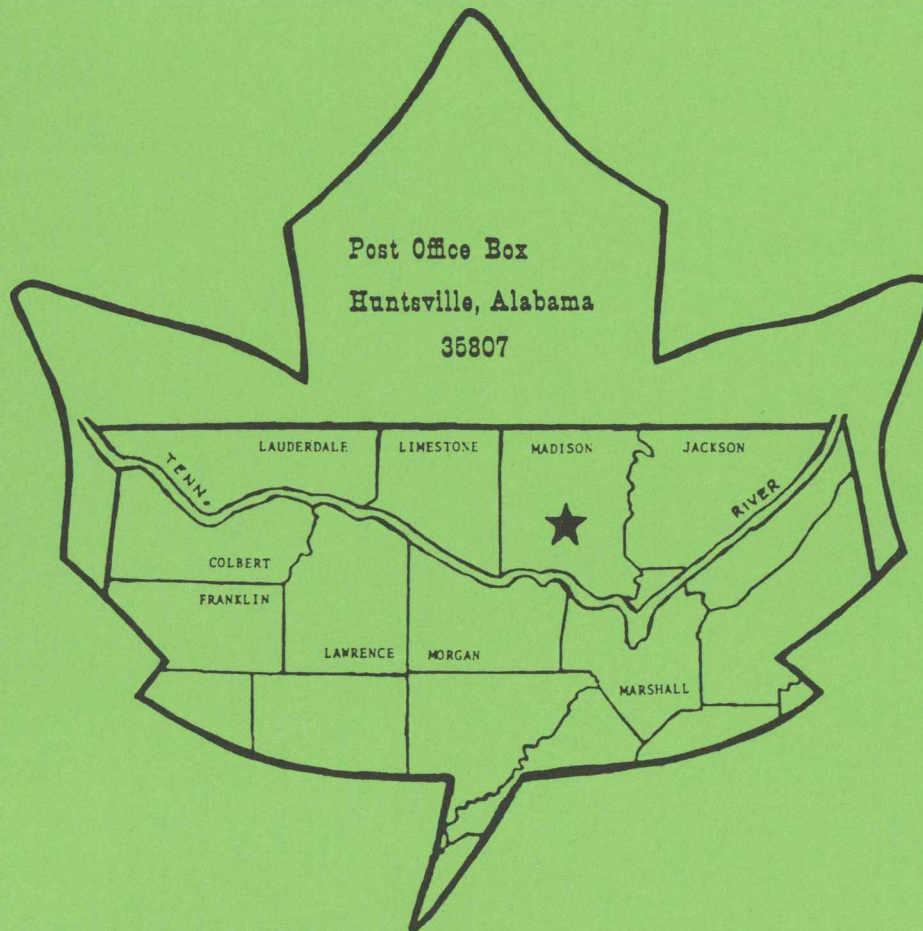


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# President's Page

September 1990

"Welcome" to our new members; "Hello Again" to our continuing members.

Can you believe that we will be celebrating our Silver Anniversary in 1991? I was present when we had 29 enthusiastic people at our organizational meeting in June 1966; by November 1966 we had 52 charter members; and now we have over 600 members of a society whose objectives have been, and still are, to raise the standards of genealogical research, to provide assistance to the Huntsville-Madison County Library Heritage Room, and to promote the collecting and preservation of early records of our area.

To begin our anniversary year, we are fortunate to have Elizabeth Shown Mills, C.G., C.G.L., F.A.S.G., as our seminar speaker on November 3, 1990. This is one seminar you will not want to miss. An announcement will be mailed later to all members, supplying details about reservations, time and place, and subjects to be presented. Earlier information can be obtained by calling the Heritage Room, Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, (205) 532-5969.

Every year our Executive Board and our dedicated members have advocated all aspects of promoting, improving, and diligently working to make our society and its outstanding quarterly the "best of the best" in this field of endeavor. The 1990-1992 board assures you that we will continue to do this with the wholehearted cooperation of contributing membership as we have in the past. Let me reiterate what Eva Burger, Immediate Past President, requested in her June 1990 President's Page: Please let us know if you have a talent to offer or if you are willing to help out in any way.

We pledge ourselves to maintain the standard that has always been the good fortune of our society. An outstanding society becomes outstanding and continues to be outstanding only if each member contributes effort toward regular meetings, seminars, and the quarterly. We solicit your suggestions for meeting the objectives of this group.

I regret to announce that the society lost a hardworking supporter when Melvin Burger (Eva's husband) died this summer. He will be sorely missed because no general meeting convened without his presence and no society task was accomplished without his kind assistance.

*Jeanne Hand Henry*  
JEANNE HAND HENRY, C.G.  
President

# Book Reviews



EVELYN ROCHELLE, Book Review Editor.

Six volumes of old newspapers on microfiche, compiled by Michael Kelsey, 906 Duval, Temple, Texas 76501. All six volumes, \$40.00 or \$7.00 individually. Included in each are many marriage and death notices, runaway slave notices, abstracts from letters and legal notices from many Texas counties:

1. Genealogical abstracts from the *New Orleans Picayune*, 1837-1841.
2. Genealogical abstracts from the Austin, Texas *State Gazette*, 1849-1859.
3. Abstracts from miscellaneous Texas newspapers, 1848-1858.
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5. Volume III - Miscellaneous Texas newspaper abstracts, 1839-1875 contains *Houston Morning Star*, *Houston Telegraph* and *Texas Register*, *The Matagorda Bulletin*, *Colorado Tribune*, *Corpus Christi Star*, *Corpus Christi Ranchero*, *San Antonio Herald* and the *Brenham Banner*.
6. Volume IV - Miscellaneous Texas newspaper abstracts, 1839-1882, includes abstracts from the *Galveston Civilian and Gazette*, *The Galveston Daily News*, *Bastrop Advertiser*, *Belton Journal* and the *Clarksville Northern Standard*.

**DEWOODY RECORDS** by Newton Edward Brightwell II, 16901 Riverside Dr., Tinley Park, IL 60477. Hardbound, 6 x 9, 523 pages including photographs and full-name index. Price will be \$40.00 postpaid effective 1 August 1990.

This family history is in three parts: Part 1s- The Venango County, Pa. DeWoodys who descend from George DeWoody; Part II - the Limestone County, Ala. DeWoodys who descend from George's brother, William DeWoody, and Part III - The Williamson Co., Ill. DeWoodys who descend actually from a Jeremiah Woody whose widow, about 1850, changed the spelling of their name to DeWoody. There is evidence that many years of study and extensive research went into this work. It is carefully organized, well-written and easy to read. Included are allied lines of Booker, Coman, Fitch, Hays, Hubbard, Malone, Reno, Simmons and Sorrells.

**THE ROYER FAMILIES IN ALABAMA** by Dalton Lee Royer, 926 Ashland Ave., Columbus, Georgia 31907, 8½ x 11, softbound, 177 pages. \$35.00.

It is evident that a tremendous amount of research has gone into this work which begins with John Royer, Sr. (1758-1820's) who fought in the Revolutionary War and married Ann Taylor on 16 June 1792 in Augusta Co., Va. A section of this genealogy is devoted to each of their three children:

Part I - Charles Royer (1793-1864) who settled in Morgan County, Alabama.

Part II - John Royer, Jr. (1795-1856) who settled in Franklin County, Alabama.

Part III - Elizabeth Royer (1797-1852) who married William Walters on 3 Dec. 1814 in Jefferson Co., Tn., came to Madison Co., Al. about 1818 then settled in Sagamon Co., Ill. about 1820.

Other sections contain historical documents, census reports, marriage and land records.

**BOBO FAMILY HISTORY**, Draft Manuscript, by Charles H. Bobo, 358 So. Main, Ste. 18, Orange, CA 92668-3876, 8½ x 11, spiral bound soft cover.

We have recently received a June, 1990 revision of this manuscript. See original review in March, 1990 issue of *Valley Leaves*.

**BYLAWS OF THE  
TENNESSEE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.**  
(Revised and adopted 24 May 1990)

**ARTICLE I. NAME.**

The name of this Society shall be the *Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc.* of Huntsville, Alabama.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of the Society is stated in the Articles of Incorporation and is:

- a. To raise the standards of genealogical research in the Tennessee Valley region through educational programs, workshops, and the publication of genealogical data.
- b. To provide direct assistance to the Huntsville-Madison County Library Heritage Room and help to other libraries in the Tennessee Valley region in building their genealogical collection.
- c. To promote the collecting and preservation of the early records of the State of Alabama and of the Tennessee Valley.
- d. To do and perform such other things as may be necessary and proper for the carrying out and accomplishment of such purposes and objects as are deemed necessary or proper by the Executive Board of the Society.

**ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.**

- Section 1. Membership in the *Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society* shall be by payment of annual dues.
- Section 2. Individuals, institutions, and societies within and outside the Tennessee Valley region shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

**ARTICLE IV. DUES.**

- Section 1. The annual dues for individuals, societies, and institutions shall be established by the Executive Board and approved by a majority vote of the membership at any regular meeting of the Society and shall be published in the journal.
- Section 2. Dues are payable by July 1st. A member failing to pay dues by the September meeting shall be considered not in good standing.

**ARTICLE V. OFFICERS.**

- Section 1. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Editor, a Historian-Archivist, and four Directors. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Society.
- Section 2. The officers of this Society, including the Directors, shall constitute an Executive Board. The retiring President of the Society shall be an ex-officio member for one year.

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**ARTICLE VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.**

- Section 1. At the regular meeting in January, a Nominating Committee of five members shall be elected by the Society. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the regular meeting in May. The Nominating Committee shall report at the regular meeting in March. Before the election at the regular meeting in May, additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted. Any such nominations will be contingent upon the consent of the nominee.
- Section 2. The Officers shall be elected to serve for two years or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin July 1. Annually, two Directors will be elected; biennially, Officers and two Directors will be elected.
- Section. 3 Vacancies occurring in the office, except the office of President, shall be filled by the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board, shall call special meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board when necessary, and shall be the ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint, after consultation with appropriate Chairmen, members of the Standing Committees, shall appoint members to Special Committees, and shall perform all other duties specified in the parliamentary authority.
- PARLIAMENTARIAN.** At the discretion of the President, he shall appoint a Parliamentarian to serve in an advisory capacity during the President's term of office, at all meetings of the Society and at meetings of the Executive Board when requested. The Parliamentarian shall render an opinion when requested to do so by an officer or member.
- Section 2. The **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT** shall preside in the absence of the President and shall accede to the Office of President in case of a vacancy. He shall assist the President when called upon. He shall be chairman of the Program Committee, shall be responsible for all publicity concerning programs and shall designate the time and location of regular meetings.
- Section 3. The **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT** shall preside in the absence of the President and First Vice-President and shall accede to the office of First Vice-President in case of a vacancy. He shall assist the President when called upon and shall be Chairman of the Membership Committee. He shall be responsible for notifying those members who so desire it of time and place of meetings. He shall also be responsible for recruiting new members and shall maintain a complete roster of active members, notifying delinquent members when necessary.
- Section 4. The **RECORDING SECRETARY** shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings and shall send a copy of such proceedings to the President. He shall have custody of the Articles of Incorporation and other important business documents and records and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him.

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## Article VII. Duties of Officers (-continued-)

- Section 5. The **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY** shall handle all correspondence for the Society, shall send out special bulletins to the membership, and perform other duties as may be delegated to him.
- Section 6. The **TREASURER** shall receive all funds of the Society, pay all bills of the Society, and present a report of the treasury at each meeting.
- Section 7. The **EDITOR** shall be Chairman of the Publication Committee. He is responsible for the critical selection of material for publication in *Valley Leaves* or other publications of the Society. This material must meet the high standard of research, documentation, and collection of data demanded by the Society's objectives.
- Section 8. The **HISTORIAN-ARCHIVIST** shall be custodian of the permanent archives of the Society and shall keep a record of all activities of the Society. He shall receive all materials presented to the Society and shall place them in the Society's permanent depository. He shall have access to all official non-current records of the Society and shall determine which records should be retained in the Society's permanent archives.
- Section 9. The **DIRECTORS** shall assist the President and other officers of the Executive Board in the conduct of the business of the Society. Their role includes advising and providing continuity in the Executive Board, serving on Committees appointed by the President and acting as assistants to the Chairmen of the various Standing Committees when required.

**ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Section 1. The officers of the Society, including the Directors, shall constitute the Executive Board.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall act for the Society during the interim between meetings of the Society. The Board shall meet as deemed necessary by the President or upon request of five members of the Board. The Board is authorized to adopt rules for the transaction of its business, provided they do not conflict with these bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Section 1. The Standing Committees shall be Program, Membership and Publication.
- Section 2. Such Special Committees as may be needed shall be appointed by the President. Since a Special Committee is created and appointed for a specific purpose, it automatically goes out of existence when its work is finished and its final report is received.

**ARTICLE X. MEETINGS**

- Section 1. Regular meetings of the Society shall be held on the fourth Thursday of July, September, November, January, March and May except when the date coincides with a holiday, in which case the President may reschedule the meeting to another Thursday.

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Article X. Meetings (-continued-)

Section 2 Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President or by any five members of the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE XI. VOTING.**

Section 1. The payment of annual dues by an individual member entitles that member to one vote.

Section 2. The voting on all questions coming before the Society shall be by "Ayes" and "Nays." The result shall be determined by a majority of the votes of those present. (See exception, Article XV, Amendments.)

**ARTICLE XII. QUORUM.**

Section 1. The majority of those members attending shall constitute a quorum and be empowered to transact the business of the Society at a regular or special meeting.

Section 2. Six members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Board meeting.

**ARTICLE XIII. FISCAL PERIOD.**

The fiscal year of the Society shall be July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

**ARTICLE XIV. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

*Robert's Rules of Order*, Newly Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority of the Society. Should any conflict develop between these Bylaws and the said Rules of Order, the Bylaws shall take precedence.

**ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS.**

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular meeting. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be presented in writing to the Executive Board, and along with the Board's recommendations, shall be presented for a vote at the next scheduled meeting. Area members shall be notified through the usual notice-of-meeting that a Bylaws amendment will be presented for a vote.

**ARTICLE XVI. FINAL DISBURSEMENT OF ASSETS.**

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization, in the event of its dissolution, after all just debts are paid, cash assets shall be donated to the Huntsville Public Library, Huntsville, Alabama, for use in purchasing genealogical material.

24 May 1990.

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# Colbert

## ACTS OF ALABAMA PERTAINING TO COLBERT COUNTY

The following chronological list of laws of local nature relating to Colbert County was copied from the Alabama statutes and taken from *The Historical Records Survey* sponsored by the Works Progress Administration in 1939. The original book from which this was taken is in the hands of Dr. Darrell A. Russell of Florence, Alabama and it is through his courtesy that we publish these Acts. Dr. Russell is editor of *The Natchez Trace Traveller*.

“Acts” are laws that help govern us as a people. Knowing the laws that pertain to the area in which we are researching is helpful in allowing us to understand the problems our ancestors faced. It is hoped these Acts will help some of you understand why your ancestor did certain things.

The Acts were published yearly by the State of Alabama at the end of the legislative year. The page number referenced at the end of each entry is the page number in the book of that legislative year. The number refers to the order in which the act was passed.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Act:</u>
1867	321	An act to form a new county from a portion of Franklin to be called Colbert. Approved February 6, 1867 (p. 351).
1867	520	An act to create a new chancery district called Colbert District and to regulate the holding of Chancery Courts in certain districts. Approved Feb. 18, 1867. (p. 574)
1867	5	An ordinance to abolish the new County of Colbert, formed and established by the last General Assembly [legislature] of this State. Passed Nov. 29, 1867. (page 163.)
1868	----	An act to compel the late officers of Colbert County to deliver over to the duly elected and qualified officers of Franklin County all moneys, books, papers and property, now in the hands of said officers. Approved August 10, 1868. (p. 90).
1868	63	An act to authorize Alfred Daviney, acting tax collector of Franklin County, to receive the assessment of taxes for 1868 from Samuel M. Stinson, late tax assessor of the so called county of Colbert, or that portion of Franklin which was Colbert. Approved December 15, 1868. (p. 411).
1869	5	An act to re-establish the county of Colbert. Approved December 9, 1869. (Page 6.)
1870	98	An act to authorize the holding of an election in Colbert County for the purpose of electing county officers therein. Approved Feb. 4, 1870. (p. 81).
1870	138	An act to transfer certain legal documents and papers from the county of Franklin to the County of Colbert. Approved Feb. 18, 1870. (p. 145).
1870	147	An act to attach the County of Colbert to the northern chancery division of the State of Alabama which is to be known as the twelfth chancery district, and to fix the time of holding court therein. Approved Feb. 21, 1870. (p. 160.)

