife of A. G. Goodloe July 31, 1803 Nov. 6, 1886

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Emma Goodloe, wife of H. C. Barton Oct. 10, 1837 March 24, 1897	Henry C., son of Armistead & Amanda Cook Barton Born in Tuscumbia, Ala., Feb. 2, 1832 Died in Lauderdale Co., Ala., Oct. 6, 1911	Dr. J. M. Huston Born Feb. 3, 1826 in Rockingham Co., Va. Died Feb. 23, 1893 Colbert Co., Ala.	Jimmie, son of J.M. & Annie Huston Sept. 3, 1859 Oct. 30, 1870
Armistead Barton Born Oct. 2, 1800 Knox Co., Tenn. Died May 29, 1847 Franklin Co., Ala.	Amanda G. Barton Born June 4, 1809 Sumner Co., Tenn. Died July 7, 1884 Colbert Co., Ala.	Emma S. Barton, wife of Samuel H. Aldridge Feb. 20, 1840 Dec. 24, 1907	Endora, inf. dau. of Roger & Endora Barton Died Aug., 1848
Elizabeth Dickson, dau. of Dr. Hugh & Mary Barton Born in Knox Co., Tenn. Nov. 15, 1804 Died in Colbert Co., Ala. Dec. 25, 1885	William Dickson, Senior Son of Ruben & Elizabeth Dickson Born in Orange Co., N.C. July 13, 1798 Died in Colbert Co., Ala. July 3, 1880	Ruben Dickson Born in Orange Co., N.C. March 7, 1774 Died in Franklin Co., Ala. Jan. 21, 1848	Goodloe, son of J.L. & M.B. Malone Nov. 23, 1850 May 14, 1873
Elizabeth Dickson Born in Orange Co., N.C. Sept. 7, 1768 Died in Franklin Co., Ala. Sept. 26, 1859	William, son of William & Elizabeth Dickson Born in Franklin Co., Ala. Oct. 6, 1838 Died Oct. 1, 1852	Samuel H. Aldridge, son of Samuel H. & Hannah Aldridge Born in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 11, 1839 Died at Dickson, Ala. June 1, 1880	Mrs. Mary Barton Born in Berkeley Co., Va. April 11, 1780 Died in Franklin Co., Ala. Dec. 27, 1852
Dr. Hugh Barton Born in Frederick Co., Va. May 17, 1775 Died in Franklin Co., Ala. Feb. 19, 1853	Edward Pride Carlross Born in Chatham Co., N. C. Aug. 21, 1805 Died in Franklin Co., Ala. July 1, 1856	In Memory of my husband James S., son of J. W. & M. A. Rutland Born Colbert Co., Ala. Feb. 9, 1849 Died Colbert Co., Ala. May 6, 1883	J. W. Rutland [No other info.]
Margaret Ann Rutland, wife of John W. Rutland May 7, 1813 Oct. 3, 1855	John W. Rutland Nov. 9, 1808 Jan. 25, 1884	Inf. dau. of Jno. W. & Margaret Ann Rutland [No dates]	Hannah M. Rutland March 29, 1815 March 10, 1891
Alice, dau of N. H. & E. R. Scruggs Born April 21, 1871 Died July 1, 1879	Susanna, Relict of the Rev. Wm. Smith, P.M. ... Armagh, Dau. of Henry Ruxton Newton Hamilton, Born in S[ligo?] Co., Ireland. Died Oct. 1, 1850 Age 79 years. [NOTE: Her Obit from the "Tuscumbia Enquirer" of Oct. 10, 1855 states: Died at William Desprez's, M.D., Buzzard Roost, Ala., Mrs. S. Smythe of Dean View Cottage, Armagh, Ireland on 1st of Oct. 1855, aged 79. Had been for more than five years a resident among us ... husband was		a Presbyterian minister."

McKIERNAN CEMETERY

The location of this cemetery was given as being at Brick, Alabama. Copied by WPA workers in 1930's.

Charles Bernard McKiernan Born Nashville, Tenn. March 15, 1815 Died in Colbert Co., Ala. July 18, 1890	Sarah Watters Born May 23, 1770 in Anne Arundel Co., Maryland Died 3 Feb. 1844 in Franklin Co., Ala.	Lawrence Bernard, son of B. & M. C. McKiernan Nov. 22, 1825 Feb. 17, 1832
About 10 graves here without markers.		

Jackson

PROBATE RECORDS

1855-1858
(23rd Installment)

This series began in *Valley Leaves* in Volume 11, Issue No. 4 (June, 1977). The original book from which this material was copied is housed in the Jackson County Courthouse in Scottsboro. It is a large red volume entitled, *Will Record K* but is more accurately described as probate records. Continued from Volume 20, Issue No. 1, Page 18, September, 1985. Abstracted from photocopies by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Page No.	Item
320-321	<p>Last Will & Testament of George V. Houston Will dated 3 Dec. 1857 Probated 3 May 1858 (written 1857 by error in ledger)</p> <p>. . . being in full possession of all my mental faculties . . . my soul to God . . . my body to be buried with as little expense as may be compatible with decency . . . pay just debts . . .</p> <p>To my four children by my first wife, Maria S. <i>Jonston</i>, towit: Sarah Elizabeth Houston, James Washington Houston, John Jackson Polk Houston, and William Thompson Hickman Houston, my real estate consisting of the 80 acre tract upon which I now reside, 80 acres at the head of Mud Creek, 40 acres at the Sam Townsend place, and 40 acres above my home near the mountain.</p> <p>To my little girl, Sarah Elizabeth, my gray filly. To my eldest son, James Washington, my boy colt. To my son, John Jackson Polk, my iron gray colt. To my youngest son, William Thompson Hickman Houston, money equal to the price of an average horse to make his portion equal to my other children.</p> <p>The balance of my estate consisting of 4 horses, one milch cow, hogs, sheep, cattle, household furnishings, library books, notes and accounts, and a wagon are to be equally divided among my four above named children.</p> <p>My perishable property, except hereinafter mentioned, to be sold by my executor and the proceeds divided among my four children above named. I appoint A. H. Foster guardian of my above named children. I appoint Carter O. Harris executor. Witness: W. L. Shelton[Skelton?] and C. B. Rountree. Judge: J. H. Norwood</p>
322-323	<p>Ananias Grider Estate (3 May 1858) Nancy E. McCrary, Admx. of Ananias Grider, decd., late of Jackson Co., made final settlement with legatees and distributees on 3 May 1858. Sales of personal property totaled \$160.64. Among the bills paid (no dates) were the following:</p>

Ananias Grider Estate (-continued-)

J. M. Williams for making coffin - \$4.42

Green & Green (printing and publishing) - \$4.00

Wm. O. Haynes for medical bills during last illness - \$27.42

Matthew Washington - \$8.10

Plus various probate fees for a total paid out of \$92.34 leaving a balance in the hands of the administratrix of \$65.30. Claims against the estate amount to \$270.73 which sum being divided pro rata among creditors gives 23 Cents on the dollar to the creditors.

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Elijah Sanders Estate (7 May 1858)

Francis Sanders, admr. of Elijah Sanders, decd., late of Jackson Co., made final settlement with legatees and distributees on 7 May 1858. Notes due the estate amount to \$495.95. Bills paid include:

Greene & Greene, printers - \$4.00 and advertising fee \$2.00

R. T. Scott - \$11.75

Family use and consumption out of estate - \$101.82

Elenor C. Young - \$2.20

F. B. Harris, doctor's bill - \$5.00

Plus administration fees for a total paid out of \$182.03 leaving a balance in the hands of administrator of \$357.82 to be equally divided among the following persons:

Martha J. Sanders, wife of Elijah Sanders [Note: Probably the widow]

Elijah Sanders [Jr.]

Emeline Coulson

Elizabeth Womack

Sally Ann Sanders

Margaret Sanders

Francis Sanders

William Sanders

Caladonia Sanders

Cynthia Sanders

Alcy A. Sanders

Each legatee (named above) to receive \$32.52.

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William Simmons Estate

Thomas B. Griffin, Admr. On 12 March 1857, in compliance to a court order, the administrator sold the real estate [location not given] belonging to the estate of William Simmons to Thomas Hall and Jonathan Beason for \$1501.50.

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Stephen A. Carter guardianship (8 May 1858)

William A. Austin, guardian, made final settlement. [Note: Probably a yearly settlement.] Bills collected include:

W. P. Wagoner, Admr., bill dated 8 Dec. 1854 - \$136.50

James M. Moore, Admr., bill dated 24 June 1856 - \$12.50

F. T. Estill, attorney, bill dated 8 May 1856 - \$140.25

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John Messer, Last Will & Testament

Date of will: 27 Feb. 1858

Probated: 25 March 1858

John Messer, Last Will & Testament (-continued-)

. . . of sound mind and memory . . .

To my oldest daughter, Sarah Jane Messer, the SW/4 of the NE/4 and the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 33-2-5E.

To my second daughter, Emeline Wilmouth, 40 acres in Section 33-2-5E.

To my third daughter, Hethena Messer and to my son Henry J. P. Messer, equally, the W/2 of the NW/4 of Sec. 35-3-5E when they both reach age 21.

To my three children, equally, Sarah Jane, Hethena and Henry J. P. Messer, all my cattle, hogs, sheep, household & kitchen furniture and farming utensils when they all reach age 21.

To my daughters, Sarah Jane and Hethena, my old mare.

To my son, Henry J. P. Messer, my young horse.

To my second daughter, Emeline Wilmouth, \$10.00“ in lieu of what I have heretofore given her;” also \$100. to Emeline.

My executor to dispose of guns, rifles, wagon, cross cut saw, and scythe & cradle as he sees fit to the best interest of my four children.

All debts due me to be equally divided among my four children.

I appoint Noah Shelton executor.

John ^{his}
X Messer
mark

The witnesses state that it was John Messer’s verbal wish that his daughter, Sarah Jane have the loose dollars to buy sugar and coffee; the \$10.00“ now in the hands of” J. M. Hawkins to be paid to the said Sarah Jane.

Note: Jackson County marriage records show that Emeline Messer married W. H. Wilmouth 18 Dec. 1855 by Noah Shelton, JP. On the same day Emeline and W. H. obtained their license (Dec. 25, 1855) a marriage license was issued to Jane Messer and W. J. Johnson but there was no return. Source: Jackson Co. Marriage Book 1, Page 275

p. 328-329 **Wilson Davis Estate (15 May 1858)**

Wilson Davis [Jr.], Admr., made annual settlement. Bills paid in Sept., 1856 include:

Tracy Davis, guardian of minor heirs (minor heirs not named) - \$30.00

Madison Davis - \$10.00

William T. Branon - \$10.00

Amelia Davis - \$10.00

C. C. Davis - \$13.00

P. M. Davis - \$13.00

Thomas Davis - \$10.00

W. M. Davis - \$10.00

Judgment paid B. Snodgrass - \$30.00

plus sundry probate fees, for a total of \$158.30.

Note: The Davises listed above are possibly heirs of Wilson Davis.

p. 329-333 **Alexander McCampbell Estate (29 May 1858)**

A. H. Price and Christiana McCampbell, Admr. and Admx., made final settlement

Alexander McCampbell Estate (-continued-)

Income included sale of personal property - \$280.50. Other income included:

Note on F. J. Graham - \$835.70
Rent on 10 acres - \$10.00
Rent of 20 acres to A. H. Price - \$25.00
Sale of decedent's land - \$1,100.00
Four shares of stock in M[emphis] & C[harleston] Railroad - \$65.00
Cash received of Robert Hembree - \$10.00
Old lumber sold to Jere. Williams - \$10.00

The above amounts plus interest totaled \$2,677.06. Amounts paid out of the estate included:

Circuit Court judgment vs. A. H. McCampbell, 16 April 1855 - \$297.14
Circuit Court judgment vs. A. H. McCampbell by N. Robinson - \$64.39
Circuit Court judgment vs. A. H. McCampbell by Geo. W. Haskell - \$52.19
Green & Ragland, acct. paid to H. C. Connor[?] - \$192.92
Robinson & Connor's account - \$24.52
C. B. Gibson, judgment vs. Alexr. McCampbell and J. H. McCampbell - \$89.08
Note to C.Y. Gibson - \$47.00
Note to O. T. Gibson - \$48.00
Acct. of J. F. Martin & Co. and J. H. Oliver - \$9.30
Bill of Costs, M&C Railroad vs. A. H. Price - \$19.55
Judgment in favor of B. E[C?] Ladd - \$21.67 and \$54.50
Bill of costs to A. D. Taylor - \$82.82
Judgment vs. admr. in suit vs. Mason A. Russell - \$20.60
Account of Y. E. McMahan - \$11.63
Account of Harden Long - \$3.65
Account of Arthur Long - \$8.20
Notes of F. E. McMahan - \$19.00 and \$6.15
Account of J. W. Alley - \$9.24 and \$11.20
James Scruggs account - \$6.00
Greene and Madden's account - \$15.00
Robinson & Connor's note - \$6.40
R. L. Hembree note - \$51.89
E. M. Price note - \$60.00
Thomas E. McMahan note - \$34.27
D. Chittay's[?] note - \$34.24
R. C. T. Gill account - \$4.00
Mason & Russell account - \$3.50
Skelton & Jenkins account - \$14.47
A. Edmond's note - \$33.00
Tax receipt for 1855 - \$5.40
Thos. Robertson judgment - \$10.00
D. Chittens note - \$4.05
J. E. Wallace account - \$12.22
Thomas Russell note - \$95.60
J. H. Carter account - \$12.50
B. E. Ladd judgment - \$54.83
C. B. Rountree account - \$18.13
Austin Coffee & Co. account - \$12.55

Alexander McCampbell Estate (-continued-)

E. Alley on compromise of notes - \$100.00

A. H. Price account - \$160.00

F. M. McMahon account - \$7.10

J. T. Gibson - \$8.45

T. E. McMahon - \$4.00

H. C. Connor - \$10.00

plus other administrative probate fees for a total of \$2580.06 leaving a balance of \$97.00 to be divided among the following distributees:

William D. McCampbell, of full age, a resident of Jackson County

James McCampbell)

A. J. McCampbell) all under age 21

Sidney M. McCampbell)

P. H. McCampbell)

Robert McCampbell of DeKalb County

E. W. McCampbell, a resident of _ [blank]_ County

J. H. McCampbell a resident of Lawrence County, Arkansas

John McCampbell a resident of Lawrence County, Arkansas

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Roach Guardianships: Wm. W., Luther, Milton, and John (7 July 1857)

Margaret W. Roach is the guardian of William W. Roach, Luther Roach, Milton Roach, and John Roach, the minor children of C[hables] L[ewis] Roach, decd.

