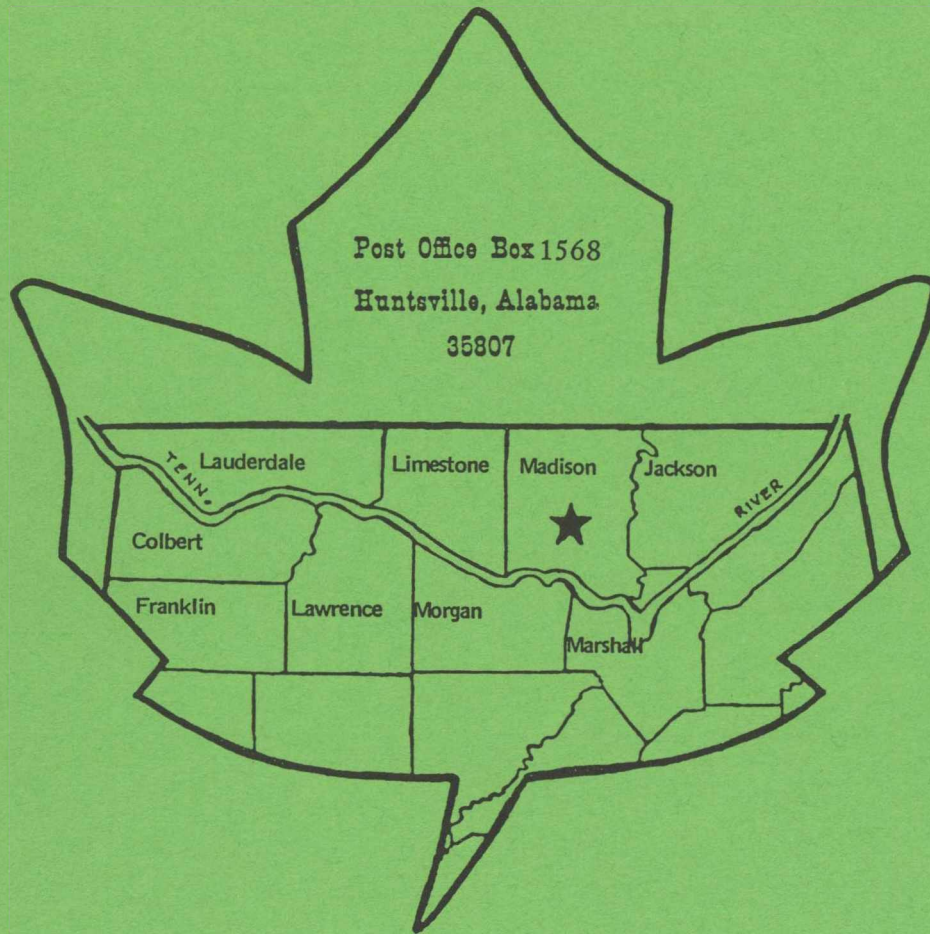


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Editor's Leaf

HELP! We have just made our final payment to the Huntsville Public Library on our five-year, \$25,000 pledge—and feel like a ton weight has been lifted. We wish especially to thank those members whose names appear for the final time in this issue as having made substantial personal contributions toward this pledge. Those contributions eased the Society's burden. People for generations to come will benefit from their generosity. And we are again asking for your help. This time, however, we want your time and your talent—not your money. Is that a switch!? Please see the last page of this issue for how you can help. Remember, this is YOUR society.

OUR APOLOGIES to our membership for various problems with the last issue not the least of which was the strong, stale cigarette odor. We had (past tense) a printer who not only smoked but he could not take instructions thus chapters begin on the *left hand pages*. Unthinkable! We now have a new printer.

WAR WIDOWS. Are you aware that five widows of Civil War veterans still receive Government pensions? Four are widows of Union soldiers and one is the widow of a Confederate. The Confederate veteran's widow is Alberta Martin, age 83, from Elba in Coffee County, Alabama. AND there are over 2700 widows of Spanish-American War soldiers receiving pensions from the U. S. Government. By realizing there are still widows living from those wars, it certainly tends to bring the past a little closer to us.

WALKER CO. We are glad to let our members know that a genealogical society has been formed in our neighbor, Walker County. Their fiscal year begins January 1st and dues are \$10. In Issue No. 2 of their quarterly they are publishing tombstone inscriptions from the old City Cemetery in Jasper which dates from 1832. For more information write to Mrs. Sylvia Corry, Treas., Walker Co. Genea. Soc., P. O. Box 3408, Jasper, AL 35802.

ESWAU HUPPERDAY. Are you familiar with *Eswau Hupperday* which means "Line River" in the Cherokee language? It is a very fine quarterly published by the Broad River Genealogical Society, Inc., They cover the counties of North Carolina and South Carolina through which the Broad River runs. Many of our early North Alabama pioneers came from or through that area before arriving here. The quarterly before me (Vol. 10, No. 4, Nov. 1990) includes a chronological table of the Battles of the Civil War, a monumental, serialized compilation. This quarterly is a bargain for a \$10 subscription and their address is: Broad River Genealogical Society, Inc., P. O. Box 2261, Shelby, North Carolina 28151-2261.

LAWRENCE CO. Another new quarterly is *Old Lawrence Reminiscences* published by the Lawrence County [Alabama] Historical Commission, P. O. Box 728, Moulton, AL. Their subscription is \$15 per year. The issue before me (Vol. 4, No. 1, March 1990) includes an alphabetical list of 1916 Lawrence County Civil War pensioners and widows—and gives their addresses. Best of luck to this group of dedicated preservationists and genealogists.

LECTURE SERIES. TVGS wishes to announce a continuing monthly lecture series beginning this fall and co-sponsored by the Huntsville Public Library. Tentative plans are to hold these lectures in the Library's auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the second Saturday of each month. Each lecture will be \$10 and will be conducted by professionals. More details will be announced later.

Dorothy Scott Johnson, Editor

Book Reviews



BOOK REVIEW EDITOR: Evelyn Rochelle

McALPIN[E] GENEALOGIES (1730-1990) Alexander McAlpin of South Carolina and Georgia plus other McAlpin families of North America by Doris McAlpin Russell, 8600 Hickory Hill Lane, Huntsville, AL 35802. Hardbound, 7x10, 750 pages, \$65.00.

This is the first comprehensive book ever written on McAlpin[e]s, including the variant spellings. It begins with the emigrant or earliest known ancestor of each family, usually in the 1700's or early 1800's, reconstructs, documents and traces their migration and descendants to the present. The female McAlpin[e] descendants are also traced. It is almost an "everything you ever wanted to know about the McAlpins but did not know where to find it" book—a detailed genealogy and history of who, what, where and how. Family and Bible records, legends and stories are used in conjunction with the census records, wills, estate, land, marriage, military, birth and death records.

The biographical sketches and family stories alone are a priceless collection. The first section of this book is devoted to Alexander McAlpin of South Carolina and Georgia and his descendants from the 1700's to the present. The second portion of the volume addresses various other McAlpin families found throughout the United States, Nova Scotia and Canada from the 1700's to 1990. The full name of all McAlpin[e]s is indexed but related families are indexed by surname only.

This is a well-written, well-documented book and represents seventeen years of dedicated research and extensive travel by the author. She is to be congratulated on a monumental work.

NEWSPAPER SUBJECT INDEX OF WAYNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE FROM 1876-1935, by Thaddeus J. Bowden, Tennessee Valley Tales, Drawer E, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464, 8½x11, spiral bound, \$20.

Obituaries, divorces, marriages, miscellaneous articles and historical items for approximately sixty years are indexed alphabetically by names. The year of publication of the newspaper is also shown, plus a short summary of some of the articles. Typed, notarized, or photostatic copies of articles may be ordered from Tennessee Valley Tales. Price list is given in the book. A wealth of information for this time period is available for those researching Wayne County.

PERRY PIONEERS, compiled by Elizabeth Whitten, 720 Giles Drive NE, Huntsville, AL 35811. Softbound, 8½x11, 217 pages with full name index, \$12.

This family genealogy traces the descendants of Michael Perry who was born about 1796 in Virginia. By 1850 Michael and his wife, Jane, are living in Choctaw County, Mississippi. One of their sons, John T. Perry, married Louise Tenhut and, with their seven children, migrated to Kaufman County, Texas. These children intermarried with McDaniel, Vick, Borders, Watson and Strait lines and chapters are devoted to descendants of each of these. Other chapters contain information on allied lines of Tenhut, Waters and Joyner.

The author has included many legal documents, photographs, family narratives and group sheets. She is to be congratulated on a well presented family history.

UPCHURCH-BRIGHT FAMILY NEWSLETTER, edited by Sue Bright Richter, 125 Scenic Drive, Madison, Alabama 35758, 8½x11, \$10.00 per year. A family quarterly for all Upchurches and Brights. The four issues we were given to review included family group sheets, census records, marriages, photographs and accounts of family reunions. Issue No. 4 included a full-name index. A very good family publication.



Continued from last page.

RECORDS OF THE FAMILIES OF BROTHERS, SWAN, BONAR/REEVES, BEARDSLEY, compiled by William P. Brothers, Old Nonpariel Press, 430 Maple Way, Woodside, California 94062. Softbound, 8½x11, \$15.00.

The Swan, Beardsley, Bonar/Reeves and Brothers family lines are traced in separate sections. Earliest ancestor in the Swan line is John Swan (1721-1799) who settled in Green County, PA. The Beardsley family name begins with Nehemiah Beardsley (1731-1811) of Connecticut, a Colonel in the Revolutionary War. James Bonar, progenitor of the Bonar line, who married Sarah Reeves 14 July 1812 in Virginia, settled in Danville, Iowa. Thomas Brothers was born ca 1790 and died before 1830. His widow was in Montgomery, Alabama in 1830 and members of this family seemed to have settled in Mississippi.

Many photographs and newspaper articles are included plus a family chart at the end of each section. Beautifully and artistically done with many copies of original documents but, Alas! No index!

HONORED MEMBERS

These Honored Members have made monetary contributions to the Huntsville-Madison Co. Public Library Building Fund through TVGS. We have just made our final payment on our pledge and our special THANK YOU goes to the following members for their wonderful support:

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North Alabama

THE PAINT ROCK RIFLES

by
Charles Rice
(Part 2)

For a full introduction to this article please see the December 1990 issue of *Valley Leaves*.

Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Soldiers (-continued-)

Chandler, Nathaniel G., Private.

No age or date of enlistment given. Captured at Missionary Ridge 25 Nov. 1863. Was sent to Rock Island prison. Took oath of allegiance 23 May 1865. [Note: 1907 Confederate Census: Nathaniel Green Chandler, born 16 June 1842 in Madison Co., Ala. Enlisted September 1862 at Huntsville in Co. C, 50th Alabama Infantry. Captured November, 1863 and sent to Rock Island. Paroled in April 1865.

Coffey, Benjamin, Private. Age 22.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861; admitted to hospital at Chattanooga 21 Nov. 1862 with chronic diarrhea; furloughed from Dalton, Georgia hospital 17 Dec. 1862 to Trenton, Jackson Co., Alabama. Pay voucher for 1 July 1862 to 30 April 1863. No further information.

Coffey, Campbell, Private. Age 21

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. No further information.

Cunningham, Joseph L., Private. Age 19

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to Bowling Green hospital with rubeola 30 Oct. 1861; furloughed 24 Nov. 1861; discharged 27 March 1862.

Denton, John, Private. Age 17

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Reported "Died at Columbus, Miss." June 1862.

Duckett, John W., Private.