## Acts of Alabama (-continued-)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Act:</u>
1870	184	An act to authorize the voters of Colbert County to permanently locate the County site of said county. Approved March 1, 1870. (p. 204).
1870	240	An act to define the duties of the Courts of County Commissioners in the Counties of Franklin and Colbert in relation to the indebtedness of Franklin up to the organization of Colbert County. Approved March 1, 1870 (p. 287).
1870	260	An act to regulate the mileage of commissioners of roads and revenue in the counties of Franklin and Colbert. Approved March 3, 1870 (p. 302).
1870	337	An act requiring the officers of the county of Franklin to restore to the officers of Colbert County the books, papers and property formerly belonging to the County of Colbert, and now in the offices or possession of the officers of Franklin County. Approved March 3, 1870 (p. 436).
1870	228	An act to incorporate the town of Cherokee in Colbert County. Approved December 7, 1871. (p. 214).
1870	334	An act to authorize the corporate authorities of the city of Tuscumbia to contribute to the erection of a female academy. Approved Feb. 16, 1872. (p. 378).
1873	298	An act supplementary to an act to incorporate the city of Tuscumbia. Approved December 14, 1865; approved March 20, 1873. (pp. 398-399.)
1873	291	An act to incorporate the town of Leighton in the Counties of Lawrence and Colbert. Approved April 15, 1873. (pp. 398-399.)
1873	350	An act for the relief of J. G. Alexander, tax collector of Colbert County. Approved April 18, 1873. (p. 512.)
1873	165	An act to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors within two miles of Mountain Mills in Colbert County. Approved April 19, 1873. (p. 181).
1875	463	An act to change the boundary line between the counties of Colbert and Franklin. Approved January 29, 1875. (p. 597).
1875	304	An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Leighton," in the counties of Lawrence and Colbert. Approved Feb. 23, 1875. (p. 423.)
1875	220	An act to prohibit the sale, giving away or otherwise disposing of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or any intoxicating bitters, within one mile and a half of the town of Cherokee in Colbert County. Approved Mar. 17, 1875 (pp. 289-290).
1876	206	An act to repeal "An act to prohibit the sale, giving away or otherwise disposing of any spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors, or any intoxicating bitters within one mile and a half of the town of Cherokee in Colbert County." Approved March 8, 1876. (p. 339).

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

# Jackson

## ASPEL METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

This cemetery is behind the Aspel Methodist Church on Highway 72 East between Woodville and Scottsboro on the south side of the road. The church is red brick and stands several yards off the highway. I have seen this church referred to as "Smith's Chapel." According to an 1907 map (see next page) there was a post office and school here also. Please read all inscriptions from the top to the bottom by column. Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Gladys Smith 1910 - 1918	Willie B. Smith Oct. 23, 1884 Oct. 16, 1928	Joe G. Jr. Infant Son of J. G. & L. B. McCarroll Born Mar. 28, 1909 [No other information]
Walter D. Stewart July 16, 1907 - Aug. 9, 1920	Ada Polk Born Feb. 12, 1879 Died Aug. 31, 1909	SMITH Henry Florence 1862 - 1936 and Alfred Moore 1857 - 1924
STEWART Lucy July 29, 1874 Feb. 10, 1955 and W. B. Aug. 28, 1875 Jan. 29, 1964	Henry Polk Born Jan. 21, 1871 [Rest of stone buried]	John A. Britton Pvt. Co. I, 61 Regt. Ala. Inf. Confederates States Army Apr. 4, 1830 - Nov. 7, 1902
Ralph C. Stewart 1912 - 1961	Lizzie B. Polk Born Mar. 28, 1887 Died Mar. 20, 1914	Hattie Beard Died May 3, 1899
John F. Prather May 28, 1878 Mar. 31, 1919	Doshie Smith 1882 - 1930	Henry Strong Died May 15, 1937
Charlie Jackson Prater Born April 26, 1901 Died Dec. 10, 1918	Vesta Woodall Jan. 26, 1894 Dec. 29, 1918	Miss Lizzie Dickerson Mar. 21, 1880 Oct. 18, 1956
In Remembrance of Elizabeth Wife of John Bogue Born Mar. 10, 1825 Professed religion at 18 Was a member of the M. E. Church 45 years Died Feb. 9, 1910	Velan Son of W. B. & Lula A. Smith Born Jan. 26, 1894 Died June 20, 1894	Miss Peggy Dickerson June 23, 1899 Oct. 24, 1972
	James Smith Son of J. G. & L. B. McCarroll Born Oct. 12, 1910 Died Mar. 30, 1911 and [see top of next column]	Miss Maggie Dickerson Aug. 3, 1887 Oct. 17, 1976



## Aspel Methodist Church Cemetery (-continued-)

Infant Son of James & Nancy Shavers June 14, 1974 June 15, 1974	and Lizzie [Dickerson] Nov. 22, 1904 (blank)	Judith A. E. Wife of Preston Smith Born May 18, 1829 Died Sept. 25, 1879 Was married Sept. 12, 1848
HOOOPER Rayford W. June 6, 1925 (blank) and Nora D. Mar. 12, 1925 (blank)	L. E., wife of A. Strong Mar. 8, 1846 Died Jan. 16, 1893	Dr. W. B. Smith 1849 - 1902
	Fieldstone here marking grave	Susie E. Wife of Dr. W. B. Smith Born Feb. 20, 1852 Died Nov. 10, 1892
HOOOPER Ida Florence Jan. 7, 1913 Jan. 23, 1973 and William Floyd Jan. 20, 1909 (blank)	Eugenia Son of W. H. & M. J. Strong Born Mar. 22, 1885 Died May 8, 1885	Annie E. Daughter of Dr. W. B. & S. E. Smith Born March 28, 1875 Died July 1, 1876
WRIGHT Maymie Elizabeth Mar. 23, 1917 July 28, 1967 and Harris B. Jan. 15, 1916 (blank)	M. J. Wife of W. H. Strong Born May 1, 1866 Died Sept. 17, 1885	Willie B. Son of Dr. W. B. & S. E. Smith Born Sept. 14, 1877 Died Sept. 21, 1878
HOOOPER Ida Jan. 19, 1885 July 8, 1976 and Henry R. Feb. 14, 1883 July 17, 1966	Mabel, Dau. of A. M. & H. F. Smith Born Sept. 15, 1883 Died Aug. 28, 1884	Jennie E. Daughter of Dr. W. B. & S. E. Smith Born and Died Sept. 29, 1880
Infant twin sons of Hurley & Vivian Dickerson Dec. 23, 1960	Pearl, Daughter of A. M. & H. F. Smith Mar. 21, 1894 Oct. 7, 1900	James Francis Son of F. G. & A. A. Petty Born Jan. 21, 1867 Died Jan. 18, 1869 and George Ary Son of F. G. & A. A. Petty Born Sept. 22, 1879 Died Sept. 29, 1879
DICKERSON Romey Oct. 15, 1902 Jan. 10, 1955	George Milton Son of A. M. & H. F. Smith Born May 2, 1888 Died Oct. 10, 1910	
	Preston Smith Born Dec. 5, 1823 Died Aug. 25, 1894	

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## Aspel Methodist Church Cemetery (-continued-)

<p>Father F. Grundy Petty Feb. 28, 1843 Mar. 5, 1916 and Mother Ary A. Petty Sept. 29, 1843 Nov. 2, 1911</p> <p>Pollie S. Petty Hollis April 7, 1868 June 20, 1929</p> <p>Guy F. Son of W. Z. &amp; C. A. Walls July 21, 1906 Jan. 8, 1908</p> <p>Baby Claud, son of C. M. &amp; L. E. Petty Born Sept. 19, 1912 Died Sept. 24, 1912</p> <p>Dr. Jno. C. Wisdon Born Oct. 28, 1817 Died July 5, 1891 and Julina Hendrix Wife of Dr. J. C. Wisdom Born in Greensboro, N. C. Sept. 20, 1823 Died May 3, 1908</p> <p>Lizzie Brown July 18, 1877 Mar. 6, 1903 Daughter of I. P. &amp; Mary J. Brown</p> <p>BROWN Ira P. Brown Born April 15, 1839 Died Mar. 24, 1915 and</p>	<p>Mary J. Wife of Ira P. Brown Born May 3, 1843 Died Feb. 1, 1893</p> <p>James K. Son of Brooks &amp; Tobitha Smith Born Jan. 7, 1845 Died 1864</p> <p>Pauline Adkins Daughter of Brooks &amp; Tobitha Smith Born Mar. 17, 1840 Died Jan. 1, 1867</p> <p>James Son of Dr. C. W. &amp; Pauline Adkins Born Dec. 24, 1866 Died April 4, 1874</p> <p>Henry Son of Brooks &amp; Tobitha Smith Born Sept. 11, 1832 Died Aug. 26, 1871</p> <p>BROWN M. Frances Gattis Sept. 8, 1880 Mar. 18, 1951 and [see top next column]</p>	<p>L. Felan [Brown] Mar. 13, 1880 Jan. 16, 1953</p> <p>Margaret Gattis April 22, 1865 May 9, 1926</p> <p>Dr. H. F. Gattis Mar. 19, 1849 May 6, 1921</p> <p>Elizabeth Gattis Wife of D. L. Runyan Nov. 1, 1903 Nov. 20, 1923</p> <p>Inez W. Hooper Sept. 3, 1914 May 10, 1962</p> <p>There are many unmarked graves in this cemetery. Some graves are marked with field-stones that have no lettering. There appears to be no graves in the center of this cemetery which leads one to wonder if a much older church once stood there.</p> <p>To be continued in the December issue of <i>Valley Leaves</i>.</p>
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### BELLEFONTE TOWN MINUTES

Today when we think of Bellefonte we think of nuclear generators and huge cooling towers visible for many miles across Jackson County's misty hills. Although a ghost town today overcome by the nuclear age, Bellefonte was once a thriving social and commercial center that served as Jackson's seat of government. The shells of the old hotel and a store are all that remain of the buildings that were once a part of this community. The streets that once crisscrossed the town are gone but a few well-worn old paving brick are still visible near the hotel. The county seat moved to Scottsboro after the Civil War leaving Bellefonte but a memory.

Because the courthouse was burned during the Civil War, little contemporary documentation on Bellefonte remains today. It was, therefore, a genuine "Find" to discover 41 pages of town meeting minutes bound in front of Minutes of the Circuit Court of the post-Civil War period. This book, found in the basement of the Jackson County Courthouse, has no front cover and the first 20 pages are missing—pages containing the minutes of the meetings prior to 1854. The minutes beginning on page 21 read, ". . . to read that any person convicted under said Ordinance shall be fined the sum of Forty dollars." We will probably never know what terrible deed would cause one to be fined \$40.00.

These minutes are significant genealogically and historically. Some names appear that are not on the 1850 census or other records. From them we discover the town was run by a City Council form of government with an Intendant who served as the city manager. We also learn Bellefonte was an incorporated town and that a newspaper, the *Bellefonte Democrat*, was published there. The town obtained its water supply from a spring which had to be cleaned periodically. The minutes were abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Page 21 [No date.] It was ordered by the council that the ordinance concerning breaches of the peace be amended to read that any person convicted of violating or breaching the peace within the town of Bellefonte shall be fined \$5 for the first offense.

Pages 21-22 [No date.] Be it ordered by the City Council that an Ordinance regarding the Town Marshall be amended to read that whenever the Marshall shall be found guilty of any violation of said Ordinance, he must be fined the sum of \$10.00.

Page 22 If the Treasurer shall be found guilty of any violation of his duties as prescribed by law, he must be fined the sum of \$40.00.

Ordered by the Board [City Council] that the fine of \$2.00 assessed at the November meeting of this Board against R. H. McCravey for nonattendance be remitted.

Ordered by the Board that the fines heretofore assessed at the October and November meetings of the Board against Councillor T. R. Mattox be remitted.

Ordered by the Board that a fine of \$2.00 be assessed against G. M. Harris for non-attendance at this meeting of the Board it being its regular meeting by Ordinance.



## Bellefonte Town Minutes (-continued-)

Page 23 [No date.] Ordered by the Board that the Clerk notify the Marshall and the Treasurer of Bellefonte that there will be a called meeting of the Board on Wednesday, the 13th inst. when they will be required to report on the state of the finances of the town.

Ordered by the Board that the Clerk furnish the publisher of the *Bellefonte Democrat*, a copy of the above Ordinances for publication.

Page 23 13 December 1854

Present:

N. Robinson, Intendant

G. M. Harris and R. H. McCravey, councillors.

It appearing that there was not a quorum of the Board present, it was ordered that W. J. Greene, T. R. Mattox and D. M. Martin be fined the sum of \$2 each for non-attendance upon this board.

Page 24 Wednesday, 3 January 1855

Present:

N. Robinson, Intendant, and W. J. Greene, councillors.

It appearing there was not a quorum present it was ordered that a fine of \$2 each be assessed against R. H. McCravey, D. M. Martin and G. M. Harris, absent councillors for non-attendance.

10 January 1855

Present:

N. Robinson, Intendant

D. M. Martin

T. R. Mattox

R. H. McCravey

W. J. Greene

The Board elected R. T. C. Gill as Marshall of Bellefonte to replace Elisha Bryant who resigned. The Board elected John W. Greene treasurer in place of C. B. Rountree who resigned.

On motion of D. M. Martin it is ordered that R. C. T. Gill credit his account against Bellefonte by the note of Riley Orsbroke and himself.

Page 25 First Wednesday in February 1855.

Present:

N. Robinson, Intendant, and Daniel M. Martin, Councilman.

Ordered that George M. Harris, R. H. McCravey and T. R. Mattox, absent members, be fined \$2 each for their non-attendance upon this Board.

R. C. T. Gill, who was elected Marshall of Bellefonte at the last meeting of this Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Elisha Bryant, tendered his resignation as Marshall and it was ordered that Samuel W. Gist be appointed Marshall pro tempore.

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# Lauderdale

## DEED RECORD A-1

(Part 2)

Lauderdale County was established in 1818 but the earliest deed book found in that county appears to be Deed Book A-1 which is from 1822 to 1828. The first recorded instrument was *signed* on 30 March 1818 but the date the document was *recorded* is not given. The second instrument was recorded in July 1822 which leads us to believe this is actually a second book and that the preceding one is missing.

The first 41 pages of this book were abstracted and published in *Valley Leaves* in Volume 19, Issue No. 4, Page 167. Abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Pages 42-43

Bond

6 June 1822

John Lovell binds himself to Branch Blachard [Blackard?] in the sum of \$250 to make him a deed to one-fourth (1/4) of Lot No. 11 in *Flowrence* beginning on Court Street running back to the ally it being the quarter lot between me [John Lovell] and Kid[d]. The above named deed to be made to Blanchard as soon as William Kidd makes a deed to Lovell for Lot No. 11 and at that time the above obligation to be sold, otherwise to be and remain in full force.

Signed by John Lovell on 21 Dec. 1822 who assigns his interest to the above bond to Samuel McClure. Bond satisfied at a later date.

Pages 43-45

15 Aprile 1822.

Deed

The Asylum for Education and Instruction of Deaf and *Dum* persons, otherwise called the American Asylum at Hartford [Connecticut], sells to Henry Smith of Halifax County, N. C. for the sum of \$10,000 property in Lauderdale County, Alabama it being:

SW/4 Section 3-3-13W

SE/4 Section 3-3-13W

All of fractional Section 10-3-13W

with appertenances thereto.

Signed by John Boardman, Attorney

Witnessed by E. H. Boardman and Jessee D. Noble

Acknowledged before Richard Ellis, Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit of Ala. on 1 May 1822.

