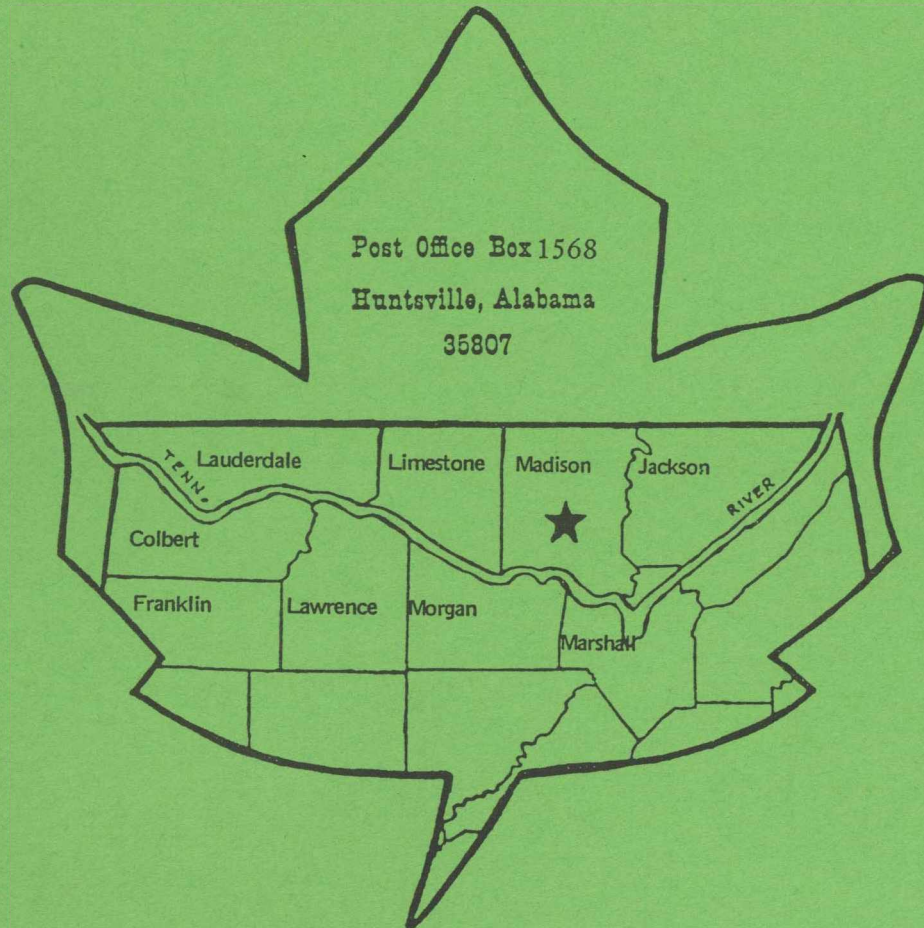


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Editor's Leaf

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Our First Vice President in charge of Programs, Addie K. Shaver, is continuing the TVGS tradition of presenting excellent programs for your pleasure and education. The next ones are: Friday, Nov. 16 - 7:00 in Library auditorium: Dianne Weston and Ron Ethridge will speak on Indian heritage and research. If you have any Indian blood, do not miss this one. Thursday, Feb. 28, 1991 - 7:00 in Library auditorium: Peggy Baird will be our guest speaker and her topic will be "Southern Mountain Instruments in the Museum of Appalachia at Norris, Tennessee." Please bring your old music instruments to this meeting.

Other topics coming up in the future are the Huntsville Mill Village, General Joe Wheeler, a panel on publishing, TVA and WPA cemeteries and many other fascinating topics.

MANY THANKS

There are many tasks in any organization that are accomplished by unsung heroes—those people that no organization could function without, yet they are seldom given the credit they deserve. Two of our unsung heroes are Col. Jimmy D. Wiggs and Jimmy Lee Hancock. They are the ones who see to it that *Valley Leaves* is mailed to you on time. They sort the labels, attach them to the books, put them in mail bags and take them to the postoffice. They check and double check to insure as few errors as possible. Without these men there would be no *Valley Leaves*.

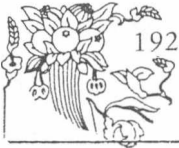
BARROW FAMILY MEETING

The Barrow Family Association of America will hold its fourth annual meeting at the St. Francis Hotel on the Lake in St. Francisville, LA (U. S. Hwy. 61 & State 10) March 22-24, 1991. Room reservations at this hotel must be made no later than Nov., 1990. For reservations call 1-800-523-6118. For further information contact Ms. Carol Barrow, 1360 Markan Court, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306.

FUNERAL HOME RECORDS

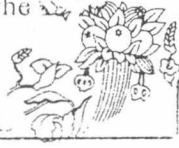
Have you ever thought to use funeral home records as a genealogical tool? President Harriet S. Liles, in *The Florida Genealogist*, announced that the W. L. Philbrick Funeral Home records (a 60 year accumulation) housed in 45 four-drawer cabinets, had been donated to the Richter Library at the University of Miami. What a wonderful research tool! If any of you know of a mortuary about to go out of business, please try to convince the owner to DONATE the records to a responsible organizations such as your local library. And don't forget to mention that the donation is tax deductible.

1920 CENSUS TO BE RELEASED



In a little over a year, (on 2 March 1992) the National Archives will release the 1920 census microfilm. Now that it is so close, it will seem interminable.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas—see 'ya in March.



Carolyn Scott Johnson

Book Reviews



EVELYN ROCHELLE, Book Review Editor.

THE SEARCH FOR WEST MOSLEY/MOSELY AND HIS DESCENDANTS, by Modie Young Mosley, Drawer J, Clyde, Texas 79510. Hardbound, 8½ x 11, 535 pages including a full-name index. \$39.50 postpaid.

West Mosley/Mosely first appeared in Orange County, NC in 1776 where he signed an oath of allegiance. By 1777 he had moved to Surry County, NC where he died in 1821. Many descendants still live in Surry County.

Included in this genealogy are family legends and memories written by descendants, along with data from diaries, family Bibles and personal interviews. There are many photographs and illustrations. This book is well-documented and represents 29 years of research by the compiler.

THOMAS BEGAT, AN ACCOUNTING OF THE FAMILY OF THOMAS THOMPSON, by Edith Jackson Hankins, 3773 Birchvale Drive, Memphis, TN 38125, 5½ x 8½, hardbound, 131 pages plus full name index. \$18.00.

"Thomas Begat" tells the story of the descendants of Thomas Thompson who was born about 1780 in Virginia and came from South Carolina into Fayette County, AL by the early 1830's. He died in Fayette Co., AL in 1863 leaving many descendants in that area.

KIN TO "OLD NED" SIZEMORE, by Edith Jackson Hankins, 3773 Birchvale Dr., Memphis, TN 38125, 5½ x 8½ booklet, 44 pages, including full name index. \$3.00.

This is a brief study of the relatives of "Old Ned" Sizemore and was based on the records of the United States Court of Claims which met from 1906 to 1909. Claimants were endeavoring to establish that they were members of the Cherokee Nation. About 2,000 Sizemore claimants, representing 5,000 individuals, were rejected because Ned, John, Joseph and William Sizemore did not appear to be living within the Cherokee Domain at the date of the treaty of 1835-36.

INDEX TO HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS OF NEW JERSEY, by Barbara Hankins Martin, 5½ x 8½, 32 page booklet. \$5.00.

May be ordered from Edith Jackson Hankins at above address. *Historical Collections of New Jersey*, compiled by John W. Barber and reprinted in 1975 contains a general collection of the most interesting facts, traditions, biographical sketches and anecdotes of New Jersey. Geographical descriptions of important places and the 1865 State Census of all the towns is included. An index is a highly desirable addition to any genealogical publication.

PRAIRIE ROOTS, published quarterly by the Peoria Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 1489, Peoria, Illinois 61655, 8½ x 11, 30 to 40 pages plus index, per quarter. Subscription is by membership and dues are: single - \$9.00, family - \$10.50, Senior Citizen - \$1.00 less, Junior - \$5.50, Contributing - \$12.00, Life - \$150.00. Dues payable on or before July 1st each year and not later than Sept. 1st. Societies and Libraries - \$5.00 per year.

Queries are free on a first-come, first-served basis as space is available. The quarterlies we were given to review included Peoria County Marriages, 1856; Peoria County Births, 1876; "Former Peorians," estate settlements, Bible records and family group sheets. This will be a good research tool for Peoria County researchers.



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GOODBARS I FOUND, 1774-1978, Descendants of Joseph (1) and William (2) of Rockbridge County, VA by Carmen E. Clark, Route 2, Box 270, Lexington, VA 24450. 8½ x 11, hardbound, 265 pages including a full name index. \$20.00 plus \$1.95 postage.

This book covers the lives and descendants of two Goodbar brothers, Joseph and William, who came from England and settled in Rockbridge County, VA about 1770. Joseph Goodbar's children were Elizabeth (Goodbar) Erwin Davidson, John Harvey Goodbar who went to Mt. Sterling, KY, later settling in Indiana, and Joseph Goodbar who was the father of fifteen children. A chapter in this book is devoted to each of these children.

William Goodbar also had a son named Joseph who left his parental Rockbridge home in 1804 and settled in Tennessee. He married Nancy Masters and reared a family of seven sons and four daughters, all born in Overton County, TN in the early 1800's.

This work has been well researched and footnoted and the author has included many family photographs that help to compile an interesting family genealogy.

HONORED MEMBERS

These Honored Members have made monetary contributions to the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library Building Fund through TVGS. We are due to make our last \$5,000 payment to the Building Fund in December. If you would like to help us meet this goal please send your contribution to us today. And, a huge THANK YOU to those of you who have already contributed.

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North Alabama

THE PAINT ROCK RIFLES

By
Charles Rice

One of the first companies from North Alabama to volunteer for the Confederate Army was the Paint Rock Rifles. This infantry company was organized by Lemuel G. Mead (1840-1878), a young farmer who had educated himself to become a lawyer. Lem Mead was apparently a popular figure for despite his relative youth he was then serving as master of the newly chartered Paint Rock Masonic Lodge No. 274.

The Paint Rock Rifles were formed on September 17, 1861, evidently at the Paint Rock station of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad. The recruits came from an area within a radius of about twenty miles, including men from parts of Jackson, Madison and Marshall counties. The Rifles journeyed to Iuka, Mississippi where they mustered into the Confederate service on September 20, 1861. Their period of enlistment was one year.

Captain of the company was its organizer, Lemuel Mead. The original first lieutenant's name is not recorded; apparently he resigned after only a few days. Chosen to be second lieutenants were James A. Coffey and James E. Daniel. On September 30, 1861, first sergeant Ephraim Latham was appointed junior second lieutenant to provide the fourth commissioned officer. This was to prove an unwise choice for Latham later deserted to the enemy.

The Paint Rock Rifles became Company C of Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Davis's Independent Battalion of Alabama Infantry, referred to variously as the 1st, 2nd, 5th and 8th Alabama Battalion! When Davis resigned from the army several months later, Major (Rev.) William D. Chadick succeeded to the command. The Rifles were soon sent with

their battalion to Bowling Green, Kentucky where their camp was ravaged by a serious outbreak of measles. Fifteen members of Company C went into the hospital with rubeola in November, 1861. Two men died. Others were sent home to Alabama in hopes they might recover.

On April 3, 1862, now back in Mississippi, Chadick's Battalion was consolidated with Lieutenant Colonel Edward J. Golladay's Independent Battalion to form the 26th Alabama Infantry Regiment. Colonel John Coltart assumed overall command. Three days later the 26th Alabama fought as part of Gladden's brigade at the Battle of Shiloh, losing 123 men killed or wounded out of 700 engaged. Eight members of the Paint Rock Rifles were casualties. Private William Johnson was killed by a bullet through the heart. The others all survived.

Despite seeing combat at Shiloh, Lemuel Mead was tiring of the monotony of infantry camp life. On April 21, 1862 he requested the position of major in the 1st Alabama Battalion. Failing to obtain that, he resigned from the army on July 1, 1862. Mead quickly used his influence in Montgomery to obtain permission to recruit partisan rangers behind the enemy lines in Union-occupied North Alabama. By the war's end he had raised several battalions and was a colonel of cavalry.

In June, 1862 the Rifles marched to Kentucky as part of Gardner's brigade, now commanded by Captain James E. Daniel. The one year enlistment expired in September, 1862. However, most of the men chose to remain in the army. The company fought as part of Deas' brigade at Murfreesboro on December 31, 1862, losing one dead and four

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wounded. The dead man was the company's color bearer, Private John Province.

On June 6, 1863, the 26th Regiment was re-designated the 50th Alabama and served as such throughout the remainder of the war. The 50th fought at the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Atlanta, and Franklin. At Kinston, North Carolina in one of the war's last engagements, forty skirmishers of the 50th Alabama captured 300 men and the colors of the 15th Connecticut Regiment. On April 9, 1865 the 50th was consolidated with the 22nd, 26th and 39th Alabama Regiments to form the 22nd Regiment Alabama Infantry (Consolidated). The men from Paint Rock finally ended their service to the South with the surrender of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army at Greensboro, North Carolina on April 26, 1865. They had spent more than three and a half

years in uniform.

The following roster has been compiled from the card abstracts preserved in the National Archives at Washington, D. C. The soldiers's names are listed alphabetically on the following microfilm rolls: Roll 440, 50th Alabama Infantry Regiment, A-C1; Roll 441, Co-G; Roll 442, H-L; Roll 443, M-R; Roll 444, S-Y. All are available in the Heritage Room of the Huntsville Public Library. It is worth commenting that some of the original Paint Rock Rifles were unfairly dropped as deserters when they were "cut off" at home by Union General O. M. Mitchel's seizure of Huntsville and Athens in the spring of 1862. These men were not truly deserters since they promptly volunteered for Mead's ranger battalion once he returned among them.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Barnes, A. J., 2nd Lieutenant.

No age, no date of enlistment; captured at New Market, Alabama 2 March 1865; sent to Camp Chase prison; took oath of allegiance on 14 June 1865 ("complexion dark, hair black, eyes hazel, height 5' 7½" and age 23.")

Battle, J. W., 1st Lieutenant.

No age, no date of enlistment; elected 2nd Lieutenant on 27 August 1862; efficiency report of 31 August 1863 notes "moderate officer;" appointed 1st Lieutenant on 15 January 1863; dismissed 22 April 1864.

Note: The 1907 Confederate Census of Madison Co., Alabama states Jacob William Battle, born 2 May 1842 near Huntsville, entered service on 2 Jan. 1862 at LaGrange as 1st Sergeant, Co. H, 35th Ala. Infantry. He was promoted to 2nd Lt. and transferred to Co. C, 50th Alabama. He was again promoted to 1st Lt. on 5 July 1863 and was transferred to cavalry on 4 Sept. 1864. He commanded a scout company under Forrest until the surrender.

Coffey, James A., 2nd Lieutenant. Age 39

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. In Nov. 1861 he was shown as "absent buying clothes for company." He was shown present as a 1st Lieutenant in June, 1862; resigned on the 30th July 1862.

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Daniel, James B., 2nd Lieutenant (U) Age 21

Enlisted 17 September 1861; "Absent, sent to Memphis with guns" on 25 Nov. 1861; appointed captain 1 July 1862; efficiency report showed "very good officer" on Aug. 31, 1863; resigned 17 April 1864; recommended by Col. Lemuel G. Mead for appointment Lt. Col., 27th Tennessee Cavalry Battalion, Mead's Regiment, March 1865.

Durham, Isaiah A., 2nd Lieutenant (U)

No appointment of commission; slightly wounded as Pvt. at Murfreesboro 31 Dec. 1862 while prospecting for gold; appointed 2nd Lt. on 14 June 1863; efficiency report showed "good officer" on 31 Aug. 1863; "wounded severely in shoulder" in Atlanta 28 July 1864; transferred at Danville 9 May 1865; oath of allegiance 11 May 1865. Had fair complexion, light hair, grey eyes, 6 feet tall.

Note: 1907 Confederate Veteran Census of Madison Co. states Isaiah A. Durham was born 21 August 1841 in Durhamville; entered service in 1861 at Decatur as a private in the 10th Co. Alabama and continued until close of war.

Latham, Ephraim, 2nd Lieutenant, Age 23.

Enlisted as 1st Sergeant 17 September 1861; appointed 2nd Lt. 30 Sept. 1861; "Left at Chattanooga, Tenn. under arrest" August 1862; court martial 13 Dec. 1862 ("G. O. 571, Dist. of Army of Tennessee—Bragg"); sent on conscript duty in Jackson Co., Ala. 28 Feb. 1863; "I would most respectfully request that Lieutenant Ephraim Latham of my company be dropped from my Muster Roll for the following reason, viz: he deserted to the enemy last June and is now Captain in the enemies service." [Letter of 18 March 1864 by Capt. James E. Daniel.]