Margaret W. Roach has received the following property belonging to Wm. W. Roach:

“ Boy” Thomas, negro, age about 45 Leonidas, age about 14

Eliza, age about 47 Solomon, age about 25

Adalene, age about 6

Emily, age about 29

and also \$44.55 in money.

Margaret W. Roach has received the following property belonging to Luther Roach:

Peter, negro aged about 38 Sally, age about 37

Mary Jane, about 4 years Edmond, age about 12

Arcenia, age about 18 years

and \$94.55 cash money.

Margaret W. Roach has received the following property belonging to Milton Roach:

Big Hannah, negro, age about 58 Florinda, age about 17

John, age about 12 Sarah, age about 6 years

Randle, age about 32

and \$194.55 cash money.

Margaret W. Roach has received for John Roach the following property:

Nicy, a negro, about age 30 Clark, age about 1 year

William, age about 8 years Lewis, age about 6 years

Marion, age about 4 Eliza, age about 24

Sam, age about 50

Out of this property Margaret W. Roach has to pay \$30.45 to the other heirs, John's negroes being worth that much more than the other heirs. She received the property

Roach Guardianships (-continued-)

about 1 April 1857. On 21 July 1857 the court ordered her to sell a negro boy named Solomon, the property of William W. Roach, at private sale. She sold the negro to Philip Hammons and his wife, Polly Hammons, on 15 August 1857 for \$1000. cash and has since invested \$800. of the money in another negro boy named Bob, about 11 years old, leaving \$200. in her hands to be invested or loaned out at interest. Attested to 10 Sept. 1857 by Margaret Roach.

Note: Charles Lewis Roach, a Baptist minister, was born in Amherst County, V a., 9 Sept. 1797 and died 28 Aug. 1856 in Jackson Co., Al. Margaret was born on 22 Aug. 1816 and died 19 Dec. 1866.

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Harvey Dickinson Est., (24 Nov. 1857)

Robert C. Pierce, Admr. Inventory of property is as follows:

One ox wagon
 One yoke of oxen
 One figle gun
 One grind stone
 Equal interest in set of blacksmith tools
 Two bed[?] tongue plows
 One shovel plow
 One cotton harrow
 Two cutting coulters[?]

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Celia Dickinson Est. (24 Nov. 1857)

Robert C. Pierce, Admr. Inventory of the property of the estate of Celia Dickinson, decd., is as follows:

Two beds and clothing	One small pair steelyards
One chest	30 lbs. rent[?] corn on the river
Springs	One small ox yoke, ring and steeple[?]
Colt	Two spinning wheels
Cow and calf	Four chairs
Six head young cattle	One log chain

An inventory of the property belonging to the estate of Celia and Harvey Dickinson, deceased, set apart for the use of the family is as follows:

3 bedsteads & clothing	One spinning wheel
One bureau	Household & kitchen furniture
20 head hogs	One work horse
2 plows and gear	2 weeding hoes
200 bushels corn	1000 binds of fodder
3 cows and calves	7 head sheep
15 bushels wheat	One woman's saddle
All decedents' wearing apparel	One scythe and cradle
All poultry	400 lb. seed cotton.

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Lauderdale

TILMAN ENGLAND Southern Claims Commission Claim

The following file of Tilman England was contributed by TV GS member, Juanita Parker of Garden City, Michigan. Mrs. Parker states she thinks Tilman England died before the claim was paid. The file does not appear complete and does not state whether it was ever paid or not. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Tilman England Deposition

15 July 1873. Florence, Lauderdale County, Ala. Tilman England states he is 54 years of age, a farmer, and resides in Lauderdale County near Florence. At the time the Federal Army took his property (in Nov., 1864) he lived near Greenhill in Lauderdale County. He had lived in Lauderdale County 20 years. In the 1861 election he voted for S. C. Posey and Henry C. Jones, Lincoln candidates. He kept many out of the Confederate Army, many of whom he hid out in the woods. He stated that Chisholm Butler, residing near Florence, can testify that he gave protection to Union men.

In November, 1864, by order of the quartermaster, Capt. Filmore, the following was taken:

3 cows @ \$25.00 - \$75.00
1 yoke oxen - \$45.00
265 bushels corn @ \$1.00 per bu. - \$265.00
25 bushels wheat @ \$1.50 - \$37.50
1,350 lbs. pork @ 12½ Cents - \$168.75
200 lbs. bacon @ 25 Cents - \$30.00
30 gallons molasses @ \$1.00 per gallon - \$30.00
25 geese @ 50 Cents - \$12.50

Tilman England Interrogatory

Tilman England states he rented a farm 16 miles east of Florence from June 1, 1861 to June 1, 1865 and cultivated 40 to 50 acres. He took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States at Pulaski, Tennessee about the second year of the war and has ever since supported that oath.

A Union officer (a captain) was captured at Athens and taken to Florence where he escaped and secreted himself in a bluff on Blue Water Creek near the England home. Tillman England's son found him and told him to go to the England home for assistance which he did about noon-time. England fed him, gave him provisions, and that night took him back across the creek and gave him directions on how to return to Athens, the nearest Union encampment.

In 1864 England assisted Federal General Croxton's command in obtaining cattle just as the Confederates under General Hood were crossing the river at Florence on their way to Nashville.

England's son, John J. England, entered the Confederate Army and was killed but his father did not furnish him anything. He was of legal age.

One son was to be conscripted into service and the Rebels were looking for him at the England home. Since he could not stay at home, Tilman England hired a man to take his son behind the Federal lines where he remained even since the close of war.

Tilman England Deposition

In the winter of 1864 Tilman England states he saw all the articles taken from his farm, except

Tilman England Claim (-continued-)

the mule, over a two to three week period. Mr. Butler, Mr. Phillips, and his family also witnessed the taking of the property. Col. Johnston, under General [John T.] Croxton, ordered the three cows taken one evening. The men were attached to General Hatch's command which was encamped about three miles from the England home. The cows were driven in the direction of the camp. They told Tilman England to come to camp the next day and get the hides which he did. Col. Johnston had told the butcher to save the hides for England. Col. Johnston gave England a receipt and told him to come the next day and he would take him to the quartermaster (Mr. Filmore) and get vouchers but England never got to see Filmore and got no voucher.

England was riding the mule near Gen. Hatch's headquarters when it was taken. He went to Gen. Hatch and asked for it back but was told they needed it and could not give it up. England got no receipt for it or any other property, all of which had been taken in the daytime. The corn was carried off in sacks to their camp and to the mill which was in sight of England's house. At least five acres of corn had been gathered, left in the shucks, and put in the barn. It was all taken. The corn left in the field was also all taken. They also took all the wheat.

The pork the army took consisted of ten hogs in England's lot. The bacon was taken from the smokehouse. The molasses was sorgum and was in a barrel. The geese were adults.

[Note:
Signed by
Tilman
England with
an "x."]



Margaret S. England Harris Deposition

Margaret S. Harris states she is 23 years of age and resides near her father, Tilman England, in Lauderdale County. She was present when the cows, oxen, part of the corn, the wheat, pork, bacon, molasses and geese were taken. They were taken from her father's farm about 16 miles east of Florence in November, 1864, by Union soldiers from Gen. Hatch's command and who were then encamped near and around the England land. Officers ordered the property taken. The corn and wheat were taken to the mill and ground into flour. Margaret heard the soldiers say they took the corn in the field and used it.

William E. England Deposition

William E. England states he is 21 years old, the son of Tilman England, a farmer, and a resident of Lauderdale County. The cows were milk cows. [Note: The balance of this deposition reiterates Tilman England's and Margaret Harris' depositions.]

Tilman England Claim (-continued-)

Robert Phillips' Deposition

Robert Phillips states he is 60 years of age, a farmer, a resident of Lauderdale County, is not related to Tilman England, and has no beneficial interest in the claim. He saw part of the property carried off on horses.

Phillips states he has known Tilman England fourteen years and knew him intimately during the Civil War having lived about three-fourths of a mile from him then and saw him nearly every day. Phillips states he was a Union sympathizer and that he knew England to also be a Union man from his conversations and activities. England's reputation in the community was that of a Union man. [Note: The balance of the testimony reiterated that of the previous witnesses.]

John W. Hesten's Deposition
(Also written Heston but may be Hester)

John W. Hesten states he is 28 years old, a farmer, a resident of Lauderdale County, is not related to Tilman England, and has no beneficial interest in the claim. He saw most of the property taken from the England place and stated the soldiers said they needed it to subsist on. [Note: Balance of deposition reiterates the testimony of the above witnesses.]

ACTS OF ALABAMA

An Act for the Relief of Robert W. McKelvey and Lucinda Spain

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened,

That Robert W. McKelvey and Lucinda Spain, were, and they are hereby declared to have been lawfully married as husband and wife, on the 29th day of June, 1852.

Be it further enacted, That each and every child who has been, or may hereafter at any future time be born of said parents, is hereby declared legitimate, and entitled in every respect as though the union between the said Robert W. McKelvey and Lucinda Spain had been originally lawful.

Approved February 1, 1858.

[Note: R. W. McKelvey was a member of the Florence Guards during the Civil War.]

An Act to Issue the Heirs of Terry Bradley Patents for Certain Lands

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly, convened,

That should the Governor be satisfied that the north half of the NE quarter of fraction section 5, township 2, range 14 West, and the south half of the south-east quarter of sections 3, township 6, range 3 west (of the Courtland lands,) were entitled by Terry Bradley, deceased, of Lauderdale county, in his lifetime, and are now of right, lands belonging to the heirs of the said Bradley, then the Governor is hereby authorized to issue said heirs patents for all or such portions of said lands as justly belong to them.

Approved February 21, 1860.

JAMES GERISH DEED OF TRUST

The following Deed of Trust was copied and contributed by TVGS member, Delanie Edwards of Modesto, California. Mrs. Edwards found the deed in McNairy County, Tennessee's Deed Book "A," Pages 156-160.

Deed of Trust dated 13 May 1831

Debtor: James Gerish of McNairy Co., Tn.

Creditor: Benjamin F. West of New Orleans, La.

Trustee: Ezra Webb of Florence, Ala.

Gerish purchased \$6,752. in goods and groceries from West. Payment was due 12 months after date for which payment Gerish drew a draft (note) that was accepted by West. The goods were consigned to Gerish of Purdy [in McNairy Co., Tn.] and are now at Burtwell's Landing on the Tennessee River.

To secure West against loss, Gerish deeds to Ezra Webb, in trust, a certain town lot in South Florence, it being Lot No. 50 containing .20 of an acre; also 40.16 acres in Franklin Co., Ala. "as described in Certificate No. 1734 from the Register of the Land Office in Courtland upon which certificates there has been paid the first two installments;" also 40.10 acres in Franklin Co., Ala., described in Certif. No. 1730 upon which the first two installments have been paid.

If James Gerish pays the debt to Benjamin F. West when it becomes due then this deed is void. If debt remains unpaid then Webb, as trustee, is to advertise the property for 20 days in the *Florence Gazette* and offer same at public sale and apply proceeds toward the debt.

/s/ J[ames] Gerish

/s/ Ezra Webb by his atto., C. S. Tarply

/s/ Benjamin F. West, by his attorney,
C. S. Tarply

Deed certified 4 April 1832 by M. Cross

ORDER TO SELL PROPERTY TO PAY DEBTS

On 30 May [deed dated 13th, not 30th] 1831, James Gerish gave Ezra Webb a Deed of Trust to secure Benjamin F. West against loss for a \$6,752. debt owed by Gerish. On 21 Jan. 1832 Gerish drew a Bill of Exchange upon Messers Willcox & Fearn of New Orleans, La. in favor of Messers E. Webb & Co. for \$908.98 payable four months after date.