Delivered for Recording 7 Jan. 1823.

Pages 45 - ?

Mortgage

3 April 1822

[Note: The bottom half of page 48 was torn off and pages 49 and 50 are gone.] Daniel Rider and William M. Robb sell to Samuel C. *Botton*\* for \$1330.50 all that certain cotton spinning and carding machinery now in the possession of

## Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

Rider & Robb [equipment is itemized.] As security for payment Botton gives notes.

[\*Note: Written Botton but may be Bolton.]

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. . . to said G. M. Guthrey it being for and in consideration of the sum of \$1200 to me in hand paid . . . In testimony whereof I have this 29th day of Jany. 1823 set my hand and affixed my seal.

Signed by Elizabeth Looney by her mark.

Acknowledged 29 Jan. 1823 by Elizabeth Looney before W. W. Garrard, Clerk of Lauderdale County Court. Recorded 29 January 1823.

Pages 51-55

Deed of Trust

28 Jan. 1823

Jessee Evans, debtor

David Hubbard, trustee.

Henry Anderson, creditor

Evans owes Anderson \$253.15 which was due on 24 December 1822 by note dated 23 Dec. 1822. To secure Anderson against loss, Evans deeds to Hubbard, in trust, one negro woman named Amy (age about 22) and her child, Paralee. Evans to retain possession until 27 January 1824 when, if debt not paid by then, Hubbard is to sell the slaves and pay Anderson.

Pages 56-60

Deed of Trust

15 March 1823

Nathaniel H. Marks, debtor

Presly Ward, trustee

Thomas Kirkman Jr., creditor

Nathaniel H. Marks owes Kirkman \$155.67½ by promissory note made by Marks and "Anthony H. Davis by the description of Davis V[?] Marks on 15 January 1823 in favor of Thomas Kirkman Jr. and James Kirkman, partners in trade, for the payment one day after date, the sum of \$134.84 and by a note of said Marks made on 1 April 1821 in favor of William C. Bruce to secure the payment 18 months after the date, of the sum of \$50.00 which said writing has sundry credits."

N. H. Marks deeds to Ward, in trust, a certain lot situated on the courthouse square in Florence having a front of 22 feet and running back to Pine Street, lying between the lots of Mr. Haligan & Dr. W. C. Bruce with an office thereon, with appertenances thereto. If N. H. Marks defaults on debts then Ward to sell the lot and pay debts.

Witness: D. Hubbard, S. M. Coltart and Levi Todd.

Proven 21 March 1823 by Coltart and Todd and Recorded 24 March 1823.

Pages 61-62

Bill of *Sail*

22 March 1823

Received of Austin Mayfield, \$650.00 it being payment in full of a certain negro

## Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

woman named Balch and her son, Madison. Rachel aged about 19 years and her son is about 18 months, for which I warrant.

Signed by William M. Warner

Witnessed by Jas. D. Greaves

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Bill of Sale

21 February 1823

Received of John Austin \$600.00 in payment in full for two negroes; one named Delila about 10 years of age and one boy named Sandy about 8 years old.

Signed by Robert Martin

Witnessed by John W. Williamson

Recorded 4 April 1823

Pages 63-64

Deed

2 April 1822

William Kedd sells to Samuel McClure, both of Lauderdale County, Alabama, for \$250.00 the following land:

S/2 N/2 of Lot 11 in the Town of Florence

Said lot begins on Court Street in said town and runs back to the ally between Court and Pine Streets, adjoining where Jonathan Rhodes now lives; said deed to be made as soon as possible after the trustees of the Cypress Land Company shall make the said William Kidd a deed for said lot.

Signed by W. Kidd

Witnessed by John Craig and W. W. Garrard

Recorded 8 April 1823.

Pages 64-65

Deed

28 March 1823

Benjamin Fugate of Lawrence County, Tennessee sells to William McMahan of Lauderdale County, Alabama, land being in the Territory of Arkansas, it being the SW/4 of "Section of Township Ten Nine Range five West" [probably should be Section 10, Township 9, Range 5 West] in the section of the county laid off for Military Bounties, for \$85.00.

Deed signed by Benjamin Fugate by his mark.

Witnessed by William Meredith and Roland Tankersley.

Proven by Meredith and Tankersley 22 April 1823.

Recorded 30 April 1823.

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Bill of Sale

8 March 1822

Received of Grey H. Edwards, \$100.00 for the sale of three negroes:

Tom, age about 18 years

Charlotte and her child [ages not given].

Signed by T. W. Edwards

Witnessed by W. Crittentun and recorded 12 May 1823.

## Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

- Pages 67-68      Bill of Sale  
14 Jan. 1823  
Robert Galaspie of Franklin County, Alabama sell to Thomas J. Bond of Lauderdale County, for \$270. one female negro slave named Lucy, about 45 years of age.  
Signed by Robert Galaspie  
Witnessed by David Hubbard, Nelson P. Jones and Gerugess[?] Dawson.  
Proven by Hubbard and Dawson before W. W. Garrard, Clerk of Lauderdale County Court on 17 May 1823. Recorded in Lauderdale Co. 24 May 1823.
- Pages 68-69      Articles of Agreement  
6 May 1823  
Agreement between J. Laseter, Spencer Loving and John M. Stell.  
Laseter and Loving bind themselves to do the carpentry work of a framed house that Bixer Randolph framed for said *Steel*, the part of said building to be finished with neat Cornish and *petasters* windows and door frames for \$100 cash on 25 December 1823.  
Signed by Spencer Loving and John M. Stell.  
Recorded 24 May 1823.
- Pages 69-70      Bill of Sale  
2 December 1821  
John M. *Steele*, of Lauderdale County, Alabama sold to James Steele also of Lauderdale County, one negro boy named Solomon for the sum of \$600 of good and lawful money.
- Pages 70-74      Deed of Trust  
Jessee Evans, debtor  
Thomas F. Taylor, trustee  
Jacob Singley [Lingley?], creditor  
7 June 1823  
Evans owes Singley \$1500.75 plus interest. In order to secure Singley against loss, Evans deeds to Taylor, in trust, one negro woman named Binah (aged about 45 years), one named Ester (aged about 11), one negro man named Mingo (aged about 23 years), one negro man named Moses (age about 18 yrs.); also six head of horses, two yoke of oxen, 3 cows and calves, one yearling, three feather beds and furniture, one desk and book case, two tables and two waggons and gear.  
  
If debt not paid by 1 Aug. 1824 then Taylor may, by giving 30 days notice, sell property to the highest bidder or so much as will satisfy debt.  
Acknowledged before W. W. Garrard, Clerk of the County Court on 7 June 1823.  
Recorded 11 June 1823.
- Pages 74-76      Warranty Deed  
5 June 1823  
Thomas Farmer sells to James Steele, both of Lauderdale County, for \$100. land in the Arkansas Territory, it being:

## Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

NE/4 of Section 36-6North-13West, containing 160 acres  
granted by the United States to Elias Flanigan in 1821 by Warrant No. 23818,  
with appertenances thereto. Deed delivered to John M. Steele on 3 Sept. 1823.

Pages 76-78  
(Pages 77-78  
are blank)

Warranty Deed  
13 March 1823  
William Whitsell of Lawrence Co., Alabama sells to Thomas Farmer, for \$205.,  
land in the Arkansas Territory, it being the:  
NE/4 of Section 36-6North-13West  
containing 160 acres it being land granted by the United States to Elias Flanigan  
in 1821 by Warrant No. 23818, with appertenances thereto.  
Signed by William Whitsell.  
Acknowledged 18 June 1823  
Recorded 19 June 1823

Pages 78-81

Deed of Trust  
20 June 1823  
Thomas Mitchell, debtor  
William S. Fulton, Trustee  
Henry Anderson, creditor  
Mitchell owes Henry Anderson \$350 due 1 Jan. 1824 by his written obligation  
dated 20 June 1823. To secure Anderson against loss, Mitchell deeds to Fulton,  
in trust, the following slave:  
Arena, aged about 16.  
If debt not paid by 1 Jan. 1824 then Fulton to take slave after giving 90 days  
notice in some public newspaper and sell her at public auction and pay debt.  
Thomas Mitchell signed with an X  
Signed by William S. Fulton and Henry Anderson  
Recorded 21 July 1823

Pages 82-83

Power of Attorney  
5 July 1823  
William Pope Jr. of Jefferson Co., Ky. appoints John Pope Jr. of same county and  
state, his true and lawful attorney to sell and convey my land in Alabama and six  
shares in the Cypress Land Co. and to purchase lots with the money from the  
shares. I also authorize him to sell my shares in the lots and lands of the Trianna  
Company at the mouth of Indian Creek in Madison County, Alabama.  
Signed by William Pope, Jr.

Pages 84-85

Bill of Sale  
28 July 1823  
Samuel D. McMahan sells to John Simpson for \$400 one mulatto boy, Isaac,  
aged between 8 and 9 years which McMahan warrants Isaac to be free from all  
impedements.  
Witnessed by G. C. Rugentus Dawson and R[N?] E. H. Davis.  
Proved by Dawson 28 July 1823 before W. W. Garrard, Clerk of County Court.  
Recorded 28 July 1823.

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## MARRIAGE BOOK 5 &amp; 6, 1838-1857

## (Part 8)

Marriage Book "5 & 6" is a large red book housed in the Lauderdale County Courthouse in Florence. This record may have been compiled when the returning officer (minister, justice of the peace, etc.) made his return to the court (as opposed to when the license was purchased) since the entries are not in chronological order. A separate date of recording is not always given, probably because the recording clerk forgot as pre-printed forms were not used; each entry was laboriously hand-written in its entirety. W. T. Hawkins was the Chief Clerk of the County Court, under which court marriage records fell, but some entries were recorded by E. G. Chandelers/Chandler, Deputy Clerk. This series began in Volume 19 and is continued from Volume 24 of *Valley Leaves*. This segment was copied and contributed by Lois Robertson.

Page	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	By:
275	Hamilton R. Smith	Eliza Long	No return. Lic. issued 9 Jan. 1847	
	Alfred L. Brown	Lucinda Carr	19 Jan. 1847	E. G. Young, JP
276	William A. Hervey	Elizabeth Whitehead	16 Dec. 1846	John M. Herston, JP
	D. H. McMeans	Nancy Bowie	18 Jan. 1847	Baylie E. Bourland, Justice of the peace
277	Josiah Hawkins	Elizabeth B. Weems	31 Dec. 1846	David Brown, a Presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church, USA
	Winston P. Pettus	Eveline B. Letsinger	8 April 1849	A. J. Gilmore, MG
278	James M. Houston	Mary Simpson	6 Oct. 1848[?]	Joseph Garrett
	Note: License was issued to James M. Houston on 5 Oct. 1846 but the date of solemnization was given as 1848.			
	Land L. Sanders	Eliza Carson	"Solemnized by me agreeable to the ceremonies of the M. E. Church, March 14, 1849." Signed by W. P. Kendrick, T. E.	
279	John Higgins	Eveline Parker	2 March 1848	A. Simmons, JP
	Jonathan B. F. Smith	Ellen O. Armistead	10 April 1849	Henry C. Lay, Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church.
280	James Ham	Louisa Tennessee Woods	29 June 1848	Felix Johnson, M. C. P. Church G. W. Thigpen
	John W. Michael	Sarah King	20 Jan 1848	
281	Jonathan Richardson	Elizabeth Forsythe	16 Mar 1848	J. M. Melton, JP
	Henry Redding	Sarah Terrell	16 Mar 1848	Wm. Billingsley, JP
282	Leonard Stutts	Martha Robertson	22 Mar 1848	G. W. Thigpen, JP
	James Cox	Elinder Howard	9 Mar 1847	A. S. Porter, JP
283	Alexander Gore	Mary Burney	15 Feb 1847	A. S. Porter, JP
	John W. Chisholm	Anne E. Marks	22 Mar 1848	Wm. B. Wood
284	Zachariah Ellis	Cressy Catharine McClister	5 Apr 1848	S.J.W.Ives, JP
	Elias Sturgeon	Mary Ann Shelton	9 Mar 1847	A. S. Porter

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# Lawrence

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DEED BOOK "C" - 1869-1900

Part 6

This deed book was abstracted by Janet Baker Burks, CGRS, of Tyler, Texas, Lawrence County Associate Editor. The first installment was carried in *Valley Leaves*, Volume 23, page 131 and is continued from Volume 24, page 183.

Page 106 Bill of Sale	28 June 1856 Wm. H. Cooper sells to Thomas Ashford for \$35.00 the following property: 7 head of cattle 11 hogs All household furniture belonging to me at Mountain House. 2 mules 1 wagon 1 yellow mare Signed: W. H. Cooper
Pages 106-107 Warranty Deed	31 Jan. 1856 Peter Sooney sells to S. R. Phillips for \$100. the following real estate: SE/4 SE/4 Section 33-5-9W NE/4 NE/4 Section 4-6-9W Signed by Peter <i>Soony</i> . Witnessed by Elijah S. Materson, J. P. on 31 Jan. 1856 Delivered for recording 15 July 1856.
Pages 107-108 Warranty Deed	10 March 1856 William J. Moore and his wife, Martha E. Moore, sell to John Finny for \$60.00 the following 40.08 acres of land: SE/4 NE/4 Section 4-6-9W Signed by Wm. J. Moore and Martha E. Moore. Witnessed by Thos. K. Harris, J. P. on 10 March 1856 Delivered for recording 15 July 1856.
Page 108 Deed of Trust	30 January 1856 William Michael, debtor George McNutt, trustee Thomas W. Warren, creditor Michael owes Warren \$55.00 due 1 January 1857. Michael sells to George McNutt, in trust, the following property: All his crop of cotton and corn presently in cultivation. If debt is not paid then McNutt is to sell property to highest bidder for cash

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## Deed Book C - 1869-1900 (-continued-)

after giving 10 days notice by advertisement.  
Signed by William Michael and T. W. Warren.  
Acknowledged before Crockett McDonald, JPC on 15 July 1856.  
Delivered for Recording 15 July 1856.

Pages 109-110  
Warranty Deed

March 1856 [No day given]  
William Grenslade and wife, Mary E. Grenslade, and Crockett McDonald, trustee for Mary E. Grenslade, sell to David L. Dinsmore for \$800.00 the following property:

1. A lot in Moulton conveyed by James B. Walker to Barnard Duran to T. C. Owen, it being the lot Wallace sold to Duran and deeded to him by Thomas Pearson 25 Aug. 1837.
2. A lot containing one acre lying east of lot bounded on east by the road to Oakville.

Signed by Wm. Greenslade, Mary E. Greenslade and Crockett McDonald.  
Date filed: 21 July 1856  
Delivered for recording: 22 July 1856

Pages 110-111  
Deed of Gift

10 July 1856  
Rebecca Doyle and her husband, Daniel Doyle, for the natural love and affection we have for Elizabeth Faris, daughter of Rebecca Doyle, and Georg W. Small and John E. Small, property as follows:

To Elizabeth Faris for her lifetime lots No. 57, 58 and 59 in the town of Courtland being three acres; and after her death said lots to go to Georg W. Small and John E. Small.

Signed R. Doyle and D. Doyle.  
Acknowledged before D. Mays, J. P. on 14 July 1856.  
Delivered for recording 30 July 1856 and recorded 31 July 1856.

Page 111  
Warranty Deed

11 Dec. 1855  
Michael Spence of Franklin County, Alabama sells to John Harris, of Lawrence County, Alabama for \$15.00 (the expenses of redeeming the land under the sale for taxes) the following:  
SE/4 NE/4 of Section 17-6-9W containing 40 acres in Lawrence County, Alabama.  
Signed by Michael Spence before Thomas K. Harris, JP on 11 Dec. 1855.  
Delivered for recording on 5 August 1856 and recorded 6 August 1856.

## NOTE:

This series will be continued in the December issue of *Valley Leaves*

### HARD LABOR CONVICTS

This ledger was found in the basement of the Lawrence County Courthouse. It is entitled, *Record of Convicts Sentenced to Hard Labor for Lawrence County, Alabama* and is from November, 1881 to 1927. Since it is TVGS policy to publish primarily pre-1900 material we stopped at 1900. The first few entries do not give any details as to the nature of the crime as do most of the later entries.