Note: Commissioned captain, 1st Regiment Alabama and Tennessee Vidette Cavalry (Union) at Stevenson, Alabama 10 Sept. 1863. Mustered out with regiment 16 June 1864.

Mead, Lemuel G., Captain, Age 30

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861; resigned 1 July 1862; raised Mead's Cavalry Battalion and commissioned colonel.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATE SOLDIERS

Archey, James, Private, Age 35

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861; absent with leave in November 1861; slightly wounded in leg at Shiloh 6 April 1862 at 2:00 p.m. and listed sick at Columbus, Miss. June through Oct., 1862. No further information.

Archey, Robert, Private, Age 17.

Enlisted 17 September 1861; reported "Died in Camp" near Tupelo, Mississippi on 26 June 1862.

Ardis, Calvin, Private, Age 19

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861; sick in hospital June 1862; no further information.

Paint Rock Rifles (-continued-)

Ardis, Major F., Pvt.

No age or date of enlistment given; captured at Chattanooga 24 Nov. 1863; sent to Rock Island prison 21 Dec. 1863.

Bell, W. H. H., Private.

Enlisted 7 June 1863 at Shelbyville, Tenn. Reported in hospital Sept-Oct. 1863. No further information.

Berry, James M., 2nd Corporal. Age 20

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Reported sick 25 Nov. 1861. Rank given as sergeant; no further information. [Note: A. J. M. Berry served in Captain Nelson's company of Mead's Battalion.]

Berry, Robert, Private. Age 18.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to hospital at Bowling Green, Kentucky 28 Oct. 1861 with rubeola; died 10 November 1861.

Berry, Samuel, Private. Age 40

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Wounded slightly in head at Shiloh on 6 April 1862 at 8:00 a.m. Discharged 10 Oct. 1862 at Bardstown, Kentucky.

Bingham, John L., Private. Age 20.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Sick at Chattanooga November, 1862. Conflicting information: (1) Died at Atlanta of typhoid fever 9 April 1863. (2) Captured July 1864 in Jackson Co., Ala., sent to Nashville, took oath of allegiance 10 July 1864 and released to remain north of the Ohio river. Fair complexion, light hair, blue eyes, 5' 10" tall, age 20.

Bingham, Ragsdale, Private. Age 22.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861; sick in hospital with rubeola at Bowling Green 25 Oct. 1861; furloughed home 11 Nov. 1861; "sick at Chattanooga, Tenn." November 1862. No further information.

Blasingham, F. M., Private.

Enlisted 1 March 1862 near Corinth, Miss; discharged as disabled 20 Aug. 1862 due to "varicose veins of both legs." He was born in Jackson County, Alabama, 22 years of age, 5' 5" tall, dark complexion, dark eyes, black hair and "by occupation when enlisted was a Soldier [sic]." (Report dated 15 Aug. 1862.)

Brazelton, J. M., Private.

Enlisted 15 Dec. 1861 at Huntsville. Sept. to Nov. 1863 was in hospital at Griffin, Ga; no further information.

Carden, Leonard, 4th Cpl. Age 18

Enlisted 17 September 1861; sick in hospital June 1862. Admitted to hospital at Dalton, Ga. with diarrhea 21 Nov. 1862; 30 day furlough 15 Dec. 1862; died at Greensboro, Georgia 9 March 1864.

Carroll, Ellis Logan, Private. Age 17.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861; admitted to hospital at Bowling Green with rubeola 25 Oct. 1861; furloughed 11 Nov. 1861; no further information.

Carroll, John, Private. Age 18.

Enlisted 17 September 1861. No further information.

-To be continued-

Colbert

GEORGE W. ASHBRIDGE

The following sermon was obtained by William Stubno from the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, Pa.

The sermon was given on the occasion of the death of Rev. George W. Ashbridge who was married to Christina Mitchell, daughter of Dr. Alexander W. Mitchell of Colbert County (then Franklin County). Dr. Mitchell built "Belmont" circa 1828-1832 and moved to Philadelphia about 1833. He and his daughter, the widow Ashbridge, appear there in the 1850 census.

The painfully long and flowery sermon has been edited and condensed here to eliminate passages of no historic or genealogical significance. It is unfortunate the author chose to deliver more rhetoric than fact.

SERMON

The Rev. George W. Ashbridge was born of respectable parents in the city of Philadelphia in the year 1800 where the days of his childhood were passed under the parental roof. His father who, for several years, commanded a ship engaged in the East India trade, died when he was only four years old and, consequently, his early education devolved chiefly on his widowed mother who was a regular member of the Society of Friends.

At the age of twelve years he left his native city and the fostering care of his endeared relatives and was committed to the special guardianship and direction of a friend in or near the town of Paris, Ky.

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About three years after his removal to Paris his youthful and ardent mind was arrested and impressed on the subject of religion, under the preaching of the venerable Dr. Bishop and at the early age of fifteen years he became a member of the Presbyterian Church.

His attention was immediately and seriously directed to the Christian Ministry and shortly after, having made a public profession of religion, he entered upon a course of Classical studies which was completed at the Transylvania University where he graduated in 1820.

He then took a full Theological course in the Seminary at Princeton, N. J. and in 1823 was licensed to preach the Gospel. Soon after his license in the humble employment of a Missionary to Florida he commenced that short but brilliant career of benevolent action which terminated only with his last pulsations.

After one or two years spent in Missionary labors he was settled in the Ministry in Tuscumbia, Ala. and married to the amiable lady who remains among you to lament, but not as one without hope, his sudden exit.

His faithful labors in the congregation at Tuscumbia were crowned with encouraging success and during a gracious season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord he was permitted to introduce into that infant and feeble Church a considerable number of worthy and useful members who continue to adorn their profession by a life and conversation becoming the Gospel of Christ.

After a residence of between three and four years in that place where he was extensively useful and univerrally esteemed and beloved, he was invited to take charge of the First Church in this city . . .

Three weeks ago this morning . . . the beloved Ashbridge stood before you in this [place]. He was then apparently in perfect health. His manly form was finely

nerved and vigorous and the current of life flowed onward with lively, energetic and rapid career. When he passed out from before the altar with lighted countenance and steady step the melancholy thought occurred to no one that the man of God was to tread these earthly courts no more forever!—that the people of his charge, as he cheerfully mingled among them by the way, were receiving from their spiritual shepherd, his last greetings of friendship and affection!

No! It could not have been imagined and yet it was even so. The elements of mortal disease and sudden dissolution were then secretly effecting the work of destruction within him although he knew it not.

On the Tuesday evening following he became conscious of some slight disease in his system and his rest during the night was somewhat interrupted. The next day his illness, which had before been regarded merely as the effect of a slight cold contracted by the fatigues and exposures of a communion season attended in a neighboring congregation the preceeding week, assumed a serious aspect; and on Thursday it began to develop itself in the form of scarlet fever and awakened some concern in his vigilant physician.

On Friday and Saturday the power and malignity of the disease were greatly increased and the anxieties of his devoted companion became painfully alarming. A council of physicians was called and the melancholy but irristible conclusion of the hasty conference was that the speedy dissolution of their revered patient was inevitable. The clock had struck ten on Saturday evening—and *less than twenty hours of probation* remained—when, urged by the fond partner of his bosom who had discovered his danger . . . approached his bed side and tenderly with palpitating heart and tearful eye and quivering lip communicated the certain, fearful, start-

George W. Ashbridge (-continued-)

ling intelligence that the *hour of dying was at hand*. This was the first intimation of immediate danger. The tidings fell upon his ear like a sudden death-knell!—but they failed to awaken either grief or fear or even painful agitation. For a single moment, in eloquent silence, he paused!—and, in the impressive stillness of that fleeting moment loosened all the ties which bound him to earth . . .

His prayer being finished, he called for his beloved wife and she stood before him. Affectionately pressing her hand in his own, with tearless eye and unflinching voice, as a husband and a father . . . He spoke to her bleeding heart words of encouragement, comfort and consolation. He assured her of his own peace of mind . . . he charged her to walk with God, to be humble, diligent, prayerful, faithful unto death,—and to train up his children in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord.” . . . This done—he rested for a moment—and then, at the hour of midnight, he requested messengers to be despatched in different directions to summon to his chamber a number of the members of his Church and congregation . . .

. . . and as they were at length collected around him and one by one drew near his dying pillow, he took each in turn, by the hand,—and whether he were old or young, saint or sinner, gay or serious, volatile or thoughtful, he gave to every one an appropriate address, rich with instruction, glowing with affection and pre-eminently adapted to the peculiar views, sentiments, habits, trials, hopes, fears, and perils of each. . . .

By the labors of the night, the remain-

ing energies of the man of God were exhausted—his breathing and pulsations ceased,—and for a season it was thought that his spirit had risen silently, and without a struggle to its place of rest. But as the light of another Sabbath sun fell gently upon his pallid countenance, he was once more aroused to intelligence and action. For a short time the current of life returned with renewed vigor and inspired a feeble hope in the bosom of surrounding friends that he might, as it were by miracle, yet be preserved.

Powerful remedies were eagerly applied and importunate supplications were renewed . . . but in vain! . . .

It was, indeed, the Sabbath; his last Sabbath; his chosen dying day; a glorious emblem; a previous antepast of heaven—and he spent it just as it became a dying minister of Jesus.

During nearly the whole of the day his intellect was regular and unclouded; and until about three o'clock in the afternoon he was almost incessantly employed in prayer, praise and songs of victory and triumph. And then, as death drew yet a little nearer and was beginning to throw a paralysis over his rational and moral and physical energies, he was heard, first in feeble and then in more audible tones, to exclaim and it was the last distinct articulation which fell from his lip while he remained in full possession of his reason—“*Home—home—I am going home.*” —Amen.



ANTON GOIKE NATURALIZATION

It is not often we have the privilege of seeing any part of a naturalization proceeding such as the Declaration of Intention on this page. This document was found in Tuscumbia and sent to Madison County. The sender undoubtedly felt it belonged there since "Madison County" is clearly written on the top of the page.

Anton Goike, however, was a Colbert County resident and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Tuscumbia. His tombstone says he was born the 21st of September, 1833 and died on the 17th of May in 1910.

This document is now housed in the Zeitler Room of the Huntsville Public Library. It was located and contributed by Judge William D. Page of Madison Co.

Declaration of Intention.

The State of Alabama-- Madison County.

I, Anton Goike, do declare on oath,

That it is bona fide my intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to all and any foreign Prince, Potentate, State and Sovereignty whatever; and particularly to

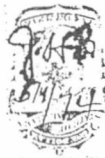
William, Emperor of the German Empire.

Sworn in open Court, this 1st day of May, 1874, before me

Anton Goike

James H. Bone, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

The State of Alabama County of Madison, I, JAMES H. BONE, Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of Madison and State of Alabama, being c. Court of Record, having common law jurisdiction, and a Clerk and Seal, do certify that the above is a true copy of the original declaration of intention of Anton Goike to become a citizen of the United States, remaining of record in my office.



In Testimony Whereof, The Seal of said Court is hereunto affixed, this the 1st day of May, A. D. 1874, and in the 39th year of our Independence.

James H. Bone, Clerk.



ACTS OF ALABAMA
PERTAINING TO COLBERT COUNTY

Part 2

Continued from the September, 1990 issue of *Valley Leaves*. For a full introduction please see that issue. It must be stressed here that these entries are only the titles of the Acts and if the reader wishes more information on any given act he must look it up in the published volumes.

Year	Number	Act:
1877	152	An act to regulate the pay of the county commissioners of Colbert County. Approved January 23, 1877. (p. 160).
1877	166	An act to abolish the office of Tax collector of the counties of Bibb and Colbert and to require the sheriffs of said counties to collect the taxes. Approved Feb. 9, 1877. (p. 175).
1878	196	An act to repeal "An act to abolish the office of tax collectors of the counties of Bibb and Colbert and to require the sheriffs of said counties to collect the taxes." Approved December 5, 1878. (p. 226).
1879	201	An act to enable the corporate authorities of the town of Leighton in the counties of Colbert and Lawrence to more effectually secure the performance of work on the streets, alleys, and drains of said town. Approved Feb. 13, 1879. (p. 230.)
1881	168	An act to authorize the Court of County Commissioners of Colbert County to issue the bonds of said county for an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars for the purpose of assisting in the building of a courthouse in said county. Approved Feb. 28, 1881. (p. 206.)
1881	322	An act to amend "An act to incorporate the city of Tuscumbia" approved March 1, 1881. (pp. 464-467.)
1883	175	An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Cherokee in Colbert County." Approved January 30, 1883. (p. 328.)
1883	209	An act to authorize the superintendent of township 5, range 12 west in Colbert County to sell certain lands. Approved Feb. 14, 1883. (p. 369).
1883	318	An act to provide for the election of the County Superintendent of Education and township trustees of public schools by a vote of the people in the counties of Lamar, Cherokee, Madison, Jackson, Colbert and others . . . Approved Feb. 23, 1883. (p. 606).
1884	122	An act to provide for the election of officers for the town of Leighton in the counties of Lawrence and Colbert in the State of Alabama. Approved Dec. 9, 1884. (p. 225).
1884	124	An act to prohibit the sale or giving away, or otherwise disposing of spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors or other intoxicating beverages within the limits of Chickasaw Beat No. Five (5), Colbert Co., Ala. Approved Dec. 10, 1884. (p. 228).

Acts of Alabama (-continued-)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Act:</u>
1885	257	An act to authorize an election to prohibit the sale, giving away or otherwise disposing of, for gain, spirituous, vinous, or malt liquors or intoxicating bitters within the county of Colbert. Approved Feb. 12, 1886. (pp. 396-398).
1885	363	An act to repeal an act entitled "An act to provide for the election of the county superintendent of education and township trustees of public schools by a vote of the people in the counties of Lamar, Cherokee, Madison, Jackson, Colbert, Franklin, Lawrence, . . ." Approved February 17, 1885. (p. 628).
1885	367	An act to allow justices of the peace and notaries public in Limestone, Colbert . . . to retain their costs in certain criminal cases out of fines and forfeitures collected by them. Approved Feb. 17, 1885. (p. 631.)
1885	434	An act to incorporate the city of Sherffield in the county of Colbert. Approved Feb. 17, 1885 (p. 781).
1885	437	An act to make Tuscumbia a separate school district. Approved Feb. 17, 1885. (p. 811).
1886	158	An act to repeal an act to incorporate the town of Leighton in Colbert and Lawrence Counties in Alabama and the acts amending the same. Approved Dec. 11, 1886. (p. 284).
1887	178	An act to amend the charter of the Florence and St. Joseph railroad company as chartered under the General Laws of the State of Alabama, to change its name and enable said company to engage in mining and manufacturing operations. Approved Feb. 21, 1887. (p. 348).
1887	250	An act for the protection of all persons running public gins for toll or pay in the counties of Lawrence, Limestone, Talladega, Autauga, Jackson and Colbert. Approved Feb. 23, 1887. (p. 623.)
1887	204	An act to ratify and amend the charter of the Sheffiend Street Railway Company. Approved Feb. 24, 1887. (p. 448).
1887	261	An act to increase the power and privileges of the Sheffield and Tuscumbia Street Railway Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of Alabama November 26, 1886. Approved Feb. 26, 1887. (p. 637).
1887	209	An act to incorporate the Florence, Tuscaloosa and Montgomery Railroad Company and to further the construction of said railroad. Approved Feb. 26, 1887. (p. 460).
1887	223	An act to ratify and amend the charter of the Sheffield Furnace Company. Approved Feb. 28, 1887. (p. 536).
1887	226	An act to provide a new charter for the city of Tuscumbia. Approved Feb. 28, 1887. (p. 547.)

To be continued in the March 1991 issue of *Valley Leaves*

Franklin

SOUTHERN CLAIMS COMMISSION INTRODUCTION

It has come to my attention that many of our members are not familiar with the records of the Southern Claims Commission, a major research tool of the post-Civil War period. Due primarily to the glamorized garbage put out by Hollywood, we are generally led to believe that all Southerners were strongly in favor of secession and eagerly went off to war to whip those pushy Yankees. Not so!

Alabama did vote to secede from the Union but not without strong opposition. After the point of no return had been reached and the shooting war began, most of those opposed to secession went along with their neighbors and supported the Confederacy. There were some hold-outs, however, who stuck by their convictions and continued to support the United States Government during the entire period of conflict. It was for those hold-outs that the Southern Claims Commission was established by Congress on March 3, 1871 to reimburse them for property taken or used by the Northern troops during the war.