No age and no date of enlistment. Listed present from May 1863. In hospital at Macon, Georgia 28 Sept. 1863 with Intermittent Fever. In LaGrange, Ga. hospital 8 July 1864. Oath 27 April 1865. Oath says deserted 20 December 1864. Had fair complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5. 9" tall, residence in Jackson County. [Note: 1907 Confederate Census of Jackson County: John Whitmore Duckett was born "27th day of Sept."—no year given—at Gravelly Springs, Lauderdale Co., entered service at Shelbyville, Tenn. 20th Dec. 1862 in Co. C, 50th Alabama. Surrendered with Gen. J. E. Johnston. "Enlisted in State troops under Capt. Preston Brown about July 15th 1862, Cav. Company. Served 3 months, discharged about Oct. 15, 1862.

Duckett, Thomas O., Private.

Oath of Allegiance on 27 April 1865; says he deserted on 20 December 1864. Has a fair complexion, brown hair, gray eyes and is 6 feet tall.

Durham, L. E., Private. Age 18

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861; admitted to Bowling Green hospital with rubeola 26 October 1861; returned to duty 8 Nov. 1861; discharged at Bardstown, Ky. 30 Sept. 1862.

Ellett, Joseph F., Private.

No age or date of enlistment given. Captured in Madison Co., Ala. 25 March 1864; sent

Paint Rock Rifles (-continued-)

to Camp Chase prison; released on oath 11 May 1865. Had florid complexion, black hair, gray eyes, and was 5' 10" tall. Note: 1907 Confederate Census states Joseph Fletcher Ellett was born 17 Dec. 1835 in Madison Co., Ala. He entered service at New Hope in December 1861 in Co. H, 4th Alabama Infantry; discharged in May 1862. Reenlisted at Huntsville in August, 1862 as a private in Co. F, 4th Ala. Infantry. Was captured in April, 1864 while on furlough from Dalton, Ga. and was in prison at Camp Chase, Ohio until close of war in 1865.

Fanning, James W., Pvt.

Info. from 1907 Confederate Census: Jackson County, Al: Born 17 Aug. 1839 in Jackson County; entered service in Madison Co. in 1862 as private in Company C, 50th Ala. Was captured at Nashville, Tenn. in Hood's raid; served 2 years and 6 months.

Frazier, Robert, Third Corporal.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. No further information.

Giles, Reuben, Private. Age 19.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to Bowling Green hospital with rubeola 26 Oct. 1861. Furloughed 11 Nov. 1861; sick at Tompkinsville, Ky. in August 1862. Left at Tompkinsville in October, 1862. No further information. [Is in Madison Co., Ala. 1860 census.]

Grant, Hiram, Private. Age 45

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Reported sick November, 1861. Cut off by the enemy at Athens and dropped as a deserter 10 June 1862.

Grant, James A. J., Private. Age 24.

Enlisted 17 September 1861. No further information.

Grant, William H., Private. Age 22.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Reported sick November, 1861. Cut off by the enemy at Athens and dropped as a deserter 10 June 1862.

Hall, Edward, Private.

Information from 1907 Confederate Census: Jackson County: Born 12 Jan. 1834 at Lebanon, DeKalb County, Al. Entered service at Trenton, Ala. in Sept. 1862 in Company C, 26th Ala. Regiment. In the fall of 1864 he got permission from doctor and officials and went home.

Hamer, William Erwin, Private.

Info. from 1907 Confederate Census, Madison Co: Born 13 Dec. 1842 in Madison Co., Ala. Entered service as a private in October, 1862 at Shelbyville, Tenn. in Co. C, 50th Ala. Infantry and continued until the close of the war in 1865. Residence in 1907 was Owens Cross Roads, Ala.

Hardcastle, C. L., Private.

No age or date of enlistment given. In regimental hospital in Macon, Ga. 28 Oct. 1864; oblique lower right leg with partial fracture of tibia, wound not healed. Admitted 14 March 1865 to Way Hospital, Meridian, Mississippi for a wound; admitted 4 April 1865 to Yandell Hospital, Meridian, Miss. Had 60 day furlough granted by Medical Examining Board, Disabled Camp, Lauderdale, Miss., March 1865.

Note: C. L. Hardcastle was the sole survivor of the Buck Island Massacre near Guntersville on 21 Dec. 1863. Home on leave, Hardcastle survived by playing dead when he and

Paint Rock Rifles (-continued-)

four civilians were shot by Captain Ben Harris's Union scouts. See the *Confederate Veteran* magazine, Vol. 6, 1898, page 532. Dr. John W. Wyeth said Hardcastle was wounded three times in battle.

Hardcastle, R., Private – [Same person as above?]

Reported missing after Battle of Atlanta, 28 July 1864.

Hardy, C. L., Private [Probably C. L. Hardcastle.]

Admitted to Way Hospital, Meridian, Miss. 11 Jan. 1865, wounded; furloughed.

Hickman, A. J., Private. Age 19

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to hospital at Bowling Green, Ky 28 Oct. 1861 with rubeola; furloughed 24 Nov. 1861. Wounded slightly at Murfreesboro, Tenn. 31 Dec. 1862 "in lane near hospital." He was wounded seriously in right side at Atlanta, Ga. 28 July 1864.

Hickman, George A., Private. Age 21.

"Appears on a list of Rebel Deserters who . . . took the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government at Knoxville, Tenn. . . . between Dec. 4 and 16, 1863 . . ." Residence was Randolph Co., Ala. Final disposition: sent to Kentucky.

Hodges, C. S., Private.

Admitted to Way Hospital, Meridian, Miss., 12 January 1865 for diarrhea; furloughed. No other information.

Hodges, J. D., Private.

On role of prisoners of war paroled at Meridian, Miss. 17 May 1865. Residence was Pontotock Co., Miss. No other information.

Jackson, J. H., Private.

Paroled at Meridian, Miss. 17 May 1865. Resided Pontotock Co., Miss. No other information.

Johnson, Albert A., Private. Age 26

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Sick, sent to hospital, June, 1862. Deserted at Corinth on 24th June 1862.

Johnson, William, Private. Age 36.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Killed at Shiloh 6 April 1862 at 3:00 p.m., shot in heart.

Keeton, James, Third Sgt. Age 29

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Slightly wounded "by a limb of tree" at Shiloh, 6 April 1862 at 11:00 a.m. Sick in hospital, June, 1862. Sick near Durant, Miss. July, 1862; died of disease 4 August 1862.

Kirkpatrick, Daniel, First Cpl. Age 30.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861; sick Nov. 1861. "Dropped from roll as a deserter" 10 June 1862. [Note: One Daniel Kirkpatrick served in Ephraim Latham's Union company 1863-64.]

Kirkpatrick, John, Private.

Sick at Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 1862. No other information.

Lature, John E., Private. Age 24

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. "Left sick at Tinners Station Aug. 22, 1862." Died at Tullahoma, Tenn. 30 Sept. 1862.

Light, William M., Private. Age 31.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Absent with leave Nov., 1861. Badly wounded in side at Shiloh

Paint Rock Rifles (-continued-)

6 April 1862 at 8:00 a.m. "Cut off by the enemy in Athens" and dropped as a deserter 28 June 1862.

Lindsay, J. W., Private.

No age, no date of enlistment; wounded slightly in head at Shiloh on 6 April 1862 at 3:00 p.m. Discharged 12 July 1862 at Saltillo, Miss. [Later became Second Lieutenant of Company A of Mead's Cavalry Battalion.]

Marrs, J. W., Private

Paroled at Meridian, Miss. 17 May 1865. Residence was Pontotock Co., Miss. No other information.

Marrs, W., Private.

Paroled at Meridian, Miss. 17 May 1865. Residence was Pontotock Co., Miss. No other information.

Marsh, John, Private. Age 19.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. No further information.

Mayfield, Fountain P., Private. Age 22.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Absent with leave, Nov., 1861. Detailed as wagon master in June, 1862. Listed as deserter 3 July 1862.

Mayfield, J. S., Private – [Same as above?]

Admitted to hospital at Bowling Green, Ky. with pneumonia 30 Oct. 1861. Furloughed 11 November 1861.

McBay, Francis M., Private.

No age or date of enlistment. Captured at Chickamauga 26 Nov. 1863; sent to Rock Island Prison; released on oath 18 May 1865. Dark complexion, black hair, hazel eyes, 5' 7½" tall, age 32, residence was Franklin Co., Ala.

McCutcheon, William, Private.

Enlisted 10 March 1863. "Deserted" 25 Jan. 1865. took oath 11 Feb. 1865. Had dark complexion, brown hair, gray eyes, was 5. 10½" tall and resided Jackson Co., Alabama. Info. from 1907 Confederate Census of Jackson Co: William McCutcheon, born 15 May 1846 at Larkinsville. Enlisted at Murfreesboro, Tenn. in Feb. 1862 in 55th Ala. Regt., Company C. Furloughed 29th day of Jan. 1865.

McMillan, J. W., Private.

Deserted, reported to Union Army at Chattanooga 31 Sept. 1863. Sent to Louisville and enlisted in Union Army 9 Sept. 1863.

McNobb, James M., Private. Age 24.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Cut off by the enemy in Athens and dropped as deserter 29 May, 1863.

Mead, Samuel C., Private. Age 29.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Sick in hospital June, 1862; sick in Jackson Co., Ala. Nov. 1862. No further information. [Note: Lemuel G. Mead's brother.]

Merrett, J. H., Private.

Paroled at Meridianville, Miss. 17 May 1865. Resided Pontotock Co., Miss. No other information.

-To be continued-

Colbert

ACTS OF ALABAMA PERTAINING TO COLBERT COUNTY

Part 3

Continued from the December, 1990 issue of *Valley Leaves*. For a full introduction please see the September, 1990 issue. Please bear in mind that these entries are only the titles of the Acts and if the reader wishes more information he must look the act up in the published volumes.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Act:</u>
1887	240	An act to incorporate the Sheffield and Atlantic Railroad Company and to further the construction of said railroad. Approved Feb. 28, 1887 (p. 581.)
1887	273	An act to prohibit the sale, giving away, or disposing of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or intoxicating bitters, beverages or drinks, or fruits preserved in alcoholic liquors in the county of Colbert within six miles of Spring Creek Church or within the town of Leighton in Lawrence and Colbert counties. Approved Feb. 28, 1887 (pp. 665-670).
1888	183	An act to authorize the mayor and aldermen of the city of Tuscumbia, Alabama to issue bonds of said city for an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting school buildings and furnishing the same, and for draining, grading, macadamizing and improving the streets of said city and for the improvement of the spring in said city. Approved Dec. 12, 1888. (p. 177).
1889	377	An act to constitute the City of Tuscumbia a separate school district and to provide for the management of the public schools in said school district. Approved Feb. 26, 1889. (pp. 640-643.)
1889	383	An act to confirm the incorporation and organization of the Sheffield Land, Iron and Coal Company of Alabama and to amend the same. Approved Feb. 28, 1889. (p. 655.)
1889	504	An act to prohibit the sale, giving away, or otherwise disposing of alcoholic, vinous or malt liquors, or other intoxicating drinks or fruits preserved in alcoholic liquors within four miles of Mountain Mills and Pine Grove Churches in Colbert County. Approved Feb. 28, 1889. (p. 868.)
1889	521	An act to constitute the city of Sheffield a separate school district. Approved Feb. 28, 1889. (pp. 894-896).
1889	528	An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Sheffield in the county of Colbert" approved Feb. 17, 1885 and to confer additional powers and duties on the city council of said city of Sheffield. Approved Feb. 28, 1889. (p. 907).
1890	47	An act to make the fees of bonded constables in the counties of Madison, Colbert, Morgan, Lauderdale, Limestone, Marshall, Lawrence . . . the same as sheriff's fees when they perform the same or similar services. Approved Dec. 9, 1890. (p. 67).

