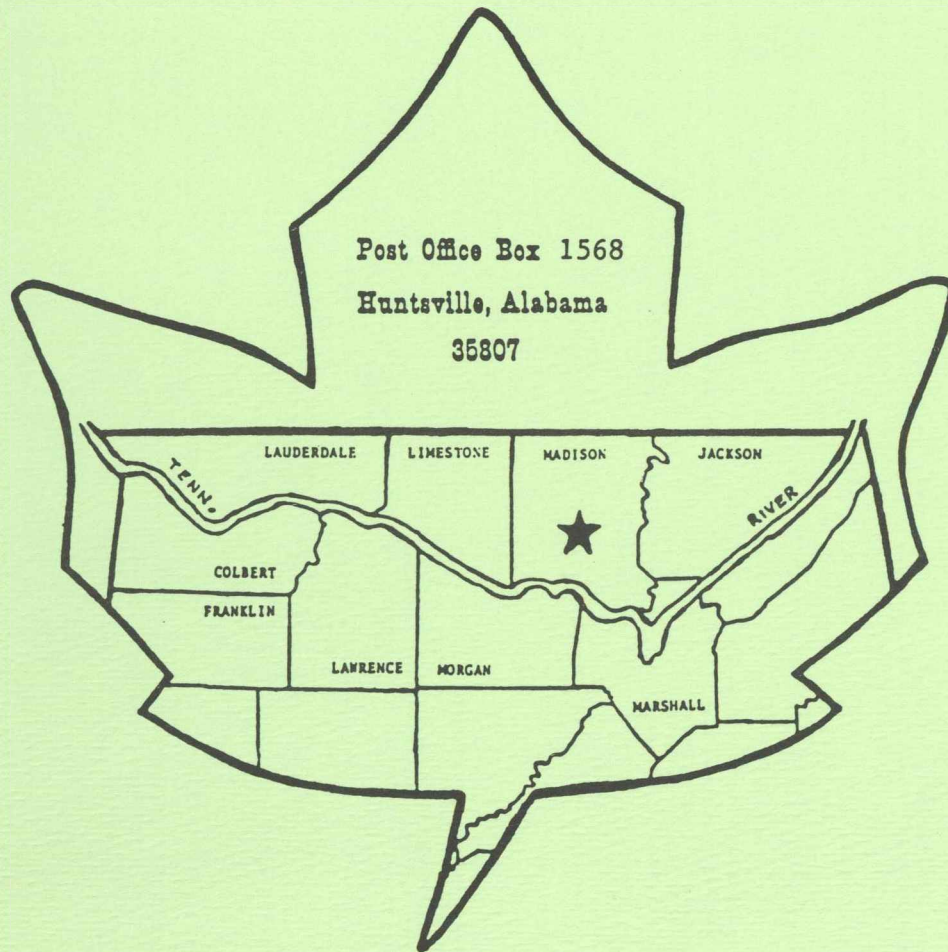


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# President's Page

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Dear Members,

The attendance at our meetings has been steadily growing during this past year. This can be attributed to a lot of hard work by many of our members, but especially by our Program Chairman, Margaret Henson, who has brought to the Society a number of very interesting and helpful programs. If you are within commuting distance and have not attended our meetings lately, you have been missing something. Join us.

An item of interest to all of you in the Southeastern part of the country: The National Archives - Atlanta Branch, has recently announced the acquisition of microfilm indexes to the Military Service Records of Volunteers Who Served in the Indian Wars and Disturbances Between 1815 and 1858, and also the Civil War Service Records of Volunteers from Kentucky. These indexes complete the Southeast Region's collection of indexes to military service records and include all those from the American Revolution through the service by southerners on both sides of the War Between the States. Use of these indexes makes much easier the obtaining of copies of military service records from the National Archives in Washington. The National Archives - Southeast Region is located at 1557 St. Joseph Avenue, East Point, Georgia 30344; telephone: (404) 763-7477.

The old newspapers for Huntsville and Madison County that have been stored at the Courthouse Annex in the Law Library will be moved soon to the Archives in the Heritage Room at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. These newspapers date from 1817 to the present, and will be an important addition to the Heritage Room. They are, however, also on microfilm and the Heritage Room now has the microfilm available for research.

Happy Holidays and a great New Year to all of you and yours.

Sincerely,

*Eva S. Burger*

EVA S. BURGER  
President

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# Book Reviews



Evelyn Rochelle, Book Review Editor

WALLACE CONNECTIONS, Marjorie Priser, Editor, 8½ x 11, 30 pages per quarter. Subscriptions are \$15.00 per year. Order from Marjorie Priser, R. R. 2, Box 47, Leesburg, Indiana 46538.

Queries are free to all but must have a Wallace connection. Each issue has a full name index and a compiled Subscribers Ancestor and Family Index is published annually. The issue we were given to review included Wallace biographies, census records, cemetery inscriptions, Bible records, military papers and numerous other items that would be of interest to Wallace researchers.

This quarterly is a gift to our library from Robert E. Wallace, 950 South Torchwood Drive, Deland, Florida 32724.

MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA 1860 FEDERAL CENSUS, compiled by Janet Baker Burks, Route 22, Box 289, Tyler, Texas 75704, soft cover, 8½ x 11, 176 pages, including a complete surname index. Price \$16.00 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling. Texas residents add \$1.04 state sales tax for each book.

This new publication for North Alabama research has been transcribed page for page by Mrs. Burks. Included are numbered dwellings, numbered families, name of every free person in the household on June 1, 1860, age, sex, color, occupation of persons over 15 years of age, value of real estate, value of personal property, place of birth, whether married within the year, attended school within the year, persons unable to read or write, and persons who were deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper or convict.

The slave census has also been transcribed page for page and includes name of slave owner, number of slaves, the slave's age, sex, color, whether deaf, dumb, blind or idiotic and the number of slave houses of each slave owner.

This is quite a relief from census searching on microfilm and all researchers will be appreciative of Mrs. Burks' dedicated work.

1860 CENSUS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, ARKANSAS, published by Ouachita-Calhoun Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 2092, Camden, Arkansas 71701, 8½ x 11, soft cover, 67 pages including a surname index, \$10.00.

Printed censuses are wonderful! The earliest settlers in this area, which was to officially become Calhoun County 6 December, 1850, arrived about 1841-43, so many of them will be found in this first census. Families are enumerated by townships, giving names and ages of each member, value of real estate and personal property, and place of birth. The 1860 mortality schedule is included.

This book is donated to TVGS by Yvonne Spence Perkins, a past president of TVGS and, also, past editor of Valley Leaves.

MOUNT MORIAH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK, 1888-1916, by Jerry Blevins, P. O. Box 4417, Huntsville, AL 35815, (205) 881-5203, 8½ x 11, 71 pages including a full name index, soft cover \$8.00, hard cover \$25.00, plus \$2.00 for postage and handling.

The Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church was located in the New Hope community of Marion County, TN. These minutes, covering the period 1888-1916, except for final entry dated 27 August, 1931, have been transcribed from the original document with biographical sketches for three members. Obituaries and newspaper items are included.

Due to courthouse fires, records in Marion County, TN are limited and this book should be of interest to people researching in this area.

HISTORIC SOMERVILLE, by David W. Whitehorn, Somerville, Al 35670, 6 x 9, hard cover, 223 pages including a full name and place index, cost not given.

"Historic Somerville" tells the story of the small peaceful community of Somerville, located in Morgan County, Alabama about five miles south of the Tennessee River. Somerville was incorporated 19 December, 1819 as the county seat of Cotaco County. In 1821 the county name was changed to Morgan but Somerville remained the county seat until 1891 when Decatur was chosen by popular vote.

The author has compiled chapters on the courthouse, jail, postoffice, Masonic Lodge, Morgan County College, Stuart Hotel, Somerville Inn and numerous homes of early settlers. There is a wealth of genealogy to be found in the detailed histories of these buildings. Many early photographs, letters, newspaper articles and family group listings are included.

Mr. Whitehorn is attempting to stimulate an interest that will result in the restoration of the older structures. He has bought and is restoring the Judge Green P. Rice house for his own residence. The first floor of the 1837 courthouse has been restored, this being the oldest permanent extant courthouse in Alabama. Plans are being made by the Somerville town council to build a new library and the proceeds from the first printing of this book will go to that project.

MEMORIES AND HISTORY OF NEW MARKET, AL, VOLUME II, published by the New Market Volunteer Fire Department, 8½ x 11, soft bound, 202 pages. Order from New Market Volunteer Fire Department, P. O. Box 95, New Market, AL 35761, \$13.00.

This second volume is really a continuation of "Memories and History of New Market, Al" which was published in 1985. Readers of the first book shared their family histories, photographs and memories until there was enough original information for another edition. This history is dedicated to the late Mrs. Howard C. Jones (Kathleen Paul), a noted Alabama genealogist, who was a descendant of Matthew H. Bone. Mrs. Jones' husband was a direct descendant of Isaac Criner, an 1804 Madison County settler.

The first section includes three articles written by Mrs. Jones, an autobiography by her grandfather, Hugh Phillips Bone, covering the period 1838-1865, and several Walker Family letters written 1870 to 1894. Also included are church histories, an article on Mount Paran Campground and Cemetery (Graveyard Hill) and 28 family histories.

Anyone with ties to New Market or Madison County will enjoy this trip down Memory Lane.

WILBOURN GENEALOGY, by Ann Beason Gahan, 308 Grove Street, Sierra Madre, CA 91024, 8½ x 11, soft bound, 550 pages. \$50.00 including postage.

The author has spent twelve years researching her Wilbourn family and has proven the line back to Edward Wilbourne who died in Harford (now Baltimore) County, Maryland 24 June 1731. One of Edward's sons, William Wilbourne, married Ann Crabtree 21 January, 1731 in St. George's Parish, Harford County, Maryland.

One of William and Ann (Crabtree) Wilbourne's sons, James Welborn, Sr., was a NC Revolutionary War Patriot who married (Mary) Isabella Teague about 1756, living for a time on Abbotts Creek, Rowan County, NC, before settling in Barren County, Kentucky where they were very active in Poplar Log Baptist Church.

Gideon Wilbourn, a son of James and Isabella (Teague) Welborn, came with his wife, Tabitha, to Alabama in the very early 1800s, settling in Trenton in Paint Rock Valley, Jackson County, AL. Isabella Wilbourn, a daughter of Gideon and Tabitha Wilbourn, married Eleazar Jones and remained in Kentucky. A son of Gideon and Tabitha, Elias Wilbourn, settled in Langston, Jackson County, Alabama. Another son, Aquilla Wilbourn, who had married Elizabeth Wilson in Barren County, Kentucky, remained in Paint Rock Valley. The author is trying diligently to find the parentage of Tabitha Wilbourn and other brothers and sisters of Isabella Wilbourn Jones, Elias and Aquilla Wilbourn.

This well-documented genealogy contains many wills, deeds, church records and family group sheets. Collateral lines include Crabtree, Teague, Wood, Wilson, Higdon, Parsons, Jones, Kennedy, Webb, Brewer, Kirkpatrick and Smith.

This book is a gift to our library from Roy Brewer, Jr., a member of TVGS, and a third great grandson of Aquilla Wilbourn.



# North Alabama

## SECOND CONFEDERATE INFANTRY REGIMENT

The Second Confederate Infantry Regiment was established by Order of the War Department January 21, 1862 from Col. John D. Martin's Regiment of Volunteers. This regiment, with two North Alabama companies, was also previously known as the First Mississippi Valley Regiment and the 25th Regiment Mississippi Infantry and was organized in Memphis, Tennessee, July 23, 1861. Its only major action as the 2nd Confederate Infantry Regiment was at Shiloh where it was prominent in Breckinridge's Division. Striking Prentiss' Union Division on Sunday afternoon, April 6, 1862, the Regiment fought under a heavy fire that would have annihilated them if Prentiss' men had not fired too high. Nevertheless, they lost over 100 men, or about a third of the Regiment in the engagement. After two hours fighting, the enemy fell back and General Bowen having been wounded, Col. Martin took command of the brigade and moved toward the river where they were met by the fire of the gunboats and batteries. After spending the night in the enemy's former camps, they renewed the fight to the river the next day and were led in person in a charge by General Hardee. They drove and repelled the Union troops in several more charges and countercharges and ultimately prevented the enemy's efforts to seize the Bark road.

About a month later, on May 8, 1862, the 2nd Confederate Infantry Regiment was disbanded and its 10 companies were reassigned to various Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, and South Carolina units. Colonel Martin commanded a brigade composed of the 36th, 37th, and 38th Mississippi Regiments, and the 37th Alabama at the battle of Iuka, and at the battle of Corinth, October 3, 1862, fell mortally wounded at the outer line of Federal works.

Companies B and D of the 2nd Confederate Infantry Regiment, which are listed below, became Companies D and A, respectively, of the 55th Alabama Infantry Regiment. Company B was recruited primarily from Jackson County, Alabama, by Captain John Snodgrass. As Colonel, John Snodgrass commanded the 55th until the end of the War at Baker's Creek and other battles of the Mississippi campaign, in Georgia, and at the Battles of Franklin and Nashville. Company D was recruited primarily from Madison County, Alabama, by Captain Daniel R. Hundley. As Colonel, D. R. Hundley later commanded the 31st Alabama Infantry Regiment.

## 2nd Confederate Infantry Regiment (Continued)

The lists were extracted by Norman Shapiro from Roll 62 of Microcopy No. 258 "Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations Raised Directly by the Confederate Government." Those individuals killed [-K], wounded [-W], or missing [-M], at the Battle of Shiloh, are noted in the listing. Information on the 2nd Confederate Infantry Regiment may be found in the following sources, all of which are available in the Heritage Room, Huntsville Public Library:

1. "Military History of Mississippi, 1803-1896" by Dunbar Rowland.
2. "Confederate Military History-Extended Edition", Vol. IX, Mississippi.
3. "War of the Rebellion, Official Records of the Union & Confederate Armies", Series I, Vol. 10.
4. "A Daily Journal for 1861", by Daniel R. Hundley.