Some of those hold-outs were not as strong in their convictions as others and of 22,298¹ claims submitted from the 12 Southern states, only 7,092² were paid. Of those submitted, 1,109 were from the nine counties of Alabama covered by *Valley Leaves* (234 from Jackson Co., 220 from Lauderdale, 217 from Madison, 174 from Limestone, 89 from Colbert, 62 from Lawrence, 45 from Morgan, 41 from Marshall and 27 from Franklin.)

We previously published several abstracts of claims from Franklin and Colbert Counties but there were still 23 from Franklin County alone that we had not published. We ordered all remaining Franklin County claims and beginning with this issue we will carry abstracts of them in *Valley Leaves*, furthering our objective of disseminating information to our membership. This is especially important where Franklin County is concerned since it is a totally "burned out" county.

No introduction of this subject would be complete without mention of a superb book on the subject. In 1980 Dr. Gary B. Mills authored an excellent addition to the Southern researcher's library entitled, *Civil War Claims in the South*. This 147 page book is an index to the claims by persons in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. Dr. Mills's 4¼ page introduction explains the How and Why of the Claims Commission and gives a detailed explanation of how to order a copy of a claim from the National Archives. The publisher is Aegean Park Press, P. O. Box 2837, Laguna Hills, CA 92653.

SIDNEY A. JONES CLAIM

On 27 February 1862 United States soldiers, under command of Col. Cornyne, took one fine saddle horse valued at \$200., the property of Sidney A. Jones. It was taken "to their station."

On 27 March 1865, soldiers under command of General Wilson took 25 bushels of corn valued at \$1.00 per bushel, and 400

bundles of fodder valued at \$2.00 per 100 bundles. Petitioner Jones is unable to state name and rank of officers who took the property nor can he state which company or regiment used the property. No voucher, receipt or "other writing" was given in exchange for the property.

¹Gary B. Mills, *Civil War Claims in the South*, (Laguna Hills, CA: Aegean Park Press, 1980), Introduction.

²Ibid

Sidney A. Jones Claim (-continued-)

Sidney A. Jones states he is 41 years old, was born in Greene Co., Alabama, now lives at Frankfort, Franklin Co., Alabama and has lived there since 1856. He is a retail dealer in liquors for William Skinner.

In 1863 Jones was a farmer. He was a refugee from Confederate conscription during the war and spent most of his time hiding in the woods while his family remained at his residence. His sympathies were on the side of the North and he never did or said anything against the Union. He was willing to do what he could for the Union cause.

Jones states, "Once I reported Confederate spies to a Company of Union Soldiers Stationed near Frankfort, Alabama in 1862. [I] aided persons to get out of the Confederate lines who joined the Union Army. I also laid out in the woods with many others to avoid Confederate conscription and contributed to their support while so doing in 1862, 1863 and 1864. The persons aided were Robert Hester, Wesley Rikard, Thomas Rikard, Christopher C. Tompkins, John Tompkins, W. B. Malone, Wm. H. L. Jones & others—none were related to me except the last named. He went into the Federal Service. I also furnished my brother, Rufus M. Jones, money to go into the Federal lines; he formed the 5th Minnesota Regiment Volunteers and died in the Service of the Union while in Said Regiment."

Jones stated he did not join the Union Army and his contribution to the Union cause was to aid persons to get to the Union lines. He voted for delegates to the Alabama Convention opposed to the secession and continued to adhere to the Union cause even though Alabama seceded. He stated he was sorry over the Union defeat at Bull Run or Manassas but rejoiced at the capture of New Orleans and fall of Vicksburg and especially so on the final surrender of the Confederate forces.

When asked what favors, privileges or protections were granted him in recognition of his Northern loyalty, Jones said he went

into the Union lines at Camp Davis near Corinth and was allowed to go out. At other times and places "I was allowed to enter and to go out of Said lines as a Union Man. I can not now recollect by whom these favors were granted except the Provost Marshall at Camp Davis, viz: Edwards." Jones was a Justice of the Peace in 1862 but never ran for any office. He states the best known Unionists in his vicinity during the war were:

Robert B. Hester
James W. Ligon
Henry F. Rikard
William Rikard
Christopher Tompkins
Christopher C. Tompkins
John Tompkins

Edwin S. Vinson and many others.

Jones was frequently threatened with personal injury because of his sentiments. On one occasion Confederates attempted to shoot him but the cap burst without firing the gun. This was in 1864 by Confederate Cavalry commanded by Capt. H. E. Williamson of the Confederate Home Guards who were engaged in the Conscript Service at Frankfort.

Jones states, "I was notified by one of Major Warren's Command of Confederate Cavalry that he had threatened to hang me unless I went into the Confederate Service. I never was arrested but frequent attempts were made."

General Hood's Confederate Army took two hogs from Jones in 1864 but he was never paid for them nor did he present a bill for them. None of his property was confiscated by the Confederates other than the two hogs.

He further stated he had two brothers, William H. T. Jones and Rufus M. Jones, in the Confederate Army but they deserted and went into the Union Army about the first opportunity. William H. L. Jones was about 28 years old and volunteered at Corinth, Miss. in the U. S. Company A of 1st Ala. Cavalry. Rufus was about 18 or 19 and was in the 5th Minnesota Regt. of Volunteers having enlisted at Frankfort in 1862 and died

Sidney A. Jones Claim (-continued-)

in the Union Army. William now resides at Burnsville, Mississippi. Jones contributed nothing to their outfit or support while in the Confederate service but did get them to desert.

Since Jones did not participate in the Rebellion he was not pardoned for it. He took an oath of amnesty in 1865 at Frankfort, Alabama because he thought it was required by the President's proclamation on that subject. When asked if he was ever arrested by U. S. authorities Jones answered: "In 1863 while Cornyne's expedition was on its march from Corinth, Mississippi to Tuscumbia, Alabama I was with other citizens of Frankfort, Alabama [who were] arrested and carried with his command to Tuscumbia and back home where I was discharged because I was regarded as loyal. Nothing was exacted of me as a condition of my discharge."

As to the property taken by the Union Army, Jones states he bought the horse and part of the corn and fodder but had raised the balance. He saw the property taken from his residence. The horse was taken by that part of the army commanded by Colonel Cornyne while it was on its march toward Tuscumbia in February 1862 or 1863. The fodder and corn were taken from his barn by that portion of the United States Army commanded by Maj. Gen. J. H. Wilson while encamped for the night at Frankfort and on its march south in about March 1865. There had been no recent battle or skirmish near there at either of said times. The horse "was rode off" by a soldier. The corn and fodder was carried off by soldiers. There were about 1000 men belonging to Cornyne's command and 15,000 or 20,000 belonging to Gen. Wilson's command. The horse was used to

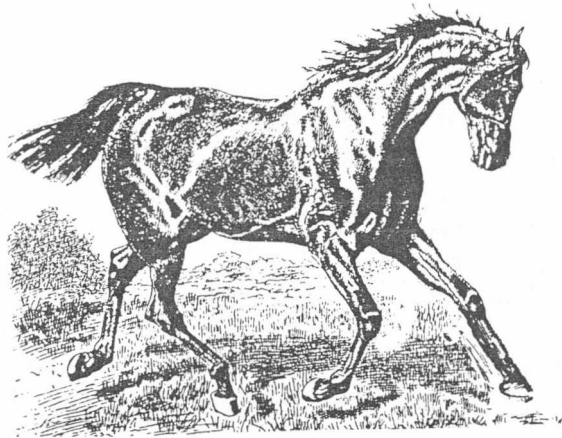
mount a soldier in whose company Jones was taken prisoner to Tuscumbia then returned to his home.

ROBERT B. HESTER DEPOSITION

Robert B. Hester states he is 55 years of age, a farmer, and a life-long resident of Franklin County. He is not related to Sidney A. Jones, claimant, but has known him about 20 years and lived within a quarter of a mile of him during the war at which time he saw him almost daily.

Hester states he concurred with Jones about the war, its causes, its progress and its results. The two men conversed almost daily from the commencement to the close of the war, often in the presence of James Bell, Doc Curry, Thomas Meadows and Daniel Meadows. Hester and Jones were together in the woods day and night on several occasions, often from one to two weeks at a time. They "laid out" to avoid conscription into the Confederate Army and were successful in eluding the Conscript Officer.

In all of their conversations Jones uniformly declared he was opposed to secession and the Confederacy and in favor of the Union and its cause; also that he never intended to go into the Confederate Service. Hester said he had heard James Bell, Daniel Moody and Owen L. Moody call him a Northern Man. He states that Jones's public reputation was that of a Northern sympathizer. Hester also stated that a Confederate officer by the name of James Magaha, who was in command of a squad of soldiers, ordered them to shoot Jones because he was a Union man but Jones escaped.

**ROBERT C. REED DEPOSITION**

Robert C. Reed states he is 54 years

Sidney A. Jones Claim (-continued-)

years of age, a farmer, and a resident of Franklin County since 1852. He is not related to claimant Jones. He was present at the time the property was taken but did not actually see it taken.

Reed states he was under arrest by "the coward who took the property" when it was taken.

On or about 27 April 1862, while that portion of the United States Army, commanded by Col. Cornyne, was passing through Frankfort on a raid or expedition from Corinth, Miss. to Tusculumbia, Alabama, he was arrested where Jones lived.

Reed states that on or about the 27th of March 1865 while that portion of the United States Army, commanded by Maj. General J. H. Wilson, was on its march South through Frankfort, Alabama, said claimant had on hand about the quantity of corn and fodder he claims; that claimant's corn and fodder disappeared with the Army.

MARION F. MOODY DEPOSITION

Marion F. Moody states he is 24 years old, a store clerk, and has resided in Franklin County all his life. He is not related to claimant Jones. He was present when the property was taken but did not actually see it taken. [Note: Moody states essentially the same as Robert C. Reed in his deposition.]

JAMES W. LIGON DEPOSITION

Taken 15 Nov. 1875:

James W. Ligon states he is 78 years of age and a resident of "Colbert County & State of Alabama" where he has resided for the last ten years. Previous to that he resided in Franklin County for 45 years. He is a farmer but held the office of Sheriff in both counties under Military authority of the United States.

Ligon states he is not related to Sidney A. Jones but has known him over 20 years,

all the time intimately. They lived in the same village for the period of the war prior to June, 1863; after that time Ligon lived within 8 or 9 miles of Jones. They met nearly every day up to June, 1863 and as often as once a week after that time during the war. Ligon states: "I concurred with claimant very often about the war, its causes, its progress & its results. I conversed with him often during the war in Frankfort, Alabama in the presence of Jno. G. Bentley, H. C. Tompkins & often upon said subjects mostly in 1861 & 1862."

James W. Ligon further states that on one occasion in the fall of 1862, while a detachment of Union soldiers was encamped about one mile from Frankfort, a Confederate spy came into town and Jones reported him to the Federals. In consequence, the spy was arrested. Claimant Jones and Ligon acted as pilots to said Union detachment while they were engaged in arresting Confederate soldiers who were engaged in burning cotton.

Ligon states Jones's public reputation was that of loyalty to the United States. He said he often heard other Union men so speak of him, especially the following:

Christopher Tompkins
Clark M. Tompkins
Harry [Henry?] C. Tompkins
Reuben Moody
Amos L. Moody.

Ligon further stated that known, prominent Union people of the neighborhood were:

Harry C. Tompkins
Clark M. Tompkins
Christopher Tompkins (now dead)
Edwin S. Vinson (now dead)
Wm. B. Malone
James Mills, and many others.

COMMENTS BY SPECIAL COMMISSIONER

Note: *The following comments were attached to the claim by R. S. Watkins, Special Commissioner for the Southern Claims Commission on 18 November 1875:*

The foregoing deposition of Sidney A.

Sidney A. Jones Claim (-continued-)

Jones, claimant, and of his witnesses:

Robert R. Hester

Robert C. Reed

Marion F. Moody

contained on the foregoing pages were taken at the time and place and in all respects are as stated in my Certificate. I have no remarks to make or comments to make that would be of advantage to either claimant or the Government."

REMARKS BY CLAIMS COMMISSION

"The Claimant swears to his loyalty, dodged the conscript officers, hid out and finally fled for protection to the Union Army. Also that he persuaded and induced two of his brothers to desert the Rebel Army

and join the Union Army. Two witnesses confirm claimant's statements, one of whom hid out with him.

"They also testify to threats made by Rebels against him. In view of the intensity of his loyalty it seems somewhat marvellous in our eyes that his fellow citizens, who must have been Secesh, should have elected him a Justice of the Peace as late as 1862. He says he did not qualify although he was elected.

"It is singular, too, that being so anxious to get his brothers into the Union service that he was equally careful to keep out of it himself. There is no witness to the taking of the property except the claimant himself.

"On the whole, we are not satisfied with the sufficiency of the evidence in support of the Claim and therefore reject it."

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PERRY MALONE FOUND DEAD

Perry Malone, prominent farmer of Franklin County was found dead in the road and it was thought that he was dragged to death by his horse. [*The Guntersville Democrat*, Thursday, 28 Jan., 1909.]



JIM EZZELL MURDERED

Russellville, Alabama.—Jim Ezzell was murdered by M. P. Motes. Mrs. Nora Ezzell, widow, and Mrs. Christina Waltrip, mother-in-law of Jim Ezzell, testified against Motes for the murder of Ezzell. Motes was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. Murder charges are to be filed against the widow and mother-in-law for aiding Motes in the gun slaying of Ezzell. [*The Guntersville Democrat*, 20 May 1909.]

JOHN SEVIER'S HEIRS

1903

The following article was taken from *The Weekly Mercury* of September 23, 1903, a newspaper published in Huntsville, Alabama. One of John Sevier's heirs, Dodie Sevier, was a resident of Russellville, Franklin County, Alabama at the time of this article. Copied and contributed by past editor, Mrs. Richard Gilliam.

Preparations are being made by the heirs of John Sevier, first Governor of Tennessee, to institute in the United States Courts a suit for the recovery of 2,000 acres or more of mineral and timber lands of immense value along the Black Warrior River in Walker County. The great value of the lands and the wealth of those who control the mineral and timber rights gives promise of a protracted litigation.

Burke & Smith of Huntsville are attorneys for the claimants, and the basis of their claim is a patent executed by the United States to John Donaldson, Stephen Heard, John Sevier and others. It appears that the State of Georgia was indebted to John Sevier and his associates and proposed to pay the debt by a grant of land in the then unnamed wilderness of Alabama, which at that time was a part of Georgia. In making a territory of Mississippi, including this country, the United States assumed the obligation. The first session of the Eighteenth Congress passed "An act for the relief of the representatives of John Donaldson, Stephen Heard and others."

The old act confirmed a grant made to them by resolutions of the Legislature of the State of Georgia in the year 1786, pursuant to the articles of agreement entered into between the state of Georgia and the United States.

The complainants represented by the Huntsville law firm will seek to recover 2,000 acres along the Black Warrior River that were entered by John Sevier and associates. The remaining 3,000 acres were entered in the territory of Mississippi, it is believed, and no claim has yet been made for that.

Wealthy mining companies own the mineral rights to the disputed lands, among them being the Ivy Coal & Coke Company, the B. M. Long estate, the Empire Coal Co., the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., W. W. Wilson, the Georgia-Alabama Coal Company and others.

The owners of the surface are J. A. and Millie Barton, Hiram Marrow, Mrs. C. Sanders, Nat Sanders, Joseph M. Cole, A. J. Boshell, T. J. King, S. W. Morris, William Banks' estate and others.

The attorneys for the claimants assert that there is no record of the sale of these lands by the original owners and that abstracts of title are matters of impossibility. A very small acreage of land in dispute has ever been sold for taxes, and part of it has never been assessed for taxation. The payment of taxes was and is considered as the chief obstacle in the way of the recovery of the lands.

In the year 1881 a certain tract of the disputed domain was sold at public auction in Huntsville and was bought by Gen. Leroy Pope Walker, Milton Humes, W. P. Newman and S. R. Cruse, and there is no record of their ever having sold it, though other parties are now in possession. This fact is cited in an instance of the imperfection of the titles.

Among the claimants who are heirs of John Sevier are Bishop E. E. Hoss of Dallas, Texas; Emmetta Humphreys and Martha Wilder of Sherman, Texas; Martha E. Price of Vinita, I. T.; Martha A. Sevier of Memphis; S. S. Chisolm of Jasper, Ala; Dode Sevier of Russellville, Ala; E. G. Sevier of Houston, Ark; Mrs. A. Whiteside of Vinita, I. T., the last two named being heirs of Michael R. and John G. Sevier.