James Gerish Sr. and James Gerish Jr., both of McNairy Co., Tn., deed to Ezra West of Florence, Ala., 50 acres with a brick house on it near the town of Purdy in McNairy Co., Tn. where James Gerish Sr. and James Gerish Jr. now reside; also an occupant claim to land adjoining the said 50 acres in the name of James Gerish Sr; also an occupant claim near the same land in the name of James Gerish Jr; also 20 acres of land on Snake Creek in McNairy Co., Tn. (Entry No. 1860, Warrant No. 4828) known as the Anderson place; also an occupancy adjoining the 20 acres; also the stock of goods remaining on hand at the house of Burrel B. Adams in McNairy Co., together with notes, accounts, cotton receipts, and debts due the establishment; also accounts for goods sold in the town of Purdy by James Gerish amounting to \$1000; also 25 barrels sugar and 50 bags salt now in possession of Ezra Webb that was purchased by James Gerish Jr. in New Orleans; also a lot in South Florence purchased from McCabe together with all rents now due or which will be due from Sevier, the occupant; also all rents due from Griffin & Garvin of South Florence.

With the proceeds of the sale of the above property, Webb is to first pay Messers Willcox & Fearn for the Bill of Exchange. If there is a balance on hand after paying said debt it is to be paid over to James Gerish Jr. The New Orleans debt not to be paid until drafts of claims are ready to be handed over to James Gerish Jr. Deed signed by James Gerish Jr. and Sr. and Certified 21 May, 1832.

SEMINAR IN GENEALOGY

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

- Date: Saturday, April 5, 1986
- Place: Von Braun Civic Center, Huntsville, Alabama. (If you desire Hotel Accommodations call the Huntsville Hilton at their toll-free number: 1-800-241-5838. They are located across from the Civic Center.)
- Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Fee: \$15.00 per person if registration is postmarked on or before March 26, 1986. If postmarked after March 26 the fee will be \$18.00. The fee includes lunch at the Von Braun Civic Center.
- Speaker: Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck, M.A., M.S.
He is head of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Dallas Genealogical Society; NGS Award of Merit, 1983; Instructor in Genealogy, School of Continuing Education, Southern Methodist University; faculty, Institute of Genealogy and History, Samford University.
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Construction is under way on a new building for the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. Completion is expected in the Spring of 1987. The 107,000 square foot building will have space for 670,000 volumes and seating for 900 patrons. It will be approximately three times the size of the present building which is visited by more than 1200 people every day.

The **Huntsville Heritage Room** will be located on the third floor of the new facility. It will measure approximately 10,000 square feet and have seating for 90 patrons; this room presently contains only 2000 square feet. There will be a special temperature and humidity controlled environment for housing archives and microforms. There will also be a public lounge convenient to the **Heritage Room** which I know will be welcome news to those researchers who like to spend the day at the library.

The **Heritage Room** houses the most extensive genealogical and historical collections in this part of the country. Thousands visit this room each year, some from as far away as California and Texas. Some patrons presently have to wait hours for their turn to use one of the six microfilm readers or the one microfiche reader. In the new facility there will be 15 microfilm and six microfiche reader-printers. We will have 480 feet of book shelving whereas now we have only 150 feet. A large, lighted lot will provide free parking; now only a small metered parking lot serves the entire library. These are only a few of the improvements so you can readily understand our enthusiasm.

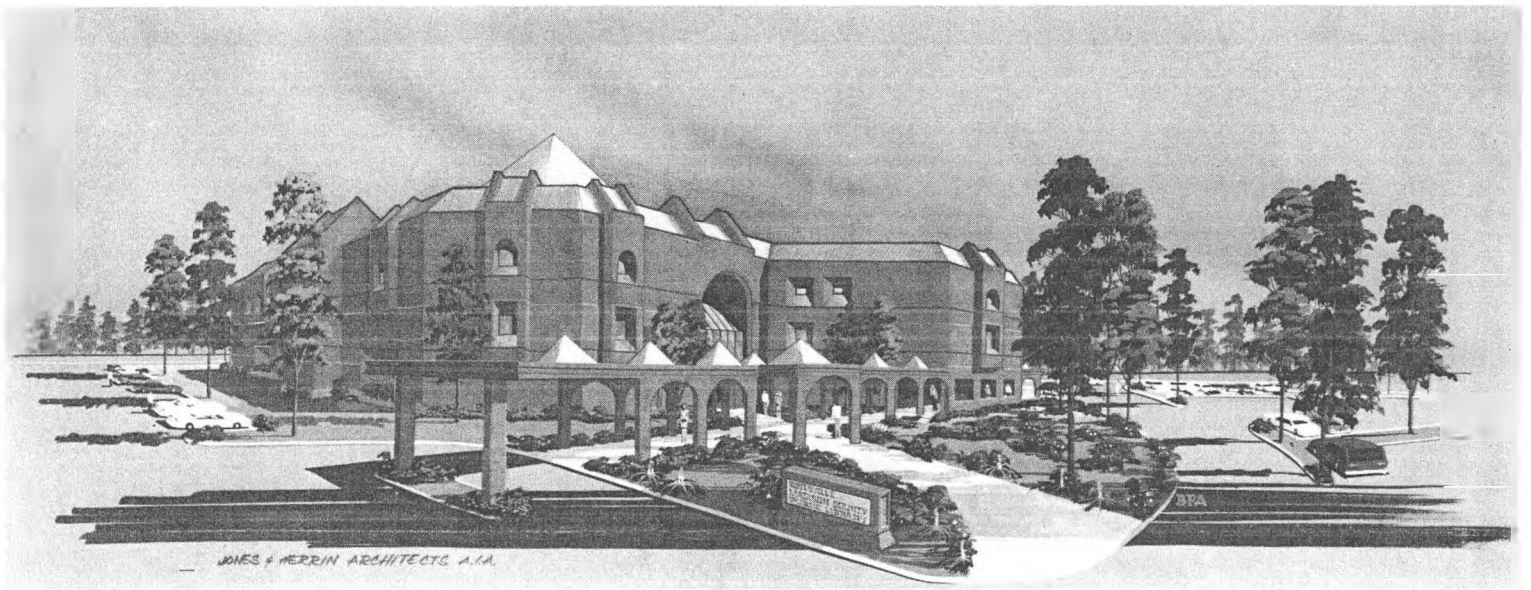
The cost of the new building is \$9.9 million. Eight million dollars is being provided by the city and the library must raise \$1.9 million which will be used to furnish and equip the building. The **Heritage Room** will cost approximately \$100,000.

For twenty years TVGS has supported the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library and it is partially because of this support that the **Heritage Room** has become renowned for its extensive genealogical research material. We will continue to support this institution and are asking you as TVGS members to pledge your personal financial support. **All donations are tax deductible.**

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The library staff looks forward to providing better library service to all, and especially TVGS members, in the new building but it can only happen with your support.

Dorothy Scott Johnson, Editor



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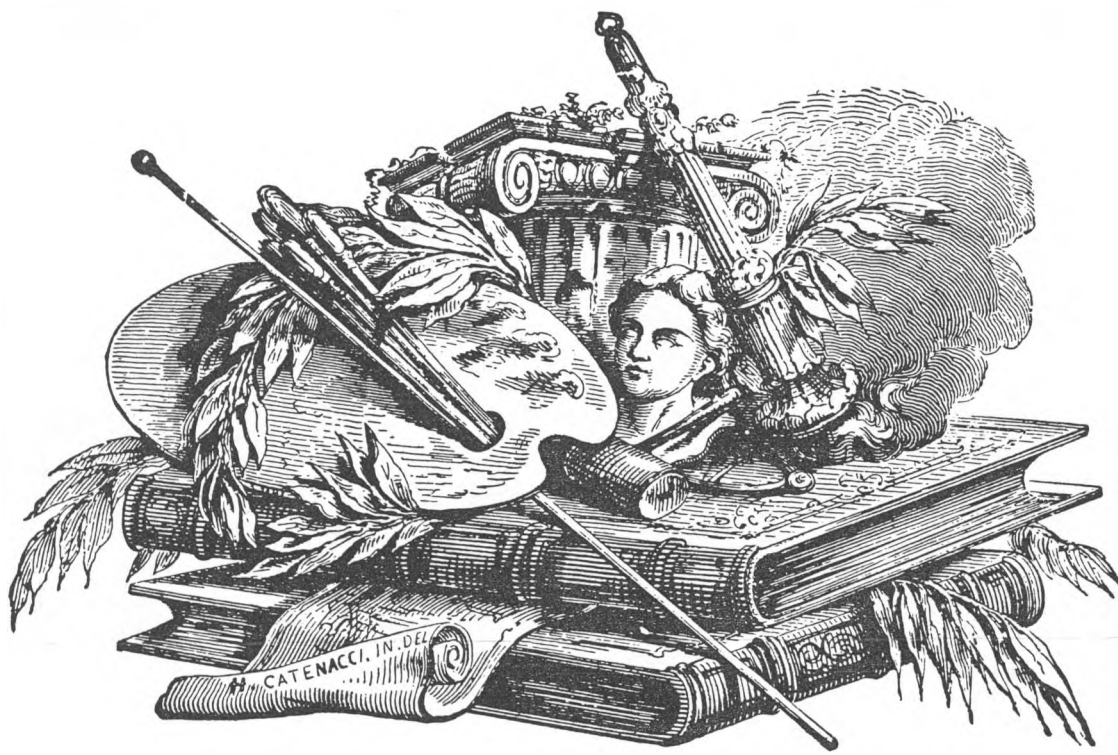
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JOHN HARVEY, REVOLUTIONARY WAR CLAIM

The following information on John Harvey, Revolutionary Soldier, was obtained and contributed by Roy E. Gibson of Fort Worth, Texas.

John Harvey's father moved from Virginia to North Carolina about the time of the Revolutionary War. John was married to Mary Harper in 1780. After the war he emigrated from Surry Co., NC to near Nashville, Tennessee in 1788 and moved then to Smith County, Tennessee. In 1821 he moved to Lawrence County, Alabama where he died October 23, 1844. He was a Methodist minister, tall, slender, solemn, and quite modest. His final sermon was in September, 1844. He is, perhaps, buried in the far northwest corner of Lawrence County in the area that was made a part of Colbert.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR CLAIM

John Harvey, a Private in Captains Jacob Echols' and William Bostick's Companies under Gen. Griffith Rutherford, was awarded \$26.66 annually beginning March 4, 1837. On June 7, 1832 Congress passed an Act that allowed all officers and enlisted men a pension of full pay for life regardless of need, provided they had served at least two years.

Mr. Harvey first applied for a pension in Sept., 1832 but which was actually submitted on Jan. 4, 1833 by C. C. Clay, a Huntsville attorney.

The claim was apparently rejected because neither of the witnesses certified that Mr. Harvey was a man of credibility and because his papers were not *authenticated as the regulations direct*. Neither had Mr. Harvey stated precisely the length of his service.

On April 1, 1834 an application for a New Certificate was made. At that time, John Harvey stated he served under Capt. Jacob Echol[s] and Capt. William Bostick. Both were under General Griffith Rutherford of Rowan Co., NC who commanded the militia. Harvey stated his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Alabama and that he received a Certificate of that fact under the signature and seal of the Secretary of War, Certified in June, 1833, authorizing John Elliotte, Esq. of Mobile, Ala., to receive the money in Harvey's behalf. Elliotte denied he received the certificate and it is believed lost or destroyed.

Harvey was finally placed on the rolls April 16, 1839 and was to receive \$26.66 annually for life from 7 June, 1832.

PENSION APPLICATION

On this 25th day of [Sept., 1832?] (illegible) personally appeared in open court before John White, Esq., Judge of the Circuit Court for Lawrence County, Ala., John Harvey, a resident of Lawrence County, age 73 years, who makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

John Harvey entered service as a volunteer in Rowan Co., NC under Capt. Jacob Eckles[Echols] in 1776 and in the last of June or first of July he marched under Gen. Rutherford in an expedition against the *Cherokey* [Cherokee] Indians. In this expedition, while marching, the advance guard was fired upon by the Indians and William Alexander, one of the spies, was wounded in the *ancle* [ankle]. I state this circumstance because I have been informed that he has since drawn a pension in Tennessee from the War Department in consequence of said wound.

John Harvey Revolutionary Claim (-continued-)

When we returned from the nation we were dismissed on the first of October, 1776 without any written discharge.

In the year 1780 I was drafted in the militia in Surry County, NC for a five month term and marched under Capt. Bostick. We rendezvoused at Salisbury [Rowan Co., NC] under Gen. Rutherford and joined Gen. Gates near Budgeley's Mills 12 miles from Camden, SC. I think this was about the 12th of August 1780.

The next day I was detached with about two men to rendezvous Gen. Sumpter of South Carolina. After two days march we joined Gen. Sumpter on, I think, Wateree River.