## Company B

Atchley, Benjamin	Gaddis, H. R.
Austin, J. H.	Garrett, L.
Austin, L. A.	Gibson, J. A.
Austin, T. A. -W	Hampton, Silas
Berry, George W. -W	Harris, J. C.
Berry, S. H.	Harris, Stephen
Bridges, G. A.	Hendren, Starling -W
Bridges, J. O.	Hill, Amos -W
Bridges, J. T., 2 Sgt.	Hunter, A.
Brock, Joseph	Isbell, John, 2 Cpl.
Brock, J. T.	Kennedy, Henry
Brooks, C. C., 2 Lt.	Kennedy, J. W.
Campbell, George	Lamb, W. R.
Campbell, Green B.	Lawrence, Henry, 2 Lt.
Carmichael, J. A.	Lawrence, J. R.
Carrol, James	Lax, W. W.
Chambers, James	Ledbetter, S. B.
Chambers, William	Lindsay, W. J.
Chandler, R. F. -W	Markham, Isaac
Clay, J. W.	McGaha, Samuel
Cook, Smith, Musician	Mitchell, Hugh E.
Crawford, James	Mitchell, James
Davis, Crockett -W	Mitchell, William
Davis, J. W.	Moody, J. W.
Duckett, D. B.	Moore, Blackston
Dudley, T. H. -W	Moore, T. W.
Dunham, Lewis	Morgan, B. F. -W
Edmonson, J. B.	Padgett, J. P.
Flowers, T. V., 3 Sgt.	Preuit, J. O.
Freeland, M. B.	Preuit, R. M.

## 2nd Confederate Infantry Regiment (Continued)

Proctor, Thomas -W	Thompson, J. B.
Province, James	Thompson, J. M.
Province, T. K.	Thompson, John
Putnam, Wilson	Thorp, L. S., 1 Sgt.
Riddle, Thomas	Trammel, William
Right, Thomas	Tubb, J. M., 1 Cpl.
Robbins, Alexander -K	Vaughn, J. A.
Robbins, M. R.	Veach, Stephen
Robbins, R. H.	Walton, William
Robertson, Hickman -W	Warren, M. D. -W
Robertson, J. R.	Webb, Henry
Robertson, T. J.	Webb, Jesse P. -K
Rossen, Abner	Webb, J. J.
Rush, William	Webb, Josiah
Sanders, F. M.	Williams, J. F., Musician
Sanders, James	Williams, Richard
Sanders, W. W., 3 Cpl.	Williams, S. G.
Semons, J. B.	Williams, R. J.
Shields, D. C.	Williamson, W. H., 4 Cpl.
Sisk, Wesley E. -W	Wilson, George
Skelton, A. W., 1 Lt.	Wilson, James
Snodgrass, John, Capt. -W	Wilson, Young
Starrs, H.	Winn, Samuel
Sutherland, Frederick	Wood, W. S.
Taliaferro, J. D., 4 Sgt.	Yarbrough, S. H.

## Company D

Adams, J. S.	Echols, W. T., Musician
Barley, D. C.	Edwards, H. C., 3 Sgt. -W
Bassett, W. T. -K	Ellett, J. V., 1 Sgt.
Bauhaugh, George	Fey, Pat -W
Bell, William	Foster, J. V.
Blair, W. T., 3 Cpl. -K	Franklin, N.
Bradley, G. W. -W	Green, Aguilla C. -W
Brannum, Ben	Green, J. M.
Byrd, J. M.	Gullet, W. A.
Campbell, J. M.	Haden, J. I., 2 Sgt.
Clark, T. K. -W	Hannah, J. A.
Cobb, Eleazer -W	Heathcock, N.
Cobb, W. D.	Herron, J. W. -W
Cooper, J. C.	Hill, I. V.
Davis, H. J.	Hilliard, J. A.
Deaton, James	Hornbuckle, D. W.
Dickey, J. B., 3 Lt.	Hornbuckle, R. A. -W
Dickson, J. W. -K	Hundley, D. R., Capt.
Douglas, J. H., 2 Lt.	Jenkins, J. K.
Drake, T. B., Cpl.	Johnson, H. G.
Dunn, Mathew	Jones, Enoch

## 2nd Confederate Infantry Regiment (Continued)

Kelley, Solon	Russell, J. A., 4 Sgt.
Kelley, W. J., 1 Cpl.	Scrimsher, G. M.
Knox, J. W.	Severs, J. P.
Lamb, J. M.	Sewell, M. L.
Lomack, Jas. W., -M-K	Sisk, W. P., 4 Cpl.
McBroom, William	Sisk, Z. W., -W
McCoy, D. F., Teamster	Smith, C. W.
McKinney, William -W	Smoot, J. L.
McMullen, G. A.	Stewart, George
McMullen, J. R.	Taylor, F. M., Capt.
Moon, J. A.	Terry, J. H.
Moon, T. R. -W	Turner, William
Moore, B., 4 Sgt.	Vincent, W. H.
Morris, Thomas -W	Walls, William -W
Parsons, Wiley -M-K	Watson, James
Phillips, T. J.	Webster, R. B.
Phillips, W. H.	Wiley, James
Pike, E. D.	Winters, J. T.
Pike, J. H.	Womack, J. M.
Ragsdale, A. J. -W	Wright, R. J., 1 Sgt.
Ruby, Charles -M	Wright, W. E.
Rush, Thomas -K	Yarborough, W. C.

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# Colbert

## OLD BETHEL CEMETERY

This Cemetery was copied by WPA personnel in the 1930's. It is located in Sec. 31-5S-9W.

### GIST

Father  
Elijah A. Gist  
1833-1878

Mother  
Catherine R. Gist  
1844-1924

Oica A. Gist  
Jan. 15, 1871  
Oct. 14, 1888

J. H. Gist  
May 27, 1862  
Dec. 28, 1912

### HARP

John E. Harp  
April 18, 1833  
Oct. 17, 1897

### GRAVES

Thomas Graves  
Jan. 11, 1817  
July, 30, 1844

### LISBY

Mary J. Wife of  
W. H. Lisby  
May 17, 1841  
Feb. 18, 1898

W. H. Lisby  
Mar. 26, 1837  
Jan. 24, 1889

### VANDIVER

L. Vandiver  
Feb. 10, 1866  
Dec. 16, 1888

J. D. Vandiver  
July 7, 1843  
Feb. 24, 1886

Mary Better, Infant Daughter  
of J. R. & S. A. Vandiver  
March 17, 1892  
Sept. 26, 1892

Susie Ann, Wife of  
J. R. Vandiver  
Oct. 20, 1870  
April 12, 1892

### ISBELL

H. C. Son of  
C. & R. E. Isbell  
May 25, 1901  
Sept. 2, 1901

Rosie E. Wife of  
Clark Isbell  
Feb. 10, 1873  
June 10, 1901

O. C. Son of  
C. & R. E. Isbell  
Nov. 9, 1890  
Feb. 23, 1901

J. J. Son of  
C. & S. A. Isbell  
Nov. 29, 1902  
Dec. 15, 1902

## Old Bethel Cemetery (Continued)

Infant Son of  
C. & R. E. Isbell

LANDERS

William C., Son of  
A. B. & Mary Landers  
Nov. 6, 1864  
Oct. 13, 1894

Mary Jane, wife of  
A. B. Landers  
Sept. 4, 1839  
Mar. 19, 1902

A. B. Landers  
Oct. 2, 1834  
July 10, 1919

HURST

Mrs. E. K. Hurst  
July 1808  
Nov. 23, 1878

CAGLE

Livina, Wife of  
John Cagle  
Sept. 11, 1827  
Nov. 8, 1872

MCDONALD

Sallie A., Wife of  
S. E. McDonald  
Oct. 16, 1852  
Nov. 12, 1898

Joseph A., Son of  
S. E. & S. A. McDonald  
July 26, 1896  
Oct. 23, 1898

LANDERS

John L. Landers  
Mar. 16, 1816  
June 18, 1905

Mattie J., Wife of  
L. R. Landers  
Mar. 19, 1849  
Feb. 14, 1885

SANDERSON

Fannie K. Wife of  
W. E. Sanderson  
Jan. 6, 1859  
Oct. 12, 1881

THOMPSON

Matilda Thompson  
Oct. 16, 1801  
Nov. 22, 1886

Robert Thompson, Sr.  
Sept. 3, 1798  
Aug. 9, 1879

BRADFORD

Annie Looda, Wife of  
Alfred Bradford  
Mar. 11, 1872  
Jan. 7, 1899

MORLAND

Lucy P. Morland  
Oct. 16, 1856  
Mar. 22, 1875

KIRBY

Lucinda J. Kirby  
Jan. 29, 1841  
Nov. 11, 1909

Jesse M. Kirby  
May 11, 1831  
Sept. 15, 1909

## Old Bethel Cemetery (Continued)

## SOCKWELL

Sons of J. H. & Docia Sockwell  
Wallace Ernest  
Oct. 19, 1904 June 16, 1883  
July 3, 1906 Oct. 19, 1886

## KERBY

J. H. Kerby  
Sept. 21, 1859  
Dec. 19, 1896

Alvy Z. Kerby  
April 10, 1876  
Sept. 4, 1880

Benjamin M. Kerby  
Feb. 2, 1856  
Oct. 11, 1885

M. Elizabeth, wife of  
A. J. Kerby  
Feb. 10, 1832  
July 22, 1874

Dely A. Kerby  
Mar. 14, 1870  
Oct. 7, 1873

Franklin L. Kerby  
July 9, 1856  
Mar. 18, 1861

## CARPENTER

J. M. Carpenter  
May 2, 1870  
July 30, 1870

M. J. Carpenter  
Jan. 13, 1867  
Aug. 4, 1867

## KERBY

William R. Kerby  
Oct. 22, 1853  
Mar. 3, 1861

James M. Kerby John M. Kerby  
Mar. 19, 1842 June 26, 1856  
Oct. 25, 1866 July 12, 1856

## BRADFORD

Richard J. Bradford  
Sept. 21, 1869  
Sept. 11, 1891

Elizabeth A. Wife of Isic  
Bradford  
Feb. 5, 1829  
Dec. 19, 1886

Rev. Isaac Bradford  
Nov. 7, 1830  
May 11, 1910

Wash. Bradford  
Died 1886  
Age, about 30 years

## ISBELL

Rachel Isbell  
Mar. 6, 1871  
Oct. 13, 1871

## CONWAY

Elizabeth Conway  
Jan. 1, 1800  
July 10, 1872

## KENT

James H. Kent  
Nov. 5, 1856  
Sept. 1, 1857

John H. Kent  
Sept. 11, 1854  
Nov. 7, 1864

## LISBY

John L. Lisby  
June 13, 1829  
May 27, 1883

## Old Bethel Cemetery (Continued)

Mary Ann Lisby  
July 21, 1827  
June 22, 1899

## AYERS

Flora May Ayers  
July 7, 1894  
Sept. 23, 1894

George W. Ayers  
Age, 1 day

Maud, Daughter of  
T. G. & D. McClusky  
Jan. 15, 1890  
Jan. 18, 1890

## FORE

Elizabeth W. Fore  
April 16, 1803  
July 12, 1871

## KIRBY

Lala A. Kirby  
Oct. 19, 1901  
July 27, 1902

## MORLAND

James Morland  
Oct. 23, 1827  
Feb. 29, 1905

Elizabeth Morland  
Dec. 19, 1827  
April 10, 1887

Bob Morland  
Deid, April 27, 1886  
Aged, 39 years

## MCCORMACK

Mattie F. McCormack  
Feb. 1, 1884  
Dec. 21, 1888

## CLEMENT

Susan A. Clement  
Sept. 30, 1842  
Oct. 12, 1909

Deck, Son of  
J. F. & S. A. Clement  
April 17, 1872  
June 25, 1891

Annie, Daughter of  
J. F. & S. A. Clement  
July 26, 1874  
Jan. 10, 1900

## KENT

T. C. Kent  
no dates

## MCCORMACK

Homy B. McCormack  
Aug. 6, 1895  
July 27, 1897

## WOOD

Father  
F. M. Wood  
Aug. 26, 1837  
Dec. 22, 1902

Mother  
Sarah A. Wood  
Oct. 6, 1854  
Sept. 21, 1923

## CARPENTER

A. C. Carpenter  
June 14, 1894  
June 30, 1919

Elmer F. Carpenter  
Mar. 6, 1915  
June 29, 1919



## Old Bethel Cemetery (Continued)

<p>CAMERON</p> <p>Wm. W. C. Cameron Co. K, 12 Tenn. C. V. A.</p>	<p>Lucinda, Wife of J. A. Stout June 2, 1877 Dec. 18, 1917</p>
<p>BENNETT</p> <p>Bin Bennett Nov. 2, 1893 Mar. 7, 1920</p>	<p>HENLEY</p> <p>J. C. Henley Mar. 11, 1869 Nov. 11, 1913</p>
<p>CAMERON</p> <p>Mary Elizabeth Cameron Died Oct. 4, 1929 Age 1 year</p>	<p>LANSFORD</p> <p>S. D. Lansford no dates</p> <p>Eva, Daughter of H. L. &amp; Mary E. Lansford Dec. 24, 1899 Nov. 5, 1913</p>
<p>SUMMERS</p> <p>Charles P., Son of J. J. &amp; T. E. Summers Oct. 10, 1901 Jan. 24, 1919</p> <p>James Willard, Son of J. J. &amp; T. E. Summers Aug. 20, 1917 Feb. 6, 1918</p>	<p>BUTLER</p> <p>Etner, Daughter of W. S. &amp; M. M. Butler Aug. 24, 1882 July 3, 1921</p>
<p>WOOD</p> <p>Mrs. Effie Wood Died, June 25, 1932 Age, 45 years</p>	<p>SOCKWELL</p> <p>John H. Sockwell April 114, 1857 July 12, 1910</p>
<p>STOUT</p> <p>Elizabeth, Wife of G. W. Stout May 12, 1845 April 7, 1919</p> <p>G. W. Stout Aug. 9, 1843 July 11, 1908</p> <p>Florence E., Daughter of G. W. and E. E. Stout Sept. 17, 1879 April 1, 1919</p>	<p>MCCARVER</p> <p>William Hays, Son of G. W. &amp; Era McCarver Sept. 12, 1916 Oct. 11, 1917</p> <p>SAINT</p> <p>James Alton, son of J. R. &amp; E. M. Saint Nov. 8, 1914 Oct. 7, 1928</p>

## Old Bethel Cemetery (Continued)

BRADFORD  
 Infant son of G. C. & Ila C.  
 Bradford  
 Born & died, Jan. 7, 1913

W. M. D. Bradford  
 Feb. 28, 1853  
 Oct. 27, 1927

Sov. Bula. M. Bradford  
 son of W. M. D. & S. L.  
 Bradford  
 July 19, 1890  
 Mar. 14, 1917

Sov. A. T. Bradford  
 Dec. 23, 1888  
 July 10, 1916

S. L. Bradford, Wife of  
 W. M. D. Bradford  
 June 4, 1864  
 Jan. 27, 1913

Thomas H. Bradford  
 Feb. 21, 1887  
 Mar. 8, 1907

## GOLDEN

Albert M. Golden  
 Feb. 25, 1875  
 Sept. 4, 1906

E. J. wife of  
 M. H. Golden  
 Feb. 5, 1840  
 Mar. 13, 1911

Martin H. Golden  
 Nov. 29, 1836  
 June 28, 1914

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COLBERT COUNTY CEMETERIES

During the Great Depression of the 1930's, one of the Colbert Co. WPA projects was to copy the cemeteries of the County. Since that time a copy of the work has been on deposit in the Office of the Colbert Co. Commissioners and available only to those who knew it was in existence and who went to that office to see it. TVGS has photocopied the complete work, indexed it, and will carry some of the cemeteries in Valley Leaves from time to time. In the 1930's genealogical research was not as exacting as it is today and few words of caution must be observed.