It was customary to sell labor contracts to mining companies on convicts sentenced to hard labor. These companies paid the county a certain amount each month for each convict, the amount ranging generally from \$5. to \$10.00. For instance, under John Brown's name on 18 December 1883, is the following notation: "This party was convicted in the County Court and the cost amounting to \$46.75 has been paid by Milner Coal & RR Co. and applied as shown in County Court Trial Docket Case No. 78. The fine of 50 Cents is to be worked out with 20 days hard labor and the pay derived therefrom will be accounted for in General Account from Milner & Co. as part of hire."

Under the heading, "Sentence" you will notice two figures in most cases. The first is the amount of sentence and the second is the amount of costs. In other words, "1 year plus 310 days" means the convict was sentenced to one year of hard labor for his crime plus another 310 days to pay his court costs. It was not uncommon for the court costs to be more than the penalty.

Milner Coal & RR Co., Newcastle [Jefferson Co.], Alabama.

Name	Sentenced	Sentence & Fine	Miscellaneous
Rose Springfield	11 Nov. 1881	1 yr. + 310 days.	Felony
Joe Green	6 Nov. 1881	732 ds for 2 cases	Felony
Wash Daugherty	9 May 1881	1 yr. + 186 days	Felony
William Soahn	10 March 1883	6 mo.	Misdemeanor
Jarret Horton	10 March 1883	7 Mo.	
Mary Ann Lile	11 April 1883	70 days	Misdemeanor
Spencer Tilman	11 July 1883	1 yr. + 216 ds.	
Henry Partlow	9 Sept. 1883	6 mo.	
Warrick Foster	13 Sept. 1883	6 mo.	
Mary Freeman	13 Sept. 1883	3 mo. + 20 ds.	
George Martin	3 Nov. 1883	164 ds. + 20 ds.	
George Martin	3 Nov. 1883	132 ds. + 20 ds.	
Note: J. H. McDonald paid \$83.80 costs in Martin case on 10 Nov. '83.			
John Goodloe	7 Nov. 1883	3 mo. + 20 ds.	
John Brown	18 Dec. 1883	7 mo. + 26 ds.	
Archy Tucker	7 Feb. 1884	90 ds. + 10 ds.	
Archy Tucker	7 Feb. 1884	90 ds. + 10 ds	

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## Hard Labor Convicts (-continued-)

Name	Sentenced	Sentence & Fine	Miscellaneous
Johnie Johnson	12 May 1884	6 mo.	
Joe Felton	7 May 1884	1 Yr. + 267 days	Grand Larceny
Frank King	7 May 1884	1 yr. + 273 days	Grand Larceny
Amanias Rice	7 May 1884	2 yr. + 234 days	Rape
Caz Davis	7 May 1884	1 yr.	[Milner Coal pays \$9 pr. mo.]
Green Williams	15 Sept 1888	6 mo. + 17 days	Assault & Battery
George Webb	26 Jan. 1888	----	----
Percy Milam	26 Jan. 1888	6 mo. + 58 days	
S. A. Jackling	2 Feb. 1885	6 mo. + 20 days	
C. A. Hoyt	20 July 1886	6 mo. + 21 days	
Thomas Simmons	20 July 1886	3 mo. + 30 days	
Turner Foster	20 July 1886	3 mo. + 30 days	
George Harper	6 may 1887	230 ds. + 20 ds.	[Milner pays \$5. pr. mo.]
Willie Hendrix	19 April 1887	20 ds. + 150 ds.	
Jim Brown	5 Nov. 1887	1 yr. + 256 ds.	
Charles Moseley	19 Dec. 1887	6 mo.	[Milner pays \$10 per month.]
James Vaughn	5 May 1888	1 yr. + 364 ds.	"
Percy Milam	5 May 1888	10 ds. + 63 ds.	"
Hal Bullock	28 July 1888	3 mo. + 54 ds.	"
Thomas J. Higdon	5 March 1889	56 days.	"



Note: Higdon convicted in County Court for using obscene & insulting language in presence of a female.

Sloss Steel & Iron Company, Coalburgh [Jefferson Co.], Alabama

John W. Hawkins	9 Nov. 1889	20 ds. + 212 ds.	Carrying concealed weapon.
John W. Hawkins	9 Nov. 1889	20 ds. + 212 ds.	Age 31. Defamation [Sloss to pay \$8. per mo.]
Albert Freeman	9 Nov. 1889	1 yr. + 174 ds.	Age 18. Burglary. [Sloss to pay \$8. per mo.]
Albert Cagle	9 Nov. 1889	1 yr. + 207 ds.	Age 18. Burglary. [Sloss pays \$8.]
Joseph Beams	9 Nov. 1889	30 ds. + 144 ds.	Age 33. Selling liquor without a license. [Sloss pays \$4.]

## Hard Labor Convicts (-continued-)

Name	Sentenced	Sentence & Fine	Miscellaneous
Lovelace Darwin	25 Aug. 1890	6 Mo. +20 ds.	Assault & Battery. Pardoned on 30 June 1891. [Sloss to pay \$10.]
Lovelace Darwin	25 Aug. 1890	3 Mo. + 10 ds.	Assault & Battery
Thomas Ayers	7 May 1891	1 yr. + 1 yr. 3 mo.	Age 18. Grand Larceny
W. Jasper Painter	7 May 1891	1 yr. + 156 ds.	Age 19. Burglary. [Sloss pays \$10.]
George Carter	7 May 1891	2 yr. + 354 ds.	Burglary.
Ned Smith	23 May 1892	----	Convicted in Justice Court for obtaining goods under false pretence under written contract.
Richard Shawdee	26 May 1892	6 mo.	Petit larceny
Jack Francis	18 April 1893	10 ds. + 75 ds.	Assault & Battery
Thomas Bayliss Jr.	22 June 1893	20 ds. + 73 ds.	Assault with a rock.
Thomas Bayliss Jr.	22 June 1893	10 ds. + 61 ds.	Abusive language.
David Bynum	11 Nov. 1893	6 mo. + 20 ds.	Age 15. Petit larceny
Richard Moore	19 March 1894	10 ds. + 76 ds.	Age 18. Using abusive language
Jim Walker	15 June 1894	20 ds. + 11 Mo.	Age 23. Petit larceny.
Will Hollins	21 July 1894	20 ds. + 6 mo.	Age 26. Gaming.
Claiborn Arter	21 July 1894	30 ds. + 6 mo.	Age 28. Adultry
Jake B. Sutton	18 June 1895	30 ds. + 6 mo. 4 ds.	Adultry.
Henry Clemens	20 July 1895	20 ds. + 164 ds.	Age 26. Born in Alabama. Hotel porter; No crime given.
Clark Shaw	20 July 1895	20 ds. + 215 ds.	Born in Ala. Farm hand. Age 47
Isham Montgomery	14 Sept. 1895	1 yr. + 160 ds.	---
Lawrence Heflin	3 Feb. 1896	10 ds. + 170 ds.	Age 18. Petit larceny [Sloss pays \$5.]
Zeake Burluson	11 March 1896	1 yr. + 139 ds.	Age 31. Grand larceny. DEAD.
Henderson Nichols	25 June 1896	1 yr. + 167 ds.	Grand larceny. Age 47
Pat Huggins	25 June 1896	76 ds. + 230 ds.	Adultry. DEAD.
Marion Martin	22 Dec. 1896	30 ds. + 169 ds.	Adultry. DEAD.
Bob Cornelius	30 July 1897	20 ds + 146 ds	Age 24. Carrying pistol.
Green Jones	30 July 1897	20 ds. + 176 ds.	Age 24. Petit larceny
Sam Roberts	30 July 1897	20 ds. + 178 ds.	Age 27. Adultry.
James Stallions	30 July 1897	10 ds. + 67 ds.	Age 18. Abusive language.

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## Hard Labor Convicts (-continued-)

Name	Sentenced	Sentence & Fine	Miscellaneous
James Stallions	30 July 1897	6 mo. + 167 ds.	Age 18. Assault with weapon
Will Sherrod	16 Aug. 1897	30 ds. + 82 ds.	Age 23. Petit Larceny
Henry Sanders	20 Dec. 1898	20 ds. + 165 ds	Age 23. Carrying concealed weapon
Joseph Woods	24 Jan. 1899	30 ds. + 232 ds.	Age 28. Adultry
Davy Bynum	25 July 1899	6 mo.	Age 23.
Larry Kirk	25 July 1899	50 ds. + 300 ds.	Age 22. Gaming
John Speers	25 July 1899	10 ds. + 108 ds.	Age 34. Abusive language.
David Cowan	25 July 1899	20 ds. + 243 ds.	Age 39. Violating revenue law. [Sloss paid \$5.00 per month].
Archie Prater	21 Oct. 1899	30 ds. + 222 ds.	Adultry. Age 27.;
Tom Willingham	20 Nov. 1899	3 ds. + 96 ds.	Age 19. Petit larceny [Sloss paid \$5.00 per month.]
John Isom	23 Jan. 1900	20 ds.	Carrying concealed weapon.

Some entries in the Miscellaneous column state, "Sloss pays \$10.00" or "Milner to pay . . ." and refer to the amount the company paid the county in exchange for the labor of the convict. Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

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### MOULTON 1896 NEWS IN BRIEF

Source: *Moulton Advertiser*, 2 January 1896.

Miss Minnie Young has severed her connection with our High School as assistant teacher and returned to her home near Mt. Hope.

Mr. John Krumpe went down to Leighton last Saturday to accompany his wife home who has been spending the holidays with her parents.

Solicitor D. C. Almon has returned from 10 days visit to Texas and says he is better satisfied with Alabama than ever before.

Capt. Mitch Windham and family of Italy, Texas are spending some time with relatives in this section.

John William Landers, a worthy citizen of Wolf Springs, 34 years old, died suddenly at his home on the 22nd leaving a wife and two children.

#### LEGAL AD:

Lawrence County Probate Court application of Green Ethredge, administrator of the estate of John Little, deceased, for sale of a certain piece of land for the purpose of paying debts of the estate. It is ordered that W. T. Little, Martha Hall and her husband William Hall who reside in Viola, Cass County, Texas; J. F. Little, Bell Little and Cam Little who reside at Caldwell, Burleson Co., Texas, be notified.

# Limestone

The following newspaper article was copied and contributed by Eulalia Wellden, formerly of Limestone County, presently of Madison County. Copied from *The Alabama Courier* of August 25, 1887 and published in Athens; copied by them from the *Nashville American*.

## SARAH MASSIE A VENERABLE LADY

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### The Story of an Alabama Nonagenarian

#### Her Father a Brave Soldier in the Revolutionary War

#### Her Husband a Soldier in the War of 1812

#### But She Can Get no Pension From the Government—Changes of a Long Lifetime

In Athens, Ala., there lives an old woman, Sarah Massie, who has, perhaps, as remarkable history as anyone living in the country. Sarah Upshaw was born in Essex county, Va. May 7, 1794. She was married to Dr. William Massie in Giles county, Tenn., Feb. 25, 1817. She raised one son and two daughters. Her son, William, died when just entering manhood; her daughter, Louise, married Wm. Allen, a merchant of Athens, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have long since died. Mrs. Massie lived with them until their death, since which time she has lived with her grandchildren in Athens.

Her other daughter married Wm. Byrd, a lawyer of Selma, Ala., who afterwards became one of Alabama's Supreme Judges. Judge Byrd was killed in a distressing railroad accident on the Selma, Rome & Dalton road some years since. His wife and four children survive him.

Mrs. Massie lived in Giles county until 1837. Her husband, Dr. Massie, died in 1824. She has been a widow for sixty-three years. The family moved to Giles county in 1817

and settled in what is now the Ninth civil district, Elkton. She is, perhaps, the oldest living person among the surviving settlers of this county.

Her husband practiced his profession in Pulaski when the whole country was a matted canebrake. The old lady will now converse intelligently and very interestingly about those times.

Her family were all stern, heroic patriots in the Revolution. Her father, James Upshaw, was married Feb. 22, 1779. He left his wife within an hour after marriage, went to his command and did not see her until the war was over. Her father was a Colonel in the American army. One of her uncles was a Major and another a Captain in the same army.

Mrs. Massie was intimately acquainted with Thomas Jefferson. Mr. Jefferson and Mr. James Upshaw were great personal friends. Mr. Jefferson traveled with them on their first day's journey and camped with them the first night and tried to dissuade them from coming to this Tennessee wilderness.

Sarah Massie (-continued-)

Her recollections of Jefferson are vivid. She thinks him the most intellectual man she ever knew. She will sit for hours and talk of him.

She also knew Mr. Madison and Mrs. Madison. Her husband's father, John Massie, was also a Captain in the American army.

Her husband was at school in Richmond when the War of 1812 broke out. Captain Massie, as soon as he learned of hostilities, went to Richmond to see his son. When he arrived there he found that his son had enlisted in the service of his country. The old man bade him God speed, telling him to stand by his country until an honorable peace was won. Dr. Massie served for some time in the infantry and afterwards in the navy as assistant surgeon.

The old lady, now quite feeble, being nearly blind, but her mind is quite bright for one of her age—94 years. She is a relict of another age, born just after the colonies had obtained their independence. The stage coach was the palace car of today. The flying *Etruria* and her sister ships now cross the Atlantic in six days; then it took as many weeks and more to make the trip. The music of the steam whistle was not known then, and the mind of man had not mastered and applied to practical use the electric spark. She lived while this country had only 3,000,000 inhabitants; she lives when it has over 60,000,000. She has been a living witness to all the wars of this country since the war for independence.

What a wonderful amount of stirring scenes in this woman's life. How many others

living can say as much as she? Nature will soon order her to join the silent majority in the country from which no news returns.

Mrs. Massie has been a consistent Christian all her life. Her charity, benevolence and her lovable character are well known to all of her acquaintances. Aunt Sallie Massie is loved by all who know her. One of the most beautiful things in connection with her is the devotion of her grandchildren (the Allens) to her in her old age.

She applied to the Government for a pension as the wife of Wm. Massie who was a soldier in the War of 1812 but on account of red tape or something equally flimsy, she has not yet received it. She will soon pass away, and this great Government will save the immense amount due this grand old woman, which, if she had, would cheer her and make her feel happier; feeling the Government for which her ancestry and kin have fought for from its infancy until now have not forgotten her.

Her three brothers, James, Louis and Arthur Upshaw who came to this country with her died many years since. She is a blood relative of Gen. S. B. Buckner of Kentucky, his ancestry on his mother's side being Upshaws. Gen. Upshaw with Gen. Adkins, in the Indian Department, is a great nephew of her.

Aunt Sallie has lived a spotless life and when she is gone our regrets of her death will be sweetened with the recollection of her noble, grand and beautiful character while living.

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### THE COURTLAND MURDER

"Parshall, who killed James S. Oates, conductor on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, at Courtland, a short time ago, was brought to this place [Athens, Limestone Co., Alabama] under a guard of twenty-five men on last Saturday night and took lodgings at Mrs. Ann Elliott's hotel. It is said that he had been threatened with lynch law, and that preparations had actually been made looking to that end. While en route here, notwithstanding the heavy guard sent to protect him, so great were his apprehensions that he would be taken from the train and summarily put to death, that he called upon the passengers aboard the train to assist in his protection and to see that he was not molested." [*The Athens Post* of 17 April 1869.]

DONALDSON CEMETERY

This tiny family cemetery is located in the N/2 of the SW/4 of Section 25-3-3W in Limestone County about .4 mile from the Madison County line. It is near the Highway 72 right-of-way at the edge of the property of Production Credit Association. There were only three tombstones but it is probable there are several graves here without markers. Copied by Eulalia Yancy Wellden and Dorothy Scott Johnson on March 28, 1990.