On the next day, being the 16th, Gates was defeated. Tarlton pursued after Sumpter. On Friday the 18th he was overtook and defeated us near a place called Rocky Mount where I was taken prisoner. While the British were marching the prisoners to Camden I made my escape from them and returned to Surry County, NC.

In the spring of 1781 or 1782 there was a call for every . . . [illegible] . . . men to furnish one for 12 months. I substituted for one of this class. A cowboy was hired to take my place who was accordingly mustered into service at Surry Court House, NC. I was then called one now.

John Harvey states he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person who can testify to his service except William Hughes.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state whatsoever.

INTERROGATORY

Mr. Harvey states he was born December 7, 1758 in Orange County, Va. When he volunteered for service he was living in Rowan County, NC and when he was drafted he lived in Surry County, NC, where he continued to live until 1885. In 1885 he moved to Davidson County, Tennessee then to Smith County, Tennessee where he lived until 182[0?] (illegible). He then moved to Lawrence County, Alabama.

WITNESSES' STATEMENTS**Samuel A. Williams**

September 22, 1832. Samuel A. Williams, a clergyman living in Lawrence County, Ala., testified he had been acquainted with John Harvey *since before the first term of service mentioned in the declaration* and that he believes what is contained in the declaration is correct, having knowledge as to the two terms of service of three and five months named although he himself did not serve with Harvey at the time.

Caison P. Read

Note: This name was written *Canton* in the text but signed *Caison*.

Canton P. Read, a resident of Lawrence County, Ala., certifies that he is well acquainted with John Harvey and believes him to be 73 years of age. Harvey is reported and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution. Read concurs in this opinion.

Signed: Caison P. Read

DEATH NOTICE

Source: *Southern Advocate*, Huntsville, Ala., November 1, 1844.

Rev. John Harvey died in Lawrence Co. on the 23rd, an old Revolutionary veteran in the 86th year of his age. These old soldiers are dropping into the grave rapidly and there will soon be none of them left for Mr. Polk to vote against receiving pensions.

LAWRENCE COUNTY DEED BOOK "B"

Part 6

This series began in the September, 1984 issue of *Valley Leaves* (Vol. 19, Issue No. 1) and is continued in this issue from the September, 1985 issue. 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 each document in these abstracts. All parties are residents of Lawrence County unless stated. The original book from which these abstracts were taken is housed in the Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Alabama. These abstracts were made from a microfilm copy of the original book. Copied from the microfilm and contributed by TVGS member and Lawrence County Associate Editor, Janet Burks of Tyler, Texas.

Pages 220-222 15 April 1823 - Deed of trust
 Robert Bransford, debtor
 John Chappell Reese, trustee
 Fanny Smith Price, creditor

Bransford owes Price \$507.60 to be paid on 18 April 1823 by bond dated 15 April 1823. [Note: This Deed of Trust is identical to the one recorded on Page 150 (See *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 19, No. 4, Page 171,) except this one was recorded with the names of the witness who was Wm. H. McCann.]

Pages 223-226 15 April 1823. Deed of Trust
 [Note: This is a duplicate of the deed on Pages 146-150 (see *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 19, Issue No. 3, Page 129, March, 1985). Witnesses were Edwin S. Price and Fanny S. Price. Recorded 8 Jan. 1824.

Pages 226-228 January Term, 1824. Charles Pope, Revolutionary Pension Claim
 Charles Pope, a resident of Lawrence County, aged 70 years on 27 Oct. 1823, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of 18 March 1818 and of 1 May 1820. [Note: The 1818 Act was for men who needed financial assistance and who had served 9 months or more. The Act of 1820 required the veterans to submit a certified schedule of their income and property and many old soldiers' names were removed from the rolls because of lack of *need*.]

Charles Pope was drafted into the Militia in Guilford Co., NC under Capt. Moore for three months. He hired a substitute who served the balance of the three-month term.

Pope was drafted for a second three-month term in the North Carolina Militia under Capt. John Haley and served a short time. He hired Patrick Haley, a substitute, to serve the balance of the term. Pope obtained a discharge for the second three-month term. He was not in any battle but his substitute was in the Battle of Guilford.

The two captains above named were commanded by General [Nathaniel] Greene.

Pope solemnly swears that he was a resident of the United States on 18 March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale, or in any other manner, disposed of his property or any part of it with intent to diminish it to bring himself within the provisions of the Act of Congress of 1818 and 1820. He states he has no property in trust or securities, contracts, or debts due him nor does he have any income other than what is contained in the following schedule:

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| One mare, 10 or 12 yrs. old | One mare 4 yrs. old |
| Three cows with calf | One yearling |
| 7 shoats and 7 pigs, and 2 sows | One plow, a mattock, hoe and axe |
| Coopers tools | Saw, 2 drawing knives, adze, hatchet |
| One pot, oven, a single stew pot and skillet | Half-dozen plates, 1 dish |
| Half dozen knives and forks | Table |

Pope states he is indebted to the amount of \$150.00. He is a cooper and that from age and disability he is not able to persue his trade so as to gain support. He is sometimes unable to do

Deed Book "B" (-continued-)

Charles Pope, Revolutionary Claim (-continued-)

any work and that he has a kind of Rheumatism in the right shoulder which, at times, disables the right arm. He is unable to work at his business except in small wares as piggers and that his business is not a good one in this county even if he was able to work at it constantly.

The number in his family is only two besides himself: Mary Pope, his wife, aged 66 years. She is much afflicted and frequently unable to get about or do any kind of business having a settled pain in her hip and she is not to do scarcely anything for her own support. The other person in his household is a granddaughter, Elizabeth Williams, aged ten years. She is well and able to make a support. Her business is to bring water and do more of the cooking for the family but she can not do anything further than support herself although she is as able to do business as girls of her age ordinarily are.

Sworn to and subscribed to in open court January 7, 1824.

- Page 229 14 Jan. 1824. James H. McGaughey Stock Mark.
James H. McGaughey ack. his stock mark as a smooth crop of the right ear and split in the left.
- Pages 229-230 13 Feb. 1824. Bill of Sale.
Allen C. Clements sells to Elijah McDaniel, for \$61.00 the following articles, viz:
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| 32 lbs. feathers | Two tables |
| 2 looking glasses | 1 bed stead |
| 1 stand | 1 cow and calf |
| 2 tea trays. | |
- Pages 230-231 8 Feb. 1823. Bill of Sale.
Bartley Marshall sells to Samuel Irwin, for \$500., a certain negro man slave named Bobb, about 18 years old. Witness: W. Anderson and Alexander McLanahan.
Deed proven by Bartley Marshall and recorded 14 Feb. 1823.
- Pages 231-234 5 Feb. 1824. Deed of Trust
Ovin D. Davis, debtor
Henry Fort, Trustee
William Foxhall, creditor
- On 25 Dec. 1821 Davis and Foxhall (security) entered into a bond with George Walton on condition of payment of \$1133. Davis sells to Fort, in trust, three slaves: York, Sally, and Polly, with their increase. Fort allows Davis to remain in possession of slaves until default. If default occurs then Foxhall may request that the slaves and their increase, or any part of them, be sold to the highest bidder at public auction after giving 10 days notice by advertisement in the town of Courtland. With proceeds of sale the debt is to be paid; any balance goes to Davis. If debt is paid this deed is void. Witness: B. M. Lee and D. G. Siggons
Boulding M. Lee and D. G. Seggon proved deed 16 Feb. 1824. Recorded same day.
- Pages 234-237 14 July 1823. Deed of Trust
Ovian D. Davis
John White, Trustee
Henry Fort.
- Davis is to file a Writ of Error in the next term of the Court of Appeals of Alabama, from a judgment rendered against him at the last Circuit Court of Lawrence County in behalf of one William Hill. Davis was security in a Writ of Error for one John Allen.
- Fort is about to become security for Davis and Davis is desirous to secure Fort against loss, therefore, Davis deeds to White, in trust, a certain negro man slave named George.
- If Davis should not truly and effectively prosecute his Writ of Error and the case be found against him so that Fort becomes liable to pay any part of the judgment in Circuit Court of Lawrence County, or any costs or damages incident to such as Davises Security, then in that case the negro is to be sold and Fort paid or reimbursed.
- Witness: Thos. Glass and Ch. W. Peters. [Note: Also written Charles L. Peters].

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- Pages 237-238 17 Feb. 1824. Bill of Sale.
Bartley Marshall sells to Thomas Dutton, for \$600., one negro man slave named Limous, about the age of 19 years. Witness: Samuel Irwin and William Irwin. Deed proven by Samuel Irwin on 21 Feb. 1824 and recorded same day.
- Pages 238-239 23 Feb. 1824. Deed.
Lewis Campbell sells to James W. Dukes, for \$230., the following land in Lawrence County in the plan of the town of Moulton, it being a part of Lot No. 66. It is on Main Street 35 feet from the NE corner of lot extending 70 feet back at right angles with Main Street, then remaining parallel with street, north 35 feet then 70 feet to the corner of the lot including the house now on the lot. Ack. by Campbell 23 Feb. 1824 and recorded same day.
- Pages 239-240 28 Feb. 1824.
Hugh Sutton, debtor
Jacob Sutton, security
Henry H. Branch, creditor
Jacob Sutton, at the special insistence and request of Hugh Sutton, became bound with Hugh to Henry H. Branch in the amount of \$24.25 on or before 1 January 1824. Jacob was only the security for Hugh's payment due Branch. Hugh sells to Jacob a sorrel mare about 7 years old next spring near 16 hands high. Hugh is to pay the \$24.25 with all interest and if he does this indenture is void.
Deed ack. by both Suttons 28 Feb. 1824 and recorded same day. Hugh signed with his mark.
- Pages 240-242 4 March 1824. Deed of Trust
John A. Marrs and John Stone merchants and partners trading under the firm name of
John A. Marrs & Co., creditors
Ephraim L. Boley [also written Boles], debtor
George Tackett, Trustee
Boles owes Marrs & Co. \$76.11 by two notes bearing date hereof payable on 1st day of Dec., 1824. To secure Marrs & Co. against loss Boles deeds to Tackett, in trust, one bay horse, saddle and bridle, and one cow and calf. If Boles pays the debt before 25 Dec. 1824 then this deed is void. If Boles makes default then Tackett to advertise and sell the property for cash and pay the debt from the proceeds plus interest and costs of this execution. Balance goes to Boles.
Deed prvn. by John Stone 4 March 1824 and recorded same day.
- Pages 242-243 20 Feb. 1824. Indenture of Silas N. Alexander
Silas Alexander binds his son, Silas N. Alexander, to Richard Burriss until the year 1835. He agrees that Burriss is to have Silas Newton Alexander under continuous management in every particular until the expiration of the aforesaid term. Burriss obliges himself to teach the boy farming and to train him up to industrious habits. Burriss further agrees to give the boy a plain English education so as to do any common business and to keep him in good clothes and at the expiration of the term to give the boy a good horse, saddle and bridle worth \$100. and a good suit of Sunday clothes for the true performance by the boy. Silas Alexander [Sr.] and Richard Burriss bind each to the other in the sum of \$500.
Witness: Thos. Ashford who proved the deed 1 March 1824. Recorded same day.
- Pages 243-244. 22 Jan. 1824. Deed of Gift.
Burnet Wood on this day "for the good will I have for the parents and the infant, Sarah Ann Moore" gives Sarah Ann Moore, an infant, my negro girl Milly to be her own property.
Witnessed by Michael Snider and Samuel Hockeday. Ack. and recorded 8 March 1824.
- Page 244-245 18 Dec. 1823. Bill of Sale.
John Woods sells to David A. Murdock, for \$183.00, his right and interest in half of a certain house 14 feet by 20 feet situated in the town of Courtland on Lot No. 64. Witnessed by David J. Poore and A. E. Gill. Proven by David J. Poore 22 March 1824 and recorded same day.

GONE
TO
TEXAS . . .

JOSEPH BURLESON, S^r.
(Lawrence County, Alabama)

HEADRIGHT CERTIFICATE, 1ST CLASS

Republic of Texas



This is to certify that JOSEPH BURLESON, S^r appeared before us the Board of Land Commissioners for the County of Bastrop and proved according to Law that he arrived in this Country in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four and that he is a married man and entitled to one Labor [177.1 acres] of Land upon the condition of paying at the rate of three dollars and fifty cents for every Labor of Irrigable Land, two dollars and fifty cents for every Labor of temporal or arable Land and one dollar and twenty cents for every Labor of pasture Land which may be contained in this survey secured to him by this certificate. Given under our hands this the 5th day of Feby 1838.

Attest
R. B. Craft Clk

S. B. Patton Pres^t
Josiah Wilbarger Ass. Com.
Moses Gage Ass. Com.

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TO
TEXAS . . .

JOSEPH BURLESON, junr.
(Lawrence County, Alabama)

HEADRIGHT CERTIFICATE, 1ST CLASS

Republic of Texas



This is to certify that JOSEPH BURLESON, Jun. has appeared before us the Board of Land Commissioners for the County of Bastrop and proved according to Law that he arrived in this Country in the year 1834 and is a married man 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 three dollars and fifty cents for each Labor of Irrigable Land two dollars and fifty cents for each Labor of temporal or arable Land and one dollar and twenty cents for each Labor of pasture Land which may be contained in the survey secured to him by this certificate. Given under our hands this the 5th day of Feby 1838.