Jackson

ASPEL METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY Part II

For a complete introduction to these tombstone inscriptions, see the September, 1990 issue of *Valley Leaves*. 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 of red brick and is several yards off the highway. There are many unmarked graves evidenced by "sinks" and graves marked only with un-lettered fieldstones in this cemetery. Read the inscriptions from top to bottom by column. Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

GATTIS Mother Ida Gattis July 27, 1865 Oct. 29, 1960 and Father T. A. Gattis Oct. 14, 1857 June 24, 1934	Wm. N. Owen Born Feb. 23, 1874 Died Jan. 28, 1916	Sarah Edna Brown Infant Daughter of J. P. & M. C. Brown Oct. 10, 1908 May 20, 1909
Edith Bynum Gattis Jan. 16, 1890 Aug. 13, 1929	Sarah Elizabeth Wife of B. B. Smith Born in the Year 1831 Died Aug. 27, 1858 Aged 27 years	Ira G. Infant son of J. P. & B. C. Brown Dec. 12 — 22 1902
Paul E. Gattis Sept. 23, 1923 June 10, 1924	Tabitha Ann wife of Brooks Smith Born Jan. 4, 1801 Died Aug. 14, 1858 Aged 57 years Mother and Brooks Smith Born in N. C. July, 1796 Died July 31, 1871 Aged 81 years Father	Bertie Wife of James P. Brown Born Jan. 1, 1878 Died May 14, 1903
Columbus S. L. Owen Born Sept. 17, 1883 Died July 3, 1910 Aged 26 Yrs., 9 Ms., 16 Ds.		J. P. Brown Jan. 1, 1867 Mar. 18, 1942 and Mattie B. Wife of J. P. Brown July 5, 1880 May 6, 1965
C. H. Owen May 9, 1850 Mar. 27, 1915 and Isabeller Owen [May be Isabelle R.] July 19, 1848 Mar. 12, 1916		Angeline Wright Born Apr. 5, 1826 Died Dec. 19, 1905

Aspel Methodist Church Cemetery (-continued-)

William C. Wright Born Jan. 12, 1827 Died Oct. 16, 1896	John Q. Allison Dec. 6, 1870 Nov. 4, 1935 Emma Allison May 15, 1872 Apr. 3, 1931	James B. Wright Born May 22, 1851 Died April 22, 1908 and Belle Wright Born Jan. 6, 1856 Died July 5, 1907 Clyde Afton Son of J. B. & Belle Wright Born Jan. 16, 1896 Died Oct. 29, 1898
Rufus G. Son of Rev. J. C. & C. B. Wallace Died Mar. 31, 1883 Age 26 Yrs. & 4 Ms. [Stone broken and lying in pile on ground.] In. Memory. of James. Smith Consort of lov. province born Feb 17th 1789 in verginia died aug 21th 1846 The dec. served TWO terms in the ala legisla TURE. he was a kind <i>buesband</i> A good father <i>anb</i> a useful citizen [Footstone: J. S.]	ELKINS Robert A. July 13, 1881 May 18, 1954 and Clara B. Feb. 7, 1908 (blank) HOOPER Larkin H. Aug. 22, 1906 Feb. 17, 1970 and Margie A. Sept. 26, 1905 July 25, 1985	Lindsay Walls Jan. 2, 1908 Jan. 2, 1908 Joyce Wright Oct. 25, 1919 June 5, 1921 John Gideon Born May 8, 1828 Died Aug. 18, 1899 [This stone is leaning against the side of the church and was replaced by a later stone.]
Clemons P. Hooper Father Sept. 17, 1853 July 11, 1922 and Mother Sarah F. Jan. 22, 1860 Dec. 7, 1943 Zephaniah Gideon Born July the 5th 1789 Died Feb. the 17. 1870 Aged 81 years 7 Mo. & 12 days	M. E. Flippo [No other information] FLIPPO Emma D. Aug. 3, 1890 July 29, 1968 and John H. Sept. 1, 1888 May 18, 1973 Lewis R. Adkins Born March 30, 1830 Died Sept. 10, 1861 [A large cedar tree is growing around this tombstone.]	

Note: Two fieldstones marking
graves here.

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Aspel Methodist Church Cemetery (-continued-)

Belle Lindsay
Wife of
J. B. Wright
Born
Jan. 6, 1856
Died
July 5, 1907

[Stone broken in half and
top half lying on ground.]

John Gideon
Born
May 8, 1828
Died
Aug. 18, 1899
and
Lavenia
Gideon
Born
April 7, 1836
Died
Nov. 24, 1913

Emma Gideon
May 24, 1872
Oct. 6, 1941

WRIGHT
William M.
May 30, 1849
Jan. 20, 1919
and
Mary Frances
June 28, 1849
Sept. 18, 1924

[This stone in family plot and is
surrounded by cement wall
approximately 8 to 10 inches
high.]

Eva J. Smith
Born
Sept. 8, 1831
Died
June 20, 1897
Age
65 Yrs., 9 Mos., 12 ds.

Eli Smith
Born
Sept. 22, 1820
Died
Sept. 23, 1899

Roy Gipson
Dec. 15, 1939
Jan. 30, 1940

SMITH
William S.
1853 - 1931
and
Martha E.
1857 - 1949

MYERS
John A.
Mar. 21, 1872
July 3, 1951
and
Maggie L.
Dec. 16, 1878
Aug. 7, 1934

Wm. C. Morgan
Aug. 11, 1843
Aug. 21, 1914
Age 71 Yrs.
10 Days
A member of the
M. E. Church

Mollie
Daughter of
William
Cushion
Wife of
W. C. Morgan
Born
July 12, 1842
Died
Jan. 30, 1908
A member of the
M. E. Church South

Bertha Golden
Daughter of J. B.
& M. E. Morgan
Born
Apr. 23, 1902
Died
Apr. 30, 1902

Rosa A. Morgan
Born
Mar. 18, 1812
Died
Dec. 1, 1899
A member of the
M. E. Church South

C. W. Adkins
Born
Nov. 11, 1839
Died
June 24, 1915
Father
and
Catherine
Adkins
Born
Nov. 17, 1843
Died
Jan. 29, 1887
Mother

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Aspel Methodist Church Cemetery (-continued-)

George Kirk
 Son of
 Dr. C. W. & C. A. Adkins
 Born
 Mar. 23, 1881
 Died
 Sept. 1, 1881

Arthur W.
 Son of
 Dr. C. W. & C. A. Adkins
 Born
 June 30, 1875
 Died
 April 2, 1886

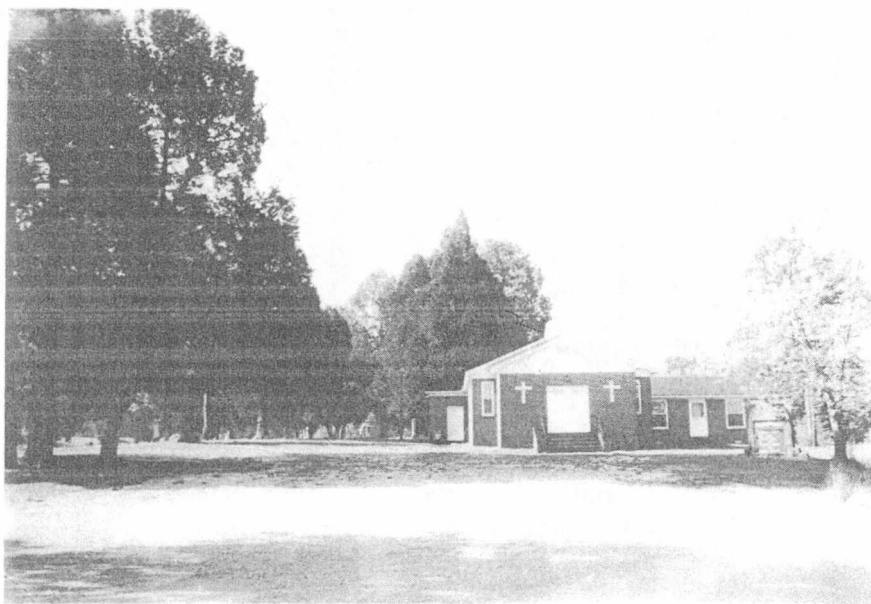
Lunsford P. Y.
 Son of
 Dr. C. W. & C. A. Adkins
 Born
 Feb. 9, 1879
 Died
 Mar. 28, 1880

La Bell Pauline
 Daughter of
 Dr. C. W. & C. A. Adkins
 Born
 Sept. 22, 1869
 Died
 May 29, 1870

Lillian G.
 Wife of
 W. C. Knight
 Daughter of
 W. G. & N. M.
 Petty
 Born
 June 21, 1870
 Died
 Oct. 17, 1902

LaBelle Pauline
 Dauter of
 C. W. & C. A. Adkins
 Born

Rest of stone buried. This does
 not appear to be the same child
 as the one born in 1869



The Aspel Methodist Church looking toward the south. Many of the tombstones are visible to the left of the church. Please note the pole on which rests an iron bell to the immediate left of the church. Photograph taken 28 Feb. 1990.

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BELLEFONTE TOWN MINUTES

(Part 2)

For a complete introduction to these minutes please refer to the September 1990 issue of *Valley Leaves*.

Page 25 8 March 1855

Present:

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

Ordered by the Board that a fine of \$2 each be assessed against the absent members: D. M. Martin, R. H. McCravy, and T. R. Mattox for their non-attendance.

Page 25 Wednesday, 4 April 1855

Present:

N. Robinson, Intendant; W. J. Greene, D. M. Martin and Geo. M. Harris, councillors.

Ordered that a fine of \$2 be entered against T. R. Mattox for non-attendance.

Ordered that an election for Intendant, and five councillors of the town of Bellefonte be held on Monday the 16th April 1855 at the court house in said town and that G. W. M. Sheharn, John W. Cramer and Nelson Kyle serve as inspectors of said election.

Pages 26-27 Tuesday, 10 April 1855

Present:

N. Robinson, Intendant

G. M. Harris, W. J. Greene and D. M. Martin.

C. B. Rountree, the former Treasurer of Bellefonte, having filed and presented his report as Treasurer, and the same being found correct, was received and ordered to be filed after allowing a commission of 5% on the amount received in and paid out.

Ordered by the Board that an account of \$7.23 in favor of C. B. Rountree and against this corporation [Bellefonte] for stationery be allowed.

It appears to the Board that Elisha Bryant, the former Marshall of Bellefonte, has failed to come forward and make settlement as required by an order of this Board. It is ordered that the Intendant be authorized to institute suit against said Bryant and his securities unless he come forward to make settlement of his accounts within two days from this time.

Page 27 12 April 1855

Present:

W. J. Greene, and G. M. Harris, councillors.

There was not a quorum and it was ordered that a \$2 fine be assessed against the absent members: D. M. Martin, R. H. McCravy and T. R. Mattox for non-attendance.

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Bellefonte Town Minutes (-continued-)

Page 27 Friday, 13 April 1855
Present:

N. Robinson, Intendant

T. R. Mattox, G. M. Harris, R. H. McCravey, D. M. Martin and W. J. Greene.

E. Bryant, the former Marshall of Bellefonte, having presented a list of the taxes, fines & etc. amounting to \$260.90 and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Board, after examination of same, that it was a true and correct statement.

The said Bryant having also presented an account in his favor against this corporation [Bellefonte] amounting to the same amounts for work and labor done by said Bryant, by order of this Board, upon the streets of Bellefonte and for other services therein specified, all having been long and carefully examined by the Board was allowed and ordered to be filed.

Ordered by the Board that an account of W. H. Robinson, Clerk of this Board, the sum of \$11.20 (after deducting \$2.30 his Bellefonte town tax, be deducted), be allowed and that the Intendant give Robinson a draft on the treasury for the residue.

Ordered by the Board that an account presented by the Intendant for certain services therein specified amounting to \$10 be allowed "and that the same pass to the Extinguishment of the Fines of Lewis Kinstler and William Netherland and that the said Fines are hereby fully settled."

Page 28 Ordered by the Board that an account filed by Greene & Crumpler for certain services "therein specified" in the amount of \$1.25 be allowed and that the same pass to a credit on the tax of M. J. Crumpler.

Page 28 Ordered by the Board that an account presented by W. J. Greene as the assignee of W. R. Davis, in the sum of "Three & fifty Nine Dollars" it being the amount of said account with interest (which account was contracted for by the former authorities of the corporation [Bellefonte]) be allowed and that the Intendant give a draft on the treasury for said amount to be paid from moneys not otherwise appropriated.

On motion it was ordered that the account of R. C. T. Gill vs. this Corporation be made known by crediting the sum of [blank] Dollars, the amount of David Cromer's Corporation tax [city tax.]

Page 29 Monday, 16 April 1855
Present:

N. Robinson, Intendant

R. H. McCravey, G. M. Harris & W. J. Greene, councillors.

Ordered that the account of Ragland[?], former Clerk of this Board, be allowed in the amount of [blank] Dollars for certain services and that same be credited against certain fines and costs assessed against him.

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Lauderdale

MARRIAGE BOOK 5 & 6, 1838-1857

(Part 9)

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 but some entries were recorded by E. G. Chandelier/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 Eulalia Wellden.

Page	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	By:
285	Robertson, Mills	Odum, Mary Ann	July __, 1847	Duncan Smith, JP
285	Shelton, Sampson	Howard, Elizabeth	12 March 1847	A. L. Porter, JP
286	Eddings, William	Mills, Mintra C.	12 Dec 1847	J. D. Smith, MG
286	Swinford, Jeremiah	Cockeran, Eliza	20 Feb 1848	B. H. Loyd, JP
287	Kennedy, Thomas	Harwell, Mill Berry Jane	14 Oct 1847	J. M. Melton, JP
287	Herald, James J.	Bundrant, Sarah Ann	13 Jan 1848	Duncan Smith, JP
288	Wood, Hiram	Davis, Mary	26 Jan 1848	J. Melton, JP
288	Ezell, Edward	Howard, Francis	11 Jan. 1848	B. H. Loyd, JP
289	Whitten, David E.	Faires, Malinda A.	18 Jan. 1848	W. B. Edwards
289	Tucker, Herbert Armistead	Hill, Eliza	14 Oct 1847	James Young
290	Shepard, J. J.	McMurry, Lucinda L. E.	10 Feb 1848	B. E. Bourland, JP
290	McVay, Henry W.	Steele, Eliza S[L?]	28 Feb 1848	Jeptha Harrison
291	Harrison, Henry S.	Hammel, Lydia K.	25 Jan 1848	J. M. Melton, JP
291	Dalrimple, James	McDonald, Rachel	18 Jan 1848	J. M. Melton, JP
292	Chisholm, Benjamin F.	Allen, Margaret A.	Lic. 21 Mar 1847	
292	Alexander, William R.	Walker, Eliza Caroline	Lic. 22 Sept 1847	
292	Waldrip, William C.	Anderson, Mary Jane	25 Jan 1848	A. A. Westmoreland, JP
293	Paulk, Joshua	Pinkston, Eliza	3 Feb 1848	A. A. Westmoreland, JP
293	Rumph, John	Boroughs, Mary	11 Jan 1848	A. A. Westmoreland, JP
294	Putman, Abel	Cox, Nancy	8 Feb 1849	S. J. Hawkins, JP
294	Williams, Green	Flanagan, Mary M.	3 March 1849	B. E. Bourland, JP

Marriages 1838-1857 (-continued-)

Page	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	By:
295	Shelton, Joshua William	Smith, Mary Elizabeth	15 Nov 1848	J. P. Bourland, JP
295	Ritter, James	Briant, Martha	21 Nov 1848	Joseph Jones, MG
296	Young, John	Willett, Nancy	30 Apr 1847	Petteypool, John, JP
296	Rose, Ezekiel	Danger, Manirva	11 July 1847	W. P. Pettus, JP
297	Puckett, Richard Berry	Rieves, Eliza Jane	8 Jan 1849	J. Bigger, JP
297	Kirkland, Davidson H.	Davis, Elizabeth A.	9 Nov. 1848	W. W. Pettus, JP
298	Wright, Nicholas	McMurty, Lydia Ann	Lic. 10 Oct 1848	
298	Stamps, John	McCully, Amanda	26 Nov 1848	B. E. Bourland, JP
299	Banfoot, John T.	Mobley, Jane M.	22 July 1847	C. B. Jones, JP
299	Baugham, Jacob	Floyd, Sarah	3 Oct 1847	Simon Kirk, JP
300	Jackson, John S[L?]	Moses, Sarah E. C.	Lic. 29 Nov 1847, Sol. Dec. 1847	M. F. Moses, MG
300	Galion, John	Brandon, Charlotte	26 Aug 1848	W. P. Pettus, JP
301	Belew, David	Paulk, Margaret	19 Oct 1848	A. A. Westmoreland, JP
301	Strong, Robert Marian	Hill, Tempy	21 Dec. 1848	W. F. Baldrige, JP
302	Lanier, Sampson	Knight, Sarah Adaline	9 Feb 1849	Monroe F. Moses, MG
302	Moss, Joseph L.	Penny, Margaret J.	13 Jan 1847	Thomas Stone, JP
303	Reynolds, Haybrick *	Cantrill, Mary Ann	11 Jan 1849	Thos. H. Reynolds, JP
	[*The 1850 census lists this name as <i>Hughriah</i> Reynolds.]			
303	Whitehead, Thomas B.	Butler, Elizabeth Ann	26 Jan 1848	G. S. Newton, JP
304	Chambers, Drury	Rhea, Mary	16 Feb 1847	Samuel Edmondson, JP
304	Bryan, Thomas C.	York, Mary Jane	15 Feb 1847	Samuel Edmondson, MG
305	Bryan, Ruben B.	Rentfrow, Emeline B.	24 Jan 1847	Samuel Edmondson, MG
305	Galyeon, James	Nowles, Nancy	29 June 1848	J. Bigger
306	Burney, Andrew P.	Canterbury, Lucinda	1 Jan 1848	Austin Smith, JP
306	Estep, John	Coal,* Sarah M.	4 Oct 1848	W. B. Beyan**
	[*Probably should be Cole. **Probably should Bryan, however, it is clearly written "Beyan" throughout.]			
307	White, Jesse	Wilson, Mary Ann	26 Oct 1848	C. B. Jones, JP
307	Donelson, Napoleon B.	Withers, Nancy M.	2 Aug 1848	W. B. Beyan
308	King, Hinton	Hill, Sarah Elizabeth	13 Dec 1848	C. B. Jones, JP
308	Jackson, George	Belue, Lucinda C.	24 Aug 1848	Allen Jones, MG

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Lawrence

DEED BOOK "C" – 1869-1900

Part 7

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 the last issue of *Valley Leaves*.