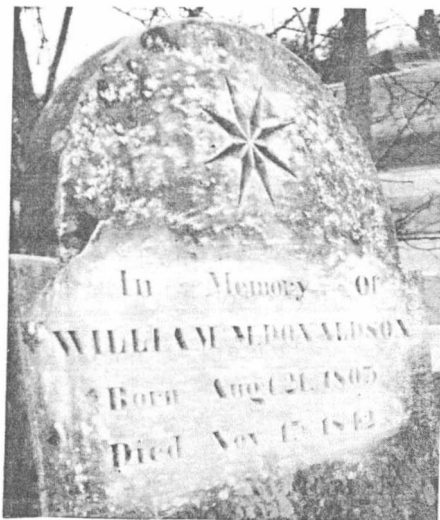
Lucey Byrde Born 15 Nov. 1793  
Died March 10, 1857

(On upright marker:)  
In Memory of  
William M. Donaldson  
Born Augt. 21. 1805  
Died Nov. 15, 1842  
(On flat stone covering grave:)  
As a mark of esteem  
for departed worth this  
Marble is erected by his  
Wife Nancy Donaldson  
(Upright footstone:)  
W. M. D.

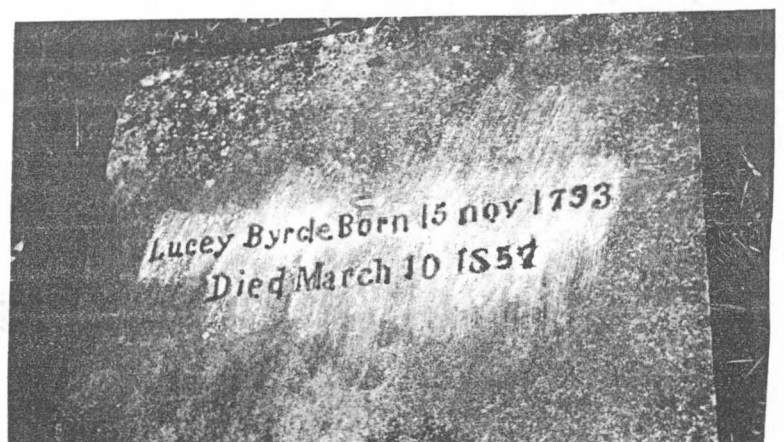
Nancey Donaldson  
Born 31 May 1795  
Died 21 June 1859



Above: View of Donaldson Cemetery looking east toward Madison County and Highway 72.  
Below: Tombstone of Nancey Byrde; this stone is shown at right in the photograph above.



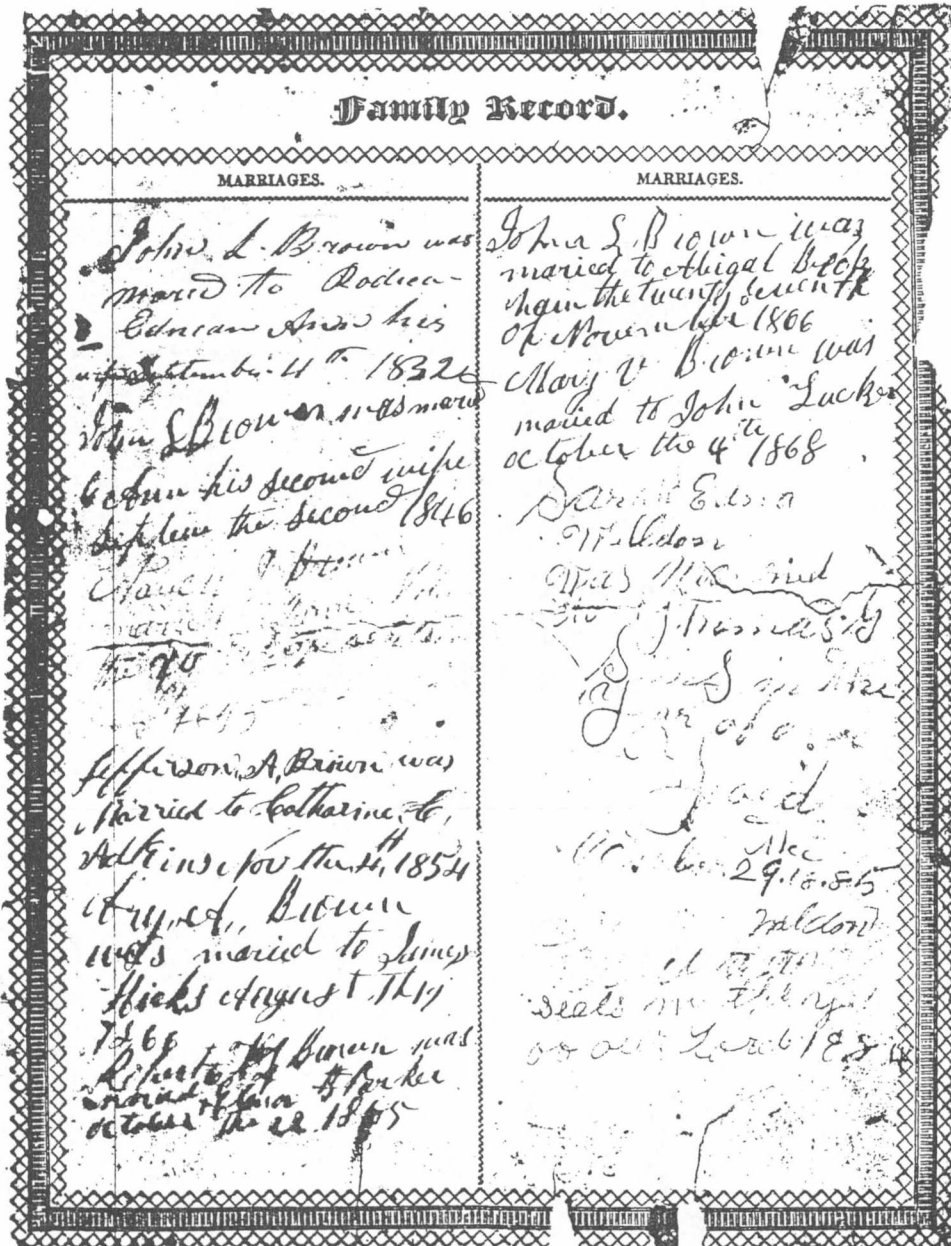
Stone of William M. Donaldson. The star is also on the flat stone covering his grave and his footstone.





BROWN FAMILY BIBLE RECORD

The Brown family Bible record was contributed by Eulalia Wellden, the former Limestone County Archivist but now of Huntsville, Madison Co., Al. This record is incomplete in that no death records are included. This Brown family migrated to Limestone County from Giles County, Tennessee between 1844 and 1850.



RIGHT COL.

John L. Brown was married to Abigail Beckham the twenty Seventh of November 1866.

Mary V. Brown was married to John Lucker October the 4th 1868

Sarah Edna Wellden Was Married to Thomas G. Sims in the year of our Lord October the 29, 1885

James A. Weldon mared to [illegible] Seals in the year of our Lord 1884

LEFT COLUMN

John L. Brown was mared to Rodia Ednean Ann his wife September 4th 1832

John L. Brown was mared to Ann his Second wife September the Second 1846

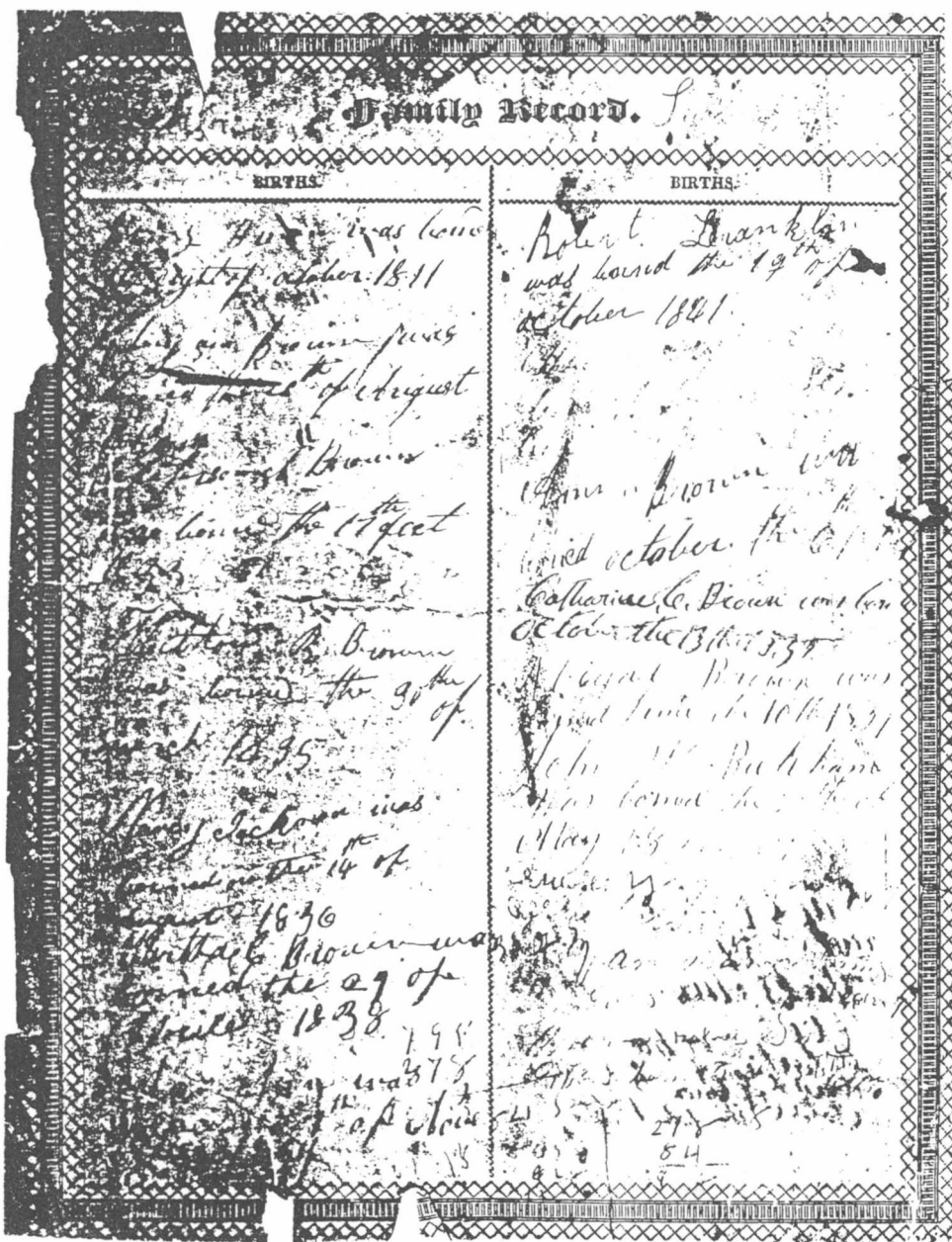
Nancy J. Brown married to James Welden 20 day of September 1855

Jefferson A. Brown was Married to Catharine C. Adkins Nov. the 4th 1854

Ary A. Brown was Married to James Hicks August the 19, 1866

Rober L. Brown was married [to] Elenor Burkes, October the 22, 1865.

Brown Family Bible (-continued-)



RIGHT COLUMN

Robrt Franklin was born the 19th of October 1841

Mary virginia was born the 25 September 1843

Ann Brown was born October the 6th 1804

Catharine C. Brown was born October the 13th 1852

Abigal Brown was Borned June the 10th 1851

John H. Beckham was borned the 30th of May 1845

Sweeny...? N.? married Mary King???

Van Mann? Sims was born April 26, 18[57?]

Marion Rolly Sims Was born August the 4, 18.....

LEFT COLUMN

James Brown was borned the eight of october 1811

Edny an Brown was borned the 26 of August 1813

Jepeferon A. Brown was borned the 17th of Oct. 1833

Milton R. Brown was borned the 30th of March 1835

Nancy Jackson was borned on the 14th of August 1836.

Martha C. Brown was borned the 27 of Aprile 1838

Ary Ann was borned the 7th of November 1839

## DEED BOOK 2

1825

## Part 3

Deeds are an often-overlooked source of genealogy and history. The following deeds are from Deed Record Book 2 located in the Limestone County Archives in Athens, Alabama. They were abstracted and contributed by Shirley Greer, past President of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society. All persons mentioned in these deeds were residents of Limestone County unless otherwise stated. This series began in Volume 24 and is continued from the last issue of *Valley Leaves*.

- Pages 49-50      28 Feb 1825  
Performance Bond.  
James Craig, Ruffin Coleman, John Davis, Andrew J. Edmondson, Thomas Martindale, Joseph Harrison and William F. Gamble are held and firmly bound unto Israel Pickens, Governor of the state of Alabama, in the sum of \$15,000. The condition of the bond is that James Craig has been appointed assessor and tax collector for the County of Limestone for the year 1825 and the bond is to ensure James Craig's performance in office.  
Signed by James Craig and Ruffin Coleman.  
Recorded 14 June 1825.
- Pages 50-51      17 Jan. 1824.  
Warranty Deed  
Woodson C. Montgomery sells to Samuel McAllister, for \$300., a lot in the town of Mooresville, it being the South half of Lot No. 67.  
Acknowledged 23 Jan. 1824  
Recorded 20 Jan. 1825
- Pages 51-52      18 June 1825  
Warranty Deed  
Jesse Coe sold to William Malone for \$1000., the NE/4 of Section 9-4-5W containing 160-83/100 acres in Limestone County.  
Witnessed by W. Richardson and Wm. J. Mason.  
Acknowledged and recorded 6 June 1825.
- Page 53            10 August 1825  
Power of Attorney  
Elizabeth Jones, Executrix of the Last Will & Testament of Obadiah Jones, deceased, placing a special confidence and trust in Daniel Coleman, appoints him her true and lawful attorney in fact.  
Acknowledged and recorded 10 Aug. 1825.

-To be continued in later issues of *Valley Leaves*-

# Madison

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## DIARY OF HOLLOWAY L. POWER

The diary of Holloway L. Power was begun while he lived in Madison County just west of the town of New Market. This Holloway (a very popular name in the Power family) was the son of James Power (1778/9-1831) and his wife Charity Williams (1784-? Dau. of Isaac Williams and Mary Anderson.) Little is known about Holloway's paternal ancestors. We would like to hear from anyone who could shed some light on this tangled Power family.

Holloway L. was a very religious man and much of his writings deal with his religious convictions. We have chosen to delete this portion as it has no bearing on genealogy or history. Another large portion of the diary is taken up with day-to-day illnesses. We will publish most of that since illness was a very serious matter at the time this diary was written; some insignificant illness today could have been life-threatening then.

TVGS is indebted to Mary Toerner who allowed us to publish this wonderful diary of her ancestor.

### 1849

- Oct 1 No incident of importance.
- Oct. 17 Attended union meeting at Mountain Fork.
- Oct. 18. Preached at same place from Song of Sol[omon].
- Nov. 29 Rode out to the shop and to Mr. Anderson's.
- Dec. 2 Prayed before retiring & felt very much concerned from a dream of the last night in which I had an interview with beloved father in the gospel long since dead in whose company I had enjoyed much happiness. I expressed my joy at seeing him once more & my hope of spending a happy eternity in his society at the feet of Jesus & while engaged in earnest pray[er] to God . . .
- Dec. 6 After prayer arose in my usual good health. Finished writing to my brother James. Had 5 travelers at night, among them a Mr. Wm. Carley.
- Dec. 7 After calling on the Lord arose, felt unwell—exchanged horses with Mr. Carley which was the first time I traded horses except with some of my children.
- Dec. 11 The ground covered with snow and very cold & freezing which is the first cold weather for this winter & reminds one of the note on Oct. 22 since which time the weather has been most pleastant; yet the meek balmy Indian Summer with its yellow leaves & smoky atmosphere must give place to the fierce winds of the north bearing sleet and hail on their rough bosom.
- Dec. 17 Got pitted with a black boy and indulged somewhat in the hateful & evil practice of noisy scolding & abuse. Oh, how unseemly in one professing Godliness yet in spite of my resolve to the contrary how often am I caught in this despicable habit.
- Dec. 18 Went to New Market, being the first time since my sickness in August.