There is nothing on the work to indicate when these cemeteries were copied, however, it was probably between 1931 and 1935 and no tombstone erected after that period is included. The copyist was different from the typist who had to interpret the copyist's field notes as best she could. And, there is no way we can guarantee the accuracy. For instance, a person's initials might be "M.R." on one inscription and "W. R." on another.

The location of the individual cemeteries is given only roughly and even then in only a few cases. Dorothy Scott Johnson, a former editor, has tried to correlate these cemeteries with current maps without success. She is sure that some were copied that are no longer on the map and some on the map were not copied. At the very least, some of the individual markers have undoubtedly been obliterated by time and the elements, and "progress".

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Colbert Co. Commission for allowing us to copy these important genealogical documents and for sharing them with a hungry public.

# Jackson

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## CHLOE AUSTILL Mexican War Pension Claim

On 9 February 1887 Chloe Austill, then a resident of Cambridge City, Wayne County, Indiana, made application for a pension based on the Mexican War service of her husband, John Austill. John and Chloe were residents of Bellefonte in Jackson County, Alabama at the time of his death on 4 April 1853. He was 74 years of age at his death. Contributed by Addie Shaver; abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

### WIDOW'S DECLARATION

Wayne County, Indiana  
9 February 1887

Chloe Austill stated she was age 74 years and the widow of John Austill. Her maiden name was Harrington and she married John on "November 2nd" 1834 in Wayne County. [Note: A copy of their marriage record from Wayne County shows the license issued on 2 October 1834 but the marriage was not solemnized until 26 December 1834; James Austill was the performing minister.]

Chloe stated John Austill was a private in the company commanded by Richard Jones in the "Alabama Militia" in the War with Mexico. [Note: Military records show he was actually in the First Alabama Infantry of Volunteers.] Richard Jones' Company was from Jackson County.

On her Application Chloe Austill's name was signed with an "X." Her Application for Pension was approved on 10 June 1887 and was paid at the rate of \$8 per month. There was nothing found in the file to reflect the date or approximate time of her death.

### JAMES CLARK AND JOSEPH BAILEY DEPOSITION

On 18 May 1887 James Clark and Joseph F. Bailey of Wayne County, Indiana made a deposition stating they knew Chloe to be the widow of John Austill and that she had not remarried since the death of her husband.

Chloe Austill-Pension Claim (-continued-)

EMILY E. MUZZY DEPOSITION

Emily E. Muzzy, a resident of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, stated that in 1853 she was a resident of Bellefonte in Jackson County, Alabama and was then age 50. At that time she knew John Austill and his wife Chloe. John had been a member of Company F under Capt. Richard M. Jones.

Emily E. Muzzy stated John died in Bellefonte, Jackson County on the 4th day of April, 1853. She also stated in her deposition that the reason she "knows that he died" was she saw him while he was sick as she was personally acquainted with the family; she also saw his body after he died and was at the funeral and saw his body put in the grave at the time and place stated. Emily E. further stated that her last Post Office address was No. 14, Hadley Avenue, West Indianapolis, Indiana.

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HUFF V. CAMPBELL  
1 Stewart 543 (1828)

Genealogical data obtained from opinions of the Alabama Supreme Court. Furnished by Judge William D. Page, Huntsville.

Appeal from judgment rendered in Circuit Court of Jackson County in 1827. William H. Campbell sued Samuel Huff on a note made at Sparta, Tennessee. Philip Huff was charged with offense of perjury in Supreme Court of Errors and Appeals at Sparta and Campbell had been his lawyer. Philip Huff was acquitted.

## KEEL V. JONES

Chancery Record Book "M", page 328,  
located in the Law Library at Huntsville.

In the Northern Chancery Division of Alabama, 32nd District  
(formerly the 6th District), held at Huntsville.

On October 20, 1841, John Keel, a resident of Jackson  
County, filed suit against Presley Woodall as Administrator of  
the Estate of Felix Jones, deceased, and against Isaac Jones,  
Elizabeth Jones, William Franklin Jones, Britton Jones, Rebecca  
Jones, Levi Jones and Merris Jones also known as Marias Jones,  
infant children of Felix Jones, deceased.

The suit alleged that prior to April 12, 1836, John Keel  
entered upon and settled the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast  
Quarter of Section 8, Township 4, Range 3 East of the lands  
subject to sale at the Land Office in Huntsville, Alabama,  
containing 40.72 acres, and that he (Keel) was entitled to pre-  
emption on the lands when the same was offered for public sale.

Keel was not able to pay the purchase price for the land and  
made a contract with Felix Jones that Jones would pay for the  
land, obtain a certificate of title from the United States, allow  
Keel to remain on the land, and that Keel would re-pay Jones the  
purchase price with interest at sixteen per cent per annum.

The complaint further stated that pursuant to the agreement  
Keel remained on the land, cultivated it, built a kitchen, added  
to the dwelling, built a smokehouse, stable and other out  
buildings and cleared over 20 acres; that Felix Jones died at his  
residence in Jackson County on or about September 27, 1840, not  
having made a deed to the land. Patent Number 9350 was issued by  
the United States granting the land to Felix Jones on September  
10, 1838. A copy of the Patent was attached to the complaint.

The suit sought specific performance of the contract to  
convey the land to Keel. C. C. Clay, Sr. and C. C. Clay, Jr.  
were attorneys for the plaintiff, Keel. S. D. Cabiness was  
Register in Chancery. Harriett Jones was served with summons on  
November 4, 1841 by John R. Coffey, Sheriff of Jackson County, J.  
Snodgrass, Deputy Sheriff.

On March 18, 1842, a Bill of Revivor was filed. It stated  
that the plaintiff, John Keel, had died in November 1841 and that  
his wife (not named) had died at the same time. His children,  
Jesse Keel, Moses Keel, Teeny Keel, Harriett Keel, Samuel Keel  
and Seaborn Keel, all infant residents of Jackson County, suing  
through William Keel their next friend, revived the suit in their  
names seeking the same relief as had been sought by their father.

## KEEL V. WOODALL SUIT (-continued-)

Presley Woodall, as Administrator of the Estate of Felix Jones, was served April 11, 1842 by the Sheriff of Marshall County and Harriett Jones was served March 31, 1842 by the Sheriff of Jackson County, and neither defended the action. The minor defendants were defended by a guardian ad litem appointed by the Court.

Testimony in the case was by written interrogatories propounded to Isaac Jones and Hardy Keel, both of Jackson County. The answers were made before R. D. Wilson, a Justice of the Peace in Madison County on May 29, 1843. Both witnesses testified that Keel had lived on the land before his death, had cultivated it and had quiet possession of it; that they had heard Jones say that Keel had fully paid for the land and that he was prepared to make a deed to Keel whenever he asked for it.

On May 31, 1843, Chancellor J. L. Martin entered a Judgment divesting all right, title, interest, claim and demand in the land from the defendants and vesting it in the plaintiffs.

Abstracted and submitted by Judge William D. Page, Huntsville.

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ACTS OF ALABAMA

[No. 324, 1857-58]

To legalize the sale of section sixteen, township three, range six east, in Jackson County.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened. That the sale of section sixteen, township three, range six east, in Jackson County, heretofore made by the trustees of said township to \_\_\_\_\_ Townsend, on the first day of January, 1858, be and the same is hereby legalized and confirmed as fully as though the said section had been sold in lots, according to the requirements of the Code of Alabama.

Approved, January 22, 1858

## JACOBS -vs- MATTHEWS SUIT

The following case was contributed by Jeanne R. Bigger, genealogist in Tullahoma, Tennessee. The case was found among loose papers in Franklin County, Tennessee. Mrs. Bigger heads an organization called "Project Preservation" dedicated to preserving the old records of Franklin County. Since the suit was among miscellaneous loose papers we do not have prior documentation in the suit. Jackson County, Alabama and Franklin County, Tennessee share a common border. The suit is copied verbatim here.

## Answer

The answer of Isaac Matthews to the bill filed against him in the above styled cause: Answering so much and such parts of said bill as he is advised is material for him to answer, respondent says:

## I.

That it is true that J. L. Allison died intestate in Jackson County, Alabama in 1878 and that Thos. N. Allison qualified as administrator and that as such administrator he gave bond in the sum of \$2500.00 with R. A. Coffey, R. M. Gonce and David Tate as sureties.

## II.

It may be true that said Allison, administrator, made final settlement in the probate court of Jackson County and that on said final settlement decrees were rendered in said court against said administrator and his bondsmen and in favor of the distributees of said estate for several thousand dollars, but respondent demands the proof.

## III.

It is probably true that Allison died in 1893 and that at said time he was insolvent and that since his death his estate has been settled in the probate court of Jackson County.

## IV.

It is probably true that R. A. Coffey, one of the sureties, died in Alabama in 1896 and that J. C. Jacobs, P. H. Coffey and W. A. Coffey were appointed his executors and that W. A. Coffey has since died.

## V.

It may be true that the surviving executors and administrators, R. A. Coffey, R. M. Gonce and David Tate induced the heirs, in whose favor the decrees were rendered against the estate of Thos. N. Allison, to bring suits in the courts of Alabama to enforce their vendor's lien on the land of the estate of Jas. L. Allison, deceased, which had been formerly sold by T. N. Allison, administrator, and bought in by him and that by that suit there was saved to the securities of a sum of money, but defendant demands the proof and denies that R. A. Coffey, R. M. Gonce and David Tate paid out \$340.00 or any of the expenses of said litigation, and he especially denies that he is liable to them or their assignee for any amount on this account. Respondent insists that in any event this suit is premature and that at the time it was initiated no cause of action had occurred.

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Jacobs -vs- Matthews Suit (-continued-)

VI.

Respondent denies that R. A. Coffey, before his death, and his executor since his death, and David Tate and R. M. Gonce, have each paid out as sureties on the bond referred to [the sum of] \$642.54, and respondent denies that he is liable to them for any amount. Respondent insists that if said parties have paid out any sum they have not paid as much as their share of the joint liability and that they cannot maintain a suit against a co-surety until they have paid more than their pro rata of the said joint liability.

VII.

Respondent denies that he is liable to the sureties or their assignee, complainant, for any amount paid to W. H. Bogart. No judgment was had against this respondent in said matter and respondent denies that any was had against the assignors in favor of Bogart and respondent denies that said Coffey and Jacobs have paid \$440.90 to said Bogart and \$19.75 costs—in fact, the bill shows on its face that they have not.

VII.

Respondent denies that he is bound to pay said parties any amount and he denies that they have paid the amount for which they are each liable. Respondent denies that he ever acknowledged the justness of their claim or that he ever promised to pay same.

IX.

Respondent will here state that the assignors of complainant, who are the real complainants in this cause, thought they would have a large sum of money to pay out as the sureties of T. N. Allison, as administrator of the estate of J. L. Allison, in Jackson County, Alabama; that they tried to induce respondent to pay them an amount which they stated respondent would be liable for; that said sureties at that time had paid nothing and merely "figured out" the part that each would have to pay and tried to get respondent to make them a deed to the only property respondent had—the land attached in this cause. Respondent, knowing that they had paid nothing, declined to give them a deed whereupon said parties came to Tennessee and prepared a bill and attempted to attach respondent's land in Tennessee. Learning that they, being non-residents and residents of the same state of which respondent was and is a resident, they transferred their alleged claim to F. P. Jacobs, a resident of this state and brother of J. C. Jacobs, one of the assignors, and said F. P. Jacobs poses in this suit as complainant. Said assignors are in the attitude of having sold to F. P. Jacobs a claim that they will have against respondent "when said Coffey and Jacobs, assignors, have paid the same."

X

Respondent insists that if either of said assignors has paid any amount as surety on the bond of Thomas N. Allison, administrator, he has paid less than his ratable share of the joint liability and that he cannot enforce contribution—and that his assignee therefore cannot. Respondent denies each and every allegation not hereinbefore specifically denies, and having fully answered, prays to be dismissed.

/s/ The. W. Crabtree, Solicitor

/s/ Jesse M. Littleton, Solicitor



# Lauderdale

MARRIAGE BOOK 5 & 6, 1838-1857  
(Part 6)

This large red book is housed at Florence in the Lauderdale County Courthouse. This record may have been compiled when the returning officer (Minister, Justice of the Peace, etc.) made his return to the Court since the entries are not in chronological order. A separate date of recording is not always given. W. T. Hankins was the Chief Clerk of the County Court. Some entries were recorded by E. G. Chandeler/Chandler, Deputy Clerk. Copied and contributed by Lois Robertson, this series is continued from VALLEY LEAVES, Vol. 24, No. 1.