Attest

R. B. Craft Clk

S. B. Patton

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Josiah Wilbarger

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Moses Gage

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EDWARD BURLESON
(Lawrence County, Alabama)

HEADRIGHT CERTIFICATE, 1ST CLASS
Republic of Texas



Republic of Texas, County of Bastrop

The board of Land Commissioners of the County aforsd having carefully and critically examined the Claim of EDWARD BURLESON upon this Republic for Lands as a Colonist do hereby certify that we find that Edward Burleson emigrated to this Country in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty one and that he is the head of a family he is therefore legally entitled to one Labor [177.1 acres] of Land having previously received a title to his League [4,423.4 acres] of Land, surveyed and located as the law directs. Given under our hands this the twenty second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight and of the Independence of Texas the second year.

Attest

R. B. Craft Clk.

S. B. Patton	Pres ^t
Josiah Wilbarger	Ass. Com.
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Limestone



ORPHANS COURT MINUTES, 1824-30 Part 13

1828-1829

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

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

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

When an estate or guardianship was ready for final settlement the administrator or guardian submitted his final accounts and vouchers to the judge and asked that the case be settled. The law required that a notice of this intent be published for a certain length of time in a local newspaper or a newspaper published "in the State of Alabama." The judge set the date of the hearing on the settlement and at that time anyone interested in the case in any manner could appear and let his wishes or complaints be heard. Too, if any of the heirs lived outside the state of Alabama the judge usually asked that publication be made if a petition was filed to sell the real estate, slaves, or other property.

Photocopied by Eulalia Wellden, Limestone County Archivist, and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson. This series was begun in Volume 17, Issue No. 1, September, 1982 and is continued from the last issue.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>
403	195	17 Dec 1828	<u>John Elliott Estate</u> John Malone, Admr., states this estate is insolvent and insufficient to pay its debts. All persons having claims against the estate are required to file their evidence of claim with the Clerk of this Court before 27 April 1829 at which time the judge will audit and adjust same and make a final settlement.
404	196	20 Dec 1828	<u>Samuel McAllister Estate.</u> Final settlement made.
405	196	20 Dec 1828	<u>McAllister Guardianships</u> Joseph W. Bibb appointed guardian of: Eliza Jane McAllister John McAllister, infant children of Samuel McAllister, decd. Bibb gave \$2000 bond with Stith M. Patterson and Levi Edmondson his securities.
406	196	20 Dec 1828	<u>Samuel McAllister Estate</u> Levi Edmondson, Thomas Cotton, Benjamin Dunkin, Thomas H. Thach, and Scott Bayne appointed to allot and divide the slaves amongst the heirs who are: Eliza Jane McAllister, daughter John McAllister, son Sarah Patterson, late Sarah McAllister, widow and relict of said Samuel McAllister.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>	
407	196	20 Dec 1828	<u>Pair Guardianships</u> [Note: Also written Par] Robert C. David was appointed guardian of: John D. Pair Edy T. Pair Robert W. Pair Susanna C. Pair He gave \$1000 bond with Ruffin Coleman and Wm. Fielding his securities.
408	197	29 Dec 1828	<u>McKinney Guardianships</u> On application of Wilson S. McKinney he was appointed guardian of: Martha E. McKinney William B. McKinney Eliza J. McKinney Thomas S. McKinney, infant children of said Wilson S. McKinney. He gave \$1000 bond with Bennet J. Higgins and Jesse Osborn his securities.
409	197	29 Dec 1828	<u>McKinney Guardianships</u> On application of Thomas McKinney he is appointed guardian of: Anna McKinney Wilson McKinney Milda McKinney Thomas McKinney John McKinney _____[no first name given]____ McKinney, infant children of William McKinney. He gave \$1000 bond with Samuel McKinney, Hiram H. Higgins, and Jeremiah C. Gilliam his securities.
410	197	29 Dec 1828	<u>Wilson McKinney Estate</u> On petition of Wilson S. McKinney "and others" it is ordered that Thomas Lanier, Thomas Obanion, William Miller, John S. Mitchell, and Jacob Tyron be appointed to allot and divide the slaves belonging to the estate of Wilson McKinney, decd., amongst his heirs, towit: Wilson S. McKinney Thomas McKinney Samuel McKinney John McKinney William McKinney
411	198	30 Dec 1828	<u>Micajah C. Moorman Estate</u> It is necessary to sell part of the slaves of this estate to pay debts of the estate. The administrator is ordered to sell sevel of the slaves at public sale.
412	198	30 Dec 1828	<u>Willis Roberts Estate</u> Willis Roberts died without a will and Elizabeth Roberts, his widow, was issued Letters of Administration after giving \$400 bond with Henry Meacham and Richard Roberts her securities. William Greenhaw, John Davis, and Gouldsberry [Cloudsberry?] Greenhaw ordered to appraise the personal estate. The court ordered the administratrix to sell at public sale the perishable property of this estate.
413	199	31 Dec 1828	<u>Alexander L. McKinney Guardianship</u> Alexander L. McKinney, infant son of Wilson McKinney, decd., appeared in court and chose Sarah McKinney his guardian. She gave \$4000 bond with Thomas Obannion and William Miller her securities.

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414	199	31 Dec 1828	<u>McKinney Guardianships</u> Sarah McKinney was appointed guardian of: Joicey Ann McKinney James McKinney, infant children of Wilson McKinney, decd. She gave \$4000 bond with Thomas Obanion and William Miller her securities.
415	199-200	31 Dec 1828	<u>James Miller Estate</u> William Miller and Margaret Miller, Admr. and Admx. of James Miller, decd., asked the court for permission to sell the real estate to make a fair and equitable division among the heirs. The heirs of the deceased were so notified and ordered to show the court on the 2nd Monday in January cause, if any, why said sale should not be made. Heirs are: John Miller Eliza Miller Felicity Miller Marcellette Miller Xerxes Miller Robert Austin Jr. was appointed guardian ad litim of the above children, all under age 21.
416	200	31 Dec 1828	<u>Miller Guardianships</u> William Miller was appointed guardian of: Eliza Miller Xerxes Miller Felicita Miller Marcellette Miller, infant children of James Miller, deceased. He gave \$6000 bond with Anderson Miller and Wm. B. Locke his securities.
417	200	31 Dec 1828	<u>James Miller Estate</u> Samuel Weatherford, William Love, James English, Thomas Lanier, and James Rawlins were appointed Commissioners to allot and divide the slaves belonging to the estate of James Miller, decd., among the heirs who are: Margaret Miller, widow and relict of James Miller John Miller Eliza Miller Xerxes Miller Felicetta Miller Marsellette Miller, children of James Miller, decd.
418	201	6 Jan 1829	<u>Edwin Dabbs Guardianship</u> Charles Land ordered to appear in court and show cause why he should not give further security as guardian of Edwin Dabbs.
419	201	7 Jan 1829	<u>Aldermen Election Certification</u> The following men were duly elected Aldermen of the Corporation of the town of Athens to serve during the present year: Samuel Tanner Paul Hildreth Philip Barnes Robert C. David James K. Murrah Charles B. Mathis Robert Austin Jr. They all took the oath required by law. Approved 15 Jan. 1828.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>	
420	201-202	8 Jan 1829	<u>Samuel Tanner, Mayoral Certification</u> Samuel Tanner was duly elected mayor of Athens for the present year. He took the oath of office and same was certified 15 Jan. 1828.
421	201	8 Jan 1829	<u>Robert B. Francis, Constable Performance Bond</u> Robert B. Francis was duly elected Constable of Athens. He gave \$2000 performance bond with Thomas Bass and Thomas McKinney his securities. He took oath of office. Approved 15 Jan. 1828.
422	202	8 Jan 1829	<u>Francis H. Ford, Certification as City Clerk</u> Francis H. Ford was duly elected City Clerk of the town of Athens. Ford took the oath of office. Certified 15 Jan. 1828.
423	202	10 Jan 1829	<u>Frederica Perkins Estate</u> The Last Will & Testament of Frederica Perkins and a codicil thereto, was produced for probate by Robert W. H Perkins, the executor named in the Will. The Will and Codicil was proven by Joel H. Chinn and William J. Gladish, two of the witnesses. Same ordered recorded.
424	203	12 Jan 1829	<u>James Miller Estate</u> James Miller, Admr. of James Miller Estate, -vs- Robert Austin Jr., Guardian ad litim of: John Miller Eliza Miller Felicity Miller Marcellette Miller Xerxes Miller, infants and heirs of James Miller, decd. Austin denied all the allegations in the Petition. The court ordered that Commissioners take depositions on the part of the Plaintiff and this case set for hearing on the morrow.
425	203	12 Jan 1829	<u>Willoughby Pugh Est.</u> William R. Cox, Admr., asked for a sale of the real estate of Willoughby Pugh, decd. Defendants and heirs are: Silas B. Pugh Samuel Garner and Rachel, his wife Anderson G. Newcom and Nancy, his wife John S. Gee and Elizabeth, his wife Margaret Ferguson Moses Ferguson and Jane, his wife Harriet Pugh, widow of said Willoughby Pugh. Defendants did not appear or answer said Petition, therefore, defaulted. Robert Austin Jr., guardian of Willoughby J. Pugh, an infant, filed his answer denying the allegations in the Petition to Sell Real Estate. The Court ordered Commissioners take depositions on the part of the petitioners and a hearing on same is set for the first Tuesday in February, 1829.
426	204	13 Jan 1829	<u>James Miller Est.</u> William Miller and Margaret Miller, Admr. & Admx. -vs- Robert Austin, Guardian ad litim of John, Eliza, Felicity, Marcellette, and Xerxes Miller, infant children of James Miller, decd. Petition to Sell Real Estate. Upon examination of the Answer, depositions, and exhibits, the court was satisfied that the Petition should be granted. The judge appointed William Love, James English and James Rawlins commissioners to sell the real estate, it being: SW/4 Sec. 15-3-5W. Same to be sold at public auction. (-to be continued in the next issue of Valley Leaves-)

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 began in Volume 19. The year 1876 is missing.

1879

- ?? Note: Death date not given but newspaper dated 23 January 1879.
Harvin Moore, veteran of War of 1812 - fought under Gen. Jackson - Moore died a few days ago aged 81 years.
- 28 January 1879 Mrs. Eliz. McGovock
- ?? Note: Death date not given but newspaper dated 30 January 1879.
Mrs. Charlotte Hine died Sunday evening. Daughter of George Petty. She was married first to George F. Critz, and second to Silas Hine.
- 3 February 1879 Dr. Benj. W. McCline, born 26 November 1806 in Brunswick County, Virginia.
- 23 February 1879 Mrs. E. A. Hill.
- 29 March 1879 Thomas Getty, age 87. Born in Hebron, Washington County, New York; move to Illinois in 1845; stayed 30 years and moved to Alabama in 1875.
- 7 March 1879 Eddie Logwood, son of Capt. John E. Logwood.
- 18 March 1879 Mrs. Mary M. L. Weatherford, born May 23, 1839.
- ?? Note: Death date not given but newspaper dated 17 April 1879.
Miss Gurly, 18 years old, died last week.
- 4 May 1879 Mrs. J. W. Willingham
- 24 May 1879 Mrs. Julia Skinner (formerly Miss Julia Carson) died in DesMoines, Iowa.
- 17 June 1879 Mrs. Gazzie Raisler, wife of Hon. Chas. W. Raisler, buried in Eufaula, Barbour County, Alabama.
- 22 May 1879 Dunbar T. Gamble, son of R. C. and Helen P. Gamble.
- 23 June 1879 George Irvin, son of Milton V. Irvin. Born February 14, 1852.
- 21 June 1879 Hattie Shep, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shep.
- 7 July 1879 John Strange, son of Edward S. Strange
- 12 July 1879 Mrs. Rebecca Daly, wife of Rayburn Daly, daughter of Col. Thomas Redus, born 30 March 1858, married F. R. Daly 24 October 1878.
- ?? Note: Death date not given but newspaper dated 24 July 1879.
John A. Brown. Born near Richmond, Virginia.
- 27 July 1879 John M. Sanderson, 70 years old
- 8 April 1879 Mrs. A. E. Williams, daughter of Brooks and Harriett R. McKinney. Born 27 December 1855, died in Lauderdale County, Alabama.
- 7 August 1879 Miss Sue T. Malone.