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Act:</u>
1891	282	An act to establish the district court of Colbert and Lauderdale counties. Approved Feb. 13, 1891. (p. 605).
1891	287	An act to divide the State of Alabama into Nine Congressional Districts. Approved Feb. 13, 1891. (p. 627).
1891	383	An act to declare the Board of Education of the separate school district of the city of Tuscumbia the successors in office of the Tuscumbia Male Academy and to authorize said board of education to sell and convey certain real estate belonging to the trustees of the Tuscumbia Male Academy for school purposes. Approved Feb. 16, 1891. (p. 869).
1891	612	An act to incorporate Sheffield Saving & Trust Company. Approved Feb. 18, 1891. (p. 1381).
1891	613	An act to incorporate National Banking Investment and Trust Company. Approved Feb. 18, 1891. (p. 1386.)
1892	58	An act to incorporate the Tuscumbia Loan and Trust Co. Approved Dec. 12, 1892. (p. 91).
1892	55	An act to repeal an act entitled "An act to prohibit the sale, giving away or disposing of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or intoxicating bitters, beverages or drinks or fruits preserved in alcohol or alcoholic liquors within the limits of the town of Leighton in Lawrence and Colbert counties, or within four miles thereof" and other places therein named approved Feb. 28, 1887, so far as the same relates to the town of Leighton in Lawrence and Colbert counties, or within four miles thereof. Approved Dec. 12, 1892. (p. 87.)
1893	113	An act to incorporate the Tennessee River Bridge and Ferry Company. Approved Feb. 2, 1893. (p. 233).
1893	117	An act to authorize Colbert County to build macadamized or turnpike roads and to issue bonds of the county to aid in the construction thereof. Approved Feb. 4, 1893. (p. 239).
1894	167	An act to confirm the incorporation and organization of the Sheffield City Co. Approved Feb. 10, 1893. (p. 332).
1893	405	An act to legalize the sale of a school lot in township 2, range 15 west, Colbert County, Alabama. Approved Feb. 21, 1893. (p. 906).
1893	433	An act to prevent sheep, goats, hogs, pigs and calves from running at large in the several beats in Colbert County and to authorize an election thereon. Approved Feb. 21, 1893. (p. 965.)

-To be concluded in the June, 1991 issue of *Valley Leaves*-

Franklin

CHARLES BARRETT
Claims Commission Claim No. 18,928

For a complete introduction to the Claims Commission claims please see *Valley Leaves* Vol. 25, Issue No. 2. The claim of Charles Barrett was for one horse valued at \$150 and was submitted 13 December 1878.

REMARKS

Charles Barrett swears to loyal sympathies to the Union but neither he nor his witnesses testify to any loyal acts or any unequivocal indications of loyalty. Two of his sons volunteered in the Rebel Army and he furnished them an outfit of clothing. It does not appear that he was threatened or molested, or that he was in any way distinguished from his neighbors or ostracised by them on account of his devotion to the Union. Claim rejected.

CHARLES (x) BARRETT STATEMENT

Dated 18 September 1877

Charles Barrett, a farmer, states he is aged 69 and has resided at Chubhill, Franklin County, Alabama about 11 years. He was born in Madison County, Kentucky. He was a resident of Franklin Co., Al from 1860 to 1867 then moved to Mississippi. During the war he farmed and did work in his blacksmith shop occasionally. He did not change residences during the war. He states he had no money with which to aid the Union cause, was poor, and is still poor.

The leading and best known Unionists during the war in Barrett's community were:

Martin Reid

John Burlison/Burleson

William Gwinn [also written Gwyn
and Guinn.]

Hezekiah Massey

Kenneth Carpenter

Richard McKinney

Huston McKinney, plus several he does not now remember.

Barrett states he had two sons in the Rebel Army. The eldest, John Barrett, enlisted in either Jan. or Feb. 1861 and was about 25 years old. He is now living at Marietta, Miss. The youngest son [not named] enlisted about 1 July 1864 and remained until the end of the war. He died about 1 March 1877.

Barrett states he gave his sons nothing

except an outfit of clothing in the cause of humanity as he was their father and it was his duty to clothe his sons even though he opposed them entering Confederate service. He advised them to go north to keep out of the Army but they were poisoned by the secession.

Mr. Barrett says he did take the Amnesty Oath at Frankfort about 1 Aug. 1865 for the purpose of voting since "no man [was] allowed to vote until he subscribed to the amnesty oath."

Barrett was arrested by one Lieut. of the Union Army at Buzzard Roost Creek in Colbert Co. on the 4th of July 1862 when he went to Iuka, Miss. to purchase salt and was kept in arrest about 5 or 10 minutes then released because he claimed to be a Union man. Barrett states he, though poor, never declared bankruptcy and that he always voted for Union men and against secession.

The horse for which claim is made was raised by Barrett. It was taken from his farm in Franklin Co. The farm consisted of about 35 acres cleared and about 115 acres of woodland, and about 10 acres of wasteland.

Barrett saw the horse taken from his farm but made no complaint nor was any voucher or receipt given him, nor has payment ever been made for same. The horse was taken by troops on a raid under command of Col. Cornyne about 7 Feb. 1863.

Signed by Barrett with an X

Witnessed by John E. Donley

Charles Barrett - Claims Commission (-continued-)

MARTIN H. REID DEPOSITION

Deposition dated 18 Sept. 1877 at Nauvoo, Walker Co., Alabama.

Martin H. Reid is 50 years of age, a resident of Franklin Co., Ala. for 40 years and is a farmer. He is not related to claimant Barrett but has known him intimately about 30 years. Reid lived within a half mile of Barrett during the war and saw him daily during that period. Barrett told Reid the Confederacy would never be established and that he would rather his sons be at home laying out and be killed at home than to go into the Southern Army. This conversation was overheard by John Burleson, William *Guwyn*, Thomas Sartin, Kenneth Carpenter and others. He pressured his sons to desert the Confederate Army and stay home rather than be killed; and if they were compelled to go into the army then it should be the Union Army. Barrett also stated that if he was under the conscript age he would go into the Union Army himself.

Reid stated he had heard Barrett say he was a Union man and that John Burleson, Wm. Gwinn, Thomas Sartin, Alex Cobb, Henderson Bolton, Seaborn Cantrell and Joe McBrear all say Barrett advocated the Union cause and opposed the rebel cause. Barrett's public reputation was that of a loyal Union man. Reid states that he [Reid] was also a Union man during and after the war.

Reid stated that Barrett was a poor man and had nothing worth taking, otherwise the Rebels would have taken his property. Barrett could not have established his loyalty to the Rebel government because he would not shoe horses and take Confederate money; he refused to take Confederate money for anything he had to sell.

Barrett's horse was taken in the daytime and Reid later recognized it as being Barrett's. The horse was taken by troops on a raid from Corinth, Miss. to Tuscumbia, Ala. It was the only horse Barrett owned and was worth about \$150 in U. S. money. It was taken about 7 Feb. 1863, 15 miles west of

Russellville, Franklin Co. The Union was taking all the horses they could find for use of the Army to mount their men as they had men and provisions on foot.

Signed by Martin H. Reid.

Witnessed by John E. Donley, Special Commissioner, 18 Sept. 1877.

WILLIAM GWINN DEPOSITION

Deposition taken 18 Sept. 1877 at Nauvoo, Walker Co., Ala.

William Gwinn states he is aged 63, a farmer and a resident of Franklin County for 52 years. He is not related to Charles Barrett but has known him intimately about 20 years. During the war he lived within a mile or two of Barrett.

Gwinn states, "I met him once when we had a fight. I broke one of his ribs—he broke two of my ribs and wafterwards we were friends."

Gwinn states the known and prominent Union men of the neighborhood during the war were:

Kenney Carpenter
 Martin H. Reid
 John Burlison
 Josiah Jones
 Hezekiah Massey
 Joe McBrian
 Tinsley D. West
 James K. West
 James Walker
 Philip Carpenter
 John Walker
 A. T. Bond

Gwinn says he was also a Union man and stated, "I left my country and came back a damned beggar and was always for the Union cause. I was advised by my friends to go on or swing by the neck by threats by the rebel citizen and the soldiers." Gwinn knows of no molestations inflicted on Barrett or his family because he was a good citizen in his neighborhood. He further states he did not see Barrett's horse taken.

Charles Barrett - Claims Commission (-continued-)

Deposition signed by William Gwinn and witnessed by John E. Donley, Special Commissioner on 18 Sept. 1877.

JOHN BURLESSON DEPOSITION

John Burleson states he is 82 years of age, has been a resident of Franklin County about 30 years, and is a farmer. He is not related to Barrett but has known him about 30 years and intimately about 25 years. They lived within a mile of each other during the war and saw each other weekly and sometimes daily.

Burleson states that Barrett tried to keep men out of the rebel army and harbored deserters from the rebel army. He also states that known Union sympathizers in the neighborhood were:

Wm. Gwinn
Kenneth Carpenter
Martin Reid
Thos. Sartin
Nich. McKinney
Huston McKinney
William Wren
Hezekiah Massey, and
Joe McBrian.

John Burleson signed with his mark on 18 Sept. 1877 at Nauvoo, Walker Co., Al.

CHARLES BARRETT JR. DEPOSITION

Charles Barrett Jr. states he is 28 years old, a farmer, and that he was born in Franklin County. He lived in Itawamba County, Mississippi in 1869, 1870 and 1871. He is the son of the claimant, Charles Barrett, and was present when one horse was taken from his father's farm 11 miles southwest of Frankfort, the County Seat of Franklin Co.

The horse was spotted and was taken by Col. *Comen's*[Cornyne's] command of cavalry. It was taken on or about Feb. 7, 1863 by four men (one had shoulder straps). They rode up to the stable where the horse

was and led him off. The men said the horse was to mount the men on foot. They took every horse in the neighborhood near the road.

Signed by Charles *Barret*, Jr.

THOMPSON BARRETT DEPOSITION

Thompson Barrett states he is 24 years old and has lived in Franklin County, Alabama all his life except for about five years. He is a farmer and the son of claimant, Charles Barrett.

Thompson states he saw the spotted horse taken. The family was at dinner when the soldiers came and took the horse which was about eight years old and in prime condition. It was taken by men dressed in blue and the man that brought the horse out of the stable had straps on his shoulders. He led the horse off by a halter in the direction of the public road that the army was traveling.

Signed with an X by Thompson Barrett

JOHN E. DONLEY DEPOSITION

"I do know that Col. *Corine's* Raid did take all of the horses and wagons that could be had for mounting recruits on said raid and from men that I knew to be loyal to the United States Government. The wagon was for carrying off cotton."

Signed by John E. Donley, Special Commissioner.

FILE NOTATION

"Archive Office, War Department. 30 Sept. 1876. Case of Charles Barrett of Franklin Co., Ala. In October 1864 a man named Charles Barret was engaged in fulfilling a contract to furnish timber to the Confederate Navy Dept. for building Gun Boats."

Disposition of Case: Claim rejected.

BENJAMIN BURGESS (Colored)
Claims Commission Claim No. 7,535

The claim was for \$150. for one horse and was dated 10 August, 1871. On 10 August 1871 Benjamin Burgess gave the law firm of Lewis & Fullerton of Washington, D. C. his Power of Attorney to recover property taken from him for use of the United States Army during the Civil War. The Power of Attorney was signed by S. S. Anderson, Judge of Probate of Franklin County. Burgess signed with his mark which was witnessed by Jno. R. Bell and Robt. Clure[?]. Burgess made the following statement:

That on or about the 23rd day of March, 1865, at the residence of your petitioner in Said County of Franklin, officers and Soldiers of the United States took from Said Petitioner one horse valued at One hundred & fifty Dollars.

Your Petitioner was informed and believes and so states that said officers and Soldiers were on a raiding expedition and Commanded by Maj. Genl. Wilson of said army.