Page 112 8 Feb. 1856
Deed of Trust Isaac N. Morrow, debtor
 Thomas K. Harris, trustee
 Daniel Spangler, creditor
Morrow is indebted to Spangler for one note dated 7 Feb. 1856 in the amount of \$100 due 1 Jan. 1857. Morrow sells to Harris, in trust:
 40 acres in SE NW of Section 9-6-9W
 One sorrel mare
 One pen of corn
 One pen of cotton and the crop now on hand
If debt, with interest, is not paid when due then Harris to sell at public auction at Morrow's residence, for cash, the above property after giving 20 days notice in three different places in the neighborhood. He is to pay Spangler from proceeds.
Signed by I. N. Morrow, M. A. Morrow, and Thos. K. Harris.
Acknowledged before J. E. Martin on 5 April 1856
Delivered for recording 5 Aug. 1856 and recorded 6 Aug. 1856.

Pages 113-114 July 1856 [No day given]
Estate Sale At the December term of Probate Court, 1850, it was ordered to sell the real estate belonging to the estate of Asa B. Crosthweirt, deceased, by Wm. Greenslade, administrator. The following property was sold 27 Jan. 1851 to Mrs. Elizabeth Crosthwaite for \$144.00:
 W/2 NW/4 Section 34-7-6W and
 E/2 SE/4 Section 28-7-6W in Lawrence County.
Signed by William Greenslade, Admr.
Acknowledged before David L. Dinsmore, JP on 24 July 1856
Delivered for recording 5 Aug. 1856 and recorded 7 Aug. 1856.

Page 114-115 July 1856 [No day given]
Warranty Deed At the December term of Probate Court, 1850, it was decreed [ordered] Estate Sale that William Greenslade, administrator of the estate of Asa B. Crosthwaite, decd., sell the land at public auction. On 27 January 1851 the following property was purchased by Darias Lynch for \$1140.90:

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

S/2 Section 27-7-6W
 S/2 SE/4 Sec. 34-7-6W
 S/2 W/2 SW/4 Sec. 34-7-6W
 N/2 W/2 NW/4 Sec. 3-8-6W
 NW SW Section 36-7-6W

2½ lots (Numbers 34 and 35 and E/2 of 39) in town of Oakville.

Signed by William Greenslade, admr.

Ack. before David L. Dinsmore, JP on 24 July 1856

Delivered for recording 5 Aug. 1856 and recorded 7 Aug. 1856.

Pages 115-116

Deed of Gift

28 Dec. 1852

I, Thomas Jones, for the natural love and affection I have for my daughter, Margaret A. Cooper, give her my negro girl Molly, aged about 12 years. Thomas Jones signed by his mark.

Witnessed by Jas. A. Jones and William R. Winn.

Ack. before John L. Bagg, Clerk of the County Court on 24 March 1856.

Delivered for recording and recorded 9 August 1856.

Pages 116-117

Deed of Gift

16 July 1856

I, William P. Homes, for the natural love and affection I have for my daughter, Prechenta Ann Holmes, give to her the following property:

Courtland town lots (No. 265 and 266) and their buildings.

Negro woman slave named Ann of black color aged about 35 yrs.

Negro boy slave named Richard of black color aged about 14 yrs.

Signed by William P. Holmes.

Ack. before Crockett McDonald, Judge of Probate, on 13 Aug. 1856.

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Warranty Deed

30 March 1855

William Ellett sells to Martha Byrd for \$1600., eighty acres as follows:

E/2 SW/4 of Section 27-4-7W

Signed by William Ellett.

Acknowledged before William Pebly, JP on 31 March 1855.

Delivered for recording 5 Aug. 1856 and recorded 7 Aug. 1856.

Pages 117-119

Warranty Deed

4 Jan. 1847

James A. Bynum and Margaret Josephine Bynum, his wife, sell to Martha Byrd for \$3371.25 the following 674.24 acres:

W/2 SW/4 and W/2 NW/4 Section 27-4-7W

E/2 NE/4 Section 28-4-7W

NE/4 of Section 23-4-7W

NE/4 of Section 24-4-7W

S/2 W/2 of Section 22-4-7W

Signed by James A. Bynum and Margaret J. Bynum.

Delivered for recording 12 Aug. 1856.

Recorded 19 Aug. 1856.

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

- Page 119
Warranty Deed
- 30 Oct. 1849
Pemberton Byrd and wife, Elizabeth Byrd, sell to Bolin Byrd for \$800 land now occupied by Mrs. Martha Byrd containing 960 acres in township 4, range 8 West [no section given].
Signed by Pemberton Byrd and Elizabeth Byrd.
Acknowledged before Nathan J. Galloway, JP on 18 Dec 1849.
Delivered for recording 12 Aug. 1856 and recorded 19 Aug. 1856.
- Page 120
Warranty Deed
- 20 Oct. 1855.
George W. Nickols and Ruth E. *Nichols*, his wife, sell to William Woodard for \$40:
SW/4 SE/4 of Section 32-7-7W
Signed by G. W. Nichols and Rutha E. Nickols signed with her mark.
Ack. before William Ireland, JP on 20 Oct. 1855.
Delivered for recording 18 Aug. 1856 and Recorded 19 Aug. 1856.
- Pages 120-121
Deed of Trust
- 19 March 1856
Henry W. Warren, debtor
David P. Lewis, trustee
J. J. & S. Bowie & Co., of Charleston, SC, creditor, and
Jarvin Trubune & Co., of Louisville, Ky, creditor.
Henry W. Warren of Lawrence Co. Al owes J. J. & S. Bowie & Co. of Charleston, SC for \$715.25 by note dated 17 Jan 1856 due 2 months after date, and a note of \$719.39 due 3 mo. after date and payable to the Northern Bank of Alabama at Huntsville.
Warren is indebted to Jarvin Trubune & Co. of Louisville, Ky. for \$314.64 by a note dated 12 April 1856. To secure payment of the above notes, Warren sells to David P. Lewis of Moulton, Al, in trust, the following:
Moulton town lot No. 66 on which William Spain now resides.
Moulton town lot No. 72
Moulton town lot No. 69 except that part on which William McKilvey's stable is located and the open space immediately around it.
One acre on which my gin house now stands, with gin head remaining, gear and fixtures, it being on the east side of Brown's Ferry Road opposite the lot of Allen Burton now occupied by Richard Norwood.
If debts are not paid then David P. Lewis to sell property for cash at public auction after first giving two weeks public notice.
Signed by Henry W. Warren
Acknowledged before Crockett McDonald, JPC on 19 Aug. 1856.
Delivered for recording 19 Aug. 1856 and recorded 20 Aug. 1856.
On side of Page: "This Deed is satisfied long since & money paid to the creditors." Signed by D. P. Lewis, Trustee.

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

- Page 122
Deed of Gift
- 21 Aug. 1856
Alice B. Seward conveys to her son, James M. Seward, and his heirs the following property:
NE/4 of Section 24-6-8W and
34 acres on north side of SE/4 of Sec. 24-6-8W.
Signed by Alice B. Seward by her mark.
Witnessed by M. Priest and James Wise.
Acknowledged before David L. Dinsmore, JP 21 Aug. 1856.
Delivered for recording and recorded 22 Aug. 1856.
- Page 122-123
Warranty Deed
- 25 Aug. 1856
Thomas K. Harris, administrator of the estate of John Armer [also written *Armor*], deceased, in accordance with an order of the Probate Court, sold on the first Monday of April 1856, for \$20.00, land belonging to said estate, it being:
E/2 N/2 E/2 SE/4 of Sec. 22-7-8W, Lawrence Co., Al.
Signed by Thos. K. Harris, Admr.
Acknowledged before D. L. Dinsmore on 25 Aug. 1856.
Delivered for recording and recorded 25 Aug. 1856.
- Pages 123-124
Deed of Trust
- 3 Sept. 1856
William Mullinex, debtor
David J. Goodlett, trustee
John N. Walker, creditor
Mullinex is indebted to Walker for \$146.06 by note due 25 Dec. 1856. To secure Walker against loss, Mullinex sells to Goodlett, in trust, the following property:
All his crop of cotton now growing upon the plantation on which he now resides and cotton which he may grow during the present year from his own land or other lands.
One bay filly three years old
One four-horse wagon and gearing
Mullinex to retain possession of property until note matures. If debt is not paid then Goodlett is to sell property for cash to the highest bidder at the courthouse door in Moulton after giving two days notice by written advertisement posted upon three public places in this county.
Signed by William F. Mullinex, David J. Goodlett, and John N. Walker.
Acknowledged before Crockett McDonald, JP on 6 Sept. 1856.
Delivered for recording and recorded 6 Sept. 1856.
NOTE: On side of page 123 was the following notation:
The property sold for \$172.20.
Debt and interest, \$150.86
Court costs, \$12.60
5 percent, \$8.41

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LAWRENCE COUNTY COURT MINUTE BOOK "B"
1823
Part 1

With this issue we will begin carrying abstracts of County Court Minute Book "B" which begins with the January term, 1823. Book "A" was not in evidence in the courthouse and I was unable to locate it. Most of these entries are for recovery of debt and no details are given. Copied and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Abner Stewart)	Debt. This day came the parties by their attorney and the defendant having withdrawn his plea by him heretofore pleaded and now says nothing why Judgement should not be rendered against him. It is, therefore, considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover of the Defendant the sum of \$78.56 Debt in the Declaration mentioned with the further sum of \$4.33 damages sustained by reason of the detention of the said Debt, besides his costs by him about his suit in this behalf expended.
vs.)	
Thomas Gallaway)	

Bernard M. Patterson)	Debt. This day came the parties by their attorney and the defendant withdrew his plea . . . it is considered by the court that plaintiff recover of defendant \$303.89 debt plus \$20.37 damages plus costs.
vs.)	
John Simmonds)	

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Lewis Dillahunty, Assee)	Debt. This day came the parties by their attorneys and defendant now says nothing . . . It is considered by the court that the plaintiff recover of defendant \$82 debt plus \$6.70 damages plus costs.
vs.)	
William L. Wilson)	

Tilford & Carlton)	Debt. [First names of plaintiffs not given.] This day came the parties by their attorney and the defendant withdrew his plea and now says nothing . . . Plaintiff to recover from defendant \$145.72 debt, \$10.67 damages plus costs.
vs.)	
Booker & James)	

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Tilford & Carlton)	Debt. This day came the parties by their attorney and the defendant withdrew his plea and now says nothing . . . Plaintiff to recover debt of \$144.23 plus \$8.16 damages plus costs.
vs.)	
Daniel Wade)	

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Tedford & Carlton)	Debt. This day came the parties by their attorney and said defendant having withdrawn his plea now says nothing . . . Plaintiff to recover \$70. debt plus \$5.13 damages plus costs.
vs.)	
James A. Francisco)	

James Deery[?])	Debt. This day came the parties by their attorney and defendant withdrew his plea and now says nothing . . . Plaintiff to recover debt of \$60.60 plus \$4.10 damages and costs.
vs.)	
Archer Lee and Lee)	
Wilson.)	

County Court Minute Book "B" (-continued-)

- Thomas Goff, assee.) Debt. This day came the parties by their attornies and the defendant
vs.) having withdrawn his plea now says nothing . . . It is therefore
Samuel T. Elgar) decreed that plaintiff recover \$99 debt plus \$8.91 damages and costs.
- James Deery) Debt. This day came the parties by their attornies and the defendant
vs.) withdrew his plea . . . It is ordered that plaintiff recover \$67 debt
Lee Wilson) plus \$5.56 damages and costs of this case.
- McGhee & Hunter, assee.) Debt. This day came the parties by their attornies and the defendant
vs.) withdrew his plea . . . It is ordered that plaintiff recover \$75 debt
John Butler) plus \$5.35 damages plus costs.
- John Glass) Debt. This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and the said
vs.) defendant being solemnly called failed to appear in court and made
James S. Clack) default. It is therefore considered by the court that plaintiff recover
\$81.50 debt plus \$12.38 damages plus costs.
- Malcolm Gilchrist) Debt. This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and the defendant
vs.) failed to appear in court and made default. The court decreed that
Samuel Hopper) Gilchrist recover \$200 debt plus \$16.31 damages plus costs against
Hopper.
- John Murphy) Damages. This day came the parties by their attornies. A jury was
vs.) empanelled, towit: Malcolm Gilchrist, John Hampton, W. Elam,
James Demasters) John Butler, Thomas Gallaway, Martin McMahan, George E. Sander-
son, Philip Threlkeld, David Smith, Andrew White, Archer Lee and
Clinton Norvell. Verdict: The jury found that the defendant did
assume in manner and form as the plaintiff in his declaration hath
alledged against him and assessed the plaintiff \$80 damages plus
costs.
- State of Alabama) Bastardy case. This day came defendant into court on a charge made
vs.) against him by Margery White of having begotton on the body of her
William McGaughey) a bastard male child in Lawrence county of which charge McGaughey
plead not guilty and put himself upon the mercy of a jury. Jurors
were Moses Crawford, David McAllister, William Hamilton, Ambrose
R. Hunter, John Henderson, Looney McDaniel, Reuben Rucker Jr.,
Wright McMahan, Thomas Coopwood, George E. Sanderson, Joel D.
Harris and John Gregg. The jury found McGaughey to be the father.
McGaughey ordered to pay \$500 in ten annual, equal installments of
\$50 each from 6 Jan. 1823 toward support, maintenance and edu-
cation of child and pay these court costs. He is to give bond and re-
main in jail until bond is posted.

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Limestone

The following article, taken from the February 25, 1886 issue of *The Alabama Courier* was copied and contributed by Eulalia Wellden, formerly of Limestone County, now of Madison County.

THE LITTLE CITY'S PAST AND PRESENT—HER GREAT MEN

Athens, pronounced A'-thens by many good people of Limestone county as well as by the modern Greeks, is a pretty little town on the extreme northern border of the State.

Its inhabitants constantly bewail its decadence in point of worldly prosperity but cherish proudly the memories of its better days, and of the men of noble mould whose home it has been.

Musing upon these giants of the olden time, your correspondent unconsciously turned his steps, one sunny winter day, along the broad brick pavement which leads to the two burying grounds of Athens, the first of which is called the "Old Graveyard," a simple old Anglo Saxon name in keeping with the character of the place, and of its silent tenants.

And the other, the "New Cemetery," a name of later usage in this country, even as this burying ground is of more recent date.

The old graveyard is a most picturesque spot indeed. It is an ideal burying ground. A huge maple occupies one corner of it presenting a mass of crimson leaf buds in springtime and, together with other stately trees, giving abundant shade in summer; and the yard is entirely covered with an evergreen vine of the genus *vinca*—the "blue eyed periwinkle" of the poets. Gray might have written his elegy here . . .

A little further on lies the new cemetery, one of the prides of Athens, a well kept burying ground where many handsome monuments may be seen.

Even before we reach it the eye is attracted by the lofty granite shaft which marks the spot where sleeps the greatest Athenian, George S. Houston.* Solid, symmetrical and unadorned, it comports with the simple dignity

and sterling worth of the statesman over whom it stands.

The name of Houston should be revered by all Alabamians for his services to the State were herculean. To have led out of bondage this people, oppressed by aliens who, at the point of the bayonet, sought to put the newly liberated slaves over true and tried citizens, and whose waste of the entire property of the State was only prevented by the entire destruction of the public credit—to have done this was glory enough for one man.