## Holloway L. Power Diary (-continued-)

1849

- Dec. 19 This was a miserable day on account of the thunder & lightening and heavy rain which continued through the night.
- Dec. 20 Thunder & rain still continuing.
- Dec. 21 Weather today warm & spring like. Engaged in reading Simple history of Va. Baptists. On this night there was a great storm of wind, rain & hail with heavy thunder & lightening. I had a long conversation with Mr. Black and a Mr. Hill (who put up [stayed] with me) on religious subjects.
- Dec. 23 Received a letter from my son James who informed me of his safe arrival in Texas in 36 days from his departure.
- Dec. 27 Wrote a letter to T. Ellison [in] Texas.<sup>1</sup>

1850

- Jan. 2 Very unwell. Paid W. Crisman ten dollars for [thread?]. My daughter Elizabeth taken very sick [in] late night which causes me much anxiety.
- Jan. 5 Went to New Market. Recd. a letter from W. F. Power in Texas to W. B. Campbell.<sup>2</sup>
- Jan. 10 I was applied to by a poor widow for corn. I had it to spare but did not believe she could pay me for it. I, therefore, gave her a turn<sup>3</sup> of corn rather than sell on a credit. Was it right to refuse her credit when I had little expectation of receiving pay?
- Jan. 11 Went [to] New Market, paid my acct. with Whitman & Co., \$21.65 and with Dr. Morgan, \$14.75. Received of Skurlock<sup>4</sup> \$50 on my cotton—Saw Mssr. Sledge, G. Miller, and W. G. Miller and Mr. Word's<sup>5</sup> & had a conversation and some argument relating to the Railroad & Nullification.<sup>6</sup> I see, on reflection, that I was too much excited and hasty in this as is [typical?] with me in argument and I now resolve, the Lord upholding me, to try for the future to guard against warm debate and particularly on Politicks as no good can result from such.

<sup>1</sup>Thomas Ellison married Holloway's sister, Lucinda, and moved to Texas. He died there of cholera around 1852. Holloway heard of the death from a traveller a year or so afterwards and by that time Lucinda had married again.

<sup>2</sup>W. B. Campbell is William Barnett Campbell who married Mary Ann Power 19 November 1846, the daughter of Holloway Power.

<sup>3</sup>This appears to be "turn" but may actually be "tun" which means a large cask or any large quantity.

<sup>4</sup>This is probably James Scurlock, a merchant who lived in the neighborhood.

<sup>5</sup>Probably Charles Word who lived in the neighborhood and to whom Holloway sold his land when he moved to Texas.

<sup>6</sup>State and Federal aid to Railroads was an important political issue. In 1850 Alabama obtained its first Federal aid for a railroad.

To be continued in the next issue.

## HUNT FAMILY LETTERS

A great deal of speculation has been engendered by curiosity about the descendants of John Hunt for whom Huntsville was named. The following letters should be helpful in untangling the Hunt genealogy and some of its collateral lines. Most of the material was written by Ben P. Hunt who was born in September, 1849<sup>1</sup> and died in 1921<sup>2</sup> with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery. Ben P. Hunt and George C. Hunt were partners in the law firm of Hunt & Hunt. The original letters are in the Zeitler Room of the Huntsville Public Library.

Huntsville, Ala., Feby. 13th 1896

Miss Jennie R. Powel  
Rogersville, Tenn.

Dear Cousin:

Our cousin, Wm. R. Larkin of Larkinsville, Ala. was down the other day, told me of your letter which he sent to George Clayton Hunt for us to read and requested us to write to you.

I heartily commend your undertaking and will be more than glad to aid you in any way in my power. I don't know that I am able, or shall be, to give you any information as to our ancestry as those who could have given me the information died before I was old enough to realize and appreciate its possible value and real interest.

While equally as proud of my Hunt blood, I have always felt pleased when told I was the Powel in our family. I am very much like my sainted Mother in all respects, though my most intimate friends tell me I have the will power and temper of my father. Well, it's a good mixture.

I am a native of Franklin County, Tenn. where my mother was born and reared—and died. She was Priscilla J. Powel.<sup>3</sup> Her father was Benjamin Powel, a merchant for many years at Winchester, Tenn. who came from near Philadelphia, Pa., so my mother told me.

After coming South, he married Ellen Rutledge. All their children are dead unless Uncle Joe Powel is living who went to La. early in life. Some 20 years ago I had a letter from one of his sons, but have not since heard from them. I was named for my maternal grandfather.

My father is George W. Hunt, in his 83rd year and still a very active man barring a sore on his face from which he has been annoyed many years.

My great-grand-father, John Hunt, was the founder of this City and for whom it took its name. Uncle Wm. Larkin, a brother of Cousin Billie's father, David, often has told me when I was a mere child of living here with him when he built the first log cabin above the Big Spring & of his cultivating a crop or two of Irish potatoes just below it.

My office, where I now write, is above that spring east, whose music, as it rolls over the dam, I hear most of the year and from the rear door look out & see where once was that "tater patch."

I have often regretted and unregretted coming here. In Nov., 1882, my father married here Mrs. Tulliola McCalley whom he had known in his early life when he lived here an run the old Huntsville Bell Tavern for Woods & Yeatman of Nashville, Tenn.

My stepmother is a most excellent woman in comfortable circumstances and

<sup>1</sup>Madison Co., Ala. 1900 Federal Census.

<sup>2</sup>Tombstone in Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Ala.

<sup>3</sup>She is buried in the Winchester City Cemetery, Winchester, Tn., born 13 Jan. 1823 and died 21 July 1873. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Ellen Powel.

## Hunt Family Letters (-continued-)

took a great fancy to me—alone because she couldn't help it—and would have me to locate here to practice my profession. I had enjoyed a fine practice at Winchester for the previous ten years.

Having heard of Huntsville, its wealth, culture &<sup>c</sup> I decided to stay here—alone on the strength of its prestige, and “durn” me, if I ever struck a “deader” town. I didn't have a dollar, not a book, and my mother never seemed—and has not yet—realized that made any difference. She was like the fellow who came into my office a few years ago, after hearing me make a “celebrated” speech in a criminal case, and said, “Why in thunder haven't you been practicing law since you came here.” I replied, “I have been trying to make money to buy me a library.” “Damn it, ” he says, “you don't need any books, a man who can talk like you. I never heard such a speech.” Cousin Billie Larkin happened to be in town that day, and in hunting a man he wanted to see, wandered up in the court house & heard me. He is one of the “Old Guard” who is proud of & loves his kin.

If I have aroused your curiosity, you can get him to tell you about the speech.

To go back: after practicing law a year or so my partner, Paul Jones, died of consumption. On his deathbed he said, “Hunt, next to my family, my greatest upset in dying is that I can't live a year or two longer so as to leave you in a fine practice.”

In 1884 I bought an interest in a weekly paper, *The Mercury*, and took sole editorial charge advocating protection, more railroads, turnpikes & diversified farming, irrigation &<sup>c</sup> I was the inauguration of the branch railroad which came in from Nashville & got it built. In 1885—Aug.—I turned my paper into a daily—established it—and in 1887, bankrupt in purse & health, retired.

Then Col. J. F. O'Shaughnessy of N. Y., who was the chief spirit of the North Ala. Improvement Co. took me in to assist his Genl. Manager, Capt. S. H. Buck, who resigned the P. O. of New Orleans to take the

position here. That enabled me to rest and regain my health.

I have gone back to my first love—the law—though as a diversion. I represent about 12 foreign papers in correspondence from here, & if you read the *Chattanooga Times* you will see my “work.”

I was born and reared on a farm and am proud of it. Have done all kinds of work on a farm. Although my father had plenty, at 9 years of age I was making shoes & for 8 years made all our family used—finally had a full set of tools—gave them to one of the negroes and all I have now to point to my childhood genius and glory is a pair of Morocco slippers I made for my youngest brother, George Rutledge Hunt, when I was 14 yrs. of age & he 5.

For this heirloom, I am indebted to my sister who preserved them. She has three very lovely & interesting children & lives with us. Her name is Adaline Bradford Hunt Nelson—named for her Aunt Adaline Powel who married Col. Joe Bradford of this State, a very wealthy man when the war broke out. He equipped a Company & went to the front. He had a daughter, Lavinia, a very brilliant woman who married Col. Chilton who was killed during the war. A brother, John Bradford, was killed at Battle of Seven Pines, Va.

Mr. Nelson is a partner in the “Alcorn Woolen Mills,” Corinth, Miss.

Three of us are dead—Ellen, Margaret & David Hunt. Our Hunt kin were the founders of Huntsville, Texas, Missouri, Ala., Tenn., Hunt Co. Texas.

I have gotten to talking to you & telling you all I know of our people, simply to let you know us as we are & have been, only for your personal information and *not* for any publication. I must stop.

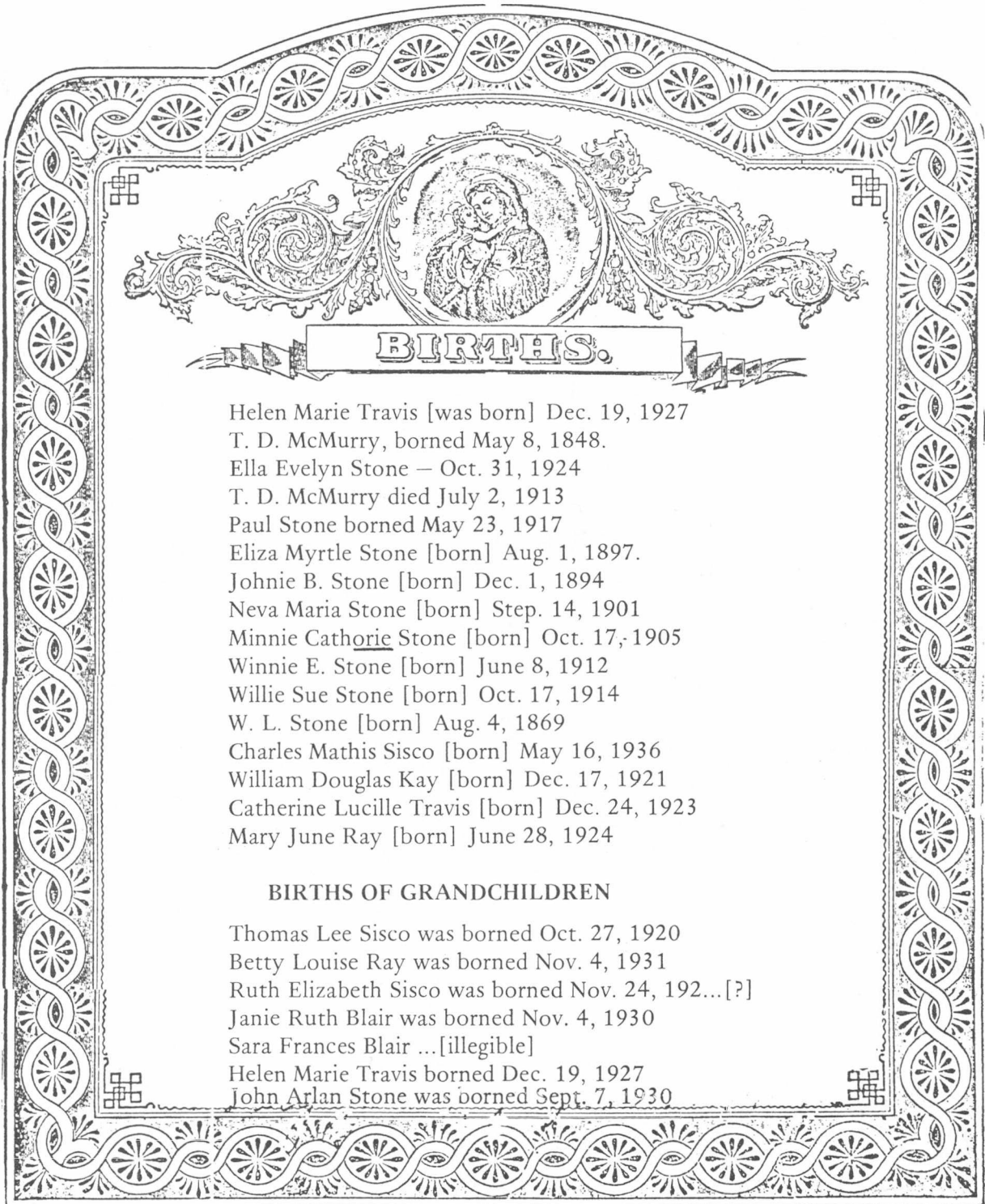
Come to see us. We will be glad to see you & will try & make it pleasant for you. Geo. & I are “old” batchelors, but I hope the . . . [illegible word] of redemption will yet save us. Now, I mean what I say—come to see us. Will be glad to hear from you. Love to all the kin.

Ben P. Hunt

-To be continued in the December issue-

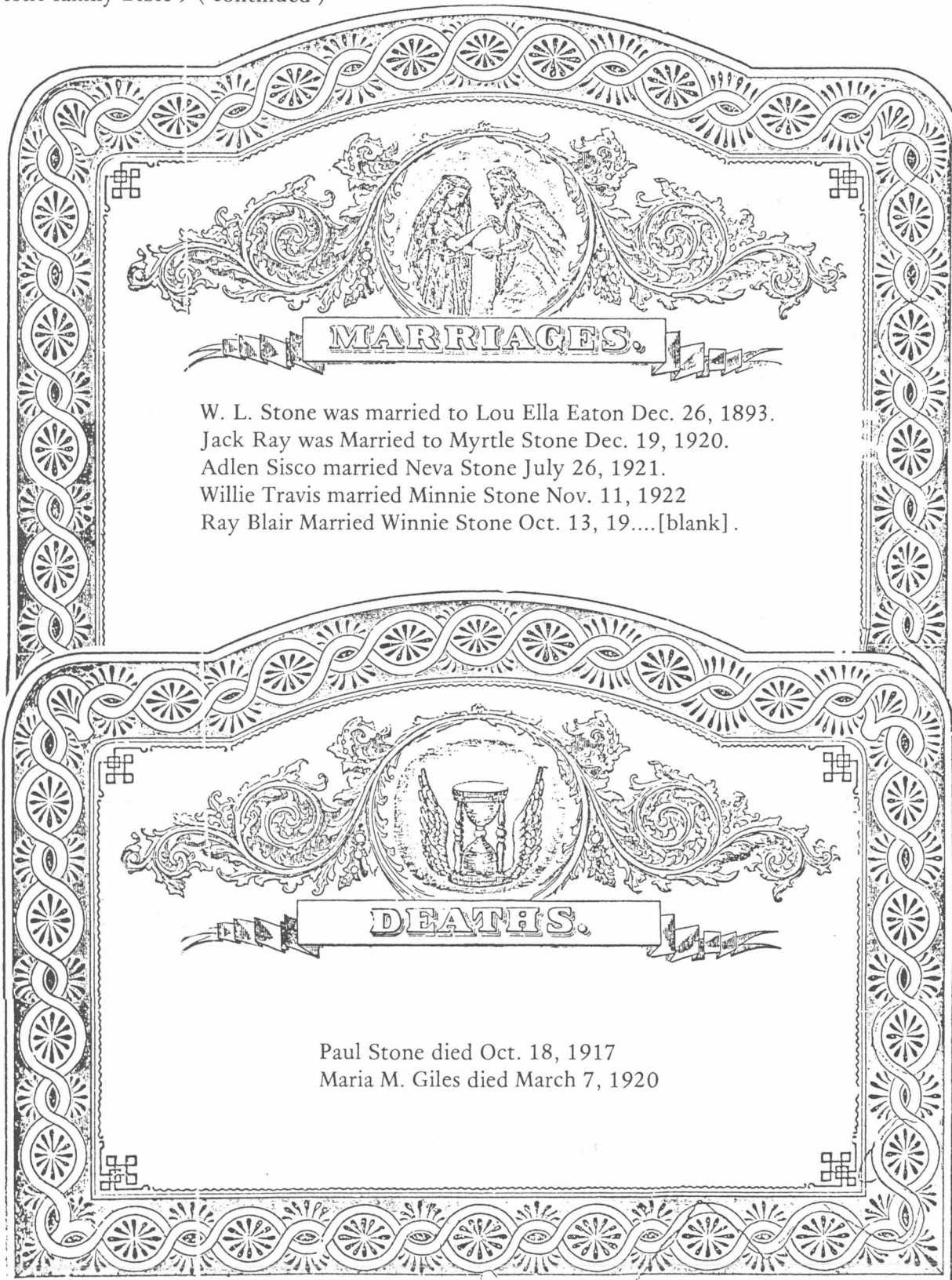
## STONE FAMILY BIBLE

The following Bible is owned and contributed by Ms. Evelyn Petty, 222 Westchester Ave., SW, Huntsville, AL 35801. No title page was included with the Bible, however, it appeared to have been contemporarily made according to the handwriting.