Witnesses were listed as:

Marinda Burgess, Colored, of Russellville
 William B. Malone of Frankfort
 Armstead Coleman, Colored, of Frankfort.

Note: Claim disallowed.

JACKSON vs. WADDELL

Source: Opinions of the Alabama Supreme Court, 1828. Contributed by Judge William D. Page. Suit in Franklin County Circuit Court by James Jackson and John C. Jackson against Noel Waddill and John C. Waddill on an obligation payable to Nathaniel P. Russel. Suit brought in 1827.

THOMAS THORN DAM

Source: Acts of Alabama, 1856.

An Act to authorize Thomas Thorn and Sons of Franklin County to erect a certain dam therein named:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, that Thomas Thorn and Sons of the county of Franklin be, and they are hereby authorized, to erect a dam across Big Bear Creek in Section number 29 of township number 7, in Range 14 in said county, for the purpose of enabling them to use the water of said creek in propelling a grist and saw mill, or other machinery; Provided, That the provisions of this act shall not be construed so as to allow the said Thorn and Sons to construct said dam of greater height than five feet above low water mark.

Approved February 1, 1856.

Jackson

ASPEL METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY

Part III (Conclusion)

The first part of this cemetery was carried in the September, 1990 issue of *Valley Leaves* and is concluded in this issue. Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Penelope P. Wife of Thomas Erwin Born Feb. 13, 1824 [chipped] Died Jan. 26, 1874 [chipped]	PETTY Allious L. Nov. 23, 1896 Sept. 26, 1975 and Alda Caldwell Nov. 9, 1898 [blank]	Leonard Petty Born March 9, 1872 Died Feb. 16, 1915 [Stone now missing]
Susan M. Wife of C. Gideon Born Nov. 26, 1847 Died Dec. 23, 1876	PETTY William L. March 9, 1872 Feb. 16, 1915 and Eliza Jane Sept. 13, 1874 Nov. 5, 1955	Mrs. W. G. Petty Born Mar. 18, 1837 Died Mar. 25, 1916
Sallie King Died 1876 [No other information]	Annie Smith Wife of T. H. Petty Born Aug. 25, 1881 Died May 10, 1913	W. G. Petty Born Feb. 21, 1833 Died Jan. 11, 1906
James Adkins Father of Dr. C. W. Adkins Born Oct. 8, 1802 Died Apr. 12, 1878 and Susan Adkins Mother of Dr. C. W. Adkins Born March 14, 1804 Died March 20, 1884	Lila Daughter of T. H. & M. A. Petty Born May 2, 1905 Died Feb. 28, 1910	RODEN Ralph, son of I. H. & Mollie Roden Born & Died Jan. 4, 1916
		RODEN Mollie Porter 1885 - 1953
		RODEN Isaac Houston 1872 - 1938

Aspel Methodist Church Cemetery (-continued-)

Ila, wife of
I. H. Roden
Born
Oct. 5, 1877
Died
July 30, 1912

Hubert
Son of
I. H. & Ila
Roden
Born
June 4, 1900
Died
Dec. 18, 1906

Nancy H.
Wife of
C. A. Allen
Died Mar. 6, 1879
Aged 61 Yrs.

... Smid ... [broken]
& P. G. Reaves
Born
Nov. 1, 1876
Died
April 7, 1877

Cealy
Dickerson
Nov. 17, 1885
July 29, 1948

H. L. Dickerson
Oct. 8, 1877
Dec. 2, 1931

Jerome B.
Dickerson
1854 - 1931
and
Emma
Dickerson
1858 - 1921

James W.
Dickerson
Apr. 27, 1893
Apr. 1, 1914

Hazel
Aileen Brown
Feb. 19, 1914
June 24, 1916

Herbert
Harold Brown
Mar. 21, 1893
Nov. 21, 1917

Dallas Brown
Dec. 17, 1848
Mar. 12, 1917

Mary Edna
Wife of
Dallas Brown
Aug. 2, 1855
Dec. 9, 1906

Tennessee
Inf. Dau. of
Dallas &
Mary E.
Brown
Died
July 25, 1880
Age 7 Mo., 4 Das.

Catharine C. Brown
Died
Oct. 25, 1889
Aged 57 Yrs.

Jeff O. Brown
Born
Oct. 17, 1832
Died 1892

[Base here only; stone gone]

Jesse
Son of
P. W. & M. C.
Knight
Born
Jan. 24, 1902
Died
May 17, 1910

N. D., Son of
T. F. & F. C.
Knight
Born
Sept. 17, 1881
Died
Apr. 13, 1897

J. J., son of
T. F. & F. C.
Knight
Born
Jan. 31, 1870
Died
Dec. 31, 1902

F. C., wife of
T. F. Knight
Born
Feb. 13, 1841
Died
Aug. 27, 1911

Father
T. F. Knight
July 13, 1837
May 9, 1921

Elizabeth
Wife of
Tilman R. Hooper
Age 69 Yrs.
A loving wife, a mother dear
lies buried here
[No dates on stone.]

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Aspel Methodist Church Cemetery (-continued-)

Tillman R.
Hooper
Born
Feb. 20, 1823
Died
Jan. 10, 1908

HOOPER
Sarah D.
Mar. 4, 1858
July 30, 1898
and
Robert L.
Dec. 10, 1855
Nov. 24, 1924

M. D.
Daughter of
W. H. & M. M.
Whittenburg
Born
Nov. 12, 1903
Died
Nov. 13, 1904

Isaac E.
Son of
M. C. & Mary
Bowen
Born
June 17, 1892
Died
Nov. 13, 1895

Ruby M.
Daughter of
M. C. & Mary
Bowen
Born
Oct. 24, 1906
Died
Oct. 4, 1912

Clemmie L.
Daughter of
M. C. & Mary
Bowen
Born
Nov. 8, 1904
Died
Oct. 7, 1912

Milt Owens
Jan. 24, 1879
March 3, 1949

Ollie May
Daughter of
J. H. & Annie
Selby
Born Mar. 7, 1913
Died June 6, 1914

Lillie Owens
Dec. 12, 1883
Nov. 14, 1915

Elmer Owen
Born
Feb. 6, 1913
Died
July 27, 1914

Baby
[No other info. on stone]

Infant Daughter of
Wm. & Katie Howser
Died Feb. 17, 1907
Age 1 Mo.

William Howser
Born May 25, 1877
Died Feb. 12, 1907

Floyd Jackson Mills
Born
Sept. 22, 1843
Died
Feb. 10, 1904

George T. Hasting
Born Feb. 13, 1856
Died Feb. 17, 1913

Robert W. Hasting
Born
Jan. 29, 1889
Died
May 23, 1908

Freddy M., Son of
S. E. & Nora
Hasting
Born
Sept. 21, 1911
Died
May 25, 1912

Copling Hasting
Born July 27, 1904
Died Aug. 11, 1925

Charles H. Shackelford
July 4, 1913
July 15, 1914

Wilson Gattis
June 28, 1885
May 27, 1916

Oakland Buchannan Wright
July 21
1886
April 16
1954

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Barton G. Wright
 July 3
 1893
 Dec. 28
 1944

Robert Leon Saint
 1949 - 1952

LEE
 Margaret Russell
 Lee
 Born April 16, 1918
 Died Feb. 4, 1923
 and
 Elizabeth Clayton
 Lee
 Born Feb. 9, 1924
 Died Nov. 11, 1924

Son of
 Jeff A. [?] Brown
 Born
 Oct. 22, 1870
 Died
 Feb. 5, 1871
 [No name]

The tombstone of the child of Jeff A. Brown could not be located as of February, 1990. This inscription was taken from the records of Mrs. J. A. Proctor, now deceased. Mrs. Proctor had copied the inscriptions from this cemetery on September 20, 1955. Apparently the stone disappeared between then and now.

End



The Aspel Methodist Church Cemetery

BELLEFONTE TOWN MINUTES

(Part 3)

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

Page 29 Ordered that suit be brought by the Treasurer for all debts and evidence of debt due the town of Bellefonte.

Ordered by the Board that all fines heretofore entered against members and officers of this corporation [Bellefonte] for non attendance at meetings be remitted.

Page 30 19 April 1855
Be it remembered that on the 19th day of April 1855 in pursuance to law, the Board of which Corporate authority which on the 10th[16th?] Inst. were duly Elected to serve as Intendant and Councillors of the Town of Bellefonte, Alabama for the term of 12 months. Present:

H. C. Cowan, who was duly qualified as Intendant

C. B. Rountree, R. C. T. Gill, John Patton, Wm. McReynolds & W. L. Shelton, who were duly qualified to serve as Councillors of Bellefonte for the ensuing 12 months. The Board proceeded to elect officers:

W. H. Robinson elected Clerk

Nelson Kyle elected Treasurer

David Cromer elected Marshall

Ordered by the Board that the Clerk give bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in sum of \$500; that the Treasurer and Marshall give bonds in the sum of \$2000 for the faithful discharge of their respective duties and that they file said bonds at the next meeting of the Board. Adjourned until Monday the 23rd Inst. at half past 7 o'clock Inst. W. H. Robinson, Clerk and H. C. Cowan, Intendant.

23 April 1855

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant

C. B. Rountree, William McReynolds, R. C. T. Gill, John Patton and William L. Shelton, Counsellors.

On motion the Marshall's bond was reduced to \$1000.

Ordered by the Board that William McReynolds, R. C. T. Gill, John Patton & J. A. Shelton be appointed patrolers commencing 23 April 1855 and expiring on the 23rd of May 1855. [Order Struck from Minutes.]

Page 31 Resolved that any person desirous of obtaining license to retail spirituous liquors in quantities less than one quart within the corporate limites of Bellefonte, shall first produce to the Intendant the recommendation of six respectable freeholders residing within the limits of the town and shall enter into a \$25 bond to the use of the town plus \$1 to the clerk issuing the license. [Order Struck from Minutes.]

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Order No. 1. That William McReynolds be appointed leader of Patrol Company No. 1 in conjunction with R. C. T. Gill, John Patton, and John A. Shelton and to commence their service as Patrol on the 23 Arpil 1855 and end 23 May 1855.

Order No. 2. H. C. Cowan is hereby appointed leader of Patrol Company No. 2 and he along with W. L. Shelton, C. B. Rountree, and John Green are to commence service on 25 May 1855 and serve until 24 June 1855.

Order No. 3. R. H. McCravey is appointed leader of Co. No. 3 and that he and Nelson Kyle, W. H. Robinson and J. C. Morrison are to commence service 25 June 1855 and end same 26 July 1855.

Order No. 4. R. T. Mattox is appointed leader of Patrol Co. No. 4 and along with W. G. Stewart, Pearce Mattox and Joshua Madden is to commence service 27 July 1855 and continue until 28 August 1855.

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Order No. 5. W. J. Greene is appointed leader of patrol No. 5 and he along with George Fulcher, Thomas Frost and H. C. Bradford be and they are hereby appointed patrol service to commence 27 Aug and continue until 28 September 1855.

Order No. 6. S. S. Scott is appointed leader of Patrol Co. No. 6 and that he with T[F?] B. Harris, J. M. Lewis, and G. M. Harris to commence service on 29 Sept. 1855 and continue until 30 October 1855.

Order No. 7. John B. Cook appointed leader of Patrol Co. No. 7 and he with D. M. Martin, John W. Cramer & Ed Rives to serve from 1 Nov. to 2 Dec. 1855.

Order No. 8. M. J. Crumpler appointed leader of Patrol Co. No. 8 and he with John A. Morrison, E. Bryant & George Clark to serve from 3 Dec. 1855 to 4 Jan. 1856.

Order No. 9. Thomas Scruggs appointed leader of Patrol Co. No. 8 and he with Jno. Underwood, Elias Green & G. W. M. Shelton to serve from 5 Jan. to 6 Feb. 1856.