PAGE	GROOM	BRIDE	LICENSE ISS.
185	Thomas Sanford Executed 8 Aug 1845	Abigail D. Sullivan by W. B. Edwards, M. G.	7 Aug 1845
	Elias Myrick Sol. 17 May 1845	Elizabeth Porter by A. S. Porter, J. P.	16 May 1845
	John T. Rachael Sol. 29 June 1845	Nancy Gresham by A. S. Porter, J. P.	24 June 1845
186	Stewart Pool Sol. 3 July 1845	Sarah Reives by John McCorkle, J. P.	2 July 1845
	John Shelton Sol. Apr. 20, 1845	Sarah Howard by A. S. Porter, J. P.	18 Apr 1845
	Ramson Shubert Sol. 5 June 1845	Nancy Shepherd by John McCorkle, J. P.	4 June 1845
187	David Daniel Sol. 7 Aug 1845	Frances A. Reddin by J. Bigger, J. P.	7 Aug 1845
	Thomas Richards Exec, 23 July 1844	Angeline Willitt by A. B. Gilbert	27 July 1844
187-8	James Williams	Elizabeth C. Cochran "I hereby certify that the within named persons, James Williams and Elizabeth C. Cochran were duly and legally married in due and ancient form in the presence of many witnesses on the evening of the 28th day of Augt. 1845 by the subscriber. Given under my hand and seal 29th day of Augt 1845" /s/ Joseph Bigger, J. Peace	28 Aug 1844

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	Willis Pope Sol. 30 Jany 1843 by J. B. Gillispie, M. G.	Rosanah Gray	28 Jany 1843
	Samuel D. Crunk Sol. 22 June 1845 by John Morrison	Mary Snipes	20 Jun 1845
188-9	Eprhaim Gray Sol. 30 July 1845 by John Ramson, J. P.	Ibby A. Gracy	29 July 1845
	Allen Kirk Exec. 21 Dec 1843 by A. B. Gilbert	Charlotte C. Houston	13 Dec 1843
	Edmond Kennedy Solemnized the 26th January 1845 "on Sunday morning before breakfast" T. M. Melton, J. P.	Catharine Stutts	25 Jan 1845
189-90	Daniel A. Reeder Exec. 19 Nov 1845 by W. B. Edwards, M. G.	Martha Jane Borroughs	18 Nov 1845
	John H. Balentine Sol. 2nd Nov 1845 by J. McCorkle, J. P.	Lucinda Tumbleston	1 Nov 1845
190-91	John Allen Exec. 9 Oct 1845 by W. B. Wood, Judge, Lauderdale County Court, Alabama	Rosanah Ensor	9 Oct 1845
	Joseph Hardwick Exec. 9 Oct 1845 by J. P. Bourland, J. P.	Nancy Cantrill	8 Oct 1845
	Madison G. Rodgers Sol. 21 Oct 1845 by J. Bigger, J. P.	Nancy Rhea	21 Oct 1845
192	Peter R. Gainer Sol. 9 Dec 1845 by Joseph Garreth	Mary Martin	8 Dec 1845
	Leonard L. Weir Sol. 28 June 1844 by Joseph Garreth	Susan F. Young	27 June 1844
192-3	George M. Ingram Exec. 4 Dec 1845 by Tho. C. Irion	Lucy Ann Crittenden	24 Nov 1845
	John D. Palmer Exec. 27 Nov. 1845 by W. B. Edwards, M. G.	Josepha Ann B. Perry	26 Nov 1845
	David M. Spain Exec. 23 Nov 1845 by W. B. Edwards	Nancy C. Anderson	22 Nov 1845
194	Henry Beard Exec. Dec 24, 1845 by J. P. Bourland	Mahaly Curtis	17 Dec 1845

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	James C. Lipscomb Sol. 10 Dec 1845 by	Elizabeth Reeder Joseph Garreth	10 Dec 1845
	Nimrod House Sol. 1845 John Carr, J. P. Recorded by W. T. Hankins, 31 Dec 1845	Arminta Norwood	26 Dec 1845
195	Noah G. Rhodes Exec. 30 Dec 1845 by Recorded on the 1st day of January being the New Year P. G. Hawkins, Deputy Clerk	Nety Rieves John McCorkle, J. P.	17 Dec 1845
	Martin B. Wood Exec. by Felix Johnson, Minister of the C. P. Church April 7, 1846	Eliza G. Cox	14 Feb 1846
195-6	John R. Lawson Sol. 19th Apr 1846 by	Rachael McDonald J. M. Melton, J. P.	15 Apr 1846
	Mervyn J. Warren Exec. 31 Mar 1846 by	Mary D. Sloss A. C. Allen	31 Mar 1846
	Buckley Hamm Sol. 30 Mar 1846 by	Elizabeth McDonald J. M. Melton	21 Mar 1846
197	Elijah G. Chandeler Married by J. Gaines [no date]	Rachael Cannin	15 Feb 1846
	William J. Wallace Sol. 10 Mar 1846 by	Amanda Woodlands E. G. Young, J. P.	10 Mar 1846
	Robert Reigh Recorded by E. G. Chandeler, Dep. Clerk Sol. 27 Nov 1845 by	Martha Childres B. H. Loyd, J. P.	27 Nov 1845
	William Hornesley Rec. by E. G. <u>Chandler</u> , D. C. Exec. 11 Dec 1845 by	Carioline Martin James W. Higgins	11 Dec 1845
	Samuel M. Hide Sol. 11 May 1846 by	Mary E. O'Harrow W. H. Jordan, M. G.	8 May 1846
199	John P. Thweatt Exec. 9 Mar 1845 by	Mary Waldrip W. B. Edwards	8 Mar 1845
	William Barny Rec. by R. B. Baugh, D. C. Sol. 6 July 1846 by	Miss Rebecca Scott J. Bigger, J. P.	4 July 1846

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199-200	Jacob Whitehead Sol. 18 Dec 1845 by	Elizabeth J. West J. M. Herston	16 Dec 1845
	Andrew Blair/Balare Sol. 7 Apr 1846 by	Mary Nail W. H. Jordan, M. G.	6 Apr 1846
	Allen P. McDonald Sol. 25 Feb 1846 by	Sarah A. Brown Michael Oliver, J. P.	25 Feb 1846
201	Richard Wilde Walker Sol. June 18, 1846 by	Mary A. Simpson Jepitha Harrison, Minister of the Presbyterian Church	18 June 1846
	Alexander McDougal Sol. 2 Sep 1845 by	Rachael McMurtry H. Richardson	1 Sep 1845
201-2	William F. Thornton Exec. 19 Mar 1846 by	Elizabeth Morgan J. P. Bourland, J. P.	17 Mar 1846
	Alexander Jackson Sol. 6 Nov 1845 by	Pheraby A. Loyd B. H. Loyd, J. P.	6 Nov 1845
	James Ballintine Sol. Apr. 21, 1846, Jno.	Eliza Monroe McCorckle, J. P.	18 Apr 1846
202-3	William Majors Sol. 20 Apr 1846 by	Mary J. Farmer John Walston, M. G.	10 Apr 1846
	Steven Rieves Sol. 20 Nov 1845 by	Elizabeth Doody John McCorkle, J. P.	17 Nov 1845
	James F. Hurt Sol. 19 Mar 1846 by	Elizabeth Lane B. F. Karsnes, J. P.	16 Mar 1846
204	William J. McCorkle Sol. 27 Nov 1845 by	Sarah Doody Jno. McCorkle, J. P.	6 Nov 1845
	Anthony Linder Sol. 7 Dec 1845 by	Elizabeth Mackey C. B. James, J. P.	5 Dec 1845
	Charles H. Nealy Sol. 17 Dec 1845 by	Jane T. Mackey C. B. James, J. P.	15 Dec 1845

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# Lawrence

## THRASHER FAMILY CEMETERY

The following Thrasher Family Cemetery was copied by Myra Thrasher Borden and her husband. The Cemetery is located in the Caddo Community in Lawrence County. Mrs. Borden reports that the Cemetery is in very bad condition and quite covered over with kudzu so that the graves aren't visible in the summer months and some of the grave markers may have been missed. But, we are very grateful to the Bordens for their efforts.

Elizabeth M.  
wife of Wm. G.  
Thrasher  
born Sept. 11, 1829  
died Apr. 12, 1896

Martha A.  
wife of W. R.  
Privett  
July 13, 1818  
July 3, 1854

"Hill"  
Mary J. Myrtle E.  
1872-1961 1906-1920

Norton L. Luther S.  
1902-1916 1901-1915

Archie M.  
1861-1909

Wm. P. Hill  
died Sept. 7, 1912  
82 years old

Elizabeth A.  
wife of W. P. Hill  
Oct. 13, 1880  
July 14, 1909

E. M. Thrasher  
his wife born Oct 1, 1820  
died Sept. 24, 1886  
[this was the bottom half  
of a stone from which the  
top half was missing.]

Ollie L. infant son of  
S. L. & M. G. Hawkins  
born May 18, 1896  
died age 1 month 6 days

Ernie Aldridge  
Sept. 3, 1894  
Jan. 27, 1896

Aern or Aerv Etta  
dau of W. O. & E. J.  
Thrasher  
Sept. 30, 1880  
July 10, 1895

E. J. wife of W. O.  
Sept. 25, 1856  
June 29, 1901

Ader F.  
dau. of W. O. & E. J.  
Thrasher  
Aug. 31, 1900  
Aug. 1, 1901

Charley F. Thrasher  
son of W. O. & E. J.  
Thrasher  
June 13, 1889  
Nov. 16, 1906

Martha  
dau. of W. O. & E. J.  
Thrasher  
died June 23, 1883

## Thrasher Family Cemetery (-continued-)

Jesse S. Thrasher  
 May 31, 1853  
 Sept. 6, 1919

Hessie wife of  
 J. S. Thrasher  
 Oct. 29, 1857  
 April 24, 1934

Maggiel  
 dau. of H. A. & J. S.  
 Thrasher  
 July 11, 1876  
 Sept. 5, 1876

Willie H. Thrasher  
 died June 22, 18\_9

John E. Howell  
 Oct. 11, 1847  
 Jan. 15, 1895  
 [John Edward Howell  
 Co. I, 5 AL INF CSA]

Thomas son of  
 J. P. & L. Plant  
 Apr 8, 1905  
 Apr 20, 1905

[These stones were broken into several pieces]

Bertha L. Nelms  
 May 12, 1883  
 June 5, 1947

George W. Barnes  
 1852-1942

Caldonia Lentz  
 1855-1882

C. B. McCulloch  
 June 4, 1895  
 July 15, 1917

Susan E. Whitlow  
 Oct. 30, 1853  
 Jan. 30, 1902

David Miles Hampton  
 1829-1886

dau. Martha Mattie  
 Hampton  
 [no dates]

Robert W. Nelms  
 March 13, 1874  
 Nov. 25, 1921

Suesan Barnes  
 1847-1918

Dora Whitlow Hitt  
 Sept. 14, 1880  
 Feb. 12, 1903

Benjamin F. Whitlow  
 Oct. 15, 1851  
 Oct. 15, 1912

Luna dau. of  
 J. P. & L. Plant  
 born Feb. 2 ?  
 died Feb. 18 ?

wife Phewbey Bennett Hampton  
 [no dates]

Boxt or Boyt Thrasher  
 [This limestone rock was hard  
 to read and this was Mrs.  
 Borden's best efforts]

CHARACTER SKETCHES  
(23rd Installment)

These character sketches were written by Charles Gibson Lynch and carried in THE MOULTON ADVERTISER in 1911. They were provided to TVGS by the late Spencer A. Waters of Moulton, who collected, typed and edited them for their genealogical value. Past editors of VALLEY LEAVES have tried to locate the 1911 editions of the newspaper which were supposed to be in the Alabama Archives in Montgomery, but so far have been unsuccessful. This series began in VALLEY LEAVES in Volume 12, No. 4, June 1978 and appeared last in Volume 24, No. 1, September 1989.

December 13, 1911  
THE SHERRODS (-continued-)

Col. Benjamin Sherrod moved from Georgia to Alabama in 1818, and purchased the tract of land where 18 years before he beheld with such great pleasure. He made the COTTON GARDEN PLANTATION contain 5,000 acres of land which was thought at that time, and perhaps was, the largest cotton plantation in the South.

In 1830 he conceived the idea of building a Railroad from Decatur to Tuscumbia. This R. R. was completed in 1833, and it was the third railroad in the United States and the first one in Alabama. This railroad cost Col. Sherrod about \$500,000. It was a great undertaking for that time, and a great one at any time for a man to undertake. He left 5 plantations in the Tennessee Valley containing 15,000 acres of land and 700 negroes.

No man in Lawrence County, in a financial way, ever did, in my judgement, anything that would compare with this great task of building this railroad.

In 1816, Mrs. Eliza Sherrod, wife of Benjamin Sherrod, died and about three years later he married the widow of Coleman Watkins, whose maiden name was Tabitha Goode, of Edgefield, S. C. She was of the famous Goode family, whose family history was compiled by J. Brown Goode of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington. To this union was born Eliza, Susan Adelaide, Charles F. and W. C. Sherrod.

(1) Eliza died at four years of age. (2) Susan Adelaide married Samuel W. Shackelford, who commanded the Red Rovers, a Courtland Company which was in the Mexican War. This company will be remembered because they were massacred by the Mexicans after they surrendered.

Capt. Shackelford's life was spared because he was a doctor and they needed his services. He was carried to Mexico City where he had to remain for two years until he made his escape. To this union four children were born: Ella, who died at about

four years of age; Sam, who died at about one year of age; Macob and Jack. Macob lives at Courtland. Jack married Lottie Taylor, whose father, Dr. Taylor, was the first Missionary sent by the M.E.C.S. to China. Jack lives at Courtland and is a progressive, enterprising, businessman. He is a warm hearted, genial gentleman. He and his wife have two interesting sons, Charles, aged 18, and Sam, about 16. To him, his wife and boys, here are our best wishes; and peace, happiness, and prosperity, ever be to them and theirs.

(3) Charles F. Sherrod married Susan Billups, a daughter of Col. Thomas Billups, of Columbus, Mississippi. He is said to be one of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of that state. To this union was born Thomas B. Sherrod who married Bettie Pope; Charles F. Sherrod who married Winnie Harrison; Sarah who married Col. Sheffield; Mamie Sue; Nettie (Antoinette) who married Capt. Gommegys; William C. who married Lela Bankhead; Loleta who married Dr. Henry; they have several children who are dead (Benjamin M., Joseph B., Ella, Lily, and Irene).

(4) W. C. Sherrod, the youngest son of Benjamin Sherrod and Tabitha Goode was born at Cotton Garden Plantation. He was prepared for College at Edgefield, S. C. and attended the University of N. C. at Chapel Hill. He devoted his life to raising cotton, interspersed somewhat with politics. He was married in 1855 to Miss Amanda Morgan, daughter of Samuel D. Morgan, of Nashville. I [Ed. note: a line is missing here] of Wichita Falls in 1889.

Col. Sherrod and his devoted wife are happily situated in their Western home in the evening of their life. He has reached about his four score years of age. They can look back over a happy, peaceful, contented life. Grand old people. They have lived lives which have not only blessed themselves and their children, but mankind. Their Alabama friends waft to them, in their Western home, their best wishes.

Nine children were born to Col. W. C. Sherrod and wife: Charles M., a senator in Alabama, who married Miss Helen Calvert; William C., who is a grocer in Wichita Falls; St. Clair, who is the Superintendent of a factory at Wichita Falls; Lillian, who married Charles B. Long; Benjamin, a banker at Baton, Mexico; Eugene, court reporter in the 30th Judicial District of Texas; Miss Lucile, who is at home with her parents; and Adelaide who died at the age of seven years; and a baby of three months.