In addition to this, to lift a debt of twenty million dollars from the shoulders of a people, impoverished by a disastrous war, was enough to have canonized the man in the hearts of that people. . . . The tomb of George S. Houston might well be the Mecca of Alabamians. [Ed: *George S. Houston was governor 1874-1878. He was born in Williamson Co., Tn. 17 Jan. 1811 and died in Athens 31 Dec. 1879.*]

On entering the cemetery, one of the first graves to be seen is that of William Richardson, a man who was most highly respected by his fellow citizens for his ability as a lawyer and his personal worth, though being modest and unambitious he did not figure extensively in public life.

In another place, we come upon the simple head-stone which bears the name of that upright Supreme Court Judge, cultured gentleman and princely liver—Daniel Coleman who was appointed Probate Judge of this county when he was only nineteen years of age, though his dignified bearing and character, approaching austerity, disguised his age.

About the center of the cemetery we find a large granite monument of antique

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design erected by the Tennessee Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to the memory of Robert Donnell who is called in the epitaph, among other handsome titles, "The Prince of Preachers." A princely preacher he certainly was with an estate worth fifty thousand dollars or more, and a very generous disposition. He came with his parents to Alabama when Athens was but "a brown nurseling of the woods," and on their way hither the party were attacked by Indians, and after their arrival had to dwell for a season in a fort, so dangerous were the times. His parents did not lack means but facilities for education were lacking and Father Donnell was almost entirely an automath. But his strong intellect and habits of profound study enabled him to become one of the most learned expounders of the tenets of his church and he was constantly going here and there among the congregations by all of whom he was called Father. . . .

Father Donnell's first wife was quite wealthy and dying young she left him a handsome property. His home in Athens was one of the statliest in the town and was lately purchased by the corporation for a male academy. But his hospitality and charities exceeded his income and he was frequently in debt.

His second wife, a winning, cultivated pious lady, called affectionately by everyone, "Aunt Donnell," became alarmed lest her husband's debts should injure his influence as a preacher. Perhaps she remembered St. Jerome's saying to Paula who borrowed that she might give, "Take care," Jesus Christ said, "Let him who has two coats give away one, but you give away three!" Be that as it may, this noble woman resigned her liberty and ease and took on herself the slavery of school-teaching till she made the sum of three thousand dollars, enough to liquidate Father Donnell's debts. Surely such an act of self-sacrifice for religion's sake entitles her to the honor which is accorded Fabiola, Melenia and those other glorious women who by their good works did more to convert the world

from paganism to christianity than all the labored treatises of all the Fathers of the church.

These are the most distinguished people who sleep in this cemetery, but Athens claims other great men. For instance, she gave the only Independent Governor to the State: Joshua L. Martin, a most talented man and popular citizen.

In 1845 Nathaniel Terry, who lived on Nubbin Ridge in this county, obtained the nomination for Governor but he snatched at it with indecent haste, refusing to wait for the arrival at Montgomery of a number of delegates who were detained by accident, and this together with his imprudent conduct during the campaign, compassed his defeat.

Gov. Martin remained a good Democrat, though nowadays, Independents usually land in the bosom of some other party.

Another name cherished by Athenians is that of Egbert J. Jones who was as lofty in character as in stature and that is saying much for he stood six feet three in his stockings. By his own efforts he obtained a law education and ranked high at the North Alabama bar. He entered the Confederate service and was elected Colonel of the famous 4th Alabama Infantry. Just before the battle of Manassas he was petitioned, for trifling causes, by six of his companies to resign and he told them that if after the battle they still desired it he would comply.

The splendid part his regiment took in that engagement is common history and its gallant Colonel was the bravest of the brave. In the hottest of the fight he sat with one leg thrown carelessly over the pommel of his saddle and issued his orders with consummate coolness; but toward the close of the day he received a mortal wound in the thigh and died soon after, leaving in the breasts of his comrades remorse for their injustice and almost an idolatry of Egbert Jones. . . .

Though Huntsville is now the home of Judge Robert Brickell, his youth and early manhood were spent in Athens and many are the anecdotes told by his former companions

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of the early manifestations of the phenomenal memory and bright talents which have raised him to his present commanding position as a jurist. His father, a genial and popular newspaper editor, was impecunious, and the son with the view of obtaining an education, worked hard to make money. Among other means he used to haul wood and they say it was no uncommon thing to see Bob Brickell, a little boy, standing on his wood-wagon making a speech for a nickel to an admiring crowd. And his schoolmates say all the boys referred to him constantly for information regarding their lessons. And when a young lawyer in the court room he could cite the other lawyers

to the volume and even the page of any decision with remarkable accuracy.

Of the Hon. Luke Pryor we need not speak; his career from the barefooted wood-hauler up to Senator of the United States is known by heart. After a life of great usefulness in professional walks and unsought position of high public trust, he has voluntarily retired to private life and now devotes much time to his farming interest.

Limestone county needs brains on the farm more than statesman or lawyers and we hope Mr. Pryor's example will encourage intelligent farming. . . .



* GOVERNOR GEORGE S. HOLSTON.

MENEFEE CEMETERY

This cemetery is located in the SW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 17-3-3W in Limestone County. There is a housing development going in and will soon surround the cemetery. Copied on March 27, 1990 by Eulalia Yancy Wellden and Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Row 1

Mary E.
Wife of
M. S. Terry
Born
Feb. 24, 1869
Died
Sept. 16, 1919

J. E. Owen
Mar. 28, 1851
Dec. 5, 1913

Mahala J.
wife of
J. E. Owen
Oct. 26, 1854
Apr. 14, 1923

Pansy
Dau. of
J. E. & M. J. Owen
July 13, 1887
Feb. 19, 1911

Row 2

Infant
Son of
J. W. & M. E.
Jones
Born and Died
Feb. 13, 1903

Row 3

MENEFEE
Hepsie Byce
1812 - 1879
Isaac A.
1810 - 1895

John W.
Son of
W. P. & S. A.
Owen
Born Oct. 4, 1898
Died Mar. 3, 1899

Zora N.
Daughter of
W. P. & S. A.
Owen
Born Dec. 5, 1896
Died Oct. 19, 1900

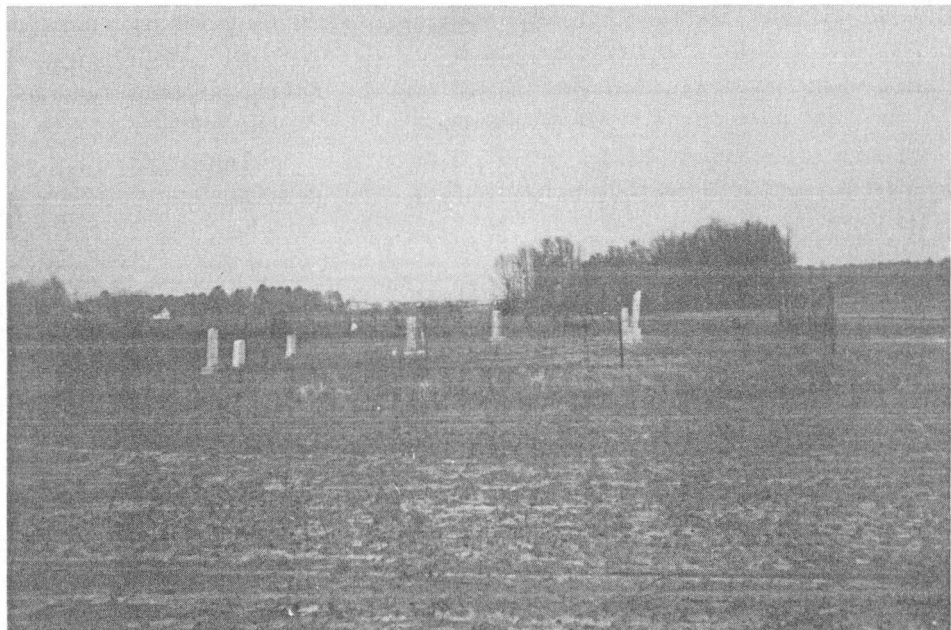
OWEN
William P.
Sept. 28, 1872
Mar. 29, 1949

Annie M.
Nov. 19, 1878
Jan. 10, 1954

Row 4

Joseph W. Menefee
Feb. 28, 1885
Dec. 19, 1949

MENEFEE
Myra Black
1847 - 1912
Zeno King
1848 - 1935



View of the Menefee Cemetery looking
northeast.

Madison

HUNT FAMILY LETTERS

Part 2 — Final

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. For a full introduction see the September, 1990, issue of *Valley Leaves*.

Huntsville, Ala., Feb. 15th 1896

Miss Jennie Russell Powel
Rogersville, Tenn.

My Dear Cousin(?):

Cousin Wm. Larkin sent in your letter to him in reference to the Rutledge genealogical table. I am a grandson of Richard and Sally Clayton of whom you speak and any information I can give you would please me.

I am glad you are doing this work as I have long wanted to know more of our family—so curious about it, in fact, that I would be obliged for the pedigree “back to Scotland” which you say that Wm. Rutledge can trace in advance of your publication.

Of course we all want a copy of your table. Ben P. Hunt tells me that he has written you. He is a Powel.

Respectfully,
Geo. C. Hunt

Huntsville, Ala., Feby. 18th 1896

My Dear Cousin,

Your very interesting and welcome letter received and I thank you for your prompt answer. I will send you tomorrow my own family record but I fear I shall be unable directly to give you further information.

I find I am becoming very much interested in your highly commendable work and shall gladly aid you in every way i can do so.

You can likely receive valuable information from Judge Samuel Powel, Hernando, Miss. He went from your section of Tenn.

If I did not write you, I intended to, that my family are *all* natives of the grand old Volunteer State. As to uncle Joe Powel, I will have to write them. I can't imagine why Sallie don't answer you promptly—she does my sister, but they have had so much trouble, sorrow and grief. They were an ideal family—and such affection I never saw elsewhere.

Will the flower and pride of all—the handsomest and most popular young man in Shelby County, married Susie Winchester. He died of consumption, leaving her and several lovely children. She has since married Dabney M. Scales, lawyer & senator from Shelby.

John and Ben went into the Confederate army at 17 and 15—John was shot in left lung—never married—now a wreck. Ben wounded at Shilo—splended man—last year was murdered near his own house—no clue—public thinks it was suicide—family don't—leaves a widow & several children.

Annie married a Mr. Colby—he's dead—George married and I don't know how he is making a living. Sallie is a fine woman—has the independence & pluck of a hero; makes her living as stenographer & typewriter.

My grandmother Powel I never saw but once and I was so young—can just remember it.

The great lawyer, Francis B. Fogg of Nashville married a Rutledge—he has a son there, a partner of Judge E. H. East. The late Judge Wm. B. Reese married a daughter of

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Mr. F. B. Fogg. I suggest these names as they might not only aid but assist you substantially in your laudable work.

Wm. Rutledge, Huntland, Tenn., whose family moved after the War from E. Tenn., might give you some information. Will's father's name was George P. Rutledge. The Rutledges married into the Keys of this State and Judge Henry C. Jones, who married a Keys, might aid you—he lives at Florence, Ala. Col. John D. Rather of Tusculumbia is related in some way.

No, I have never essayed into literature. Have never had that leisure which is essential to its growth and maturity. I have done an incalculable amount of writing—would make volumes—and discussed everything, but kept nothing. That was mainly when editor in chief of the *Daily Mercury* here, which I was largely instrumental in establishing. I wrote a pamphlet on Huntsville & will try & send you a copy. There are many things I have written which gave me some character as a writer but I never preserved them.

For ten years or more I was very dissipated, periodically, but have not drunk anything since Nov. 1892. I see I am going to write you crazy & will stop.

Yours truly,

Ben P. Hunt

Huntsville, Ala., Feby. 19th 1896

Dear Cousin:

I enclose your paper, blanks fill to the extent of all I know. I have written to Joe Powel, Columbia, Caldwell Parish, La. to know if his father & my uncle, Dr. Joe Powel, is living & if he is, I can likely get dates as to birth and death of my grandfather & mother, Benj. Powel and Eleanor Rutledge.

I, or my sister, will write Sallie Powel and get uncle Rutledge's, Aunt Musadore's & the children's dates. She was a Jones.

Yours truly,

Ben P. Hunt

State of Alabama, Madison County

At a Circuit Court begun and held for said County, at the court house in the town of Huntsville, on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in April, 1824. Charles Cabiness vs. Edward Salle, Edward Owings, John Montgomery and Thomas McGehee. — IN CHANCERY.

Came the said complainant, by his counsel, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that said defendants, Edward *Sallee*, Edward Owings, and John Montgomery, are not resident citizens of this State, and that they have failed to appear and answer said bill, according to the act of assembly and the rules of this court: It is therefore, on motion of said complainant, by his counsel, ORDERED, by the court, that unless said non-resident defendants shall appear here on or before the next term of this court, and answer said bill of complaint, the same will then be taken as confessed against them, and set down for final hearing *exparte*; and that a copy of this order by published six weeks successively, in some newspaper printed in the town of Huntsville.

June 9, 1824.

A true copy

L. Mead, C. C. C.

[Source: *The Alabamian*, Huntsville, Al Thursday July 15, 1824.]

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLE BONDS

1841

(Part 1)

The importance of these bonds is not readily obvious to the beginner genealogist but is, nevertheless, significant genealogically and historically for several reasons. Not the least of these reasons are the many names shown herein that are not on the incomplete 1840 Madison County census.

State law allowed at least one Justice of the Peace and one Constable to be elected from each military beat or district (later called precincts). These records are historically significant as they are the only records in the county that give the name of the captain of each beat.

At the time this record was made, a Justice of the Peace (also called Magistrate) yielded a great deal of power in the community. He had jurisdiction over minor criminal offenses, he performed marriage ceremonies, took legal depositions, arbitrated minor disputes, etc.

A Constable's duties were similar to those of the county Sheriff but the Constable's powers were less and his jurisdiction was confined to the military district or precinct in which he was elected. He was to preserve the public peace, serve writs, attend criminal courts, etc. As transportation improved, the county Sheriff gradually took over the duties of the Constable. In many localities, the Justice of the Peace and Constable positions have been eliminated entirely.

As a genealogist, you will recognize the importance of possible relationships gleaned from these bonds. If your ancestor was shown as a JP or Constable you will give the names of the bondsmen more than a passing glance. A bondsman had to have a lot of faith in the person he was insuring as he was putting up his money and property as collateral. Only those persons close to the insured would put their personal security in jeopardy on his behalf. For this reason, you might wish to look for a blood or marital relationship between the insured and the bondsmen—they will be close friends of long standing or neighbors at the very least. Each bond is for \$1000 unless stated to the contrary.

This book begins with page 42; we have no knowledge of what happened to the first 41 pages. The original book is entitled, "Justice of the Peace Bonds, 1840 - 1853" and is housed in the Madison County Archives. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson through the courtesy of Judge William D. Page.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Elected Official:</u>	<u>Date of Election:</u>	<u>Office of:</u>	<u>Military Beat:</u>	<u>Bondsmen:</u>
42	Slaughter C. Harrill	1 March	JP	Capt. Walker's	B. W. Oneal & Milton Walker
43	Andrew J. Rice	1 March	JP	[blank]	Charles C. Ewing & J. Turner
44	Joseph Spence	1 March	JP	Capt. Howard's	Fleming Jordan & William Stewart.
45	William East	1 March	JP	Capt. Foulk's	William H. Turner & John B. Turner.
46	Robert J. Clopton	1 March	JP	Capt. Carpenter's	James A. Clopton & William H. Clopton.
47	John P. Brown [Also written Broun & Broune]	1 March	JP	Capt. Schrimsher's	John Middleton & Maurice Moore.
48	Othneil Rice	1 March	JP	Capt. Rice's	William H. Clopton & Abner Tate.
49	Joseph Pickens	1 March	JP	Capt. Schrimsher's	William D. Hollowell & William Wright. 50
50	John T. Haden	1 March	JP	Brownsborough	James H. King & John Lamberson

<u>Page</u>	<u>Elected Official:</u>	<u>Date Elected:</u>	<u>Office of:</u>	<u>Military Beat:</u>	<u>Bondsmen:</u>
51	John H. Miller	1 March	Constable	Capt. Schrimsher's	Henry Stammers & Samuel Miller.
53	Charles Robinson	1 March	JP	Capt. Howard's	Samuel Grigsby & William H. Lester.
54	John Williams	1 March	Constable	Capt. Whitman's	John Shotwell & William F. Whitman.
55	Andrew J. Middleton	1 March	JP	blank	John Middleton & John P. Brown.
56	John B. Turner	1 March	JP	Capt. Balengon's	John F. Hobbs & William Wright.
57	Anthony W. Haden	1 March	JP	Brownsborough	William Parker & John T. Haden.
59	Green B. Strother	1 March	JP	Capt. Albert J. Watkins.	William H. Clopton & Simon S. Clark
60	George P. Vaughan	1 March	Constable	Capt. Townsend's	James Taylor & Charles Thomas.
61	William Green	1 March	JP	blank	William Wright & Jabez L. Drake.
62	John Ervin	1 March	JP	blank	Thomas M. Moseley & William C. McBroom.
63	John H. Webster	1 March	JP	blank	Elkhanah Echols, Colwell P. Pool & Wm. Martin.
64	William C. McBroom	1 March	Constable	Capt. Steger's	Anthony W. Haden & William Parker.
66	Russell S. Irwin	1 March	Constable	Capt. Crutcher's	William M. Gooch & Thomas S. Maxwell.
67	James H. King	1 March	Constable	Brownsborough	Joseph Pickens & John T. Haden.
68	Wilson Hamilton	1 March	Constable	Capt. Webster's	John Shotwell & Samuel Yarborough.
69	James Thomas	1 March	Constable	blank	John Kirkland & John A. R. Moseley.
70	Pleasant S. Austin	1 March	Constable	blank	Nathaniel D. (x) Snoddy & Henry Morriss.
72	Pleasant Todd	3 April	Constable	Capt. Wayland's	Henry B. Turner, Alexander H. Lacy.
73	James S. Tillman	1 March	Constable	Capt. Milton Walker's	Milton Walker & Basil W. Oneal.
74	Joseph Craft	1 March	Constable	Capt. Jenkins's	Ezekiel Craft & Joseph P. Woodruff.
75	Johnson Harrison	1 March	JP	Capt. William R. Stone.	George Russell, Solomon Smith, William (x) Allison & Davis Moore.
77	Edmund Townsend	1 March	JP	Capt. Townsend's	Samuel Townsend & John B. Eldridge.
78	James Harton	1 March	JP	Capt. Townsend's	Abner Tate & Edmund Townsend.