Order No. 10. David [last name omitted] appointed leader of Patrol Company No. 10 to serve with J. D. Taylor, S. W. Davidson, J. G. Dixon and N. Robinson to serve from 7 Feb. 1856 until 8 March 1856.

Order No. 11. J. Robinson appointed leader of Patrol Co. No. 11 to serve with Louis Kensller[?], J. H. Norwood and Pat Ragland from 9 March to 10 April 1856.

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Order No. 12. James Hawk appointed leader of Patrol Co. No. 12 to serve with S. H. Gist, Leonidas Beard[?], A. F. Sewell and James Smith from 11 April 1855.

Adjourned.

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Lauderdale

DEED RECORD A-1 (Part 3)

Lauderdale County was established in 1818 from Indian territory. The earliest deed book found in that county appears to be Deed Book A-1 which is from 1822 to 1828. The first recorded instrument was *signed* on 30 March 1818 but the date the document was *recorded* is not given. The second instrument was recorded in July 1822 which leads us to believe this is actually a second book and that the preceeding one is missing. Abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson. Continued from Vol. 25, Issue No. 1.

- Page 85 Bill of Sale
 30 July 1823
 N. H. Markes sold to Isham B. Leath for \$140 one bay horse (purchased by Markes from James Irvine). Witnessed by H. W. McVay.
 Recorded 30 July 1823.
- Page 86 Deed of Gift
 19 June 1823
 "I do certify that the old Home House that Moses Blevens lived in, I do give to P. P. Pool & warrant and defend his right."
 Signed by Stephen Blevens.
- Pages 86-87 Bill of Saile
 4 April 1821
 Jessee Evans, for \$250., sells to David E[?] Evans, both of Lauderdale County, Alabama, two negro boys named Wiro and James.
 Witness: J. U. Evans. Acknowledged 10 July 1823.
 Recorded 29 Aug. 1823.
- Pages 87-88 Bill of Sale
 20 Oct. 1821
 Jessee Evans, for \$50., sells to Sarrah Ann Evans, both of Lauderdale Co., Ala., one negro girl named Lessey.
 Witnesses: Eng[?] Evans and Lucinda M. W. Briggs
 Acknowledged 10 Aug. 1823. Recorded 29 Aug. 1823.
- Pages 88-89 Bill of Sale
 20 Oct. 1821
 Jessee Evans, for \$50., sells to Patience U. Jenkins Evans one negro boy named Wilson.
 Witnesses: Anny Evans and Lucinda M. W. Briggs
 Acknowledged 10 July 1823.
- Pages 89-90 Articles of Agreement
 22 Nov. 1822
 Articles of Agreement between Zedekiah Tate and Sarah Rountree.

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Zedekiah Tate agrees to board, maintain and clothe Sarah Rountree decently and comfortably during her natural life and Sarah, on her part, agrees to give Tate one negro woman named Vina, one bay horse, one featherbed, bedstead and furniture, and \$500; this was the amount of money and the property deeded to Zedekiah Tate by William Rountree for the use and benefit of the said Sarah. Signed by Zedekiah Tate. Sarah Rountree signed with an X.
 Witnesses: J. C[?] Tate and Richard O. Gibson
 Delivered to Tate September 15, 1823. Recorded 15 Sept. 1823.

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Warranty Deed

24 May 1823

By an Act of Congress of the United States passed 6 May 1812 appropriating and granting lands to the late army of the United States [Revolutionary Soldiers] and whereas I, Charles Johnston, late a private in Dorman's Company of the 8th Regiment of Infant, by warrant No. 22,116 was granted 160 acres it being:
 the SE/4 of Section 1-1N-8W in the tract appropriated for Military Service in Arkansas.

Said Warrant was signed by Josiah Meigs, Commissioner of the General Land Office and was recorded in Vol. 1, page 107 [of that office]. This indenture dated 24 May 1823. Charles Johnston, now of Lauderdale County, for \$70., sells to Prestley Ward, 160 acres in the Arkansas Territory described above. Charles *Johnson* signed with an X.

Witnesses: James Elliott, Jesse Kirkland and Stephen (x) Looney.

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Bill of Sale

15 October 1821

James Elliott executed a Conditional Bill of Sale to Sarah Hannah of Lauderdale County, Alabama on 15 October 1821 for a negro girl named Hannah, aged 15 years, for \$200., and upon which girl Elliott did place an additional lein in April of 1822 in consideration of \$15. to me in hand paid by Sarah Hannah. For \$185. Elliott hereby sells negro girl Hannah to Sarah Hannah on this 29 Jan., 1823.

Recorded 15 Sept. 1823

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Articles of Agreement

18 Sept. 1823

Prestley Ward of the First Part of Lauderdale Co., Al.

Claiborn Webb of the Second Part of Lauderdale Co., Al.

Ward secured to Webb land in Madison County, Tennessee in Ranges 1 and 2, Districts 8 and 9, on the waters of the South Fork of the Forked Deer River to be in any part of 375 acres granted to the said Prestly Ward by the State of Tennessee. Webb can have any 20 acre tract within that tract for clearing ten acres in the term of five years from 1 Jan. 1824. He is to put the ten acres under a good rail fence and to build a good, suitable cabin necessary for a family and return same to Ward in good order. Webb also to clear and fence in two acres of low land and put it under a good fence and have the same for five years. Ward to pay Webb \$50 each year for five years and to furnish him with 600 pounds of good pork for not keeping cattle or hogs, or pay him at the rate of \$3 per 100 lb.

Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

the said amount to be paid at the end of every year. Webb to plant 100 peach trees, the seed to be furnished by Ward. Ward to furnish Webb with four good milk cows which must be returned on demand.
Recorded 18 Sept. 1823.

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Bill of *Sail*
8 April 1822 [1823?]
Isaac Lindsay sold a negro man named Harry to Samuel Johnson for \$263.
Witness: Thomas Tompson

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Bill of Sale
1 Oct. 1823
Jesse Evans sells to John Wilkes, for \$301., a negro girl named Harriett aged between 12 and 13 years of age.
Witnesses: J. P. Baker and William Birdsong.
Recorded 1 Oct. 1823

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Deed of Trust
3 Dec. 1822
William Schaler of Philadelphia, Pa., Merchant and Catherine V., his wife, debtor. Samuel Spailman, Daniel Lamont and Joseph F. Mather, of Phila., Pa., trustees. *Schalaler* is unable to discharge all his debts but is willing to provide for them by assignment of all his property. William *Schlater* and Catherine V., his wife, sell and turn over all his lots, lands and tenements, bonds, notes, moneys and rights whatsoever to the above trustees and they are to divide assets among his creditors except holders of the paper of William by Adam Honymacher, etc.
Signed: William *Schlaler*, C. V. Slaughter, Samuel Spokeman and Daniel Lamont.

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Warranty Deed
1 Oct. 1819
Jacob Miller sells to Jesse Kirkland, both of Lauderdale Co., Alabama Territory, for \$160. land in Missouri Territory containing 160 acres it being the:
NW/4 Section 21-56N-16W
being the land granted Jacob Miller by the U. S. Government by patent dated 8 June 1819 with appurtenances.
Signed by Jacob Miller with an X.
Witnesses: William Mathis, Robert D. Reese, Reuben Huff, Reuben Reeves.
Proven by Reeves and Huff 2 Oct. 1823
Recorded 4 Oct. 1823

Pages 106-108

Agreement
8 April 1822
Patrick Andrews of Florence, Alabama is bound to Chesly B. Rountree, also of Florence, in the amount of \$700 by note dated 8 April 1822 in payment of a lot in Florence on the SW corner of Court Square then along said square 22 feet, then at right angles to Pine Street thence with said street south 22 feet, then with College Street to the beginning. If Patrick Andrews makes a good and lawful deed in fee simple, as soon as title can be procured from the Cypress Land Co.,

Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

say by the first day of January, 1826, then this obligation is void.

Witness: O. S. H. Davis

Recorded 4 October 1823

Pages 108-113

Deed of Trust

10 Sept. 1823

William Geary, Debtor

Alexander H. Wood, Trustee

John W. Byrne, Creditor

Geary owes Byrne \$181.12 by various notes. To secure Byrne against loss, Geary deeds the following to Wood, in trust:

One high post bedstead, 2 featherbeds, 4 low post bedsteads, one Jackson Press, bureau, walnut table, cherry table, two poplar tables, one case of brace and bits, six windsor chairs (green colored), settee, split bottom chairs, twelve blankets, 14 quilts, 4 home made counterpanes, 4 sheets, one large Bible and various other household and kitchen furnishings.

Debts due and payable 15 Jan. 1824. If not paid by then, Wood to sell property and pay Byrne.

Pages 113-116

Deed of Trust

1 Nov. 1823

Caleb S. Manly

James Sample, Trustee.

Caleb S. Manly, "for and in the affection" he feels for his present wife, Avereller S. Manly and his daughter, Mary Jane Manly, on the body of his wife lawfully begotten, and to provide and secure them a suitable and comfortable maintenance and inheritance, Manly grants to Sample, in trust, for the use of his wife and daughter the following property:

One high post cherry bedstead, one trundle bed, one candle stand, two featherbeds and all the furniture belonging to them as follows: one folding leaf cherry table, one small walnut table, cherry bureau, three trunks, various kitchen furnishings (itemized), medical instruments including one box of surgical instruments, one set of trepaning instruments, one case of tooth instruments, etc., plus numerous medical books (itemized).

All property to the absolute possession "& control of the said Averella and Mary Jane and the future child or children by the said Caleb S. Manly on the body of the said Avarella to be begotten and the heirs or representatives of such present and future children and the said personal property is limited and appointed to the possession, use and behoof of the said Averella and Mary, her daughter and the future child or children of the said Caleb S. Manly . . ."

Recorded 8 Nov. 1823.

-To be continued-

Laurence

SHACKELFORD TO WATKINS LETTER

The following letter was sent to us by Mrs. John C. Hardin, Sr. of Moulton, Alabama. It belongs to Mrs. Eugenia Richards of Houston, Texas who has given us permission to publish. Its value not only lies in the relationships mentioned, but also in the portrayal of post-Civil war economics. The letter was written by S. W. Shackelford to Doctor Thomas Watkins who lived in Mississippi at the time.

Courtland, Alabama
10 Jan 1879

Dear Doctor,

Your postal came to hand some time ago, and I would have answered it sooner, but have been busy fixing up matters for another year, collecting rents and renting out my land Which I find rather slow work, particularly collecting. Our people generally are very much discouraged owing to last year's short crops—and the low price of cotton. All begin the year with rather gloomy forebodings. But few have corn enough to do them until June, but little bacon, no money—and nearly everybody in debt. So you see the outlook is indeed gloomy. Lands have gotten down to ruinous low prices, from six to nine dollars pr. acre. I give you illustration: One thousand and thirty six acres, the heart of the old Cotton Garden plantation, including the Homestead and other improvements, sold the other day for nine thousand Dollars cash, purchased by Mr. D. B. Campbell who married an acquaintance of yours, Miss Kate James—daughter of Capt. W. W. James, deceased. The balance of the Cotton Garden tract has been divided into small plots of from fifty to two hundred acres and sold to different parties, the most of them negroes. "Sich is life" as old Dady Dod would say. How time has changed since you first knew Cotton Garden.

We are having quite cold weather for this climate, Thermometer has been down to 3 degrees above zero, though I have seen colder weather here. No doubt you recollect the "cold Friday"—when I think the thermometer was 10 degrees below zero. Mobile had a snow on Saturday, 4th inst. so writes one of Mary's friends.