Death Notices from "The Athens Post - 1879 - (-continued-)

- ?? Note: Death date not given but newspaper dated 28 August 1879.
Late Sunday morning, Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Kennemer, age 59.
- ?? Note: Death date not given but newspaper dated 28 August 1879.
Last Tuesday, Mrs. Sarah E. Craft, wife of M. Craft, age 25
- 13 August 1879 Albert Fuston
- 17 August 1879 Martha J. Glaze, wife of Benj. H. Glaze, daughter of W. B. and Mary E. Holt.
Born 1 April 1849, married 6 September 1868.
- ?? Note: Death date not given but newspaper dated 2 October 1879.
Wm. Parham, age 87, died at his home near Cambridge. Buried at Dogwood Flats.
- 17 October 1879 Jessie Mitchell Hunt, son of John and Dicey Hunt, born 26 June 1826.
- ?? Note: Death Date not given but newspaper dated 13 November 1879.
Mrs. Mary Lou Williams died last Friday night. Wife of Bartow Williams, daughter
of late James W. Proctor.
- 6 November 1879 Harry Redus, born 18 May 1846.
- ?? Note: Death date not given but newspaper dated 4 December 1879.
Dr. James S. Davis, formerly of Athens, died at Iuta, Mississippi. He married a
daughter of the late Samuel Tanner.
- 29 November 1879 Martha B. Hyde Dawson, born 21 August 1835. Married Thomas L. Dawson on
5 December 1855
- 21 December 1879 Ann Daugherty
- 17 December 1879 Richard G. Scoggins died near Velo, age 72.

-end 1879 deaths-

THE UNION BANNER NEWSPAPER EXCERPTS
Athens, Alabama
Saturday, November 3, 1860

JOHN H. WILLIAMSON SALE

On Monday the 19th day of November next I will sell on the premises, 13 miles Southwest of Athens, all of my Corn, Fodder, Household and Kitchen Furniture, Milch Cows, Farming utensils, &^c

As I am determined to move West and do not desire to leave any unsettled business behind, I want all those who are indebted to me to come forward and settle and those holding claims against me to bring them forward.

This sale will be without reserve, and the terms cash.

John H. Williamson
Sept. 1, 1860

DAVID M. WATERS ESTATE

Letters of Administration have been granted to the undersigned on the estate of David M. Waters, deceased, on the first day of September, 1860. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to me, and those holding claims against the same must present them within the time prescribed by law, it being 18 months, or they will be forever barred.

David M. Gordon, Admr.
September 8, 1860

MULES FOR SALE. The subscriber has for sale a large lot of fine Mules. He may be seen at the Fair Grounds.
C. Jordan of Tenn.

Madison

GONE
TO
TEXAS . . .

ANDREW JACKSON HAMILTON
(Madison County, Alabama)

REPRESENTATIVE



. . . Representative from Texas; born in Huntsville, Madison County, Ala., January 28, 1815; attended the common schools; studied law; was admitted to the bar in Talladega, Ala., in 1841; moved to Texas and commenced the practice of law in Lagrange, Fayette County, in 1846; attorney general of the State in 1850; member of the State house of representatives 1851-1853; presidential elector on the Democratic ticket of Buchanan and Breckinridge in 1856; elected as an Independent Democrat to the Thirty-sixth Congress (March 4, 1857 - March 3, 1861); was not a candidate for renomination in 1861; moved to New Orleans, La., in 1862; during the Civil War was commissioned brigadier general of Volunteers November 14, 1862; appointed by President Lincoln Military Governor of Texas in 1862; appointed provisional Governor by President Johnson in 1865; justice of the supreme court of Texas in 1866; delegate to the Loyalist convention at Philadelphia in 1866; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Texas in 1869; died in Austin, Texas April 11, 1875; interment Oakwood Cemetery.

Eighty-fifth Congress, Second Session, House Document No. 442, *Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1961* (Washington, D. C.: United States Government Printing Office, 1961) p. 996

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MORGAN CALVIN HAMILTON
(Madison County, Alabama)

UNITED STATES SENATOR



. . . Senator from Texas; born near Huntsville, Madison County, Ala., February 25, 1809; attended the public schools; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Elyton, Ala.; moved to the Republic of Texas in 1837; clerk in the War Department of the Republic of Texas 1839-1845 and acted as Secretary of War and Marine ad interim of that Republic from December 9, 1844, to March 10, 1845; appointed comptroller of the treasury of Texas in 1867; delegate to the State constitutional convention in 1868; upon the readmission of the State of Texas to representation was elected on February 22, 1870, as a Republican to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy in the term ending March 3, 1871; subsequently elected for the term commencing March 4, 1871, and served from March 30, 1870, to March 3, 1877; retired from public life and traveled extensively; was a resident of Brooklyn, N.Y. until his death; died in San Diego, Calif., where he had been visiting, November 21, 1893; interment Oakwood Cemetery, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Eighty-fifth Congress, Second Session, House Document No. 442, *Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1961* (Washington, D.C.: United States Government Printing Office, 1961) p. 997

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Marshall

ELEANOR PARKER CIVIL WAR CLAIM

The following record was obtained from the National Archives in Washington, D. C. Eleanor Parker was the widow of Rodney Parker and the administratrix of his estate. They were married in 1840 and lived in Marshall County. The Claims Commission, before which Mrs. Parker filed her claim, was established on March 3, 1871 to hear claims of loyal Unionists for losses sustained during the Civil War by Union damage, theft, or confiscation. Only loyal Union sympathizers were eligible for financial reimbursement. Mrs. Parker's claim was for \$787.

Deposition of Eleanor Parker

Eleanor Parker is 55 years old and a resident of Marshall County for 24 years. Her occupation is farming. She is the widow of Rodney Parker who died in December, 1866. She was born in Huntsville, Madison Co., Alabama. She resided in Warrenton, Marshall Co., Ala. with her husband six months before the war and continued to live there until the close of the war. Her husband was farming and trading. They did not change their place of residence or business during the war. Eleanor states:

"We did think all the time that we would be compelled to change our residence on account of our sentiments and at the time of the surrender my husband was arranging our business so that we could leave. We never went to bed at night but I was afraid Mr. Parker would be taken out before morning and killed on account of his political opinions."

Mrs. Parker has no near relatives in the Union Army but states that her husband was a Yankee from Connecticut and his friends and family were all Union. They did not have any opportunity to contribute to the Union cause but Mr. Parker was intimate with the Union soldiers when they were near. The Parkers were bitterly opposed to secession and spoke freely against it. They regretted very much the way the Bull Run fight terminated and rejoiced when they heard New Orleans had been captured and rejoiced beyond measure at the final surrender. They seldom saw the Federals except as they passed by on a raid. Eleanor states:

"When General Blair's army passed through Warrenton, General Force's headquarters was in our front yard and he gave us a guard to protect our house, and there was a gentleman who came in with a force on a raid and one of the officers commanding the raiders told his men not to disturb our house or anything in it as we were all right. The soldiers had commenced to take things out of our house and the officer also said we were loyal and the soldiers put the articles back."

The best known Unionists in the vicinity during the war were Mrs. Parker's brother, Creed J. Taylor;¹ John B. Feemster and Rodney Parker. Mrs. Parker was not threatened but Mr. Parker's life was threatened again and again on account of his Union principles. Mrs. Parker states that in the fall and winter before the surrender threats were made against Rodney's life by members of Capt. Dean Griffin's command. She said they lost hogs, fodder, and corn in large quantities to the Rebel raiders and also fence rails. Of her husband's activities, she states:

"They [the Confederates] heard he [Rodney Parker] had been carrying a message across the Tennessee River to the Federals. He had a great many enemies in our own neighborhood because he was a Union man. They said he would be taken out and hung if he did not leave the country or help the Confederates and stop talking against them." [From Deposition taken at Huntsville, Ala. 8 Jan. 1877.]

In her deposition dated 15 June 1874 at Guntersville, Eleanor Parker states she is 52 years of age, a resident of Warrenton, a single woman, and that her husband, Rodney Parker, died 1 Dec. 1866 and he was a loyal Union supporter. He left one child, Francis "Frank" R. Parker, born 1845, now living.

Deposition of Arthur C. Beard

Arthur C. Beard states he is 63 years old, a farmer, and a resident of Beard's Bluff on the Tennessee River in Marshall County, Ala., and is not related to Rodney Parker. Beard has known Parker fully

thirty years and lived about 3½ miles from him during the war. Beard states he and Parker “were Union men together until the state seceded when he went one way and I went the other.” He says:

“I volunteered in the Confederate service in April 1861 and served one year then returned to Alabama and was appointed Military Aid to the Governor of Alabama and held the position until the close of war. Well, I saw him [Rodney Parker] frequently during that time. I did converse with him about the war and its causes and at the beginning of the rebellion he was just as much opposed to it as he had sense to be and as far as I knew he continued to be until the close of the war; he was reported to me frequently for being a spy and for holding communications with the Federal Gunboats. After I returned from the service in 1862 I was at home in Marshall County and passing through the neighborhood of the deceased nearly every month and I would see him frequently every week. During that time we were personal friends and I conversed with him often on the subject and he at no time denied being in sympathy with the Union cause. Our conversations on this subject were generally alone for he did not want to take on this subject in the presence of rebels. He knew I liked him and would not take any advantage of anything he told me. It was my understanding that he was in the employ of the Federals and a spy for them.

The Confederates wanted me to have his paths to the Federals watched and him captured and hung. He being a neighbor and a personal friend, I took no action. There were frequent applications to me to have him arrested and sent out of the country. These applications were made at various times and by various persons. He was considered by his Confederate neighbors as a dangerous man to their cause and of being in constant communication with the Federals. To my personal knowledge I do not know that he was in communication with the Federals for if I had known it, it would have been my duty to have him arrested and punished . . . He was an old Whig all his life . . . I was a candidate to the State Convention which seceded the state of Alabama on what was known as the Douglass ticket and in opposition to secession. I am satisfied he supported me.”

[Deposition taken 10 Feb. 1874.]

Deposition of Melissa Lee

Melissa Lee states she lives near Red Hill, Blount County, Alabama, is 49 years old, a farmer, and is not related to Rodney Parker. She became acquainted with Parker in November, 1858. In 1861 and 1862 she lived about two miles from him and saw him often as she was working for him. In 1863, 1864, and 1865 she lived within 200 yards of him on adjoining lots and saw him daily if he was at home which was most of the time. She stated that she “did converse with him a good deal about the war for I was trying to get one of my sons to the Yankees and he is the man I applied to to get my son across.” Melissa supported the Union cause and states, “My grandfather fought under that flag.” She said Parker “was advising me to go and get my boys out of the war. They was in the Rebel Army at the time. He advised me if I could get my boys over into the Yankee lines for me to go too. He said the rebels were all wrong. That was in August, 1864 . . . His neighbors were mostly against him on account of his politics . . . he told me how to send my boys to the Yankee lines without striking the rebel pickets. He contrived the way to do it . . . the rebels did threaten to harm him, well, they threatened his life almost and it is a wonder they didn’t take it. I heard some home guards make the threats . . . one of the men was Dan Huebanks [who] belonged in our neighborhood. [Deposition taken on 10 February 1874.]

Deposition of Eleanor Parker

Eleanor Parker states she was present when the bacon, corn, fodder, filly and tobacco were taken. She did not see the hogs taken. The property was taken by General Blair’s army corps. General Force had his headquarters in the Parkers’ front yard when the mare was taken. “Mr. Parker came in and said the soldiers had taken her from the stable and I looked out and saw a young man riding her past the door.” She further states:

“The soldiers asked for the keys to our smokehouse and I gave them the keys and went with them and saw them take the bacon out. They first carried it out and laid it in our front yard and put a guard over it. About this time Mrs. Lee, who lived near us, came down and saw the bacon there and begged the soldiers not to take it as Mr. Parker was a Union man and she did not think it right for them to take his things. They said they would have the most of it but would leave me a few pieces and for us to put them upstairs and they took the balance off I think. The Captain’s name was Scott who was superintending the taking of the bacon. I think he was from Ohio. I don’t remember his

ORPHANS COURT
(Part 13)

This 276 page volume is located in the Marshall County courthouse in Guntersville, Alabama and is a probate record book. It is continued from Volume 20, Issue No. 1, Page 40. Abstracted from photocopies by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Pages 235-236 William G. Campbell Estate.
William G. Campbell died without a will. The estate was offered for probate on November 7, 1837. John Starnes was appointed administrator. An estate settlement dated 4 November 1839 listed payments made to the following creditors [for more on this estate see Vol. 17, No. 4, Page 192-193 of *Valley Leaves*.]

Elias Henson	And. Moore
Baker & Sutton	J. G. Garrett
Macfarlane & Bro.	Macfarlane & Garrett
Moore & Lemaster	Simeon Nichols
John O. Feemster	Alkanah Parker
Walker & Inman	

John Starnes paid off all claims filed against estate totaling \$1,321.41 which amount totaled \$476.78 over and above assets of the estate in his hands. The court ordered that Starnes retain \$476.78 out of the estate should that amount come to him; also one note on Abraham Mayfield for \$12.40. He is to also pay balance of fees due, to wit:

Judge May (Judge of Probate) - \$23.25
Clerk of Orphans Court - \$13.18 $\frac{3}{4}$

Pages 237-239 Wyatt Law Estate
Peyton Law and Isham Chandler, administrators.
On 19 July 1840 the administrators filed a transcript of the record from the Jackson County Orphans Court showing a settlement of this estate was made July 22, 1837. They were chargable with \$164.01 $\frac{1}{4}$. Income included rent of 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land, rent of ferry, hiring out of three negroes, and the sale of a cow and calf. The negroes were hired out to Hannah Law, H. J. Chandler and Peyton Law. The land was rented to William Black and J. A. Smith.