Stone family Bible 9 (-continued-)



**MARRIAGES.**

W. L. Stone was married to Lou Ella Eaton Dec. 26, 1893.  
Jack Ray was Married to Myrtle Stone Dec. 19, 1920.  
Adlen Sisco married Neva Stone July 26, 1921.  
Willie Travis married Minnie Stone Nov. 11, 1922  
Ray Blair Married Winnie Stone Oct. 13, 19....[blank].

**DEATHS.**

Paul Stone died Oct. 18, 1917  
Maria M. Giles died March 7, 1920

End

# Marshall

Part 1

## DEED BOOK "A" 1836-1840

Marshall County was established in 1836 from what had been Cherokee land plus small portions from Blount and Jackson Counties. The portion taken from Jackson County was that land north of the Tennessee River that included the town of Claysville, the first county seat of Marshall County. Many of the early instruments recorded in this book are dated in Jackson County and were by persons who lived in that part of Marshall that was once Jackson.

As with most early north-Alabama deed books, you will find instruments recorded other than the various kinds of deeds; there are also mortgages, bills of sale, indentures of minors, and other instruments of genealogical significance. Contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Page 1  
Bill of Sale  
1 Aug. 1835

Richard Griffin of Jackson County, Alabama sells to A. C. Beard, also of Jackson County, for \$2,550 the following six negroes:  
Sally, age 33 – born 4 July 1802  
Randle, age 13 – born 16 Dec. 1822  
Harry, age 11 – born 6 Dec. 1824  
Charlotte, age 9 - born 12 May 1826  
Susan, age 8 - born 22 Jan. 1828  
Tiller, age 6 – born 27 Dec. 1829

Griffin warrants said slaves to be sound in mind and body. Bill of Sale was signed by Richard Griffin and acknowledged by him 17 March 1836. Recorded 18 March 1836.

Pages 1 - 3  
Indenture of  
Apprentice:  
Robert Catlin  
12 Sept. 1835

Martha Jane Catlin and Robert Catlin, her son, of Jackson County, Alabama agree to indenture Robert to George Taylor, also of Jackson County, as an apprentice. This is done with Robert's permission. Robert is to dwell with Taylor until he is age 21 which will be on the 30th day of September 1850. Martha Jane Catlin and Robert Catlin agree that Robert shall well and faithfully serve Taylor who is to teach Robert the art of farming. Robert is to conduct himself honestly and orderly toward Taylor and his family. Robert is to have good meat, drink, apparel, washing, lodging, and all other things suitable for an apprentice.

Signed:

her  
Martha Jane + Catlin  
mark

his  
Robert + Catlin  
mark

his  
George X Taylor  
mark

continued →

## Deed Book A (-continued-)

In addition, the parties agree that Taylor is bound to send Robert to school for one year during his service. At the expiration of his apprenticeship, Robert is to have a horse, saddle and bridle to be worth \$100 together with the customary apparel. Signed by George Taylor and Sarah Davenport. Witnessed by Booker Smith. Proven by Booker Smith and recorded on 26 March 1836.

Pages 3 - 4  
Lease  
5 Nov. 1831

Charles Grayson of Jackson County, Alabama leases to Jesse Uptain, for \$300 the following land in Marshall County:

E/2 SE/4 Section 2-7-3E containing 81.12 acres

Said lease is for 99 years. Uptain is to build on and improve said land and to have use of the timber. Possession to be given 1 Jan. 1831.

Witness: Thomas Manning.

Proven by Manning 29 March 1836 and recorded same day.

[Ed. Note: *Old Land Records of Marshall County, Alabama* by Margaret M. Cowart page 125, shows Charles Grayson patented 81.12½ acres in the E/2 SE/4 Sec. 2-7-3E on 21 Sept. 1830. Thomas Manning is shown as having patented other land in the same section.]

Pages 4 - 5  
Deed of Trust  
12 March 1836

William Clark, debtor - party of the first part.

Percival M. Bush, trustee - party of the second part.

G. W. Allen, C. Allen and William Bush, creditors - parties of the third part.

All parties are residents of Marshall County, Al. Clark owes G. W. and C. Allen \$39.93 plus interest due by note dated 25 Dec. 1838; Clark owes William Bush \$70.00 by note dated 25 Dec. 1838 plus interest. To secure creditors against loss, Clark deeds to Percival M. Bush, in trust, a certain improvement whereon the said William Clark now lives containing, under fence, about 15 acres and lying about one mile southwest of the Cain[?] Spring, one mare and colt, two mares, a wooden clock, a cow and calf, one heifer, 11 head sheep and a rifle gun. Clark to remain on the property and have use of same. If he defaults on payment, upon request of above creditors, trustees to sell property and pay creditors with overage, if there be any, going to Clark. Signed by William Clark, P. M. Bush, William Bush, G. W. Allen, and Car. Allen. Witnessed by Washington T. May and John M. Cabaness and proven by Cabaness 7 April 1836; recorded 30 April 1836.

Pages 6 - 7  
Warranty Deed  
19 Dec. 1835

James Walker of Madison County, Alabama sells to George Morrow of Jackson County, Alabama for \$200 land in Jackson County described as:

W/2 NE/4 Section 19-6-3E containing 80 acres,

with tenements and appurtenances.

Signed:

James Walker

Witness:

Abram Birdwell, J. P.

Edm. Bridges, J. P.

Proven 19 Dec. 1835 by Birdwell and Bridges and recorded 23 April 1836.

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## CIRCUIT COURT GRAND JURY RECORDS

(Criminal and Civil cases.)

### Part 4

Marshall County was established in 1836 but as one might expect, it took a few months to fully organize the court system. 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. The county seat was in the town of Marshall.

From the beginning of this ledger to page 100, 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 body felt there was sufficient evidence of guilt on the part of the defendant 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 (now 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.

Sometimes 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.]

Beginning on page 100 these records are no longer criminal, but switch to civil cases. The ledger containing the remainder of the criminal cases has not been located. The civil cases appear to be the first recorded in Marshall County.

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

Judges of the Circuit Court: George W. Law and Daniel Coleman  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court: John O. Feemster  
 Solicitor (prosecuting attorney): William Acklen  
 Sheriff: Joel Higgins  
 Deputy Sheriffs: William L. Fry, Francis Martin and William T. Todd.

This series was begun in Volume 24, Issue No. 2 and is continued from the last issue. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Pages 88-91

State of Alabama  
 vs.  
 Jacob Lassiter and Thomas D. Johnson

Charge: Affray (fighting in public)  
 Grand Jury Foreman: Elisha Moreland.

At a Circuit Court held at the court house in the town of Marshall on the 4th Monday in March 1840, the Grand Jury found a true bill against Jacob Lassiter and Thomas D. Johnson for fighting together in a public place on 10 Feb. 1840.

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

Warrants were issued and they were arrested 28 March 1840. Jacob Lasseter posted a \$500 bond on 25 May 1840 with William Puryer and Caleb W. Rogers his bondsmen. Thomas Johnson posted bond on 30 Sept. 1840 with William T. Todd his bondsman.

At a regular court held the 4th Monday in September 1840 Thomas Johnson pleaded guilty whereupon a jury consisting of John D. Barclay and 11 others (not named) assessed his fine to One Cent plus court costs. John Lassiter did not show up in court, defaulted and forfeited his bond.

## Pages 91-92

State of Alabama

vs.

Joseph B Tate and Jesse H. Kile

Charge: Sci fa [scire facias]

In Marshall County Circuit Court on the 4th Monday in March 1840 a Judgment was rendered against Tate and Kile for the sum of \$500. On 11 Feb. 1840 Joseph B. Tate and Jesse H. Kile, Tate's security, were bound to appear in court on the 4th Monday of March 1840 on a charge of assault and battery against Tate. Tate failed to appear. The court ordered Tate's bond be forfeited.

## Pages 93-94

State of Alabama

vs.

Calvin Tucker and William H. Wiggs

Charge: Scire facias

At court held on the 4th Monday in March 1840, a judgment was rendered against the above named defendants for the sum of \$400. The judgment arose from failure of Calvin Tucker to appear in court to answer a charge of assault with intent to murder. Wiggs was his bondsman. The judgment was set aside upon the payment of costs in the case in court on the 4th Monday in September, 1840.

## Pages 94-100

State of Alabama

vs.

Emanuel Peters

A writ of Supersedeas\* was petitioned for in the following case:

\*Writ of Supersedeas: A bond of one who petitions to set aside a judgment or execution from which the other party may be made whole if the action is unsuccessful. [*Black's Law Dictionary*, 5th Edition, 1979.]



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

On 29 March 1839 Marshall Holly pleaded guilty of an affray (fighting in public) and a jury consisting of John Starnes and 11 others (not named) assessed his fine at One Cent plus court costs. Emanuel Peters became Holly's security for the fine and costs.

Marshall Holly also pleaded guilty to a second charge of affray. A jury consisting of John Starnes and 11 others (not named) assessed his fine at One Cent plus court costs. Emanuel Peters also became his security on this case.

On 29 July 1839 Emanuel Peters states he "never went the security of Marshall Holly in any way" and the first intimation he had of the existence of any such thing was from the executions in the hands of the Sheriff. The liability was \$23.08½ on the first case and \$17.13½ on the second.

The total liability was \$46.17 (including costs) and Joseph G. Garrett became Peters' security on 31 August 1839. This case was continued until the 4th Monday in September, 1840 at which time the court ordered "that the Writ of Supersedeas be quashed and that the State of Alabama recover the costs against the defendant and his Security.

Pages 100-102 [Note: This is the first of the Civil cases recorded in this ledger.]

William Bowers  
vs.  
Joseph Smith

A warrant was issued on 12 March 1839 against Joseph Smith to answer William P. Bowers' charge of damages in the amount of \$500. The action is brought to recover the sum of \$200 due the plaintiff from the defendant for hogs, cattle, swine and meat sold to Smith in January 1838. No bail required. Louis Wyeth, is attorney for Smith. Warrant served on Smith on 13 March 1839 by John Ashby, Deputy Sheriff.

Attorneys for Bowers were Chapman & Humphreys. At court on the 4th Monday in March 1840 it was determined that Bowers was a non-resident. He was ordered to give security in 60 days for the costs of the suit.

At a court held on the 4th Monday in September 1840 it was determined that Bowers had not given bond as ordered, therefore, the judge decreed in favor of Smith and ordered Bowers to pay the costs in the case.

Pages 100-104

William P. Bowers  
v.  
James Critcher



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

Action: Plea of Trespass

Amount sued for: \$500 damages

A warrant for the arrest of James Critcher was issued 12 March 1839 to assure his appearance in court on the 4th Monday in March 1839 to answer to a plea of trespass. Arrest made by J. Ashby, Deputy Sheriff, on 15 March 1839.

This action is brought for the recovery of \$175.35 plus interest from 14 Jan. 1838, for hogs, cattle, meat &<sup>c</sup> sold by Bowers to Critcher. No bail required.

James Critcher appeared in court on 27 September 1839 and stated he employed N. Robinson a month ago to defend him in said suit but owing to forgetfulness on his part, Robinson failed to do so. Critcher states he was "prepared and can prove by John C. Johnson, payment of the debt upon which suit is here brought; that he has attended most of the term expecting to be called to defend this suit and did not learn until a day or two since of the course that had been taken in it; that he does not now ask the Judgment to be set aside for delay but for the purpose of Justice."

Verdict: William P. Bowers is not a resident of Marshall County and the Court ordered that he give security for the costs of this action. He failed to post bond and on the 4th Monday in September 1840 the court dismissed the suit and ordered Bowers to pay costs.

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#### W. R. SLATON CHARGED

W. R. Slaton was charged with the murder of John Davis eighteen years ago and a jury found him guilty; he was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Seated near the prisoner was his aged mother, a woman of small stature with deep lines of suffering and hardship furrowing her face. Then there sat his wife who was convulsed with suppressed sobs and three or four little children unconscious of the stroke that was about to fall upon their breadwinner. . . with the court's permission, the Sheriff and Deputy Gibson passed through the crowd and collected more than \$30. for the wife and children of the prisoner. [*The Guntersville Democrat*, 6 May 1909.]

#### ALVA THOMPSON CONVICTED

Alva Thompson was convicted of assault with intent to murder and fined \$200. It was said outside that the jury fined Thompson for such poor shooting. [*The Guntersville Democrat*, May 6, 1909.]

# Morgan

## RECORD BOOK 1

1821 - 1834

### Part 1

In comparing Record Book 1 and Register 1 it appears there is some duplication in the beginning. Regardless of a few duplications, we have chosen to run Record Book 1 in its entirety since so much of the material has never been published. Record Book 1 is from 7 May 1821 and ends on 18 August 1834. Copied and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

#### Page 1

State of Alabama ) The Honorable County Court for the County of *Cataco* [Cotaco] met  
                          ) at the Courthouse in Sommerville on Monday the 7th day of May 1821.  
*Cataco* County ) Present: Horatio Philpott, Chief Justice; Robert Tapscott, William Priddy,  
                          ) and William G. Dossey, Esquires, Justices of the County Courts.

Ordered by the Court that Jeremiah Riddle be appointed Overseer of the Road from Tennessee River near Capt. Mosley's till it intersects the road leading from Decatur to Moulton. Ordered also that Isaac Lane, Dixon Fanback, James Vest and John Burleson be appointed to apportion the hands amongst the overseers of Roads leading from & through Decatur & neighborhood.

Ordered by the Court that Green B. Wilson be appointed Overseer of the Road from the Creek south of Sommerville to James S. Turrentine's. Ordered also that Matthew Cyrus, Peter Couch & Robert Tapscott apportion the hands.

Ordered by the Court that Jesse Burus be appointed Overseer of the Road from Dry Creek to Cotaco Creek, and to have the hands which were allotted the former overseer.

Ordered by the Court that Nicholas Ballew be appointed Overseer of the Road from a small creek south of Samuel Carson[?] to the County line. Ordered also that Matthew Cyrus, Peter Cauch & Robert Tapscott apportion the hands.

#### Page 2

Ordered by the court that John Gandy be appointed Overseer of the Roads from Daniel Turney's to the County line in a Direction to the Town of Blountsville. Ordered that Matthew Cyrus, Peter Cauch[Couch] and Robert Tapscott apportion the hands.







## Record Book 1 (-continued-)

Ordered by the Court that Daniel Turnery be appointed Overseer of the Road from said Turnery's to the County line in a direction to Mr. Dunn's and that Matthew Cyrus, Peter Couch and Robert Tapscott to apportion the hands.

Ordered by the Court that the Report of the Jury of Review on the Road from Summerville to the Bridge on Cataco Creek, thence to John Wallis, to Ridge [copied exact.]

Ordered by the Court that Burrel Marchbanks be appointed overseer of the Road from Summerville to John Wallis. as marked and that Isaac Yeary, James Echols & Ralph Campbell apportion the hands.

Ordered by the Court that George Riggs be appointed Overseer of the Road from Summerville to Cedar Creek and also that Matthew Cyrus, Peter Couch and Robert Tapscott apportion the hands.

Ordered by the Court that William Johnson be licensed to keep a Tavern for the Term of one year, he having given bond and security required by law.

Ordered by the Court that William Griffin, William Johnson & Benjamin Jones be appointed to apportion the hands to work on the several roads leading through Custerville[?] & neighborhood.

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**MORGAN COUNTY DEATH RECORDS****Book A — 1893-1895**

## Part 6

In tracing your ancestors, the cause of death is often the most difficult fact to determine. For this reason the death records found in most counties in Alabama beginning in the 1880's or 1890's (depending on the county) are priceless. Some Alabama counties do not have these records. Some counties house them in the courthouse and other are in the local Health Department. The original records in Morgan County are housed in the Courthouse and begin in 1893. If you do not locate your ancestor in these records, yet you know he/she died within the time period covered, it may be because the death simply was not reported, particularly if they lived in a rural area. Change comes slowly and it took a long time to educate doctors, mid-wives, etc. to the fact that deaths were to be reported. Dene Walls and Sue Marine have laboriously copied and checked these Morgan County death records and graciously allow us to publish them. This series started in *Valley Leaves* in Volume 23, No. 4 and is continued here from the last issue.