Your Courtland friends are all well. E. H. Foster who married Susan Watkins has moved to Courtland again to practice his profession. Your cousin, Mrs. J. M. Swoope, is well but begins to look old and feeble. I have not seen Col. Jones this winter but learn that his health is not good. Genl. Wheeler and family are well. The Genl. is practicing law, and like the most of his profession, has some political aspirations, at least would not hesitate "to sacrifice himself for his country."

I received the *Courier Journal* and attended to your request. Several copies are taken at this office. Many thanks for the numerous papers sent me.

When you write, give me news about Sue Acklin's family including her sisters and families. All join me in kindest regards to you & yours.

Your friend,

S. W. Shackelford

Note: S. W. Shackelford was Samuel Watkins Yongue Shackelford, the son of Dr. Jack Shackelford and his first wife, Maria (Yongue) Shackelford. Samuel W. Y.'s Bible record was published in *Valley Leaves*, Volume 11, No. 2, pages 79-80, December 1976.

BUSICK-HARRIS BASTARDY CASE

In the basement of the Lawrence County Courthouse, on the floor in several cardboard boxes, are numerous loose papers. Most of them are marriage bonds and the rest appear to be various County and Probate Court cases. The following bastardy case was found among the loose papers.

Order to Sheriff

State of Alabama)) Lawrence County)) ss:	To the Sheriff of said Courts, you are hereby commanded to summon Alexander Sled[?], Red. Hill, Wm. Bryan, Martha Bryan and James Shaw to be and appear at the court house in the town of Moulton on the 6th day of Jany. next to give evidence, upon oath, in a certain matter of controversy depending wherein Elizabeth <i>Busik</i> is plaintiff and James Harris is defendant. Given under my hand & seal this 19th day of December 1822. [You are also commanded to] summon James Turner Esq. and Obediah Davidson for the Plaintiff.
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/s/ Tho. Glass, Judge

Bail Bond

James Harris and Isaac Turner posted a \$1000 bond on 19 December 1822. "Whereas, Elizabeth *Busic* of said County, a single woman, hath in and by her examination taken in writing upon oath before me, Thos. Glass, a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Lawrence, hath declared that on the 29th day of November now last past at the house of Eduard Bryan she, the said Elizabeth *Busic*, was delivered of a female bastard child and hath charged the above bounden James Harris with having gotten her with child of the sd. bastard child. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that if the said James Harris do and shall appear at the County Court to be holden on the 6th day of Jany. next at the place of holding sd. Court and shall abide and perform such order or orders as shall be made in the premises pursuant to the act in such cases made and provided and shall in the meantime be of good behaviour then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Signed before Tho. Glass

/s/ James Harris
/s/ Isaac Turner

JURY REPORT: "We of the Jury find the Deft. guilty." Signed by Nathan Gregg, Jury foreman.

COURT ORDER

James Harris, James Shaw and William Bryan posted a \$600 bond to insure that Harris would abide by the judge's orders which were as follows: "The above bound James Harris hath been adjudged the reputed father of a bastard child of which Elizabeth Busick, a single woman, has been delivered; Now if the said James Harris shall annually and from year to year on the 8th day of July in each and every year for 10 years pay or cause to be paid to Peter W. Taylor, Judge, \$30.00 for and towards the support, care and education of said bastard child then this obligation void."

-End-

LAWRENCE COUNTY COURT MINUTE BOOK "B"

1823

Part 2

Most of the entries in this ledger are for recovery of debt but no details as to circumstances are given. Continued from the last issue of *Valley Leaves*. Copied and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Page 8, July term, 1823

James Decry[?]) Debt.
 vs.) This day came the parties by their attorney and the defendant with-
 Reason Bynum) drew his plea and now says nothing why judgment should not be
 rendered against him. Plaintiff to recover \$85 debt and \$12 damages
 plus costs.

Page 9, 7 July 1823

James E. Kirkpatrick) Appeal
 for use of Jas. Robinson) Continued until next term of this court.
 Agt.)
 Martha B. McMahan)

Jacob Pate for use of) Appeal
 Fare Owens) This day came the plaintiff by his attorney but defendant came not
 agt.) and defaulted. The court ordered plaintiff to recover of defendant
 Robert Rodgers) \$11., the balance of debt plus 88 Cents damages plus costs. It is
 ordered that judgment be affirmed against Alexander Dobbins, de-
 fendant's security in the appeal.

David Kyle) Appeal
 vs.) Defendant says he can not dispute plaintiff's case but considers the
 John Henderson) \$40 judgment too high. The court upheld the \$40 judgment and
 ordered plaintiff to also recover against defendant's security, William
 Mayhall, the sum of \$40 debt plus \$1.06-3/4 damages sustained by
 reason of the detention of the debt.

Page 10

Fanny S. Price) Debt
 for the use &^c) This day came the parties by their attorney. The defendant withdrew
 vs.) his plea by him heretofore pleaded and now says nothing. The court
 William McNamee) decreed that plaintiff recover of defendant \$65 debt plus \$13.32-3/4
 damages plus debt.

John Stone) Debt
 vs) Came the parties by their attorney and defendant withdrew his plea
 George T. Sadler) and now says nothing. The court decreed the plaintiff recover of the
 defendant \$25 debt plus \$3.12-1/2 damages plus costs.

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

James M. Banks & Co.) Debt.
 vs.) Came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having with-
 James E. Mason) drawn his plea now says nothing why judgment should not be ren-
 dered against him. The court decreed that plaintiff recover from
 defendant \$89.34 debt plus \$11.56 damages plus costs.

James M. Banks & Co.) Debt.
 vs.) Came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant having with-
 James E. Mason) drawn his plea now says nothing. The court ruled that plaintiffs
 recover against defendant \$195.42 debt plus \$38.87-1/2 damages
 plus costs.

James M. Banks & Co.) Debt.
 vs) Came the parties by their attorneys and defendant having withdrawn
 James E. Mason) his plea now says nothing. The court ruled that plaintiff recover of
 said defendant \$69.00 debt plus \$6.62 damages plus costs.

Page 11- July 7, 1823

Hiram Hammond) Debt.
 for use &^c) Came the parties by their attorneys and defendant withdrew his plea
 vs.) and now says nothing. The court ruled that plaintiff recover of de-
 William Green) fendant \$64.00 debt plus \$8. damages.

State of Alabama) Bastardy.
 vs.) This day came the defendant by his attorney and no person appear-
 William McGaughey) ed to prosecute the said suit. It is therefore considered by the Court
 that the said defendant go without day and that the said suit be
 dismissed.

John Loper) Appeal. Debt.
 vs.) This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and the defendant failed
 James Doswell) to appear and prosecute his appeal. The Court ruled that plaintiff
 recover of defendant \$24.66 in the note secured and the sum of 17
 Cents interest. It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that
 said appeal was taken for delay. It is further considered by the court
 that plaintiff recover of defendant and his security the sum of \$3.72½
 damages plus costs.

L. B. Tally) Appeal.
 vs.) Came the parties by their attorneys and this cause having been heard
 Thomas Galway) and understood, it is considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover
 nothing by his bill and that for his false claim he be arrested and that
 the defendant recover of the plaintiff and his security in said appeal
 his costs by him expended.

-To be continued in the June issue of *Valley Leaves*-

WILL OF THE REV. TURNER SAUNDERS (1782-1853)

By
Mrs. V. W. (Katie C.) Hamner

Editor's Note: The following introduction was part of a cover letter written by Mrs. Hamner when she submitted Rev. Saunders's will for publication. Her introduction has been very well researched and is so clearly and succinctly written that omitting any part of it would be an injustice to the reader. Even though Rev. Saunders's last home was in Mississippi his mark was left on North Alabama, and most particularly Lawrence County. All comments in brackets are Mrs. Hamner's.

Introduction

The Rev. Turner Saunders, Sr. was the father of Col. James E. Saunders, author of *Early Settlers of Alabama*, and was possibly the most outstanding layman the Methodist Church ever had. He was a local preacher, not attached to the hierarchy of the Methodist Conference (not assigned to a station a district, nor a circuit).

He was a highly successful, very wealthy planter—the builder of the palatial “Rocky Hill” plantation manor located a few miles west of Courtland. He was elected the first president of the Board of Trustees of LaGrange College and presided over that body for a quarter of a century.

Turner Saunders was born in Brunswick Co., Va. on 3 January 1782. In 1808 he removed to Franklin, Williamson Co., Tennessee and in 1821 he removed to Lawrence County, Alabama. In 1844 he moved to Aberdeen, Monroe Co., Mississippi and died on the 9th of March 1853.

Evidently in February 1846 the Rev. Saunders decided he was “not long for this world,” so sat down and wrote his will—*with no witnesses!* He did not die until 9 March, 1853 so hopefully during those seven years his “dwelling house was finished & furnished.” [See Will, Item 3.]

The testators to his handwriting were prominent and well-known to North Alabama. Both Robert Paine and Dr. George Felix Manning were sons-in-law of Turner Saunders's second wife, the former widow Millwater; Robert Paine married Mary Eliza Millwater and Dr. Felix Manning (son of Dr. James Manning of Huntsville) married the elder sister, Sarah Millwater. Robert Paine (1799-1882), Methodist minister, at age 18 served the Flint Circuit which included Huntsville; at age 19 he was sent to the Tuscaloosa Circuit. He became a presiding elder at 24, a college president at age 31 (the first president of LaGrange College, LaGrange, Alabama), and elected a Methodist bishop at age 47.

WILL

Source: Monroe County, Mississippi Chancery
Court Inventory Book 9, pp. 271-273.
Dated: 6 February 1846
Admitted to Probate: 2 May 1853.

In the name of God Amen, I Turner Saunders
of the County of Monroe & State of Mis-

issippi being far advanced in life and knowing
the uncertainty of its continuance, and feeling
a desire to dispose of my worldly effects be-
fore I go home, do make this my last will and
testament hereby revoking all others, in
manner and form following (to-wit):

Item 1st. It is my will that my Exrs.
keep my Estate together during the present &

The Rev. Turner Saunders (-continued-)

next year.

Item 2. It is my will that my Exrs. pay all my just debts.

Item 3. In lieu of Dower I lend unto my beloved wife Henrietta Maria [nee Henrietta (Weeden) Millwater] during her natural life the following property (to wit):

The 20 acres of land bought of J. D. Mann adjoining the town of Aberdeen with all the buildings thereon, including all my household & kitchen furniture: and should I be taken off before my dwelling House is finished it is my will that my Exrs. have it finished & furnish it to the amount of Seven Hundred & fifty Dollars.

Also the 40 acres of land purchased of Mr. Gladney to furnish firewood for the residence. Also Section 27 in Township 14 & Range 6 east. Also the South East quarter of Sec. 22 adjoining.

Also the following Negroes: Jim, Dinah, Hett, Elsira, William (son of Elsira) and George, house Negroes, etc; and others belonging to the Farm (to wit) Elect, John, Griffin, Jinny, Mason, Turner, Robert, Edmund & Ephraim. Also the carriage & Horses & Buggy.

Item 4th. I give to my two youngest Sons Franklin & Hubbard the following Negroes (to wit) Nelson & his wife Creasy & her children; Squire, his wife Vinea & her children Peyton, Buck, Tom; Susan (the daughter of Nanna) & her children; also at their mother's death I give them all the property I have loaned to her in lieu of her dower, to them and their heirs forever. It is my desire that the Negroes loaned to my wife & those of Franklin & Hubbard be worked together for their joint support during the widowhood of the mother, but should she marry or sooner if the guardian of the boys should deem it best, their property must be separated from hers. The Negroes of the two boys to be kept together until Franklin comes of age or marries,

at which time they are to be equally divided.

Item 5th. It is my desire that the heirs of Sophia Parrish [his daughter] draw from my Estate the sum of Five thousand Dollars to be equally divided among them—half to be paid them at the division of my estate—& the other half in two equal annual installments thereafter.