TENNESSEE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
20th ANNUAL SEMINAR

DATE: Saturday, March 17, 1990

PLACE: Huntsville Public Library  
915 Monroe Street  
Huntsville, Alabama

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FEE: \$22.50 Per Person (Includes Lunch)

SPEAKER: Dr. George K. Schweitzer

Dr. George K. Schweitzer is Alumni Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at The University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He holds three doctoral degrees, a PhD in Chemistry, a PhD in Philosophy, and an ScD in History. His duties involve teaching and doing research in these three disciplines. In the area of science, he is author of 4 books, 14 essays, and 142 research papers.

He is an expert in military genealogy, genealogical sources and techniques, German genealogy, and in genealogical research in GA, KY, MD, MO, NY, NC, PA, SC, TN, and VA. Dr. Schweitzer is author of CIVIL WAR GENEALOGY, GA GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, GENEALOGICAL SOURCE HANDBOOK, KY GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, NY GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, NC GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, PA GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, REVOLUTIONARY WAR GENEALOGY, SC GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, TN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, VA GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH, and WAR OF 1812 GENEALOGY. Three more books are now in preparation.

Dr. Schweitzer's Seminar Topics will be:

PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH. This lecture will be done in Quaker costume. Topics to be discussed will include some basic Pennsylvania history, types and availabilities of genealogical resources for Pennsylvania, major libraries and archives where the records can be obtained, research techniques for PA ancestors, and special timesaving methods and indexes for locating Pennsylvania forebears.

The lecture entitled TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS BACK ACROSS THE ATLANTIC will be done in German costume because the largest number of immigrants to this country were Germans. The necessity of finding the exact place of origin in Great Britain or Europe will be emphasized, and numerous methods for discovering it will be discussed. These methods include many types of records available in the U.S. plus overseas records which can be used for such purposes. Particular difficulties in locating people who originated in England, Germany, Ireland, and the Scots-Irish section of Ireland will be treated.

The lecture entitled TENNESSEE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH will be done in frontier costume. Topics to be discussed will include some basic Tennessee history, the types and availabilities of genealogical resources for Tennessee, the major libraries and archives where the records can be obtained, research techniques for Tennessee ancestors, and special timesaving methods and indexes for locating Tennessee forebears.

The last session will be a QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. Questions will be taken from the floor but should be of a general nature to be of the most use to the entire audience.

REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 10, 1990

Sorry - No ticket sales at the door.

Dr. Schweitzer requests that tape recorders not be used.

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ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 120 TO REGISTER

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REGISTRATION FORM

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover seminar fee for \_\_\_\_\_ persons.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAMES OF SIX FAMILIES IN WHICH I AM MOST INTERESTED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society Seminar  
P. O. Box 1568  
Huntsville, AL 35807

December 20, 1911

REV. JAMES SAUNDERS GIBSON

The subject of this sketch was one of the most eloquent preachers of North Alabama. He had but few equals and no superiors in eloquence. When he espoused any cause, he brought all the powers of his brain and all the eloquence of his tongue to bear for its success.

If he had a college training and began in his young manhood, and had given his time, his talent, to any vocation, he would have been one of the most noted men Alabama ever produced.

He was born July 27, 1840, on his father's plantation, about 5 miles west of Danville. He was reared upon the farm. He got his education from the "old fields" school teachers, under Mr. J. B. Speake, and his son, H. C. Speake, and at Somerville under the distinguished [Z. F.] Freeman.

He entered the Confederate army at the beginning of the war and was a brave, chivalrous soldier. Just after the war he located south of his father's old home, where he lived for a number of years.

On January 10, 1865, he married Miss Elizabeth Rebecca Jackson, a daughter of James D. and Margaret Jackson, who lived near Mt. Hope. She was one of the best women I ever saw. She was loved, honored, respected by all who knew her.

She fought the battle of life with as much heroism as any heroine could do. She died August 3, 1910.

James S. Gibson died April 23, 1900.

To this union there were born ten children. The first was Emmitt Jackson Gibson, born June 3, 1866; married Miss Annie Lee Smith, of Newburg, March 10, 1887, and died October 27, 1899, leaving one daughter -- Adrain, who married James A. Wilson of Russellville.

Their second was Octavia Neal Gibson, who was born November 11, 1867, and died April 3, 1889.

Their third was Mary Alice Gibson, born January 4, 1870, and married H. O. Henly on December 3, 1889.

Their fourth was Adrinne Orr Gibson, born December 16, 1871, and died April 10, 1889.

Their fifth was Vinette Chalmers Gibson, born April 22, 1874 and died September 13, 1887.

Their sixth was Mattie Mass Gibson, born Oct. 3, 1876, and married M. L. Roberson, September 13, 1896; died June 29, 1897, leaving one son.

Their seventh is David Dinsmore Gibson, who was born Nov. 5, 1878. I understand he is out West somewhere.

Their eighth is James Saunders Gibson, who was born Sept. 13, 1890. I understand he has bought the old home place and is working very industriously. I read his anti-liquor article which was published in the Moulton Advertiser some weeks ago, and I am glad to say that I am proud of my cousin Jim. He has not married that I have heard of.

Their ninth is Clemmie Belton Gibson, born December 1, 1882, married Dee Almon on December 10, 1902.

Their tenth is Pattie Myrtle Gibson, born April 28, 1885, and married Albert M. Golden on August 19, 1906. He died, and she has since remarried, George Morrison.

After living in the Oakville neighborhood for a number of years, Rev. James S. Gibson moved to Mt. Hope, where he lived till his death.

He was pastor of almost every Baptist Church from Danville to Russellville. He was for some time an associate pastor with the Rev. R. T. Wear.

He represented the County of Lawrence in the Lower House of the Alabama Legislature, and was County Superintendent of Education.

Nature did its fullest duty by him.

I send my best greeting to each child and grand-child living. I earnestly ask each to do his or her very best in the battle of life to stand for those high ideals that your two grand-fathers, the Hon. Charles Gibson, and the quiet, sincere, honest James D. Jackson lived for.

Within a hundred yards of the Old Town Creek Baptist church, James S. Gibson lies buried, and the eloquent tongue that in that church has moved that people so often, is silent til the judgement morning.

How rapidly we are all moving onward, and shall soon bid all earthly things adieu.

- Series to be continued -

# Limestone

BEFORE THE MIXED COMMISSION  
ON  
BRITISH AND AMERICAN CLAIMS

John C. Ferris        }  
vs                        }        No. 212  
The United States    }

On 25 June 1872 in Chancery Court at Athens, Ala. testimony will be heard from J. M. S. Donnell, S. J. Donnell, J. H. Donnell, J. L. Camar, Dr. J. T. Camar, Hon. G. S. Houston, Luke Pryor, John \_\_\_\_\_, H. H. Higgins and others.

The following partial file from the National Archives was given to TVGS by Alvie L. Davidson, 4825 North Galloway Road, Lakeland, FL 33809. These claims are held by the Archives in Records Group 76, Records of Boundary and Claims Commissions. Abstracted by Lois Robertson. We are grateful to Mr. Davidson for sharing with Valley Leaves.

John C. Ferris is the Administrator of John Donohue Smith, deceased. John Donohue Smith was born at Glasscarieg, Cloneran Post, Wexford County, Ireland, April 24, 1819 and died at Middleton in the County of Rutherford, Tennessee, Apr. 9, 1870.

Mr. Ferris is representing Charles Mitchell Smith, the son and heir of John Donohue Smith.

Mr. Ferris claims that damages to his client's estate of \$11,771.00 resulted from injuries to real and personal property in Athens, Alabama by the command of Col. Turchin in May 1862 and afterwards by the commands of Cols. Phillips, Noyes, and Miller in 1863 and 1864.

Testimony of John Turrentine [ED: probably the blank name above] indicates that the house was occupied by forces under Gen. Turchin in May 1862. After the evacuation of Athens, the fencing was destroyed as well as doors and windows and there was nothing left but the brick walls and roof.

J. W. S. Donnell testifies as to the occupation by Turchin but cannot say who committed the injuries to the property.

## Ferris vs U. S. (continued)

Donnell also claims that he, not Smith, owned the property in question, not only the real estate but the black boards, stoves, locks, desks, benches, etc. in the school room, that he had never sold the house and lot but had made arrangement with Smith by which Smith was to have the occupation and possibly the title to the lot on certain conditions. The terms of the agreement are not stated nor whether Smith had paid any money to Donnell.

Donnell says that he looked to Smith for payment of the damages that might be done to the property. That he was not in a condition to perfect the title, as the title was not perfected to him, That it was a bona fide transfer; and that he does not consider "that Smith owes me for the property especially that which was destroyed upon the school premises under our previous arrangement, by which he (Smith) was to pay damages done to said property." Mr. Donnell also testified that he could have looked to Smith for payment of the damages after the War.

Spotswood J. Donnell, apparently a son of the last named witness, who was a pupil under Mr. Smith at the school, testifies to the injuries to the premises being done by U. S. soldiers. He says that the soldiers also destroyed Smith's clothing, books, papers, and manuscripts including geometrical drawings and problems and a manuscript algebra. The circumstances of this destruction are not disclosed and nothing is shown to render the U. S. liable in any event for the damages.

After the first occupation by Turchin the building seems to have been refitted and refurnished; but J. W. S. Donnell says, "I refitted and refurnished it about as it was fitted and furnished before the destruction of said property."

It will be noted that this transaction was in the very heart of the enemy's country, at a point never reached or held by the U. S. forces except by raids holding possession for but a very few days at a time, and that each of the occupations by the forces named was a hasty & temporary occupation in the very face of the enemy.

Dated 29 March 1763

/s/ Robt. S. Hale, Agent & Counsel of the U. S.

Ferris vs U. S. (continued)

The U. S. by their Agent & Counsel objects to the claim on the following grounds:

That neither the claimant administrator nor his client, Charles Mitchell Smith, is alleged to be a British subject.

That it appears that John Donohue Smith, deceased, died on 9th April 1870, prior to the concluding of the Treaty of Washington.

That at the time of the conclusion of the treaty the said claim was not a claim of a subject of Her Britannic Majesty upon the U. S. but was a claim of citizens of the U. S. only.

Argument for the objection:

The document alleges that the claimant is administrator of John Donohue Smith, deceased, who died in Tennessee on the 9th of April, 1870. That the claim is prosecuted for the benefit of the estate of said deceased, as well as for Charles Mitchell Smith, the son, and heir-at-law of said deceased. The claim is for injuries to real and personal property alleged to have been committed in 1862-3-4.

By the 12th Article of the Treaty [of Washington] all claims of "corporations, companies or private individuals, subjects of Her Britannic Majesty, upon the Government of the United States arising out of acts committed," etc, are referred to this Commission for adjudication.

It is submitted that this reference only includes the claims of such persons as were at the date of the Treaty, 8th of May, 1871, subjects of Her Britannic Majesty.

Her Majesty's Government was seeking only to provide for proper protection and compensation to her Majesty's subjects.

If the person injured, though a subject of Her Majesty at the time of the injury, had subsequently, and before the conclusion of the treaty, ceased to be Her Majesty's subject, and became by naturalization, an American citizen, it could hardly be claimed that he could have a standing as a British subject before this Commission.

## Ferris vs U. S. (continued)

Therefore, the treaty did not intend to provide for his case, but only for their British subjects. The rule is believed to be entirely the same, where, by the death of the claimant, prior to the Treaty, the claim had ceased to be the claim of a British subject, and became the claim of an American citizen.

If, at the claimants death, his personal representatives were British subjects, they undoubtedly could still claim under the treaty, the injury having been an injury to a British subject. But since John Donohue Smith, Her Majesty's subject, was no longer in existence at the time of the making of the treaty, and neither Ferris nor Charles Mitchell Smith claim to be British subjects, the claim does not fall within the purview of the Treaty.



from THE HUNTSVILLE DEMOCRAT, 27 March 1878, page 2

## QUAKER MEETING!

A colony of Quakers is being located at Greenbriar, on one of Mr. J. T. Tanner's plantations. We are truly glad to see these good people settling in our county. They are true and worthy men, and will make good citizens. They held their first Quaker meeting last Sunday, at the residence of Mrs. J. W. S. Donnell, which, we understand, was quite an interesting occasion. "Peace on earth, good will to men" is their motto, and, we doubt not, they will accomplish much good in their new field of labor. They expect a large accession to their body, next September, when they will more thoroughly organize "The Society of Friends!"  
--ATHENS POST





# Madison

## COMMISSIONERS COURT MINUTES 1831-May 1844

Obtained and abstracted by Shirley Greer of Huntsville. A part of these minutes is the formation of the various roads and the jury system established to lay out the roads. For a good discussion of the procedures concerning this system, please consult "A Dream Come True", Volume 1, by Mr. James Record, former Chairman of the Madison County Commission.

pg. 22    Ordered that Nathan Smith be appointed overseer of the road from Vairen Fork of the Flynt River to the Briar Fork...

Ordered... Daniel Atkins... overseer... from Briar Fork to the Limestone Road...

Ordered... Daniel Carmichail... overseer... of the Triana Road from the Ditto's Landing road near Huntsville to the three mile post.

Ordered... Henry Grizzard... overseer... of Triana Road... from three mile post to the Township Line near Ayers

Ordered... James Hatton... overseer... of Triana Road... from Township line near Ayers to the Prairie Road

Ordered... Benjamin E. Bell, Sr. [crossed-out]... overseer... of Triana Road, near Mrs. McDaniel's to the Ditto's Landing Road...

Ordered... \_\_\_\_\_ from the Cove Road to Cobb's Ferry

Ordered... William Murphey... overseer... from Hazle-Green to the West Briar Fork of Flynt River...

pg. 23    Ordered... Thomas Adkins... overseer... from West Briar Fork of Flynt River to Mauldin's old place...

Ordered... Alexander McAlexander... overseer... from Mauldin's old place to the Cross-Roads...

Ordered... Benjamin E. Norris... overseer... from Cross Roads North to the County line...

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES (-continued-)

Ordered... James Cunningham... from Cross-Roads west to the County line...

Ordered... John C. Weaver... overseer... of the Winchester Road... from Connally's Shop to the Forks near Mrs. Roper's...

Ordered... Josiah Reddich... overseer... from Forks near Mrs. Roper's to Kings Gin...

Ordered... William Clopton... overseer... of Winchester Road... from forks near Mrs. Roper's to the three forks of Flynt River...

Ordered... Jefferson Bell... overseer... of Winchester Road... from three forks of Flynt River to the Chestnut Ridge.