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MISSISSIPPI TERRITORY MINUTE BOOK
SUPERIOR COURT OF LAW AND EQUITY
1811 - 1819

Part 1

The Superior Court of Law and Equity was the forerunner of our present Circuit Court with comparable duties, scope and power. The original minutes are in the Alabama State Department of Archives and History in Montgomery. These abstracts were made from a "true copy" obtained by past editor Catherine Gilliam and deposited in the office of the Probate Judge of Madison County. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Judge: Obadiah Jones
Prosecutor for Territory: William Wilbourn
Clerk: Peter Perkins
Sheriff: Stephen Neal
Attorney General: Louis Winston.

April term 1811.

Pages 1-3 The Territory) Case: James Burleson was the bondsman for Alexander
 vs.) Gilbreath in amount of \$500 in a case against Gilbreath.
 James Burleson) Both failed to appear in court and Burleson was to forfeit
) his \$500 bond money. At a hearing the Court ordered
) the forfeiture set aside with Burleson to pay only court
) costs.

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Pages 5-6 The Territory) Charge: Robert Farish, late of Madison County, laborer, in
 vs.) 1811 assaulted, beat, wounded and ill treated Gabriel Moore,
 Robert Farish) Esq., attorney at law, to the great damage of said Moore
) and to the evil example of all others. Farish pleaded not
) guilty. A jury was called and consisted of Richard Crowson, Littleberry Adams, Ben-
) jamin L. Saunders, David Conly, James Titus, John Carter, James Christian, George
) Sharp, John Reedy, James B. Rogers, John Chisholm, and George Dilworth.
) Verdict: Farish is guilty and shall be fined \$15.00.

Pages 6-8 The Territory) First Monday in April, 1811.
 vs.) Charge: On 30 January 1810 Ambrose Foster did feloniously
 Ambrose Foster) steal, take and carry away one black and white hog with a
) shallow fork in the right ear and an under bit in the left
) ear, it being the property of Thomas Moore and valued at sixpence. This, to the great
) damage of the said Moore and to the evil example of all others offending in like case
) and against the peace and dignity of the Mississippi Territory. The grand jury, John
) Bunch foreman, returned a true bill. Foster then pleaded not guilty whereupon a
) jury was called consisting of: Richard Crowson, Littleberry Adams, James Titus,

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John Carter, James Christian, George Sharp, John Ready, George Dilworth, William Helms, John Baxter, William Murry and David Connelly.

Verdict: Not guilty in manner and form charged. The Court ordered Thomas Moore to pay costs in this case.

Pages 8-10 The Territory) April Term 1811
 vs.) Charge: The grand jury found that Thomas Moore and
 Thomas Moore) Nathaniel Moore, laborers, late of Madison County, did on
 and Nathaniel) 1 January 1810, with force and arms, feloniously steal,
 Moore) take and carry away one sandy colored hog with a crop and
 under bit in the right ear and an under bit in the left ear, it
 being the property of Ambrose Foster, valued at 12 pence. The grand jury, John
 Bunch foreman, returned a true bill. The Moores pleaded not guilty whereupon the
 case was heard by a regular jury composed of: Richard Crowson, Littleberry Adams,
 James Titus, John Carter, James Christian, George Sharp, John Reedy, William Helms,
 Hugh McVay, William Campbell, David Cobbs and Benjamin L. Saunders.
 Verdict: Not guilty. Foster to pay costs.

Pages 10-12 The Territory) October term 1811
 vs.) First Monday in October 1811.
 Dillon Blevins) Charge: Dillon Blevins, Jacob Roller, John Roller, William
 William Dorton) Dorton and James Moore, all laborers, and all late of Madison
 John Roller) County, Miss. Terr., did in 1811, with force and arms riot-
 Jacob Roller) ously, tumultuously, and knowingly assembled together and
 James Moore) consulted about burning the hewed logs intended for a house,
 the property of Stephen Smith. Then, to the terror of the
 peaceable citizens, they riotously and tumultuously did move forward and burn the
 logs of the said Stephen Smith. The grand jury returned a true bill against all the men
 except James Moore. The Sheriff was ordered to arrest and hold Blevins, Dorton and
 the two Rollers for trial to be held on the first Monday of October 1811. The Sheriff
 reported that Dillon Blevins, Jacob Roller and William Dorton could not be found in
 this county. Afterwards, at the October term of court, 1811, the Court ordered the
 Bill of Indictment quashed and allowed the defendants to go free.

Pages 12-13 The Territory) Charge: On 28 Sept. 1811 John Jones, laborer, late of
 vs.) Madison Co., Miss. Terr., had in his possession a \$20 bank
 John Jones) note purporting to be on the bank of the State of Virginia
 dated 8 May 1809, signed by J. Bookington, cashier, and
 A. Venable, President. That on 28 September 1811 John Jones did try to pass the
 note to William Mosely as good, knowing that it was base and counterfeit. M. Duke
 Williams presented the case for the State. The grand jury, William Lanier foreman,
 found a true bill against Jones. The Sheriff was ordered to find and keep Jones for
 trial. Jones pleaded not guilty whereupon a regular jury was impanelled and con-
 sisted of: Richard Harris, John P. Steger, David Cobb, John Baxter, Benjamin Cash,
 Alexander Gilbreath, Anthony Winston, George Dilworth, Samuel Donahoo, Samuel
 Smith, Robert Farish and Michael Harrison.
 Verdict: Not guilty.

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Marshall

DEED BOOK "A" 1836-1840 (Part 2)

Continued from the last issue of *Valley Leaves*. For a full introduction to this series, please refer to Volume 25, Issue No. 1.

- Pages 7-8
Warranty Deed
2 Jan. 1836
- James Walker sells to George Morrow, for \$600. land in Jackson County known as the:
E/2 NW/4 Section 19-6-3E containing 80.12 acres.
W/2 NW/4 Section 9-6-3E containing 80.12 acres
being part of the Cherokee school lands. Signed by James Walker only (no wife mentioned).
Witness: Edm. Bridges, JP and A. Birdwell, JP.
Proven by Bridges and Birdwell in Jackson Co., AL on 2 Jan. 1836.
Filed in Marshall County on 23 April 1836.
[Note: Alabama law demanded that a wife sign all deeds and relinquish dower so apparently Walker was not married at the time.]
- Pages 8-9
Apprentice Indenture
29 Oct. 1835
- Thomas J. Shaw of Bedford Co., Tennessee agrees to bind himself to Eli R. Feemster of Jackson County, Alabama for the term of five years from this date to learn the trade of a Blacksmith. Feemster agrees to instruct Shaw, provide him with sufficient board, lodging, washing and send him to school for one year during the five year period. He further agrees to provide Shaw with good and comfortable clothing during his service.
Signed by Thomas J. Shaw with an X.
Witness: Booker Smith, M. B. Feemster.
Proven by Smith and Feemster 15 April 1836 before Washington T. May, Judge of the County Court.
- Pages 9-10
Warranty Deed
15 June 1834
- Simeon Nichols and Eliza B. Nichols, his wife, of Jackson County, sell to Thomas B. Rector, also of Jackson Co., Al. for \$35.00 a lot in the town of Claysville described as Lot No. 5 containing 3/4 of an acre with tenements and appurtenance.
Witness: Wm. H. E. Sheeler and John Johnson, JP
Proven in Jackson Co., Al by Wheeler and Johnson 15 June 1834.
Recorded in Marshall County 3 May 1836.
- Pages 10-11
Warranty Deed
13 November 1833
- John Martin and Clarinda Martin, his wife, of Madison County, Alabama, sells to James Boggess for \$125. land in Jackson County, it being:
E/2 NE/4 Section 24-7-3E
patented to the said John Martin by Patent Number 3718. Acknowledged

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by the Martins in Madison Co. 3 Dec. 1833 at which time Clarinda relinquished her dower rights. Recorded in Marshall County 28 April 1836 and recorded 11 May 1836.

Pages 11-12
Warranty Deed
29 April 1836

James Boggess and Nancy, his wife, of Marshall County, Ala. sell to Robert Chandler for \$500 land in Marshall County it being:

E/2 NE/4 Section 24-7-3E

Acknowledged by the Boggesses in Claysville, Marshall County, Al. on 29 April 1836 at which time Nancy relinquished her right of dower and the deed was recorded.

Pages 12-14
Warranty Deed.
5 Oct. 1835

Benjamin Patteson as Marshall of the Northern District to Hugh Henry. "Whereas by virtue of two writs of fieri Facias as follows, hath in name of Wilcox & Fearn against Samuel and Hugh Henry, issued from the District Court of the United States, held for the Northern District of Alabama, each for \$2037.30 damages and \$33.68½ costs. Judgement 15th October 1834 to me directed and delivered on the 22nd of April 1835. I was commanded to make of the goods and chattles, lands and tenements of Samuel and Hugh Henry the sum of \$4074.60 damages and \$67.36—3/4 costs and by virtue of said authority I did on the 15th of May 1835 bring the executions upon two lots, Numbers 5 and 6 lying and being on the north Bank of the Tennessee River at Gunters Landing in Jackson County." Also the:

SE/4 of Section 13-7-3E containing 165½ acres more or less; also the fractional Section 32-7-4E containing 77.08 acres more or less, as the property of Samuel and Hugh Henry to satisfy said executions.

The same was sold at the Court House door in Huntsville on Monday the 5th day of October 1835 to Hugh Henry for \$1974.68 which was the highest and last bid for the property.

"Now this Indenture, Witnesseth, that for and in consideration of the said sum of \$1974.68 Benjamin Patteson sells to Hugh Henry all right, title, interest and claims of Samuel and Hugh Henry in and to said lots." Signed by Benjamin Patteson. Delivered for recording in Marshall County by Patteson on 4 May 1836. Recorded 9 May 1836. [Ed: General Benjamin Patteson is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Alabama.]

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CHRIS COX PUNISHED

Chris Cox was mulcted* in the sum of \$387.50 for libel. [*The Guntersville Democrat*, 6 May 1909. [Mulcted: *Punishment for offense by imposing a fine.*]

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MORROW-STOVALL-DUNSMORE BIBLE

The following Bible record was donated to TVGS by Carol Tempero, 1208 Newport Ave., Austin, Texas 78753. Ms. Tempero states these pages were from her great-grandmother, Louisa Beatrice Morrow Stovall's Bible. She states, "I don't have the Bible or the title page. Louisa filled this out some time between her husband's death in 1904 and her own death in 1918."

GRANDPARENTS

Mother's Father: Robert Morrow, born 23 Sept. 1799 in South Carolina. Died May 23, 1863 in Morgan Co., Ala.

Mother's Mother: Jane Morrow, born 20th June, 1806. Died Nov. 22nd 1868 in Morgan Co., Ala.

PARENTS

Father: Wash. Franklin Stovall, born 12th March 1838 in Franklin Co., Georgia. Died July 1, 1904 at Jardin, Hunt Co., Tex.

Mother: Louisa Beatress Morrow, born 17th April 1844 Morgan Co., Ala.. They were married 19th Oct. 1863 at Robert Morrow's in Morgan Co., Ala. by Eli Sams.

CHILDREN

R. M. Stovall, born 10 March 1866 in Morgan Co., Ala. Married 24 Jan. 1904 to Samie Lindsey.

M. E. Stovall, born 2nd June 1867 in Morgan Co., Ala. Married J. B. Miller 17 Jany. 1888.

S. A. Stovall, born 12th Sept. 1869 in Morgan Co., Ala.

J. E. Stovall, born 12th Feb. 1871 in Morgan Co., Ala. Married J. S. White 25th Mar. 1894.

N. B. Stovall, born 21st April 1873 in Morgan Co., Ala. Married W. W. Hanes 10th Jany. 1894. Died Feb. 26, 1907.

Wm. W. Stovall, born 23rd Dec. 1874 in Morgan Co., Ala.

R. E. Stovall, born 10th July 1876 in Morgan Co., Ala. Married S. T. Stepheson Dec. 16, 1908.

W. F. Stovall Jr., born 2nd March 1878 in Morgan Co., Ala. Married Idalia Range Dec. 26, 1909.

M. L. Stovall, born 1st Oct. 1879, Morgan Co., Ala. Died 13th July 1884

T. L. Stovall, Born 19th Dec. 1881, Hunt Co., Texas. Married Cora E. Morrow Oct. 17, 1906

FAMILY RECORD				
GRANDPARENTS				
NAMES	BORN		DIED	
	When	Where	When	Where
Father's Father				
Father's Mother				
Mother's Father	1799	23 rd Sept. S.C.	1863	May 23 rd Morgan Co. Ala.
Mother's Mother	1806	20 th June	1868	Nov. 22 nd Morgan Co. Ala.
PARENTS				
NAMES	BORN		DIED	
	When	Where	When	Where
Father	1838	12 th March Franklin Co. Georgia	1904	July 1 st at Jardin Hunt Co. Tex.
Mother	1844	17 th April Morgan Co. Ala.		
THEY WERE MARRIED 19 th Oct. 1863 at Robert Morrow's in Morgan Co. Ala. by Eli Sams				
CHILDREN				
NAMES	BORN		MARRIED	DIED
	When	Where		
1 R. M. Stovall	1866	10 th March Morgan Co. Ala.	1904	Jan 24 th Samie Lindsey
2 M. E. Stovall	1867	2 nd June Morgan Co. Ala.	1888	J. B. Miller
3 S. A. Stovall	1869	12 th Sept Morgan Co. Ala.		
4 J. E. Stovall	1871	12 th Feb Morgan Co. Ala.	1894	J. S. White
5 N. B. Stovall	1873	21 st April Morgan Co. Ala.	1894	W. W. Hanes
6 W. W. Stovall	1874	23 rd Dec Morgan Co. Ala.		
7 R. E. Stovall	1876	10 th July Morgan Co. Ala.	1908	Dec 16 th S. T. Stepheson
8 W. F. Stovall Jr.	1878	2 nd March Morgan Co. Ala.	1909	Dec 26 th Idalia Range
9 M. L. Stovall	1879	1 st Oct Morgan Co. Ala.		1884
10 T. L. Stovall	1881	19 th Dec Hunt Co. Texas	1906	Oct 17 th Cora E. Morrow

Morrow-Stovall-Dunsmore Bible (-continued-)

Robert and Jane Morrow

FAMILY RECORD

GRANDPARENTS

NAMES	BORN		DIED	
	When	Where	When	Where
Father's Father <i>Samuel Morrow</i>	<i>1775</i>			
Father's Mother <i>Rosy Morrow</i>				
Mother's Father <i>James Dunsmore</i>	<i>1765</i>	<i>Ireland</i>		
Mother's Mother <i>Jean M. Dunsmore</i>				

PARENTS

NAMES	BORN		DIED	
	When	Where	When	Where
Father <i>Robert Morrow</i>	<i>1797</i>	<i>Sept 2</i>		
Mother <i>Jane D Morrow</i>	<i>June 20</i>	<i>1806</i>		

THEY WERE MARRIED BY

CHILDREN

NAMES	BORN		MARRIED	DIED
	When	Where		
<i>1 James A Morrow</i>	<i>Dec 17</i>	<i>1827</i>		
<i>2 Thomas A Morrow</i>	<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>1829</i>		<i>May 29 1907</i>
<i>3 M. J. Morrow</i>	<i>Nov 9</i>	<i>1831</i>		<i>Oct 1 1900</i>
<i>4 E. R. A. Morrow</i>	<i>July 5</i>	<i>1833</i>		<i>Oct 6 1868</i>
<i>5 Geo. W. Morrow</i>	<i>Apr 4</i>	<i>1836</i>		<i>Oct 6 1868</i>
<i>6 S. B. Morrow</i>	<i>Apr 25</i>	<i>1838</i>		<i>Oct 24 1857</i>
<i>7 A. D. Morrow</i>	<i>Jan 19</i>	<i>1840</i>		<i>Jan 21 1848</i>
<i>8 M. E. Morrow</i>	<i>Jan 22</i>	<i>1842</i>		<i>Jan 21 1848</i>
<i>9 L. B. Morrow</i>	<i>Apr 17</i>	<i>1844</i>		
<i>10 R. B. Morrow</i>	<i>Aug 28</i>	<i>1846</i>		
<i>11 J. C. W. Morrow</i>	<i>Mar 19</i>	<i>1849</i>		

GRANDPARENTS

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Father's Mother: Rosy D. Morrow.