Item 6th. It is my desire that the heirs of Narcissa Foster [his daughter] draw from my estate the sum of Five thousand dollars to be equally divided among them—half to be paid at the division of my estate and the other half in one & two equal, annual installments thereafter.

Item 7th. It is my will that all the rest and residue of my estate of every kind whatsoever be equally divided among all my other children (to wit) Louisa T. Foster, James E. Saunders, Francis Ann Swoope, Martha Bradford, Jane Hancock, William H. Saunders, Turner Saunders & Thomas Saunders, But with the understanding that such of them as have heretofore recd. advancements from me are to account for them in the division: the amount to be ascertained by reference to my Legacy Book kept for that purpose.

Item 8. Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my two Sons James E. & William H. Saunders Exers. of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others—& furthermore I do hereby appoint the same to be the guardians of my younger sons. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 6th of February 1846.

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In his Petition to Probate, William H. Saunders stated Rev. Saunders had died on 9 March 1853. On 2 May 1853 Robert Paine, Geo. F. Manning and Hezekiah Holmes swore in court they were well acquainted with Turner Saunders Sr. in his lifetime. They swore they were also well acquainted with his handwriting and that the foregoing will was in his handwriting.

End

Limestone

DEED BOOK 2

1825

(Part 4)

Deeds are an often-overlooked source of genealogy and history. The following deeds are from Deed Record Book 2 located in the Limestone County Archives in Athens, Alabama. They were abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson. All persons mentioned in these deeds were residents of Limestone County unless otherwise stated. This series began in Vol. 24 and is continued from Volume 25, No. 1, September, 1990 issue of *Valley Leaves*.

Pages 53-56 Deed of Trust

5 May 1825

Abner A. Strange, Jr. of Fluvanna Co. [Va.], Debtor

John G. Miller of Limestone Co., Al, Trustee

John B. Magruder of Limestone Co., Al, Trustee

Abner A. Strange, Sr., Creditor

On 19 June 1823 Gideon A. Strange and Abner A. Strange, Jr. became securities for Abner Strange, Senr. on his \$915.68 bond due to Rebecca Bond, executrix of Phineas Bond, decd., trustee for the creditors of Ezekiel Edwards (for the benefit of Thomas T. Bouldin, executor of David Ross, dec.)

Rebecca Bond obtained a judgment and award of execution on said bond in the Limestone County Superior Court. Said judgment and award was enjoined by Abner A. Strange, Senr., in the Superior Court of Chancery for the Richmond, [Va.] District. In order to obtain said injunction, Abner Strange, on 31 July 1824, entered into an injunction bond payable to Rebecca Bond, executrix, etc., in the amount of of \$1,000 in which Walker Timberlake became bound with the said Abner as his security.

To secure Gideon A. Strange and Walker Timberlake against loss as Abner's security, Abner A. Strange Senr. sells to John B. Magruder and John G. Miller, as trustees, the following:

Negro woman Hannah and her infant, Lucy Ann, and their future increase. If Abner Strange, Senr., shall save harmless and indemnify Gideon A. Strange and Walker Timberlake then this deed void. But if either Gideon A. Strange or Timberlake suffer or are made to pay any sum of money as securities, then Miller and Magruder may sell the negroes and pay the expenses.

Pages 57-58 Warranty Deed

10 June 1825

Andrew Merrell and Elizabeth Merrell convey to Abraham Carraway (all of Limestone County) "for and in Consideration of the natural love and affection which we bear towards our son-in-law Abraham Carroway:"

Fractional Sections No. 11 and 2, Twp. 1 and Range 4 West beginning at a black oak, white oak, and hickory on the old Indian boundary line . . . containing 80 acres more or less, with appurtenances. Signed by Andrew Merrell. *Elizabeth* signed with an X. Witnesses were George Phillips, Labon Dean and Andrew Eves. Delivered for recording 15 Aug. 1825.

Deed Book 2 (-continued-)

- Pages 58-59 Warranty Deed
13 August 1825
William S. Wyatt sells to Samuel M. Clay for \$1500 the W/2 NW/4 Sec. 33-1-4W containing 80.10 acres and the N/2 of the SE/4 of Section 32-1-1W containing 79.79 acres.
Witnesses: Samuel Mendenall and Absalom (X) White.
- Pages 59-62 Deed of Trust
8 March 1825
James W. Dupuy, Debtor
Thomas Mayfield, Trustee
Fletcher Lane, Creditor
Dupuy owes Fletcher Lane \$550 due 1 Oct. 1825. To secure Lane against loss, Dupuy deeds to Mayfield, as trustee, the SW/4 of Sec. 7-4-4W containing 160 acres in Limestone County. Dupuy to remain in quiet and peaceable possession. If Dupuy defaults in whole or in part, Mayfield is to sell land at public auction and pay debt. All overage to go to Dupuy. If debt paid then this deed is void.
- Pages 62-63 Bill of Sale
11 July 1825
For \$649.52 Robert Burton sells to Thomas Garner (both of Limestone Co.) the following property:
Four negroes: Fillis age 25, Lewis age 7, Queen age 4 and Sarah age 2.
also land on which *Berton* now lives:
part of fractional Section 20-3-6W cont. 266 ac
on which has been paid to the United States Government half the sum for which it sold at the sale upon the following conditions:
That Thomas Garner hereby binds himself to release all his interest in this property to Robert Berton so soon as Berton pays Garner \$649.52.
Witnessed by J. L. Martin. Delivered for Recording 18 July 1825.
- Pages 63-64 Deed of Conveyance
22 July 1825
John McKinley of Huntsville, Alabama sells for \$80 to James Golightly, John R. Evans and Samuel Tanner (all of Limestone Co., Al.) one half-acre lot (No. 151) in the plat of the addition to the "said town" [no town mentioned], laid off by John McKinley. Said lot to buyers, in trust forever, for the Baptist Congregation of Elim Church.
- Pages 64-65 Deed of Conveyance
27 May 1825
Thomas Henderson sells to Martha Esters, both of Limestone County, for \$550., the NW/4 of Section 8-2-3W in Limestone Co., containing 159.37 acres.
Witness: Lewis Glaze and Eli Thornton

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TOWN OF COTTONPORT

In Limestone County "little villages . . . passed out of existence as the development of the country moved the population to new centers. It is of interest to recall the largest of these of which no trace is left. This was the town of Cottonport which was situated at the junction of Piney, Limestone and Beaver Dam creeks, about one mile south of Mooresville.

"The decade following the opening of the lands of North Alabama for entry (1820 to 1830) was a period of speculation as to the great development which was expected to follow the invention of steamboats and the concurrent public demand for canals.

"Before this time all river transportation, except the light traffic possible by canoes, was down stream. A cargo loaded on a flat boat was floated to market and then the boat broken up and sold as lumber or fuel. But the invention of Fulton changed the whole scheme and with the promised facility of the Muscle Shoals Canal, South Limestone looked out for a convenient location for a town which should be the distributing point of the supplies for the surrounding country and dwarf the importance of Huntsville and Nashville.

"Cottonport was decided on as being the nearest highland to the Tennessee River which could be reached by water and the promoters of the townsite at once commenced to deepen the channel of the creeks to the river.

"Governor Bibb furnished 300 negroes for the work without cost and other planters furnished their proper quota. A considerable town was built, of probably 250 or 300 inhabitants.

"After existing for some 8 or 10 years it commenced to decline from the same cause as had destroyed the earlier settlement and that was that new developments in the mechanical world made its location useless, for another great agency of transportation, the railroad, stopped the demand for canals and thus ended the building of the Muscle Shoals Canal, then about half finished. This left Cottonport without a reason for being since the town of Mooresville had a stronger claim for existence in its superior salubrity and Cottonport began to decline and was finally deserted, and no building is now [1910] left to mark its site." [*The Limestone Democrat*, 12 May 1910.]

MOVING THE COTTONPORT CEMETERY

In 1978 Faye Axford, Editor of *Limestone County Cemeteries, Vol. II* stated in her foreword, "130 graves in what is believed to have been the old Cottonport Cemetery (one of the county's earliest river settlements) were removed to Madison County when Interstate Highway 565 was built. There was not a single stone to identify them and no one claimed a single body."

This cemetery was moved to the Hayden Cemetery near New Hope in Madison County in about 1977. In November, 1979, your editor set out to copy the inscriptions from the tombstones in the Hayden Cemetery and stopped at a filling station in New Hope to ask directions. Not only did I get directions, I got a fascinating, if macabre, story. The filling station attendant's friend, an employee of the mortuary in New Hope, helped the State move the cemetery and reinter the bodies. He said most of the bodies were nothing but a handful of dirt placed in crude wood boxes but one body was preserved intact. It was in a glass covered coffin and was the body of an elderly man with a long, white beard. The old man's hands were folded across his chest and on a finger was a huge diamond ring.

The State marked each grave with an identical flat granite marker on which are numbers. They are located to the immediate left as you enter the cemetery.

WILLIAM P. SIMS BIBLE

This Bible record was contributed by Howell Sims and is the property of Raymond Nichols who is the grandson of William P. Sims. The Bible was published by A. J. Johnson & Son, Pittsburg, Pa. in 1876.

Border is that of original Bible Family Record

MARRIAGES

William P. *Simes* and Sarah M. Dupree was married December 7, 1845.

BIRTHS

Sons & Daughters of W. P. and S. M. Sims.

James P. Sims was born Nov. 17, 1844

William H. Sims born May 15, 1846

Emily V. Sims born Sept. 20, 1848

Susan A. Sims born June 6, 1851

Sallie E. Sims born Nov. 6, 1856

Francis O. Sims born Aug. 25, 1861

Mollie G. Sims born July 10, 1863

BIRTHS

William P. Sims was born Apr. 30, 1820

Sarah M. Sims born Jan. 23, 1823

MARRIAGES

James P. *Simes* and Sarah J. Legg was married December 27, 1866.

Wm. H. Sims and Mary M. Allen was married Sept. 15, 1868.

Susan A. Sims and Thomas H. Powers were married Nov. 12, 1872.

Emily V. Sims and John A. Alsup were married Nov. 27, 1872.

Sallie E. Sims and Jos. B. Gregory were married Sept. 15, 1878.

Ophelia F. Sims and George W. Garner were married Nov. 16, 1881

Mollie G. Simss and William A. Vinson were married Nov. 28, 1886.

DEATHS

Sarah M. Sims died June 23rd 1887

James P. Sims died Oct. 3rd 1885

Joseph B. Gregory died Jan. 29, 1885

JOHN NELSON SPOTSWOOD JONES CEMETERY

This cemetery is located in the center of the NE/4 of Section 28-4-3W in Limestone County. Most of the stones are of marble and are beautifully carved to the point of being works of art. Read the inscriptions by column. Copied March 28, 1990 by Eulalia Yancy Wellden and Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Row 1

Mama
Ellen Stewart
Hundley
Oct. 22 May 27
1903 1988

William May
Hundley, Jr.
Feb. 14 Aug. 28
1892 1960
(Masonic emblem on stone.)

"Billy Don"
William Donnell
Hundley
Sept. 9 Mar. 8
1929 1947
(DeMolay emb. on stone.)



Marble marker of Spotswood Jones nestled amid spring flowers. Visible in the background is the marble marker of Bouldin Collier Jones.

Row 2

Susie Owen Donnell
Wife of
Benjamin C. Peck
Feb. 1, 1862
May 9, 1898
(Inscription on shield.)