Division of the estate was made to the following heirs and distributees, each receiving \$170.54:

1. H. J. Chandler in right of his wife, Mella
2. Peyton Law
3. Jefferson Law
4. B. B. Martin in right of his wife, Rachael
5. Zecheus[?] Kennemer in right of his wife Manerva
6. Julian Law, a minor
7. Drucilla Law, a minor

Page 240 William P. Parrott Guardianship.
Annual settlement made by Alexander Gilbreath, guardian of William P. Parrott, minor heir of Lorenzo D. Parrott, decd. Balance in hands of guardian is \$633.36.

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Morgan

ORPHANS COURT REGISTER 1 1818 - 1873 (Part 4)

The Morgan County Orphans Court Register 2 from 1818 to 1827 was carried in *Valley Leaves* in Volume 7 (Sept., 1972 through June, 1973). While Register 2 dealt with estate matters, Register 1 deals with laying out the road system in Morgan [originally Cotaco] County, apprenticeships, tax levies, Revolutionary War Pension Claims, and other matters that could easily fall in a "miscellaneous" category. In the later years this book was used primarily to record cattle brand registrations. 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 Morgan County records. This series began in Volume 19, Issue No. 3, March 1985. Continued from the September, 1985 issue of *Valley Leaves*.

Pages 58-62 Deed of Trust dated 1 Aug. 1820
John Eckford of Cotaco Co., Ala., debtor
James Black of Madison Co., Ala., creditor
Greenville Bennett of Cotaco Co., Ala., trustee

Eckford owes Black \$600 which is due 1 Aug. 1822 by bond dated 6 March 1819. He wishes to secure Black against loss, therefore Eckford deeds to Bennett, in trust, the following property:

One negro girl named Charity, 70 head of black cattle, 30 head of hogs, 6 chairs, two beds and bedding, books, medicines, household furniture, kitchen utensils, and implements of husbandry.

Eckford to retain all property in his possession until default of said \$600. payment. If he defaults then Bennett to sell the property to highest bidder at public auction after giving 20 days notice in an Alabama newspaper. Bennett to pay Black with proceeds with any remaining balance going to Eckford. If Eckford pays debt before 1 Aug. 1822 then this deed void.

Signed by John Eckford, James Black and G[reenville] Bennett. Witness was Thomas Eckford. Proven by John Eckford 4 Aug. 1820 and recorded same day by Thomas McElderry, Clerk of the County Court.

Pages 63-69 Articles of Accodiation for Decatur Land Company dated 6 June 1820
Joint property of the compnay consists of fractional Sections 7, 17, and 18 in Township 5, Range 4 West in Cotaco Co., Ala. Patents to the land to issue to George Peck, Henry W. Rhodes, Jessee W. Garth, McKinney Holderness, and Isaac Lane who are to hold the land for the benefit of the members. The names (not given) of the 51 members to be deposited with the trustees and issued one certificate of stock each. Trustees are to lay out a town on the property including lots, streets, alleys, squares, and public houses and to sell lots.

Page 69 Tuesday, 8 August 1820. Court met according to adjournment. Present: Hon. William Goodhue, Joseph Sykes, Robert Tapscott, and William G. Dossey, Esquires.

Ordered by the court that the order made at the last term of this court for a road from Six Mile Creek to William G. Dossey's be received agreeable to the report of the jury.

- Page 69 Ordered that David Lisle and Benjamin Holly be appointed overseers of said road. Ordered also that Josiah Stooath[?] and John Black be appointed to apportion the hands.
- Page 70 Ordered that Washington Gray, Sheriff, be allowed \$50. per annum from June 1819 up to August session, 1820 for his exofficio services.
Court adjourned until half past 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.
Wednesday 9th August 1820.
Sheriff Washington Gray of Cataco County returned his venire faceas executed for the August term, 1820, viz:
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| 1. Nathaniel Evans * | 13. Absolum Dement |
| 2. Etheldred Pope * | 14. John Guest * |
| 3. Joseph Lane | 15. David McCarley* |
| 4. John Williams | 16. William Skidmore * |
| 5. Edward Thompson * | 17. Robert Upton |
| 6. John McClanahan * | 18. Asakel Bullard |
| 7. James Brogden * | 19. Middleton Ford |
| 8. Isaac Lane * | 20. John Collins |
| 9. William Walker | 21. William Read |
| 10. Samuel H. Doxey * | 22. Reubin Green |
| 11. William Ferguson * | 23. Mason Breedon |
| 12. Robert Page * | 24. Isaac Bush |
- Page 71 From the above names twelve were chosen as jurors and those are represented by stars after their names.
Ordered that Edward Richardson, Esqr., Clerk of the Superior Court of Cotaco County be allowed \$89.33 as reimbursement for books furnished by him and for exofficio levies up to the November term, 1819.
Ordered that the following be appointed a jury to view and mark out a road from the town of Decatur to the fish dam form on Flint River and report to court their findings:
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| Marius[?] Roby | William Griffin |
| John Terry | James Childress |
| Watson Dandrige[?] | Henry Johnson |
| Robert Matthews | Featherston Walden |
- Page 72 Ordered that McKinney Holderness, John Pride, Isaac Law, John Burlson, William Menefee, William Moseley, and John Candion[?] be appointed a jury of review to view and work out a road from the Decatur ferry to the Lawrence County line in any direction they may deem most expedient toward the town of Moulton.
- Page 73 On peition of John Skidmore and others [not named] it is ordered by the court that Davis Holmes, Greenberry Willson, Jonathan L. Owens, Benjamin Weeks, Thomas Skidmore, Samuel Roy[Ray?] and Thomas McElderry be and they are hereby appointed a jury to view and work out a road from Crabb's Ferry the nearest and best route to Summerville and make return to this court.
Ordered that David Bush and Jeptha Dunham Esqr. be appointed to apportion the hands between David Ballew and John McCarley.

THOMAS WILBURN PRATER

The following information was contributed by Bobbie Wilkinson Lee of Old Ocean, Texas. The newspaper article and obituary are from the *Dawson Herald* of Dawson, Navarro Co., Texas. Appy Russell, wife of T. W. Prater, was the daughter of Jeremiah and Mary "Red" Russell. The Russells moved to Morgan Co., Ala. in the 1850's from Georgia. Thomas and Appy's daughter, Sarah Jane, married John Franklin Cottongame in Morgan Co., Ala. on June 23, 1881. He was the son of William and Nancy Caroline (Nelson) Cottongame. The Russells and Praters also married into the Breedlove, Oden and Royer families. The following sketch was written by T. W. Prater and was dated at Dawson, Texas, January 16, 1921.

I was born in Franklin County, Georgia Jan. 15, 1842 and was the son of John and Polly Prater. My father moved from Georgia to about ten miles southwest of Decatur, Morgan Co., Ala. when I was just a child. I lived there until I came to Texas about 1895. I married Miss Appie Russell on June 15 [13?], 1865.

In 1861 I volunteered to fight in the conflict between the states in the Confederate service under Gen. P. D. Rody, Col. Joseph Patterson, and Capt. Sam Brown, 5th Ala. Cavalry, Company C. When I put on my uniform and started to go to the battle-front my mother followed me to the gate, put her arms about my neck and kissed me, she said for the last time, and made me promise to meet her in Heaven. I turned and replied, "Mother, I will do my very best," and here is where I learned the value of a mother's prayers. Those prayers of my mother followed me on the battlefields of Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, and Mississippi and they have followed me in the battles of life to this day.

I fought my last battle in conflict on the 3rd day of April, 1865 at Selma, Ala. When he had orders from headquarters of Gen. Forest for every man to take care of himself we threw our guns in the lake and carried out the orders.

When I got home there were 10,000 Yankees camped near mother's house. When I walked up into the yard my mother saw me and came to me shouting, "Glory, glory, my son has got home at last!" I learned that peace had been declared and they were all having a big celebration. About one mile from my mother's home was a Baptist church, and two Yankee preachers learning that my mother was a member of this church, came to her and asked permission to preach there. She gave them permission and told them to do all the good they could. This was the second Sunday in April, 1865. One of the preachers, after getting my mother's consent turned, looked at me and said, "Come to church." I told him my clothes were not sufficient to go to church, they being just a greasy Confederate uniform. He said that was all right, they would be in their uniforms.

When the people began to pass by on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock something said to me to go, and I went. At 11 o'clock the Lord blessed my soul and I was made to cry out, "Glory! Glory! Glory!" and from that day until this I have drunk deep at the fountain of my Master.

I am now the only one of the older Prater family living. My mother, father, brothers and sisters have long since crossed over. I was ordained a deacon in the Baptist church about forty years ago, and though I could never read or write I was a delegate several times and was a member of the Muscle Shoals Association. I was baptized by Elder J. Gunn.

Dear friends, I am now in the evening of life, going swiftly toward the setting sun. I have fought a good fight for my Master and I am not tired yet. To my friends and soldier comrades of Morgan and Lawrence Counties, Alabama, you all remember T. W. Prater, and if we never meet this side of eternity again, meet me in Heaven.

Thomas Wilburn Prater Obituary

T. W. Prater, an old and highly esteemed citizen of several miles north of Dawson, Texas, died Saturday at 10:15 a.m. [May 5, 1923] after an illness of some 12 days duration during which time he underwent an operation for a complication of troubles.

Mr. Prater had reached the age of about 81 years. He was the father of 15 children, five of whom survive as follows: John, Jim, Sam, Farris, and Mrs. J. F. Cottongame, all of this vicinity. He also has 49 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. The pall bearers were all grandsons, they being: Gurney Breedlove, Virgil, Jerry, Irvin, Loyd, Nelvin and Lee Prater, Wyley and Wilmer Cottongame and John Oden.

He was a good man, the kind of man that will not only be missed by his relatives, but one who will be missed by the entire vicinity. *The Herald* has a story of his life, written a couple of years ago by himself, which we will print in the near future [see above.]

The funeral was held at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at which time beautiful tributes were paid to the life of this good man. The attendance at the funeral, which was very large, attested the high esteem in which he was held.

GONE
TO
TEXAS . . .

THOMAS SKIDMORE
(Morgan County, Alabama)

HEADRIGHT CERTIFICATE, 3RD CLASS



Republic of Texas }
Red River County }

3^d Class
No. 241
640 acres

This is to certify that THOMAS SKIDMORE is entitled to a conditional Headright of six hundred & forty acres of land agreeably to the provisions of the Act passed January 4th 1839 Extending donations of Land to late emigrants.

Given under our hands this 6th day of December 1839.

Attest

J. G. Wright - Clk Co. Court
R[ed] R[iver] County
Exoff. Clk B L Com^{rs}

A. J. Fowler, Chief Justice
Red River County &
Ex-off. P B L Com^{rs}
A. H. Latimer - Ass. Do.
William Wheat - Do.

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109 ENLOW, KIMBROUGH, ROSS, WEATHERFORD

Searching for parents of Jane Enlow, my great grandmother. Born 1841 AL (prob N. AL), d aft 1870. She was wife of Orman Kimbrough, b ca 1830 Franklin Co., AL, Civil War Vet, m ca 1853. It is believed that David Enlow, b ca 1766, m 26 Sep 1792 Montgomery Co., TN Jane Ross are the grandparents of Jane (Enlow) Kimbrough. If David & Jane are her grandparents, then she had two aunts who married men by the name of Weatherford. Aunt Eleanor m John Weatherford in Franklin Co., AL, d 1871 & buried in Franklin Co. Aunt Mary m Ellison Weatherford (no other info). Eleanor & Mary had six brothers, any one of whom could have been Jane Enlow's father. They are: Benjamin, James R., Marcus, Enoch, John Burton and Jackson Enlow. Orman and Jane Enlow Kimbrough had 6 children.

Rubel G. Fears, 2386 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32218

110 PHILLIPS, FEEMSTER, BOLING

Seeking descendants of John and Robert Phillips, sons of Lemuel Phillips, b 1826 GA. John b 1862 AL, m Thursa Feemster Dec 1888 Marshall Co., AL, lived Cullman Co., AL 1900, child William E. b 1890. Robert b 1866 AL, m Evaline Boling Sep 1890 Marshall Co., AL, lived Oleander, Marshall Co., AL 1900.

June Shapiro, 1411 Governors Dr., Huntsville, AL 35801

111 HACKWORTH, ENGLAND, MORRIS

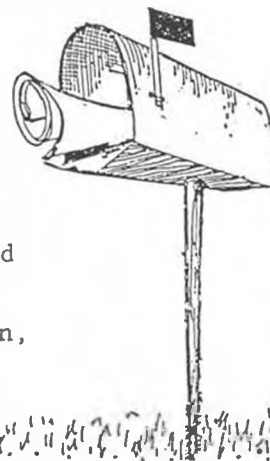
Seeking info on Nichodemus Hackworth who m Mary (Polly) England perhaps in TN. Nichodemus in Morgan Co., AL in 1830 & 1840 census, missing in 1850 but in 1852 made application in Morgan Co for father Augustine Austin Hackworth's Rev War pension. Where was he in 1850? Was first Baptist minister & then Church of Christ at Cedar Plains in Morgan Co. One dau Sallie Ann m Philemon Anderson Morris in 1847 at her brother J. W. Hackworth's home - place not given. Anderson Morris d 1856 and Sallie taught school. P. A. and Sallie Ann Morris born Round Top in Morgan Co. Dr. Nichodemus Hackworth b 22 Dec 1816, d Dec 1893 buried beside them, was he Sallie Ann's brother?)