Mother's Father: James Dunsmore, born 1765 in Ireland.

Mother's Mother: Jean M. Dunsmore.

PARENTS

Father: Robert Morrow, born Sept. 2, 1799.

Mother: Jane D. Morrow, born June 20, 1806.

CHILDREN

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Thomas A. Morrow, born Dec. 19, 1829,
Died May 29, 1907

M. J. Morrow, born Nov. 9, 1831, died
Oct. 1, 1900.

E. R. A. Morrow, born July 5, 1833.

George W. Morrow, born April 4, 1836,
died Oct. 6, 1868:

S. B. Morrow, born Apr 25, 1838.

A. D. Morrow, born Jan 19, 1840, died
Oct. 24, 1857.

M. E. Morrow, born Jan 22, 1842, died
Jan. 21, 1848.

L. B. Morrow, born Apr 17, 1844.

R. B. Morrow, born Aug 28, 1846.

J. C. W. Morrow, born Mar. 19, 1849.

Rosy Morrow, wife of Samuel Morrow, Grand-Father of Mrs. L. B. Stovall was a Durrrough. Robert Samuel Morrow married Jane Peden, daughter of John Peden and Margaret McDill Peden before the Revolutionary war and perhaps before they left Ireland.

Jane Peden first married a Mr. Morton, then married a Morrow. Her son, Samuel Morrow, was Grand-Father of Mrs. L. B. Stovall. Rosy Morrow Grand mother Mrs. L. B. Stovall was a Durrrough.

FAMILY RECORD

MISCELLANEOUS

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Morrow-Stovall-Dunsmore Bible (-continued-)

MISCELLANEOUS

The family record of James Dunsmore and Jean McDonnell Dunsmore.

James Dunsmore, Grandfather of Mrs. L. B. Stovall, was born in Antram [sic] Co., Ireland in 1765.

Ratchel Dunsmore was born Jan. 16, 1795.

Marget Dunsmore was born Mar. 26, 1797.

Marthane Dunsmore was born Mar. 17, 1799.

Sarah Dunsmore was born July 11, 1800.

Elizabeth Dunsmore was born Aug. 3, 1802.

Mary Dunsmore was born Aug. 3, 1804.

Jean Dunsmore was born June 20, 1806.

Andrew McDonnell Dunsmore, Apr. 25, 1809.

Nancy Rankin Dunsmore was born Apr. 4th 1811.

Luizah Dunsmore was born Feb. 7th 1813.

James Jackson Dunsmore was born Apr. 20, 1815.

Archie McDonnell married a Dunsmore.

James Dunsmore married a McDonnell.

Elizabeth Dunsmore married a Bailey.

Jean Dunsmore married Robert Morrow, son of Samuel and Rosy Morrow.

FAMILY RECORD

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 Mary Dunsmore was born Aug. 3 1804
 Jean Dunsmore was born June 20 1806
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 Nancy Rankin Dunsmore was born April 1811
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EXTRACT FROM 1830 CENSUS, MORGAN CO.

MORROW FAMILY

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12	Morrow, Samuel				2	1			1								1	1				1						
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Morrow-Stovall-Dunsmore Bible (-continued-)

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Hugh D. Morrow was born Dec. 4th 1800

William Morrow was born Oct. 17th 1802

David Morrow was born Feb. 27th 1804

Thomas Morrow was born July 31st 1805

Samuel Morrow was born Oct. 5th 1806.

James G. Morrow was born May 27th 1808.

John M. Morrow was born Sept. 23, 1809.

Geo. W. Morrow was born Dec. 8th 1811.

Alex. P. Morrow was born Dec. 17th 1812.

Mary A. Morrow was born Feb. 21st 1814.

Jane Morrow was born Aug. 14th 1817.

Calvin Rea married Ann Eliza, daughter of Geo. W. Morrow.

Tenelope D. Morrow, mother of A. G. M. was born Feb. 23, 1838.

Alonzo G. Morrow was born Sept. 10, 1862.

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T. D. Morrow was a Simmons.

T. D. Morrow died Aug. 19th 1866.

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EXTRACT FROM 1840 CENSUS, MORGAN CO.
MORROW FAMILY

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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.

19 **KING, NORTON**

Nicholas KING and Nancy NORTON lived in Lawrence Co. AL, 1815-1834, had sons Nicholas, John B., William Roberson, Peter, Johnson, Benjamin F., and Lewis. Also had a daughter b. ca. 1830 in Lawrence Co, AL. Does anyone have information about her?

Martha Childs, 706 Spruce, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

20 **MARSHALL, SHELTON**

Would like to hear from anyone research on above names. Also need info on Stephen MARSHALL b. ca. 1847 MS, m. Martha or Mattie SHELTON date unknown, she was b. ca. 1857 AL, d. 1900 Lauderdale Co., AL, need place of burial.

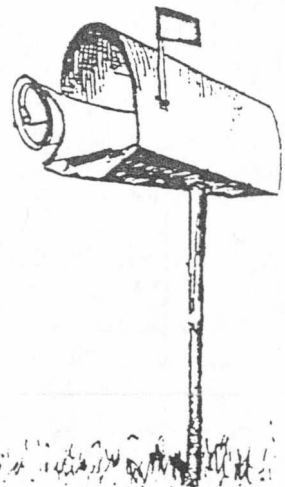
Need any info on their following children born in AL:

Julia b. 1875, William b. 1878, John b. 1879, Thomas b. 1885, Robert L. b. 1887, Lilly V. b. 1889, Georgia b. 1894, Andrew L. b. 1896, Florence Bessie b. 1898, Ambrose D. b. 1900, Fate b. ?, Lizy b. ?. Stephen MARSHALL died of a heart attack July 11, 1928, while visiting in Florence, AL. His daughter, Florence Bessie MARSHALL married William Herman BOWEN. Florence lost all contact with her family after her father died. Her sisters Georgia and Lilly both had married a WILLIAMS man in Huntsville, AL, which sister married him first is unknown. One of them had a daughter named Margaret and full grown was only 3' 9" tall, she later married a normal size man by the name of Willie PELLEGRINI, they had a daughter believed named Margaret Jo and maybe a son. Would like any info on them, at one time they lived in Chicago, IL. Where can I get a copy of THE POOR part of the FLORENCE, AL CEMETERY?

*Brenda Mason Campos, 1114 South Truckee Way, Aurora, CO
80017*

21 **BARBER, HUMPHRIES, COOLEY, HARRISON**

Searching for ancestors of the above names. I found William James BARBER and his wife, Elizabeth TIDWELL on the 1900 Census of Limestone Co, AL. I also found Jackson Hallard COOLEY and Martha Elizabeth STEWARD on the 1900 Census. Charles Wallace HARRISON was married to Minnie Selena SLATE and she was born in Morgan County, AL, 27 Dec 1880. She was given to a Robert and Betty NICHOLS on



Queries Editor: Grace Geraci Nola

BARBER, HUMPHRIES, COOLEY, HARRISON (cont'd)

18 Feb 1884, in Decatur, AL. I also need info on J. Henry HUMPHRIES and his wife Nancy CHITWOOD. I know that she d. in Athens, AL, 23 July 1940 and he d. in Calhoun Co., AL, 18 Aug 1914. Will exchange any info and pay copy and postage.

Patricia Barber-Finney, 48 LaSalle, Battle Creek, MI 49015

22 **WOODY, TAYLOR, MAPLES, DORAN, CAMBRON**

Searching for parents and/or siblings of George W. WOODY and wives. George was b. ca. 1817 in VA. He married first in Madison Co., AL, 20 Sep 1848 to S. Caroline TAYLOR. George and Caroline had, Davis, John, Joseph, William H., and John. Carolyn b. 14 Sep 1825 in AL, d. 30 Jan 1861. Have yet to locate the 2nd marriage record but it must have occurred between 1861 and 1865 to Mary Jane MAPLES. George and Mary had, Charles, Bun, Robert, Emmet, Martha, Sarah, and Mary. The following children married in Madison Co., AL. William H. m. 14 May 1881 to Eliza MAPLES. MARTHA m. 1 May 1896 to William Doran. Sarah M. 14 Sept 1896 to Zachariah CAMBRON. Mary m. 19 Dec 1898 to Robert CAMBRON. George d. 18 Apr 1881 and 2nd wife Mary b. ca 1835 d. 31 May 1876. All are buried in the Hayden Cemetery in Madison Co. Have been unable to find a 1870 census that is readable that would show George and Mary. Any help appreciated.

*Bobbie Day Stehling, 13058 Stanbridge Ave,
Downey, CA90242*

23 **THOMAS, CAROTHERS, GIBSON, ORR**

Ezekiel THOMAS b. 1776 in NC, d. 1843 in MS. and his wife, Nancy Jane (Jenny) CAROTHERS b. ? - d. 1841 in MS, started their family in 1799 in Franklin Co. GA. The tradition is that Ezekiel THOMAS is one of five THOMAS brothers married to five CAROTHERS sisters. By 1808, they had migrated to TN. In 1819 they were founding members of the Enon Baptist Church, in Lawrence Co., AL. In 1838, he moved to Itawamba Co., MS. In January 1838, Ezekiel's son, Rev. William CAROTHERS THOMAS b. 1817 in TN, d. 1885 MS, m. Nancy J. GIBSON In Lawrence Co., AL. Nancy J. GIBSON was the daughter of Rev Sylvanus GIBSON and his wife Mary ORR. REV. GIBSON B. 1783 was originally from GA and was pastor of the Enon Baptist Church from 1833 until his death on July 25, 1853. I invite correspondence and will exchange info with anyone researching these lines. Am particularly interested in the ancestry of any of these individuals.

*Mike Adams, 1212 SW 95th St., Oklahoma
City, OK 73139*

24 **CROUCH, REED**

I have reason to believe that my ancestor, John J. CROUCH married in either Jackson or Madison Co. 1822/1823. His wife was Sarah, perhaps maiden name REED. at least their first children were born in AL. Of these we know William, Solomon, Hannah, Shipman, David, Mary, Dicey, and possibly a Lucinda and a Nancy Jane. These people appear on the 1850 Ark., Pope Co. census, some of them still in the household. Need to know marriage date, maiden name of Sarah, etc.

Bobbie Rachels Zylstra, 712 E. Main, Everson, WA 98247

25 **MCCOLLUM, STUART, CHURCH**

I am searching for descendants of Valentine MCCOLLUM and his wife, Keziah STUART of Jackson County, AL 1860. He d. 1897 in DeKalb Co, AL. The 1860 census lists him with children, Mary Ann, age 16, and Martha E. age 4. Matilda CHURCH also lived in this household between the years 1860 and 1886, from age 9 to adulthood. Would love to hear from the descendants of these four children and will share what I have on the MCCOLLUM family.

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

26 **GRAY, JONES, TURRENTINE**

Seeking info on lines and ancestors of Wm GRAY, b. 1802 TN married to Sarah ? b. 1810 SC. The 1850 Morgan Co census lists children: Thomas 21 TN, Matthew 19 TN, Sarah E. 17 TN, Rebecca 15 AL, Emily 15 AL, Victoria S. 11 AL, William 9 AL and illegible AL. Sarah E. m. James Jones TURRENTINE in 1856. Also info on Martha Jones b. 1805 VA m. James Wilson TURRENTINE in 1830 in Morgan Co, AL. Will share info on TURRENTINE'S anywhere in US.

Joyce Hodges, 712 S. 21st St, Leavenworth, KS 66048

27 **TOMPKINS, WEEDEN, HYDE, PRIDE**

Humphrey TOMPKINS, d. Franklin Co. AL 1832, b. ?, Humphrey's wife Elizabeth WEEDEN b. 1789 VA , was she related to Wm and Frederick WEEDEN, 1820 of Madison Co. AL? Humphrey's son, William WEEDEN TOMPKINS married Harriet HYDE 1832 Madison Co. AL. Where did Harriet's parents, Henry HYDE and Cecelia __?__, come from? Edward Mitchell PRIDE, b. 30 Nov 1755 where? He married Sallie HIGH 1781, d. 1839 Pride's Station, AL. Who were his parents?

Emmie Lou Chandler, 5202 Coventry Drive, Riverside, CA 92506

28 **PHILLIPS, GOODWIN, WILSON**

Need parent of John Wiley PHILLIPS b. 23 Oct 1849 GA. He m. Mary Ann GOODWIN b. 26 May 1847 SC, they lived Morgan Co. AL, moved to Lawrence Co. and moved to Alcorn Co., MS after 1910. They had the following children: 1-Lillie Francis (Fannie) PHILLIPS b. 11 April 1876 m. 1895 Wm Pinkney WILSON (my ancestors).

PHILLIPS, GOODWIN, WILSON (cont'd)

2-Andrew PHILLIPS b. ca 1881 m. Ollie HAYS. 3-James PHILLIPS.
4-Levi PHILLIPS. 5-Austin PHILLIPS. 6-Simeon (Simmie) PHILLIPS
m. Otha TREADWELL. Any info will be appreciated, I will answer all
replies.

Myra Borden, 2634 AL HWY 101, Mt. Hope, AL 35651

29 **GIBBS**

Am looking for info on the following family of C. W. and Ellen Watkins
GIBBS. He was b in VA(?) and she in AL. Their children were: 1-John
Thomas m. Margaret Susan ALLISON, 18 Oct 1877 in Madison Co, AL.
2-Andrew J. (ACE) m. S. Petty 6 July 1879. 3-Moses Calvin* b. 1861
(where?) m. Margaret Burchfield 5 Aug 1880, (did she die? were
there any children?) d. June 1934 in Red River Co. TX. 4-Nancy
(Nannie) b 16 March 1859 m. Henry TANT 25 Dec 1876 Madison Co.
AL. 5- Ben (or Benjamin) m Sallie(?): other children were 6-Robert,
lived in Madison Co. AL. 7-Mary (Babe) m. J. Bowman (?) probably in
AL. 8-Sarah m. George Wooten. John Thomas and Margaret Susan
came to Texas, Moses Calvin, Mary and Sarah followed him. Andrew,
called Ace, and Benjamin call Ben stayed in or near Gurley, New Hope,
Paint Rock and or Scottsboro. Some of the children of C.W. and Ellen
were b. in or near Graysville, GA.

*Decendants believed still live in Gurley area.

Gibbs/German, P.O. Box 22, Karnack TX 75661

[Ed. Hayden Cemetery Information:

B. P. Gibbs - Aug 8, 1952 - Aug 18, 1921

Sara Jane Gibbs - March 17, 1860 - Sept 10, 1939

30 **COX, HUDSON, GRIFFITH**

Hoping for information on William H. COX, b. ca. 1812, NC, m.
4/12/1842 to Obedience HUDSON in Limestone Co. AL. A son
Christopher Columbus COX b. ca. 1843, same county. Second wife,
Rebecca (GRIFFITH) POWERS, b. ca. 1812, was the daughter of
Stephen and Milly GRIFFITH. They m. 9/7/1848. She d. 6/28/1880.
A son Stephen Bea COX b. ca. 1852 in Madison Co. m. Vina MILES in
1881. They with several of the MILES family moved to TX soon
after. Will share info and cover repro costs.

Norman Bea Cox, 6306 Sylvan Dr., Columbia, SC 29206

QUERIES EDITOR: Grace Geraci Nola

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