DEATH RECORDS

Decedent	Date of Death	Place of Birth	Sex	Marital Status	Occupation	Age	Place of Death	Cause of Death	Buried
1894									
A. Duplaces	June 9	Conn.	M	-	Tramp	22	Beat 10	RR accident	Hartselle
R. N. Walden	June 17	Hartselle	M	-	Carpenter	62	Hartselle	TB of lungs	Hartselle
Jas. Waldrop	June 17	Ga.	M	-	Laborer	21	Hartselle	Typhoid fever	Hartselle
Mrs. Lauvenia Beck	June 6	Ala	F	M	---	26	Decatur	Puerperal fever	Decatur
Mrs. Katie Vougeles	June 22	Ala	F	M	---	26	Decatur	Consumption	Cullman
Mrs. Dona Tingle	June 18	Ala	F	M	---	32	Decatur	Paralysis	Lynville, Tn.
E. A. Boteler	June 26	Ala	M	M	---	46	Decatur	Consumption	Danville, Al.
Mrs. L. Norris	June 1	Ala	F	M	---	22	Decatur	Inflammation/bowels	Huntsville, Al.
Neely Kinney	June 3	Ala	M	S	---	15	Decatur	Whooping cough	Decatur
Zack Johnson (Blk)	June 26	Ala.	M	M	Laborer	63	Decatur	Paralysis	Decatur
Geo. Porter (Blk)	June 17	Ala.	M	M	Laborer	59	Decatur	Typhoid fever	Decatur
A. F. Taylor	June 4	Ala	M	S	Infant	2 mo.	Decatur	Whooping cough	Decatur
Alford Petterson	June 8	Ala	M	-	Infant	3 mo.	Decatur	Whooping cough	Decatur
Jas. M. Graham	June 14	Tenn.	M	M	Laborer	36	Decatur	Drowned	Decatur
Lewis Morris	June 19	Ala	M	-	Infant	10 ds	Decatur	Unknown	Huntsville, Al.
C. Autory [?]	June 22	Ala	M	-	youth	1	Decatur	Cholera infantum	Decatur
1895									
Eliza Bean (Blk)	Jan. 24	Ala	F	-	---	85	Decatur	Rheumatism	Decatur
Annienias Coleman (Blk)	Jan.27	Ala	F	-	---	7	Decatur	Congestion/bowels	Decatur
William Jefferson (Blk)	Jan. 20	Ala	M	-	Laborer	53	Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur
Angy Synes (Blk)	Jan. 1	Ala	F	S	---	16	Decatur	Consumption	Bell Mina, Al
Gree Raper (Blk)	Jan. 12	Ala	M	S	Barber	38	Decatur	Consumption	Bell Mina, Al
Hiram Mastrins (Blk)	Jan 13	Ala	M	M	---	48	Decatur	Consumption	Harris Station, Al
Verginia Brideford	Jan 12	Ala.	F	-	---	3	Decatur	Erysipelas	Decatur
Charlie Armstrong	Feb. 15	Ala	F	S	---	19	Decatur	Consumption	Decatur

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Morgan County

September 1990

# Queries

Queries are free to members. A maximum of 175 words per year per member is allowed. A maximum of 175 words per non-member may be published for a \$2.00 fee as space allows. All queries are edited and published at the discretion of the editor and we reserve the right to refuse to publish any query submitted. At least one full name, date, and location should be included in each query. No "surname only" queries will be accepted.

1 **STARNES. STEARNS. STEARNES**

Family History Book soon to be published with allied families of BOSHART, RODEN, ROLLINGS, BONDS, ROWAN, MINNIX AND ISBELL. If you belong to any of these families and would like to be included, or to order a book please write or call (619) 583-1506.

*Jessie Ruth Russell, 5581 Forbes Ave, San Diego, CA 92120*

2 **NOBLE. LEWIS. MOORE. PRESLEY. FEEMSTER**

Any information on my ancestors: Bessie Elizabeth PRESLEY, b. about 22 Dec 1880 and her parents, Tom PRESLEY and Nancy Matilda MOORE (I have her photo) or Sarah Emmaline FEEMESTER, b. 15 Feb 1864 or Charlotte T. LEWIS, b. 14 March 1834 and her husband Thomas NOBLE, b. 1 Jan 1835. Will exchange any info on my family.

*Lou Wilbanks, Box 801, M/S 8044, Mckinney, TX 75069*

3 **BYERLEY. BYERLY. BIERLY**

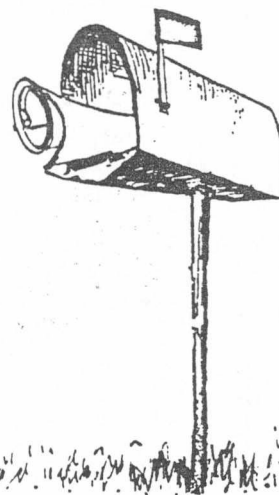
Need all info on Jasper BYERLEY m. Mary MOORE in Knox Co. TN. Children: (a) James E. b. 12 June 1807 Knox Co. TN, d. 13 July 1881 in Knox Co. TN. Married Hallelujah Elizabeth YARNELL on 9 Dec 1830 in Knox Co. TN (b) Martin b. 10 March 1816 Blount Co. TN d. 23 Sept 1891 Linn Co. KS, Married Mary ROUP from SC 6 Dec 1836. She was b. 16 Oct 1816, d. Feb 1892. They moved to Johnson Co. MO with twin sons John and Jasper and then moved to Linn Co. KS. Were there other children in these families?

*Mrs. Bertha J. (Crabtree) Lindell, 2223 Learnard Ave,  
Lawrence, KS 66046*

4 **ROBERTS**

Seeking descendants of John ROBERTS of Spotsylvania Co. VA, d in 1724 in Spotsylvania Co. now Culpeper Co. VA. His ggrandson Henry ROBERTS was in Lauderdale Co. AL and other areas in 1818. He was an attorney and dealt in land for U.S. government when the Tenn Valley sales opened. He and wife Elizabeth appear in Lauderdale Co. AL 1830 census. Three sons and four daughters, Peter H and Benjamin only two known.

*Wm. L. Roberts, RR2 Rt 151A, Clay City, IN 47841*



Queries Editor: Grace Geraci Nola

5     **CLARK**

I would like to exchange information with any descendants of Wm. CLARK of Morgan Co. AL. William died about 1830. Where was William born?

*Clarence Watkins, 110 Valley Way,  
Statesboro,GA 30458*

6     **THOMPSON**

Seeking descendants of Oscar A. THOMPSON. He was living on Eustace (?) St, in Huntsville in 1930's. Wife was Emma ?. He is believed to have had two sons. Sam Thompson owned a Ladies Ready-to Wear in Huntsville in the 1930's. He was married, wife's name unknown. Paul Thompson m. Susie Burt Hampton. They had three children: Paul, Jr., Ann (who may live in Huntsville area now), and Jon (who may live in Meridianville area now). Can someone please help me to contact these descendants.

*Edith M. Hummer, Rt. 2, Box 198, Macon, MS 39341*

7     **JOHNSTON. DAVIS**

Seeking information on William R. JOHNSTON, who was elected the first Mayor of Madison in 1869. Believed to have come from Limestone Co., AL. A marriage record in Limestone has a William R. Johnston who married Saraphina C. DAVIS, Sol. 7 December 1852. In the 1870 Federal Census of Madison Station it states that William Johnson/Johnston was 40 yrs and a Ret. & Dry Goods Merchant, Sara age 39, Elizabeth age 10, William C., age 5, and Maud, age 1. Especially need his place of death, date of death, and burial place. Any information would be appreciated.

*P. B. Keel, 209 Mill Rd., Madison, AL 35758*

8     **HOLT. PETTEY**

Need information on Mathew HOLT, and his wife Sarah HOLT, living in the Vienna District in 1870. Shown on 1870 Census as (Madison Holt) and children, Frances, William & Robert. The 1880 Census shows Sarah as head of household. When did Mathew (Madison) die and where buried, and also when Sarah die and where buried, and also when Sarah died. Oldest daughter, Frances married Fred WALKER, then went to Texas. Also, Zachery Taylor Pettey, born at Paint Rock, about 1854, first name may be Zachariah. His parents, or other information on family.

*J. D. Morrison, 1561 Carl St., Ft. Worth, TX 76103*

9     **PARHAM. EARLY**

William W. Parham d. in Franklin Co. AL 1828 having previously lived in Madison Co., AL and Brunswick Co., VA. The children of William W. & Louisa (Love) Parham's were Curtis, Catharine, William, Martin and James Parham. Catharine, my g-gr mo., was b. c. 1824, m. Peter Early in 1838 and moved to Texas. Curtis believed to have gone to Brazora Co., TX before 1841. What happened to the rest of the children?

*Helen Norris Byrd, 4119 Corona St, Tampa, FL 33629-8504*

10 MAURY, SELF, GUNTER

I wish information on Richard L. Maury who was chief clerk for the L&N Railroad in Decatur, AL in 1892. I would also like to exchange info on the Self and Gunter families. There is a tradition in the Presley Self(1763-1855) family that Presley married a daughter of John Gunter who founded Guntersville, AL. She is listed as Amy on the 1850 census of Randolph Co., AL, age 90. This family was in Montgomery Co., NC in 1790, Pendleton Dist., SC in 1800, Bledsoe Co., TN in 1812, and Blount Co., AL by 1830. Your help will be appreciated.

*Larry R. Brown, Rt. 5 Box 268, Hartselle, AL 35640*

11 ADAMS

\$50 reward to first person who can furnish names of parents and first wife (Celia) of Allen T. Adams, my g-gr-fa. Allen T. & family in Ashley Co., Ark. in 1860 and 1870. In 1860 his wife was Celia R., age 28, born AL with ch: Martha A. (b. ca 1853 AL), Lorenzo A. and John R. (b. Ark. 1854 & 1858). My gr-mo, Mary Alice Adams, born 3 years later. Mother Celia R. died between 1863-1865. Who Celia R's parents or maiden name? Who parents of Allen T. Adams (b. SC ca 1832)?

Since Allen T. did not appear in 1870, it can be assumed that he died ca 1869, leaving a very young (or unborn) daughter. In 1870 Mary (SUTTON) ADAMS, now a widow, kept Lorenzo, and Jordon: old enough to work, but did not keep John R. who went to live with Jeremiah DEAN, of Bearhouse TWP.

"Carra", Joseph, and Lemora, appear to be children of Allen T. and Mary (SUTTON) ADAMS. My gm Mary Alice ADAMS presumably went to live with some other family in Ashley County, for at 16 or 17 she married my gf Josephus DENTON, also of Ashley County. "Carra", according to descendants, was actually Carrie Elizabeth, and nicknamed Betsy. Betsy m. A. J. Cain on 2 Nov 1884, they had a daughter, Jackie b. 1887, a son Pryor b. 1889. A. J. CAIN d. ca 1890, and Betsy m. M. LAVELLE 1892. LAVELLE had children, Miles, 9, Kate, 7, and Annie, 4. In 1893 a son Roy LAVELLE was born. Jackie CAIN married A. L. CROUCH, and for several years lived in Amarillo TX at 2401 Brooks Street. A son, A. L. Jr. (deceased) lived in Clovis, NM.

*Clifford Warren Roberts, 3424 Rice Blvd, Houston, TX 77005  
(713) 664-1314*

12 NORTON, GIBSON

Seek name & other data on dau of Nicholas KING and Nancy NORTON b. c 1830 Lawrence Co., AL. Had sons Nicholas, John B., Wm. Roberson, Peter Johnson, Benjamin F. & Lewis King, all older than their sister.

GIBSON, NORTON, KING

Eleanor "Nellie" (Gibson) NORTON, wid. of Edward Norton, had ch: Nancy, Jacob Leland and possibly Eleanor NORTON who m. Peter KING in Lawrence Co., AL 1823. Eleanor (Gibson) Norton d. Lawrence Co. after 1860. She possibly Creek Indian or Melungeon (Portuguese). Who her parents?

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13 SISK

Wish to corres. with anyone researching the Jackson Co., AL Sisks, especially anyone looking for Sisks who moved to MO or IL.

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14 PATTON, DUNCAN, BROWN, HARRISON, RAY, PATTERSON, PAYNE

Need date/place of m. of Geo. E. PATTON & Jane DUNCAN, d/o Joseph Duncan, c 1821/2. Issue thought to be (1) Alexander B. D. E. Patton b c 1822/3 Tn (2) Narcissa E. Patton b c 1826 Tn, (3) Mary Ann L. b c 1829 Tn (m. Stephen W. D. BROWN c 1848), (4) Joseph A. C. Bradford Patton b c 1830 AL, d 1910 Ark (m. 1st Harriet Jane Harrison c 1858 TX & 2nd Annie Ethel Powell RAY 10 Jan 1878), (5) Jerusha Jane b c 1834 AL (m 1st Wm. PATTERSON bef 1860 & 2nd Wm. Payne c 1865 Franklin Co., TN) & (6) Salina A. Patton b c 1837.

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15 DAVIS, HICKS, VARNELL, BUTLER

Simon DAVIS b 1759 Brunswick Cty, Va., in Rev. War. Who parents & siblings? James Hinson HICKS res Knoxville, TN c 1800. Who his parents? Who parents of Oliver BUTLER who res in McNairy, TN 1860. Who wives? William VARNELL, wf Elizabeth, res Greenville Cty, SC in 1785. Wm. & Richard Varnell got passports through Creek Nation in 1804. Will share all info.

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16 PONDER, MURPHREE, HEFLIN, WILLIAMS, KEY, BOLEY, CUNNINGHAM

Need info re Eliza Jane (Heflin) Key Murphree. She b near Moulton, Lawrence Co., AL c 1834/5, d/o Terrel HEFLIN & Sarah WILLIAMS. She m Henry J. KEY 1852 & had ch: Lewis Terrel Key (my gr-fa) b 19 May 1854 & Luther D. Key b c 1857. Lewis m Margrett C. BOLEY & Luther m Docie Boley, sisters. Henry Kee d during Civil War (when/where unknown) & Eliza m Dave Murphree 23 Dec 1867 & had Alexander "Alec" Murphree who m. Mattie CUNNINGHAM. Where did Eliza die and where buried? Any family info greatly appreciated.

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17 PARTAIN/ON/EN, CHANY/EY, YOUNG, HARVEY, SHEATS, MONROE, WILHITE, and

JUNKINS. Need info on Daniel PARTAIN & wf Mary CHANY. Ch: Christopher Columbus, James Monroe, Ritter E., Emily V., William Hubbard, Martha, Thomas G. & Hiram H. Res in Blount, Marion, Winston, Cullman & Morgan Co's. James Monroe m Mary Ann YOUNG 1865, Morgan Co., AL (Ch: Adron Carmanthy, Caldora L. A. [m. Jas. W. Harvey], Solomon Oscar [m Lena Belle Sheats], William Daniel [m Lydia Margaret Morris], James Monroe Jr. [m Nancy Sarepta WILHITE]. After James Monroe Sr's death Mary Ann m William H. JUNKINS & they had at least 2 ch: Walter L. & S. Lutie J.

BLAIR, REEVES, PARTAIN, WILHITE

Need info on Charles Culpepper BLAIR who m Meca (Mickey) REEVES 20 Sept 1820 in Carroll Co., Ga. They in St. Clair, AL 1850 with 1st child Sarah Jane, George age 66 & Nancy age 29. Who was George's wife? Who siblings of Charles? James Monroe PARTAIN Jr., Nancy Sarepta WILHITE & her fam settled Dublin, TX in late 1800's while Blairs came in 1855 to Parker, Erath, Eastland, & Kimble Co's TX. Glad to share.

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18 GRAHAM

Need information on Grahams from Jackson County. Who are parents of George William GRAHAM b 6 Sept 1857, d 6 Sept 1930, of Holly Tree, AL. He married Mary Ella Eustace.

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