Ordered... Reubin Stone... overseer... of Winchester Road... from the Chestnut Ridge to New Market

Ordered... William Beller... overseer... of the Winchester Road from New Market to Thomas Miller's...

p. 24 Ordered... John Campbell... overseer... of Winchester Road... from Thomas Miller's to the State Line.

Ordered... Zacharich Petty... overseer... from King's gin to Bledsoes Ford...

Ordered... Edwin Hicks... overseer... from Bledsoes Ford to Hesters Creek...

Ordered... John Embree... overseer... from Hesters Creek to the old County line...

Ordered... Pleasant Austin... overseer... road from Dittos Landing to the line between Ranges one and two west

Ordered... \_\_\_\_\_ from the line between Ranges one and two west to Triana...

Ordered... Redin B. Jones... overseer... road from Leeman's Ferry to Ditto's Landing...

Ordered... Samuel Townsend... overseer... from Alexander Jefferys to John T. Smith's old place...

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES (-continued-)

- Ordered... William Eastland... overseer... from William Eastland's to Glasscock's Mills.
- pg. 25 Ordered... Jesse Randolph... overseer... from Clopton's old gin to John Griffin's late residence...
- Ordered... Eli Lawler... overseer... from John Griffin's late residence to the brick-yard below the 16th section...
- Ordered... Aldin Byram... overseer... from the Brick yard below 16th section to Damrald's old place...
- Ordered... Elias Cramer... overseer... from Damrald's old place to Dial Peevey's...
- Ordered... Robert W. Peevey... overseer... from Dial Peevey's to Josiah Cook's...
- Ordered... Richard Glover... overseer... from Josiah Cook's to Cedar Gap...
- Ordered... John Vann... overseer... from Cedar Gap to the Blue Springs...
- Ordered... William L. Allison... overseer... from the Blue Spring to the old Ford on Paint Rock River...
- Ordered Isham H. Tennell... overseer... from the old ford on Paint Rock River to the County line...
- Ordered... William H. Jones... overseer... of Powell & Wade's Road... from the Winchester Road to the Meridian Road.
- pg. 26 Ordered... George Terry... overseer... of Powell & Wade's Road... from Meridian to the Pulaski Road
- Ordered... Henrey Harless... overseer... of Powell & Wade's Road... from Pulaski Road to Price's Big Spring
- Ordered that Matthew A. Smiley... overseer... Powell & Wade's Road... from Prices Big Spring, westwardly to the county line
- Ordered... Joel D. Abbott... overseer... of the Mulberry Road... from Meridian Road near McGehee's to the state line.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES (-continued-)

Ordered... Wilbourne G. Barton... overseer... from Hazle-Green to Gwinn's Ford...

Ordered... William Coleman... overseer... from Gwinn's Ford to Hesters Creek...

Ordered... America Fowler Junr... overseer... from Hesters Creek to the county line...

Ordered... John Hill... overseer... from Mowerys Corner to Triana...

Ordered... Robert Teague... overseer... of the Athens Road... from Jones' Shop to Turner's gate...

Ordered... William East... overseer... of Athens Road... from Turner's gate to the nine mile post.

pg. 27 Ordered... John Blanton... overseer... of Athens Road... from nine mile post to the county line.

Ordered... Thomas Lowery... overseer... of Road leading to Burne's Store from the forks near Indian Creek to the nine mile post...

Ordered... Thomas Bouldin... overseer... road leading to Burne's Store, from the nine mile post to the twelve mile post.

Ordered... Alexander Blackburn... overseer... leading by Burne's Store from the twelve mile post to the county line...

Ordered... Alfred Marshall... overseer... the road of the 16th section TWP \_\_ R \_\_ West to the Athens Road.

Ordered... Henry Rigney... overseer... of the road from Woods Ford on Flynt River to the Deposit Road...

Ordered... John Gurley... overseer... from Willis Sanford's to the county line...

Ordered... James Glover... overseer... of road from Cobbs Ford to the Cave Spring...

- To be continued in later issues -

## SUBLETT FAMILY BIBLE

The following Bible record is now owned by John Benjamin Sublett's great grandson, Lawrence W. Sublett and his wife, Barbara Spencer Sublett, of Detroit, Mich. The information listed was found on the New Testament title page and continued on the back of the title page. The Subletts lived in the Moontown Community. It was furnished to Valley Leaves by Mrs. Jan White, Huntsville. Our thanks to Mrs. White for the transcribed copy and the list of full names.

The  
NEW TESTAMENT  
of our  
LORD AND SAVIOUS JESUS CHRIST  
Translated out of the original Greek  
and with  
The Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised  
New York:  
American Bible Society,  
Instituted in the Year MDCCCXVI  
1869

J. B. Sublett was borne January the 2, 1845  
S. E. Sublett was borne Jun the 30, 1845  
J. B. Sublett and S. E. Jenkins was married the  
15th of December 1868  
L. A. Sublett, son of J. B. and S. E. Sublett was  
borned September the 30th 1870  
C. E. Sublett was born December the 16, 1872  
A. M. Sublett was borned June the 25th 1874  
A. W. Sublett was borned January the 13, 1876  
N. L. Sublett was borne October the 14, 1877  
Herman Jones was borned July 6, 1883  
Mary B. Sublett was born March the 4, 1883

The complete names are:

J. B. - John Benjamin Sublett	C. E. - Callie E. Sublett
S. E. - Sarah E. Jenkins	A. M. - Ada Mae Sublett
L. A. - Lee Ander Sublett	N. L. - Narcie Lillian Sublett

## Notices from THE WEEKLY DEMOCRAT

Extracted by Sue Bright Richter, this edition, dated Wednesday, June \_ 1896, is in the Archives of the Huntsville Public Library. Virginia C. and Susanna W. Clay are listed as Associate Editors and Proprietors, Successors to J. Withers Clay.

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The Death of Mr. James A. Otey, Sr., occurred at the residence of his daughter in Philadelphia. He was the father-in-law of Mrs. Carolee P. Otey, and has relatives here who regret to hear of his sad death.

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The Sweet Sixteen boys and girls had a lovely dance at the residence of Mr. Dan H. Turner on Friday night and Mr. Hammond Turner did the honors as host most gracefully. Miss Lucy E. Turner and James Mastin made the music with a Mandolin and guitar, to which the dancers kept time with twinkling feet, making the echoes ring with their merry laughter, song and chatter.

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It was highly gratifying to the numerous admirers and friends of Miss Madge Lane that she made such a brilliant success of her recitation of "The Polish Boy", on last Wednesday night at the Seminary. She is petite, pretty, piquante and talented.

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Miss McClelland was highly complimented on her sweet voice and the excellent rendition of her solo.

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Miss Louise Yeatman, the pretty, winsome, bright little daughter of Mr. J. R. Yeatman, won the gold medal for scholarship and deportment in the primary department of Miss Hardy's School. Our heartiest congratulations are extended the little girl and her proud parents.

- To Be Continued -

# Marshall

## CIRCUIT COURT GRAND JURY RECORDS.

Marshall County was established in 1836 but as one might expect it took a few months to fully organize the court system within the newly formed county. The first Circuit Court Grand Jury criminal records were only recently discovered. This hitherto unknown document is the first record of Grand Jury indictments in Marshall County and date from September, 1838. This particular court fell in the 5th Judicial District of Alabama.

In all instances in these records, the State of Alabama was the plaintiff. The State's solicitor (prosecuting attorney) would present evidence against the defendant to the Grand Jury and if that jury felt there was sufficient evidence of guilt on the part of the defendant, or that he had in fact committed a criminal act, they would return a "true bill."

The Circuit Court would then issue a warrant for the arrest of the defendant. The sheriff or one of his deputies would attempt to serve the defendant with the warrant and take him into custody. If the defendant was found he had the privilege of posting bond (also called "bail") with at least one bondsman to guarantee his appearance in court. If he could not post bond he waited in jail until the Circuit Court heard his case.

More often than not, the sheriff was unable to locate the defendant and in those cases his return (report to the court) would state "not found in this county." After repeated, futile attempts to locate, arrest, and take the defendant into custody, the case would be nol pros (not prosecuted.)

In these early records the officers of the court were shown as:

Judge of the Circuit Court: Daniel Coleman  
Clerk of the Circuit Court: John O. Feemster  
Solicitor (prosecuting attorney): William Acklen  
Grand Jury Foreman: John B. Walker  
Sheriff: Joel Higgins  
Deputy Sheriff: William L. Fry  
Deputy Sheriff: Francis Martin

In order to show the reader a sample of the exact terminology used in these records and thus preserve their "flavor," we have chosen to include the preamble and the Bill of Indictment on the first case exactly as it is written. The balance of the first case and all others will be abstracted. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

State vs. Henry Adams (Pages 4-6. Note: Pages 1 and 2 are missing)

Preamble. "Be it remembered that at a Circuit Court for Marshall Begun and held at the Court House in the Town of Claysville on the fourth Monday in September 1838 the following true Bill was found and handed into Court by John B. Walker, Foreman of the Grand Jury."

Bill of Indictment. "The State of Alabama, Marshall County. The Grand Jurors for the Said State upon their Oath present that Henry Adams late of said County on the fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Thirty Eight with Force and Arms in the

## Circuit Court Grand Jury Records (-continued-)

County aforesaid in and upon one John Shelton an assault did make and him the Said John Shelton did then and there beat wound and ill treat against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama."

Charles Conally was shown as witness against Adams.

Henry Adams posted bond on 15 May 1838 before G. M. Connally, J. P. with John L. Downs and James Childress, his securities. Adams gave \$500 bond and Downs and Childress each gave \$250 cash bond to be levied on their property. The bond was to insure Adams' appearance in court on the 4th Monday in September 1838 to answer the charges of assault and battery on the body of John Shelton. Adams failed to appear and Downs and Childress were ordered to bring Adams to court but failed to do so.

On the 4th Monday of March 1839 the court ordered the sheriff to find Henry Adams and confine him in jail if he could be found to answer the charges of assault and battery. On 25 April 1839 the sheriff's deputy, William L. Fry, stated that Adams was "not found." Subsequent warrants were issued for the arrest of Adams but on 21 March 1840 and 24 September 1840 Sheriff Joel Higgins' returns to the court were marked "not found." On the 4th Monday of September 1840 the court chose not to further prosecute and the case was nol pros (not prosecuted).

State vs. Henry Adams (Pages 7-10)

The Grand Jury returned another true bill against Henry Adams on 1 January 1838. They found that on 1 January 1838, and on various other days, Henry Adams did keep a disorderly public house where he procured and where there was drinking, cursing, quarreling, card playing and otherwise evil behavior to the great injury to the good people of the community and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

Various attempts were made to find and arrest Adams from March 1839 until the 4th Monday in September 1840 when the court ordered a nol pros be entered in the case.

State vs. Thomas Johnson, Fountain Hunt, Russell Head and William Craton (Pages 10-15)

On the 4th Monday of September 1838 the Grand Jury found a true bill against Thomas Johnson, Fountain Hunt, Russell Head and William Craton, late of Marshall County. They were charged with playing cards at a public house on 15 September 1838 contrary to law and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

The sheriff was commanded by the court to find the defendants and put them in jail in order to assure their appearance in court to answer the charges. On 7 March 1839, 25 September 1839, and 23 November 1839 the sheriff's returns stated "not found."

On 14 September 1840 Thomas Johnson appeared in court and pleaded guilty whereupon a jury, with John D. Barclay as foreman, was empanelled and said jury recommended Johnson be fined \$5 to \$20. John Ashley [Ashby?] became Johnson's security. There was no mention as to the disposition of the cases of the other defendants.



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State vs. Josiah Pritchett, Burgess McGaha, Elijah Looney and Isaac Moore. Pages 15-20

Josiah Pritchett, Burgess McGaha, Elijah Looney and Isaac Moore, late of Marshall County, on 10 August 1838 did play at cards at a store house for retailing spirituous liquors contrary to law according to the Grand Jury's true bill. Witness was William Chisham who testified before the Grand Jury on 24 September 1838.

The sheriff was ordered to find and jail defendants and hold them for their appearance in court on the 4th Monday in September 1838. On 27 March 1839 the sheriff's return indicated that he had found McGaha but was unable to locate the others.

In March 1839 Burgess McGaha pleaded guilty. A jury was empanelled to assess the fine which they recommended be set at \$5 to \$15. Foreman of the jury was Elisha Waieland.

In March 1839 warrants were again issued for the arrest of Josiah Pritchett, Elijah Looney and Isaac Moore. The sheriff's return of 25 April 1839 stated Josiah Pritchett and Isaac Moore were not found; Elijah Looney was found but was "too sick to move in safety" but was able to find security for his appearance.

In September 1839 another warrant was issued for the three men. On 23 November 1839 the sheriff attempted to take Looney into custody but he "broke custody and made his escape" and could not then be found. Looney was finally caught on 1 August 1840. Pritchett and Moore were not found by 24 September. Isham Fennell became Looney's security in the amount of \$200 to be levied on his goods, chattles and tenements.

Looney pleaded guilty to the charges on the 4th Monday of September 1840 whereupon a jury, with Robert Walker as foreman, recommended his fine be set at \$5 to \$20. No mention was made as to the disposition of the charges against the other men.

State vs. John L. Downs, Stephen Baxter, Henry Adams and John Pate. Page 20-23.

The Grand Jury found a true bill against John L. Downs, Stephen Baxter, Henry Adams and John Pate for gaming (gambling) at a court held the 4th Monday in September 1838 at Claysville, Alabama. In September 1838 warrants for the arrest of these men were issued. My March 1839 Stephen Baxter and John Pate were found by the sheriff and arrested. On 24 August 1939 John Pate posted bond with Charles Higden his security.

For reasons not stated, another warrant was issued on 12 November 1839 for the arrest of Stephen Baxter and John Pate but the sheriff was unable to find them by 21 March 1940. By 29 September 1840 the men had been found and were in jail. On the 4th Monday of September 1840 John Pate was tried before a jury, of which John D. Barclay was foreman, and his fine was set at \$5 to \$20.

*Historical note: These records reflect that the County Seat was at Claysville in September 1838 but a year later, in September 1839, court was held "at the Court House in the Town of Marshall." Claysville was north of the Tennessee River and Marshall was south of the river just south of the present day county seat, Guntersville. For more information on the county seats see Valley Leaves, Vol. 18.*

## Circuit Court Grand Jury Records (-continued-)

State vs. Zephaniah Gideon. Pages 23-26

The Grand Jury found that on 1 April 1838 in Marshall County Zephaniah Gideon did "with force and arms . . . beat, wound and ill treat" John G. Parker. A warrant for the arrest of Gideon on the assault and battery charge was issued on 18 October 1838 but Deputy Sheriff Francis Martin reported to the court on 21 March 1839 that he could not be found.