Mrs. Christine W. Smith, 2585 Ready Section Rd.,
Toney, AL 35773

112 CLARK, CLARKE

Would like to correspond with descendants of Lewis Clark(e), a Rev Soldier, b 1763 VA, d 1842 Jackson Co., AL. He lived in Franklin Co., TN during 1820's. Need names of his children and name of 1st wife. Did he have a daughter named Eliza (or Mary Eliza) who died in Franklin Co., TN ca 1827 when a young woman? Would appreciate any help.

Dorothy M. Williams, River Route Box 65, Stevenson,
AL 35772



QUERIES EDITOR: MARGARET M. COWART

- 113 McGEE, ANDREWS, BAKER, WISE, WEST, SMITH, WOODARD
 Need and will exchange info on following: Winny McGee b ca 1815 AL, m Abraham Andrews 1831 Madison Co., AL. Abraham b ca 1803 prob Lunenburg Co., VA, son of Abraham Andrews and Ann ? of Lunenburg Co.. Children of younger Abraham Andrews: John, George, Henry, William, Marth, Ann, Benjamin, Onea, Medorah, Margaret, Rebecca & Missouri. Children of older Abraham Andrews: Abraham, Thomas, Benjamin, Peter, Haley Loury, Sallen Allen, Story Cooper, Rainey Cooper, Lucretia Alexander Andrews. Younger Abraham died AL, older Abraham d VA. Need marriage date of Patrick Reuben Baker (ca 1895). James Wise b VA ca 1780-90, Will proven 1852 Lincoln Co., TN. Wife unknown. Children: David, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mahala, Elender, Louisa, James Wesley, William Riley, Mary Ann (Polly), Rhody Malvina, Manuel Thomas, Rutha Lohaney, and Matthew Levi. Parents deceased by 18 Nov 1852, younger children bound out to different people. Need parents, siblings of William M. Woodard and wife Minerva West, both b 1830 TN. Same info for Emily Elizabeth Smith who m David Wise 1839.
 Patricia Davidson, Rt. 1, Box 8, Palmyra, TN 37142
- 114 MINGEA, MINGE, CHANDLER, ECKEBURGER, GRISSARD, HENDRICKS, GORDON, HUNDLEY
 Need info on family & ancestors of Micajah Minge, b 1810 VA, in Limestone Co., AL in 1840, d ca 1885. Need maiden name of his wife, Jane, b 1814 AL., her parents were from Scotland. Was father of Micajah the Jesse Minge on 1850 Limestone Co., AL, b in VA 1783? Were these Mingeas from Prince George Co., VA? Name also spelled Minge. Children of Micajah Minge: Mary m Robert Chandler; William Anderson m Louisa Eckerburger; John E. m Margaret V. Grissard; George Dudley m Amanda Hendricks; Catherine; Araminta; Martha; James H. m Susan Gordon; Samuel M. m Edith Hundley; Virginia.
 Mrs. John D. Barth, 5711 E. 5th Place, Tulsa, OK 74112
- 115 McGOWAN, McGOWEN
 Would like to correspond with anyone who is or has done research on the McGowan/McGowen family of Alabama. Have found information that indicates one of my ancestors was a McGowan b 1810 AL.
 Paul H. Reeves, Rt. 1, Box 63, Arcadia, MO 63621
- 116 NIXON, HENDRICKS
 Uriah Nixon, b 1787 SC, m Polly Hendricks Dec 1813 Madison Co., AL (MS Territory). Uriah served in local MS Terr. Militia 1812-1813. Family moved to Henry Co., TN early 1830's. Seek info on family in AL and parents of above.
 Jimmy D. Wiggs, 1924 Burlingame Dr., Huntsville, AL 35803
- 117 NICHOLSON, HARTGROVE, LANDERS, LANDESS
 Info desired on following Lawrence Co., AL families: William Nicholson, d ca 1830; Robert M. Nicholson, d 1888; Lindsay Hartgrove, d 1827; Levi Landers/Landess, d 1834; Ilar Landers/Landess, d 1842.
 Robert McAlear, P. O. Box 23, Nice, CA 1985
- 118 HARDIMAN, POLLARD
 Would like to exchange info with anyone researching the Calvin Frank Hardiman family. Calvin Frank Hardiman b 25 May 1820 VA, m Mary E. Pollard, b ca 1822 VA. Moved to AL ca 1855, settled in Limestone Co. Children: Mary F. b 1842; Sara I. b 1845; Susan A. b 1844; Uriah H. b 1846; William W. b 1850; Thomas C. c 1852; John Robert b 1854; Patrick H. b 1855; Virginia b 1859; Octavia b 1862; Charles b 1866.
 Linda Smith, 724 Smith-Vassar Rd., Harvest, AL 35749

119 HERRIN, HERRON, CHAMBLESS, THOMPSON

I am interested in corresponding and sharing data with researchers seeking lines of Herrin/Herron, Chambless, Thompson - all early settlers of Jackson/Marshall Counties in Alabama.

Jean Herrin Clinkscales, Rt. 4, Box 249B, Kilgore, TX 75662

120 SANDERS, SAUNDERS, BUCHANAN

I am searching for the husband of Sarah Sanders/Saunders. I find her listed on the 1870 census, post office Warrenton, Marshall Co., AL. Children - Caroline 10, Thomas 1, Rubin 1. On the 1880 census children are listed as William 23, Marion 17, Rubin 11, Thomas 11, Caroline Buchanan 20 (her daughter) with her baby Lener 7/12. Also listed are grandchildren - Sarah 12, Thomas 11, John 9. I believe Freeman Saunders living nearby was her son also. Sarah was born ca 1824 SC, on the 1870 census, no mention is made of a husband, and on the 1880 census she is listed as being a widow. I will really appreciate any help.

Linda K. Sanders, 7721 Trailridge Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76179

121 CAPPS, YOUNG, ASTON, BASKIN, McKINLEY, CALHOUN

Need parents of William Capps and Anna Young Capps, b ca 1808 TN, married 21 Jul 1823 Lawrence Co., AL. A daughter, Jemima J. Capps, b ca 1830 m John Aston, b ca 1805 SC, on 10 Aug 1848 Lawrence Co., AL. He d between 1870 & 1875, when Jemima m James Aston 3 Aug 1875 in Lawrence Co., and moved with James to Chickasaw Co., MS where she d bef 1880. Was John Young, b ca 1778 SC the father of Anna? When & where was John Aston buried? Need death & place of burial of Susannah McKinley (Baskin) Aston, b 1788 SC, dau og Hugh & Sarah McKinley Calhoun, and wife of William Aston (b 1778 NC, d 1862 Chickasaw Co., MS). She died before 1850 census Lawrence Co., AL. They moved from Abbeville, SC to Lincoln Co., TN & then to Lawrence Co., AL ca 1820. William and several children moved to Chickasaw Co., MS ca 1853-55. Any help appreciated.

Mrs. Herman Reid, Rt. 3, Box 96 D, Houlka, MS 38850

122 ECHOLS, JOHNSON, SATTERWHITE, RYAN, RUDDICK, REDMAN, RODMON, BEST, SMART

Need info on Thomas J. Echols, b May 1843 AL, m Lucinda Johnson 4 Oct 1871. His parents probably are Samuel M. Echols and Martha Satterwhite who m 4 Oct 1838 Chambers Co. Lucinda's parents were James W. Johnson & Elizabeth Ryan who probably married in Morgan Co., AL 4 Mar 1839. Thomas' son, William Early Echols, was my grandfather who was born 2 Sep 1874 AL, m Annie Mattie Ruddick 28 Dec 1897. She was b 6 Mar 1878 Madison Co., AL. Her parents were Lewis Ruddick from Indiana and Annie Redmond/Rodman from Delaware. Annie Mattie's mother died when she was born and she was brought up by her grandmother Rebecca Redman Best and great grandmother Mirah Smart, both from England. Any info on any of these people would be deeply appreciated.

Dorothy Scott Shoup, P. O. Box 222, Hinchley, UT 84635

123 SHELTON, CHAPMAN, SNODGRASS, FINLEY, BAKER, YOUNG, WOOD, HUNT, PHILLIPS, FRAZIER, HURT

Seeking descendants of Shepard Shelton, b 1791 VA, d 1827 Jackson Co., and Rosina Chapman Shelton, b 1802 NC, d 1886 Jackson Co. They came to Maynard Cove in 1827, and had connections in Old Bellefonte, Scottsboro and Larkinsville. Their children: William L. m Elizabeth Snodgrass & d 1873 leaving orphan son, John B. Shelton; John A. m Julia Finley & d 1877; Clement C. m Mary J. Baker - to Chattanooga ca 1876; Woodlief T. m Elizabeth Young - to Chattanooga 1876; Hugh H. m Hester Wood, was living with son Henry in 1900; Martha m Claiborne W. Hunt & d 1901; Martisha m David Larkin Hunt; Eliza J. m Joseph Phillips & d 1873; Amanda M. m Samuel W. Frazier & d 1911; Mary A. m Franklin D. Hurt. Some of these are buried in Parks Cemetery, west of Scottsboro.

Dorothy Shelton Lowe, Rt. 2, Box 252, Templeton, CA 93465

124 JONES, SOUTHARD

Need help in finding parents of my great grandmother, Palmyra Jones. She was born 1858 Limestone Co., AL, m Nial Southard, Jr. 1878. Their children were Maud Elvira, William Ray and Elmer Warren Southard. Palmyra Southard d 25 Mar 1889 in Limestone Co. Would like to correspond with anyone who has information on her parents.

Linda Dyer, 3922 Morgans Creek, San Antonio, TX 78230

125 CARPENTER, DEVAULT, RODIN

Isaac C. Carpenter b 4 May 1812, m Irena Devault 12 Dec 1832 Morgan Co., AL, d 31 Jan 1844 Morgan Co. Siblings: Thomas, William, Benjamin, Martha. Who were parents of Isaac and Irena? She m (2) Bazel Rodin 26 Mar 1844. Need any info on these families.

Mrs. Morris S. Allard, 621 West 23rd Ave., Covington, LA 70433

126 JOHNSON, PULLUM, PULLIAM

Need info on John Johnson and his wife, Lovie Pullum/Pulliam. Their first son, William Johnson, was born in Morgan Co., AL on 13 May 1823. Did they marry in Morgan Co.? This was the second marriage for both of them.

Faye Webb, 1401 S. W. 51, Oklahoma City, OK 73119

127 GUINN, POTTER, WILLIAMS

Seeking parents, siblings of Daniel Guinn b ca 1818 Lincoln Co., Tn d 1897 Benton Co., Mo. He enrolled in Tn Mounted Volunteers (Franklin Co., Tn) and mustered in near Chattanooga in 1837 (Fla/Indian War). He moved to Mo ca 1842. Need siblings, parents, surname of his wife Hannah who b ca 1818 Ky or Ala. All their ch b in Mo: Martha A. b ca 1843; William N. b ca 1845; Thomas B. b ca 1847; Susan A. b ca 1848; Sarah Elizabeth b ca 1849; Amanda b ca 1853; Hannah b ca 1855; Lucinda b ca 1857; Daniel b ca 1858; Martha first (1860) then Susan (1868) m Jonathan Benton Potter b ca 1838 Jackson Co., Al., d 1888 Jasper Co., Mo. He prob son of Solomon Potter (b ca 1805 Tn) res. of Jackson Co., Al in 1830, of Pulaski Co., Mo 1840 and of Buchanan Co., Mo. 1850. Daniel Guinn may have been gr-son of Champion Guinn (b ca 1755) (need Champion's parents, siblings & ch). Champion m. Dorcas Williams 1787 Washington Co., Tn. He mentioned in 1790 Burke Co., NC, 1798 Carter Co., Tn and 1830 Jackson Co., Al. Some of his fam in Lincoln Co., Tn in 1820. Who were siblings, parents of Jonathan Benton Potter? Need siblings, parents, wives of Solomon Potter.

Aubrey R. Ward, 336 E. Cairo Dr., Tempe, AZ 85282

128 LEWIS, FLETCHER, MALONE, ROGERS/RODGERS

Need info on several of the ch of Nathaniel Lewis, an 1818 Madison Co., Ala settler. Anyone having info on Thomas Lewis who m Susan Fletcher in 1830, James S. Lewis who m Mary Ann Malone in 1850, Willis Lewis (single in 1850), Sarah "Sally," Mary "Polly," or Martha Lewis (two of which m a Hugh and Wesley Rogers/Rodgers) pls correspond with me.

Lt. Col. Leroy C. Lewis, USAF Retired, 1405 Fox Dr., Searcy, AR 72143

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