Subsequent warrants were issued and were returned to the court "not found" on 25 April 1839 and again on 21 March 1840. In March 1840 a warrant was sent to Jackson County but the sheriff there failed to make a return. The case was finally disposed of by entering a nol pros.

State vs. George Grubbs. Pages 27-30

On 24 September 1838 the Grand Jury found a true bill against George Grubbs who was indicted for selling spirituous liquors on 10 August 1838 in Marshall County without first obtaining a license. William Chisam was witness for the State against Grubbs.

On 18 October 1838 a warrant for the arrest of Grubbs was issued to the sheriff who, on 27 March 1839, reported Grubbs "not found." Another warrant was issued 12 November 1839 and it too was returned "not found" as was one issued 4 June 1840 and returned 26 June 1840. The case was nol pros on the 4th Monday of September 1840.

State vs. William West and Nelson T. Philips. Pages 31-35.

On the 4th Monday in March 1839 the Grand Jury found a true bill against William West and Nelson T. Philips of Marshall County who were accused of playing "at cards at a store house for retailing spirituous liquors" on 23 March 1839. John A. Marony was witness against the defendants and Edward Cox was foreman of the Grand Jury.

A warrant for the arrest of West and Philips was issued 25 April 1839 and returned by the sheriff on 25 April 1839 marked "not found."

Another warrant was issued 12 November 1839 and on 23 November 1839 the return by the sheriff stated Philips was found on 19 March 1840 but West not found when service was attempted on 20 March 1840.

Philips posted bond for his appearance in court in the March term 1840 with Richard Griffin his security.

At Philips' trial William Acklen was prosecutor and John Nailey Senr. was shown as Philips' security in the sum of \$100. His case was continued.

Another warrant was issued for William West. In September 1840 a jury, with Robert Walker as foreman) assessed Philips' fine at \$5 to \$20 and John B. Finley was shown as Philips' security.

## Circuit Court Grand Jury Records (-continued-)

State vs. John Smith and Jacob Smith. Pages 35-37

The Grand Jury returned a true bill against John Smith and Jacob Smith on the 4th Monday in March 1839 upon a charge of an affray [fighting of two or more persons in a public place to the terror of the people.] A warrant was issued for their arrest on 12 November 1839 and they were commanded to appear in court on the 4th Monday in March 1840.

On 30 March 1840 the sheriff reported that Jacob Smith was "not found in my county." Jacob was finally arrested on 21 June 1840 but gave bond for his appearance in court at the September term 1840. E. J. Taylor was his bondsman.

At a court hearing held the 4th Monday of September 1840 the prosecuting attorney moved that "a non pros be extended" [charges be dropped] and Jacob Smith was discharged.

No mention was made of any action taken to arrest John Smith and, in fact, his name was not mentioned in these records other than in the true bill of the Grand Jury.

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MAYNARD DEED

The following Deed was submitted by Roy Maynard, TVGS Board Member. Abstracted by Lois Robertson.

Deed Dated 19 Aug 1892

The Columbus City Mining, Manufacturing and Development Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Alabama, for One dollar and other valuable consideration, sells to Lawrens Maynard, Trustee, of East Weymouth, County of Norfolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, land in Columbus City, Marshall Co. Ala. described as Block 34 in Section 9 containing 32 lots numbered consecutively from one to thirty two.

/s/ The Columbus City Mining Mfg & Development Co. by  
A. Wiswall, President  
Counterdesigned by W. E. Baskette

Notorized by George W. Dease, Notary Public of New York

Witnesses: S. W. Chapman  
Frank A. Comor

## THE GUNTERSVILLE DEMOCRAT

*The Guntersville Democrat* was a weekly newspaper published in the town of Guntersville, Marshall County, Alabama. Few newspapers prior to 1900 have survived in this county. Some are housed in the office of the Probate Judge, some are in the Circuit Court office, and some are in the basement storage room. The bound newspapers of 1909-1910 are in the basement and are crumbling with time since the covers of the binding are missing. Since it appears to be in danger of destruction I have chosen to abstract it as time allows. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Thursday, 28 Jan. 1909

James M. Black of Union Grove died at St. Clair Springs on Sunday and was brought home on Monday for burial at Mount Tabor near Oleander. Mr. Black recently underwent an operation for cataract on his eyes and contracted pneumonia afterwards from which he never recovered.

Frank Cornelius who has operated a market here for some years has died at his home near Albertville last week after two months affliction with paralysis. Mr. Cornelius was about 63 years old and was not a robust man.

Young Man Hurt. Early last week a young man named John Armstrong from Attalla drove a drummer up to Boaz. By some means he got into trouble with a young fellow named Burden when Burden dealt Armstrong a crushing blow with a singletree which rendered him unconscious for a time. He recovered sufficiently to be taken home and Burden took to his heels. The news of the affray was rather slow in reaching here as the solicitor only heard of it Saturday.

Perry Malone, prominent farmer of Franklin County was found dead in the road and it was thought that he was dragged to death by his horse.

Thursday, 18 March 1909

The Oldest Book. Mrs. M. L. Thornton of this city probably owns the oldest Bible in this County. We doubt if there is one older in the state. The Book has been in the possession of the Thornton family for nearly 300 years. It was printed in England in 1672. The earliest birth recorded in the book, the name being very indistinct, was Nov. 5, 1651 and the first marriage recorded was April 13, 1674. A number of births of Thorntons, Conways and Catletts are recorded in the book.

The present Thornton family are the direct descendants of the above names. These people came to the old Virginia Colony from Lancastershire, England. Mr. William Toles Thornton, who was a second cousin of the late Col. L. B. Thornton, and who is a native of Indiana, recently visited this city especially to see this old Bible which is indeed a relic of rare curiosity and of great value and which is prized very highly by the Thornton family. (*Alabamian Dispatch*)

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# Morgan

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## ELIZA BOLLING ESTATE

The following documents concerning the estate of Eliza Bolling were found in Madison County. The case had been transferred from Morgan to Madison County by a Change of Venue. Copied, abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

### Last Will & Testament of Eliza Bolling

I, Eliza Bolling of Said county of Morgan, state of Alabama, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, In manner and form following, viz:

1. I desire that all my just debts be paid.
2. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Miller, the Sum of five dollars, to be paid her by my executor.
3. I give, bequeath and devise to Mariah Susan Chunn, during her widdowhood or life, and at her death or marriage, to Thomas Booth Jones, two Lotts or parcels of land lying and being in the Town of Somerville, county of Morgan, State of Alabama, and known and described in the plan of said Town as lots 129 and No. 130; also the following slaves, Cherry, Dolly, [and] Frank with any increase of and from said female slaves born after this time, and all my property real and personal not herein otherwise specifically bequeathed or devised. To have and to hold said property, real and personal, to and for the use and benefit of my two grandchildren, Vinklin Thomas and Eliza William Bolling, and to apply the rent proffits and increase thereof, to the maintenance and Education of my two grand children aforesaid, and to other purposes, and on the marriage or arrival at the age of twenty one years of Either of my said grand children, to divide said property equally between them and it is further my will that the said Mariah Susan Chunn or the said Thomas Booth Jones, may remove said personal property to any one of the United States into which they may desire to remove, if they desire the removal of said property under advantageous for the interest of my said grand children.
4. I give and devise to the said Mariah Susan Chunn and to the said Thomas Booth Jones, on the death or marriage of said Mariah Chunn, my two slaves Henry and Nancy, to be held by them for the use and benefit of my two grand children aforesaid untill the death of my son in law, William H. Campbell, and on the death of my said son-in-law, I give and devise said slaves to my daughter, Eliza E. Campbell, during her natural life and on her death to her children.

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Eliza Bolling Estate (-continued-)

5. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Eliza William Bolling, the miniature of my husband, Thomas Bolling.
6. I nominate and appoint Mariah Susan Chunn, executrix of this my last will and Testament and hereby exempt her from giving any security whatsoever for the performance of her duties as such Executrix.

20 November 1854.

Signed, published and declared by said Eliza Bollin as her last will and Testament in our presence in testimony whereof at her request we hereto subscribe our names:

Riley S. Davis  
 Samuel Haslett  
 David M. Bush  
 Henry (his mark) Davidson

Endorsed 6 January 1855, filed 7 February 1855.

[Note: Will filed in Madison County, Alabama Will Book 1, pages 58-60.]

#### PETITION TO PROBATE WILL

To the Honorable William H. Campbell, Judge of Probate, Morgan County, Alabama:

The Petition of Maria Susan Chunn shows unto your Honor that in the Month of November, 1854 one Eliza Bolling, a resident citizen of Morgan Co., Alabama made and published her Last Will & Testament in writing, attested by Riley S. Davis, Samuel Haslett, David M. Bush, Henry Davidson, and Thomas H. Lacy which said will is herewith filed and marked "L. P. W., January 6th 1855."

By said Will your petitioner is nominated and appointed executrix thereof. The said Eliza Bolling departed this life in the month of December, 1854 leaving the following named persons her heirs at law and next of kin, viz:

Mary Williams, the wife of Thomas R. Williams  
 Eliza E. Campbell, wife of William H. Campbell  
 Vinkler Thomas Bolling and Eliza William Bolling, infants under age 21

All heirs are residents of Morgan County. Petitioner, Mariah Susan Chunn, prays the Will may be admitted to probate.

#### CHANGE OF VENUE

State of Alabama, Morgan County, Northern Chancery Division, 30th Chancery District. 7 Feby., 1855. Maria S. Chunn vs. Heirs at Law of Eliza Bolling.

This day was transferred to the Register of this Court, from the Court of Probate of Morgan County, a petition filed in said court by Mariah Susan Chunn praying that the Last Will & Testament of Eliza Bolling, deceased, be admitted to Probate.

The Register of this Court, by reason of his relationship to the parties in interest, being incompetent to set in this cause and hear Said petition, he being the son in law of William H.

## Eliza Bolling Estate (-continued-)

Campbell, the husband of Eliza E. Campbell, one of the heirs at law of said Eliza Bolling, deceased.

It is ordered that said petition, together with the Last Will & Testament of Eliza Bolling, decd., be and the same is hereby transferred and removed to the court of Probate in the county of Madison, State of Alabama.

Given under my hand this date above written [7 Feb. 1855.]

/s/ Green P. Rice, Jr., Register

## Probate of Will in Madison County

8 March 1855

Madison Co., Ala. Special Term before Judge Ferdinand Hammond.

Samuel Haslett, David M. Bush and Henry Davidson say they each saw Eliza Bolling subscribe her name to her Will and heard her verbally declare the same to be her Last Will and Testament. At the same time and at the request of Eliza, they each witnessed the Will in her presence and in the presence of each other. Henry Davidson's mark was witnessed by Thomas H. Lacy who was also present on Monday, 20 November 1854. They believe Eliza Bolling was of sound mind and deposing memory at the time of signing and witnessing the Will.

## Report of Insolvency

Source: Madison County Probate File No. 1875.

H. M. Welch, Administrator de bonis non of the Will of Eliza Bolling, decd., late of Morgan County, Alabama respectfully reports that the estate is insolvent to the best of his knowledge and belief.

## Personal Property of Eliza Bolling

The following Schedule contains a statement of all the goods and chattels, evidences of debt and other personal property with the estimated value of each and the amount of money belonging to the estate of Eliza Bolling, decd., to wit:

Note of W. B. Robinson and Jno. Hart, due 1 Jan. 1861 for \$62 (very doubtful and believed to be worthless.)

Note of H. M. Mason, W. D. Harper and Wm. H. Campbell due 1 Jan. 1862 for \$85 (believed to be good.)

Note of Wm. H. Campbell, H. M. Mason, and S. S. Morrow due 1 January 1863 for \$20 (believed to be good.)

Note of T. K. Williams due 16 Jan. 1853 for \$105 (worthless and heretofore so reported.)

Note of W. L. Goodhugh and J. D. Cowley due 1 Jan. 1855 for \$25.22 (worthless & heretofore so reported.)

Note on J. F. Banks due 14 June 1854 for \$5.14 (worthless and heretofore so reported.)

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## Eliza Bolling Estate (-continued-)

Note on J. W. Cowley, balance due 1 Jan. 1856 for \$25.16 (worthless and so reported heretofore.)

Note of J. E. Tunstill due 1 Jan. 1855 for \$19 (worthless and so reported heretofore).

## Real Estate

The estate of Eliza Bolling owns a one-acre lot in the town of Somerville, Alabama in Morgan County on which is a small house and worth about \$50.

## Claims Against Estate

Levi Sugars, Administrator of Maria S. Sugars, residents of Moulton, Alabama, by decree from the Probate Court of Madison County for about \$500.

Sworn to and subscribed before Judge G[eorge] P. Charlton, Probate Judge of Morgan County, Alabama on 22 November 1867.

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## AUSTIN OBITUARY

from THE HUNTSVILLE WEEKLY MERCURY, Oct. 20, 1886, p. 1, col. 6

NEWS FROM TRINITY Mrs. Lawson Austin, a widow residing near Decatur, was burned to death a few days ago... house fire... Two sons and a daughter are most sorely bereaved... faithful member of the Methodist Church at Chestnut Grove.



MORGAN COUNTY DEATH RECORDS  
Book A - 1893-1895  
Part 3

Dene Walls and Sue Marine have laboriously copied these Morgan County death records and have graciously allowed us to publish them in Valley Leaves. We are beginning with Book A, 1893, which is located in the Court House in Decatur. The name of the decedent will be followed by the date and place of death, place of birth, race, sex, marital status if given, occupation, cause of death, reporting physician or other person, and place of burial. This series started in Valley Leaves, Volume 23, No. 4 and is continued here from Volume 24, No. 1.

1893

Armenia? Bryant, d. Aug. 27, Decatur. B. Ala. Black female, age 14 days. Congest. fever, Dr. M. W. Murry. Buried Decatur.

Mary Adkins, d. Aug. 10, Decatur. B. Ala. Black female, age 24, single. Infl. Bowels, Dr. S. D. Strickland. Buried Beat 13.

Samuel Gilbert, d. Aug. 24, Decatur. B. Ohio. White male, age 56, married, Postmaster. Jaundice, Dr. Dinsmore. Buried Decatur.

John Halsey, d. Aug. 6, Decatur. B. Ala. White male, age 4. Infl. brain, Dr. Dinsmore. Buried Decatur.

Wm. Brown, d. Aug. 6, Decatur. B. Tenn. Black male, age 71, married, laborer. Brain fever, Charley Williams. Buried Decatur.

Unnamed infant, d. Aug. 6, Decatur. B. Ala. Black female, age 5. Cholera Inf., Charley Williams. Buried Decatur.

Arine C-nusel?, d. Aug. 24, Decatur. B. Tenn. Black female, age 23, married. Suicide Morphia, Charley Williams. Buried Decatur.

Mary James, d. Aug. 27, Decatur. B. Ala. White female, age 3. Flux, R. L. Stephenson. Buried Decatur.

Lizzie Horton, d. Aug. 28, Decatur. B. Ala. Black female, age 2. Slow Fever, R. L. Stephenson. Buried Decatur.

Isadore Wade, d. Aug. 12, Decatur. B. Ala. White female, age 54. Disentery or flux, Dr. W. C. Buckley. Buried Decatur.

Emley Grady, d. Aug. 9, Decatur. B. Ala. Black female, age 40, married. Consumption, Dr. W. C. Buckley. Buried Decatur.

Wm. Griffin, d. Aug. 4, Decatur. B. Tenn. White male, age 34, married, Marshal. Disentery or flux, Dr. W. C. Buckley. Buried Tenn.

## Morgan County Deaths (-continued-)

John Weaver, d. Aug. 22, Decatur. B. Ala. Black male, age 63, married. Consumption, Dr. W. C. Buckley. Buried Decatur.

John Hofman, d. Aug. 11, Decatur. B. Ger. White male, age 70, married, Farmer. Typhoid fever, Dr. B. F. Cross. Buried Decatur.

Sallie D. Gilchrist, d. Aug. 15, Decatur. B. Ala. White female, age 1 mo. Cholera Inf., Dr. S. E. Cross. Buried Decatur.

Unnamed infant, d. Aug. 4, Decatur. B. Ala. Black female, age 2. Cholera Inf., Dr. S. E. Cross. Buried Decatur.

Lizzie Coleman, d. Sept. 6, Decatur. B. Ala. Black female, age 7. Hives, Dr. W. C. Buckley. Buried Decatur.

Clarance Mays, d. Sept. 7, Decatur. B. Ala. Black female, age 1. Hooping Cough, Dr. W. C. Buckley. Buried Decatur.

Anna Murphy, d. Sept. 23, Decatur. B. Ala. Black female, age 3. Malarial fever, Dr. W. C. Buckley. Buried Decatur.

Mary Whitehead, d. Sept. 10, Decatur. B. Ala. Black female, age 1. Stomatitis, Dr. Jim Gillespie. Buried Decatur.

Rufus Martin or Masters, d. Sept. 24, Decatur. B. Miss. Black male, age 57, married. Congested Bowels, Dr. Jim Gillespie. Buried Decatur.

\_\_\_\_ Lile, d. Sept. 8, Decatur. B. Ala. White male, age 19, single, farmer. Typhoid fever, Dr. Jim Gillespie. Buried Somerville.

Mary C. Klein, d. Sept. 10, Decatur. B. Miss. White female, age 19, married. Child Birth, Dr. W. L. Dinsmore. Buried Decatur.

Oscar Albes, d. Sept. 8, Decatur. B. Ala. White male, age 10 mo. Cholera Inf., Dr. W. L. Dinsmore. Buried Decatur.

Aggie Thomas, d. Sept. 12, Decatur. B. Ala. White female, age 8 mo. Congest. Brain, Dr. W. M. Murry. Buried Decatur.

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# Queries

- 22 JOHNSTON, GREGORY, VALENTINE, STACK, WESTER, SMITH,  
SHRADER, COLLIER, MILLICAN/MILLIGAN  
Searching for info on John Valentine Johnston b ca 1794  
in Newberry or Union Co., SC. His sister, Margaret  
Johnston m Jared Gregory before 1818 in SC. His father  
Robert Johnston d 1795 and his mother, Rebecca  
(Valentine) Johnston m Benjamin Stack before 1818.  
These families went to AL ca 1824.

John Valentine Johnston had son (or grandson?) in  
Ralph, AL (Greene Co.) in 1928. Other family members who  
may have gone to AL. are: Thomas Jr. and James Johnston  
(b. 1768-1777), Collier Johnston b 1786. These are sons  
of Thomas Sr. and Mary (Collier) Johnston who came to  
Newberry Co. ca 1763 from Paxtang Township, Lancaster Co.  
(now Dauphin), PA and were in Newberry Co. in 1805.  
Collier Johnston in Rhea Co. TN on 1823 tax list but  
unable to find him after that.

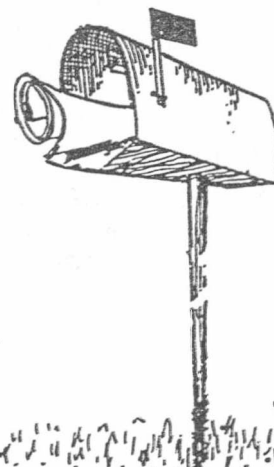
Also need descendants of Malinda Johnston b 1864 in  
Jackson Co. AL (now Rosalie, Pisqua area), m James  
Millican/Milligan ca 1890. Their ch are: John Millican  
m Elma Wester, Melissa Millican m George Smith, Rebecca  
"Becky" Millican never married, Louise Millican, nothing  
known.

Malinda Johnston was the dau of my gr gr father,  
William Thomas Johnston b 1841 in McMinn Co. TN &  
wife Martha Ellen Shrader who m June 1860 in Jackson  
Co. AL. Thomas Sr & Mary (Collier) Johnston were  
gr gr parents of William Thomas Johnston.

Maxine Johnston Douglas, HCR-74, Box 410-A,  
Dunlap, TN 37327-9344

- 23 NESMITH, ALEXANDER, STEPHENSON, BATES, CARTER,  
TAYLOR, SULLIVAN, BUTLER, ROLLINS  
Would like to contact and exchange info with  
descendants of: Thomas Nesmith, d 1814,  
Madison Co. AL; Jeremiah Alexander, d 1847,  
Walker Co. AL; Adam Kerr Stephenson, d ca  
1865, Winston Co. AL; John A. Bates, d 1911,  
Lauderdale Co. AL; Emaline (Carter) Bates,  
d 1924 Lauderdale Co. AL; Madison Taylor,  
d 1927, Cullman Co. AL; Stephen Sullivan,  
d 1897, Jefferson Co. AL; Hannah (Butler)  
Sullivan, d 1885, Jefferson Co. AL; Robert  
Rollins, d ca 1875, Cleburne Co. AL.

Annamae (Nesmith) Berry, 1199 Cooley Rd,  
Live Oak, CA 95953



QUERIES EDITOR: ADDIE K. SHAVER

- 24 CARLTON  
I am interested in Jackson Co. AL from 1820-1845. My ancestor, Wm. Carlton and his brother, Allen, were living in Bollinger Co. Mo by 1850.  
Mrs. Betty C. McDonald, 9801 Pontiac Lake Rd, Pontiac, MI 48054
- 25 GOOD  
Seeking parents of Joseph Newland Good 1840-1925, Camargo and Coldwater, Lincoln Co. TN, also Bedford and Rutherford Co's TN.  
Paul J. Waite, 2218 Roosevelt St., Hollywood, FL 33020
- 26 LAMON  
Would like to contact descendants/relatives of Nathan W. Lamon, d ca 1920 in Morgan Co., AL.  
Sylvia Lamon, 1471 Coats, Yuba City, CA 95991
- 27 MALONE, STAPLES, RAINEY, WILKINSON, EVANS, HESTER, BLACKWELL, POMFRET, HAMBLETT, SANDERS, LOVE, DAMERON, LEA, NELSON, WELLS  
I need info on descendants of Daniel Malone (ca 1725 VA-1815 NC) m Elizabeth Staples, d of Thompson and Judith Staples of Lunenburg Co. VA. Their Ch were: Sarah m Isaac Rainey; Elizabeth m \_\_\_ Wilkinson; Staples m (1) Phebe Evans, (2) Nancy Hester; John (b ca 1765 NC - d ?) m 1786 Granville Co. NC to Ann Blackwell, (b ca 1766-d ?) dau of John and Frances (Pomfret) Blackwell of Granville Co., NC (Descendants lived Franklin Co. AL); Mark, m Hannah Hamblett; William m Frances Sanders; Lewis (b?-d 1813) m 1792 (1) Nancy Blackwell (mother of Ch) and (2) Elizabeth Blackwell (both daus of Robert Blackwell). (Descendants lived in Madison Co.); Frances m Samuel Love; Rebecca m Bartholomew Dameron; Braudie m Sally Hester (related to Franklin Co. Hesters); Daniel Jr. m Elizabeth Lea; Phoebe M \_\_\_ Nelson and Parthena m Miles Wells.  
Mrs. Darse (Malone) Fant, Rt. 2, Box 72 A1, Sycamore, IL 60178
- 28 WHITTEN, KING  
Searching for info on James Whitten m Clarissa (Clarcy) King 14 Jan 1846 in Morgan Co., AL. He appeared with wife and children, Coleman and Louisa, on 1860 Census of Morgan Co. Alabama.  
Jo Ann Sachs, Rt 3, Box 91, Falkville, AL 35622
- 29 GRAHAM, CRESWELL, LOGAN, EUSTACE, PADGETT  
Would like any information or correspondence with descendants of these families in Jackson Co. AL.  
Velma (Graham) Finley, P. O. Box 1437, Muldrow, OK 74948

- 30 MALONE, STAPLES, BLACKWELL, COCKRILL, BARTON, COOK, BURTON, BATE, REEDY, EDWARDS, THATCHER, RAMSEY, ISBELL  
 I would like to exchange info on descendants of Lewis Malone b ? - d 1813, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Staples) Malone. Lewis m 1792 to (1) Nancy Blackwell (mother of his Ch); (2) Elizabeth Blackwell (daus of Robert Blackwell). Ch were Carter Malone, b ca 1793-d?, Robert b 1795-1830, m Elizabeth Cockrill and lived in Madison Co. AL. (Their son, John Lewis Malone b 1827-d 1908 m Mary Jane Barton, dau of Armstead and Amanda (Cook) Barton of Franklin Co. AL); Elizabeth Malone b 1796-d 1832, m Hutchens Burton, lived near Sheffield, Colbert Co. AL and they are buried there; Goodloe Warren Malone b 1798 Caswell Co., NC, d 1871 AL, m Mary Spivey Bate, lived near Cherokee, Colbert Co. AL; Alexander (Sandy) Malone b 1805-d 1882 AL, m (1) Elizabeth Reedy (2) Elizabeth (Edwards) Thatcher, lived near Cherokee, AL; Nashville Malone b 1800-d 1875, Madison Co. AL m Sarah Ramsey; Lewis Green Malone, d young and Michael Malone m Sarah Isbell.  
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- 31 HOLDER, STARKEY, RUSSELL, FLOYD, COKER, ROBERTSON/ROBINSON  
 Need help from anyone working on the following lines:  
 Joshua Holder from TN to AL. Who were his sisters and parents: Joshua m Christiana Floyd and they are my g-gr-parents. I have nothing on the Floyds. David Starkey (not Jessie's son) who m Matilda Caroline Russell in Harrison Co. TX in 1846 and moved to Jackson Co. AL where he d ca 1860. Who were their parents and who were they with in TX as she was only 16 years old? Matilda's Mother was Susan Russell but who was her father? Thomas Coker in Bibb Co. AL was my g-gr-father and I have very little on him. James Benjamin Robinson/Robertson b TN and moved to LA where he m Lucinda Coker. They moved back to AL in 1870 but do not know where. Who were his parents and was he m before as he was 36 when he m Lucinda? I will pay, exchange and be grateful forever.  
 Mrs. E. E. Moore, 2013 N 40 A, Waco, TX 76707
- 32 BONDURANTS, LEDBETTER  
 Will the young lady who answered my query on Bondurants and Ledbetters write again? I misplaced the envelope and the letter had no address on it. I am organizing my material to publish in the near future. If you have any info on Bondurants, please write.  
 Mrs. Chas. E. Norton, One Woodbridge, Hobe Sound, FL 33455
- 33 FLOWERS, WYLIE/WILIE, REED  
 Would like to exch data with SC Flowers, Wylie/Wilie and Reed families who settled in AL prior to 1830 Census. Will pay postage and copying charges.  
 Deurene Oates Morgan, 1118 Curlew Ct, San Antonio, TX 78213

34 MCDUFF/MCELDUFF/MACLEDUFF, FARR, THOMPSON, JOHNSON  
I would like to exchange info on the ancestors and descendants of Daniel McDuff, b 1757 SC. Was he son of Thomas McElduff (McDuff), who rec'd a grant of 200 A of land in Union Co. SC for service in French and Indian War? Capt. Daniel McDuff served in Rev. War, was captured twice and taken prisoner to England where he remained until end of the war. He m Hannah Green Farr, dau. of Col. Wm. Farr of Union Co. SC. Ch were: Wm Farr, Richard Ryan, Harriett and Elizabeth. A Daniel MacLeDuff was in Montgomery Co. GA in 1806. In 1820 Daniel, William and Richard McDuff owned land on the south side of Elk River and were on 1830 Census of Franklin Co. TN. In 1830, Daniel received a land grant in Madison or Jackson Co. AL. William F. McDuff m Christian Thompson (dau of Capt. William Thompson of NC) 6 April 1808 in Sequatchie Valley, TN. William joined a GA Militia Unit in 1813, serving during War of 1812. William was Executor of his father's estate in 1831 and was living in Bellefonte (Jackson Co.) AL. William was a Trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Elyton, AL July 13, 1837. He was on Jefferson Co. AL 1840 Census and Winston Co. MS 1850 Census. Wm's dau, Mary A. (Polly) m Mastin Johnson (proof needed). They were on 1840 Jefferson Co. AL and 1850 Winston Co. MS Census. Immigrant ancestors and other ancestors needed.  
Otho S. Johnson, Jr., 4003 Pinewood Dr, Jackson,  
MS 39211

35 PADGETT, BRIDGES, THOMPSON, WILLIAM, PHILLIPS, ROBERTSON  
Searching for descendants of Nehemiah Padgett b 1790 m Elizabeth Bridges in NC. Lived Franklin Co. TN 1820, Jackson Co. AL 1830-1850+. After Elizabeth's death in 1850, went to Ouchita Co. AR to join son, Selenas and dau, Matilda Elizabeth (Mrs. Daniel) Thompson. Son William John Bryson remained in AL and his daus m into the Williams, Phillips and Robertson families. Where is Nehemiah buried? When did he die? Who are his parents? Will exch info and pay copy and postage.  
Margaret P. Partee, Rt. 11, Box 356, Lebanon, TN 37087

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