Spottswood
Son of
Haywood & Sallie M.
Jones
Born
June 23, 1855
Died
Oct. 3, 1869

J. Haywood
Jones
Died
Aug. 13, 1866
Aged
40 years.

Marcella
Wife of
Ed. M. Carney
Born Aug. 9, 1857
Died May 5, 1877

(Obelisk:)
Front:
In Memory of
Alex. Thos. Jones
Second Son of
J. N. S. & Eliza
Jones

Row 3

Octavia Donnell
Carney
June 2, 1855
Mar. 30, 1936

Side:
Born
Jan'r. 29, 1834
Side:
Died
June 3, 1857

James Webb Smith
Donnell
May 12, 1859
Feb. 8, 1930
(On front of stone:)
Son of James Webb Smith
Donnell
and Maria Louisa Jones

Back:
23 years, 4 mo's
4 days

John Nelson Spotswood Jones Cemetery (-continued-)



Marble rose-entwined cross of J. Haywood Jones.

Spotswood Adair
 Infant Son of
 J. N. S. & Eliza A. Jones
 Born Oct. 11, 1850
 Died Dec. 21, 1852
 In the 3 year of his age.

Eliza Ann Haywood
 Wife of
 J. N. S. Jones
 Born in Franklin
 County, N. C. Mar.
 3, 1807
 Died Sept. 17, 1852
 In the 46 year of
 her age.

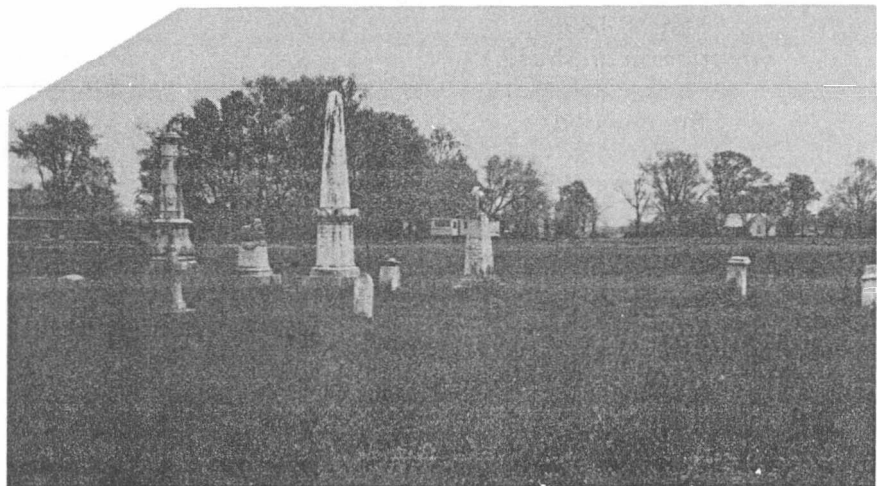
Caesaria Julia
 Daughter of
 J. N. S. & Eliza A. Jones
 Born May 11, 1836
 Died August 17, 1847
 in the 12 year of her age.

Antoninda
 Severa
 Daughter of
 J. N. S. & Eliza A. Jones
 Born March 1838
 Died Sept. 1840

Mary Louise
 Infant daughter of
 J. N. S. & Eliza A. Jones
 Born in Davidson County
 Tenn. Oct. 8, 1822
 Died in Limestone County
 Ala. July 4, 1823

Bouldin Collier
 Eldist Son of
 J. Haywood & Sallie M.
 Jones
 Was Born Sept. 22, 1849
 Died Jan. 3, 1855

John N. S. Jones
 Born Sept.
 1, 1793
 Died Nov. 17,
 1853



A view of the Jones Cemetery looking northeast. The small cross in left foreground is the monument of J. Haywood Jones. The large obelisk in the center is that of Alexander Thomas Jones.

Madison

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

Part 2

The Superior Court of Law and Equity was the forerunner of our present Circuit Court, with comparable duties, power and scope. 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. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

1st Monday in October 1811 in the town of Twickenham [later Huntsville].
Madison County, Mississippi Territory.

Pages 14-18 The Territory) Charge: James Smith posted a \$100 bond to ensure his
vs.) appearance at Superior Court on the first Monday of April,
William Bond) 1811 to answer criminal charges. Hugh McVay was prose-
James Ellis) cutor. James Smith failed to appear and forfeited his \$100
James Smith) bond. The Sheriff was ordered to find and keep Smith but
he was not found in Madison County.

Samuel Smith gave a \$50 bond as James Smith's security to ensure James' appearance in court on the first Monday in April 1811. James Smith failed to appear which meant Samuel had to forfeit his bond money.

William Bone also posted a \$50 bond to ensure James Smith's appearance in court on the first Monday in April 1811. Bone failed to produce James Smith in court thereby forfeiting his \$50 bond.

On motion it was ordered by the Court that defendants mentioned above be released of their bonds on payment of court costs.

[Editor's note: The name of James Ellis was listed in the heading but was not included in the body of the text; his case was apparently heard separate from the others.

Pages 18-19 The Territory) James Ellis was bondsman in the amount of \$50 to ensure
vs.) that James Smith appear in court on the first Monday in
James Ellis) April 1811. Smith failed to appear and Ellis was due to
relinquish his \$50 bond. The court released Ellis from his
obligation, however, on payment of court costs.

Pages 20-21 The Territory) Charge: On the night of 3 August 1811 John B. Haynes,
vs.) merchant, did with force and arms commit a trespass upon
John B. Haynes) the premises of one William Badger, a silversmith, in the town
of Twickensham. Haynes violently and maliciously did break,
injure and greatly damage the dwelling house of Badger by
throwing against it some stones, sticks and fence rails. He



Superior Court of Law & Equity (-continued-)

broke open the door and windows, tore off the roof and committed "many other enormities" whereby Badger and his family were put in great fear and danger of bodily harm. J. W. Walker presented the case to the grand jury who returned a true bill. William Lanier, foreman.

Pages 21-22 The Territory) Charge: Murder. John Bell, not having the fear of God before
vs.) his eyes but moved and seduced by the instigation of the
John Bell) devil, did on 25 August 1811 in Madison County, with force
and arms in and upon one negro boy slave named Dennis,
the property of Douglas I. Puckel, feloniously, willfully and of malice aforethought,
assaulted, beat, bruised, wounded and evilly and cruelly entreated him. Bell drove
Dennis away and into the woods and then and there, near the house of John Bell, on
1 September 1811, Dennis died of Hunger and thirst. The grand jury returned a
true bill [found sufficient evidence to warrant a criminal charge.]

Pages 22-23 The Territory) Charge: That Hugh McMahan, laborer, on 21 July 1811, in
vs.) Madison County, with force and arms, violently assaulted and
Hugh McMahan) beat Joseph Anderson, laborer, of Madison County, and
committed many other enormities then and there to the
damage of said Joseph.
Verdict: Grand Jury did not return a true bill [did not feel
there was sufficient evidence to warrant a criminal charge.]

Page 23 The Territory) "Recognized by John Martin, J. P. No bill. Entry on the
vs.) docket."
John Spence)

Page 23 The Territory) "Recognized before Justice [Hugh] McVay and enlisted in
vs.) the service [of the] United States.
Thomas Watkins)

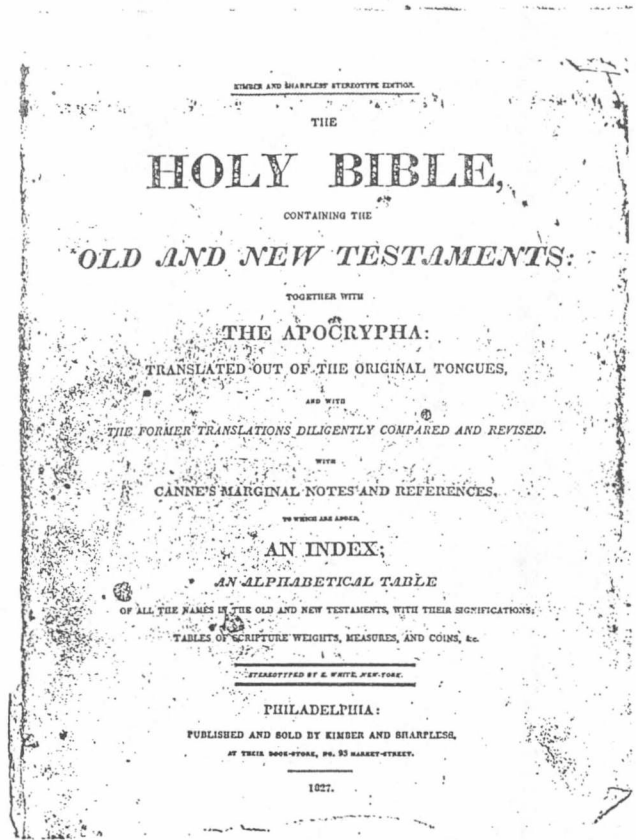
Page 24 The Territory) Charge: Dillon Blevins, labourer of Madison County on
vs.) 24 Feb. 1811 with force and arms did commit a trespass
Dillon Blevins) on the land of Stephen Smith. Blevins did wilfully and
maliciously burn and destroy a number of logs hewed and
intended to be made into a house by said Smith, said logs being valued at \$100, and
also committed other enormities on the property of Smith to the great terror of
Smith. J. W. Walker, attorney, presented the case to the grand jury. The grand jury
found a true bill against Blevins. William Lanier, jury foreman. The Sheriff was
then commanded to locate and "keep him safely" [jail] to answer the misdemeanor
charges whereof he stands indicted. Later, at the same term of court, on motion of
the defendant by his attorney, the Court ordered that the bill of indictment be
quashed and that Dillon Blevins be released without charge.

To be continued in the June 1991 issue of *Valley Leaves*-

McCRARY-WRIGHT BIBLE RECORD

In 1809 Thomas McCrary moved to Madison County, Mississippi Territory from Charleston, South Carolina and patented the land on which he lived and some of his descendants have since resided. Because Thomas married cousins, a brief foreword is needed to aid the reader in keeping the relationships straight. He first married Betsey, the daughter of Daniel Wright, a neighbor and Revolutionary Soldier from Raleigh, Surrey Co., North Carolina. By Betsey he had four children: James Alfred, Nancy Evelyn, Mary Elizabeth and Lucinda. Betsey died in 1821. In 1823 Thomas married Betsey's first cousin, Nancy Wright, the daughter of Williams Wright (brother of Daniel and also a neighbor). They had two children: Williams Wright McCrary and Thomas Augustus McCrary.

We are indebted to Miss Alice Thomas, a descendant who now owns the Bible, for her kind permission to publish.



A sheet of paper, on which were copied the Wright births, was slipped into this Bible. There was one entry that did not appear in the original Bible copied on the following pages. It was: Daniel Wright was born December 30th 1824.

McCrary-Wright Bible (-continued-)

WRIGHT BIRTHS

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.	BIRTHS.
Abraham McCrary was born 17 th 1789 and was married to Betsey Wright 23 rd September 1812, and my wife Betsey was born the 12 th of April 1793	William Wright was born April 5 th 1779
James Alfred McCrary was born 4 th July 1813	Sally Mitchel was born May 6 th 1784
Nancy Evalina McCrary was born 28 th March 1815	Andrew M. Wright was born June 2 ^d 1804
Mary Elizabeth McCrary was born 25 th January 1817	Nancy Wright was born December 26 th 1805
Lucinda McCrary was born 21 st July 1819	John Wright was born 12 th November 1807
Williams Wright - McCrary was born 17 th October 1827	Sally Wright was born 2 ^d August 1809
Nancy Wright - my second wife was born 26 th December 1825 and married 23 rd November 1823	Thomas Wright was born 9 th June 1811
Thomas Augustus McCrary was born 10 th July 1837	Synthia Wright was born 28 th June 1813
	Matilda Wright was born 17 th November 1815
	Lucinda Wright was born 21 st September 1817
	Josephine Eliza Wright was born 29 th August 1819
	Harriett Williams Wright was born 21 st May 1821
	Williams Wright was born 11 th Febry. 1823 at 7.5 a.m.

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McCrary Births

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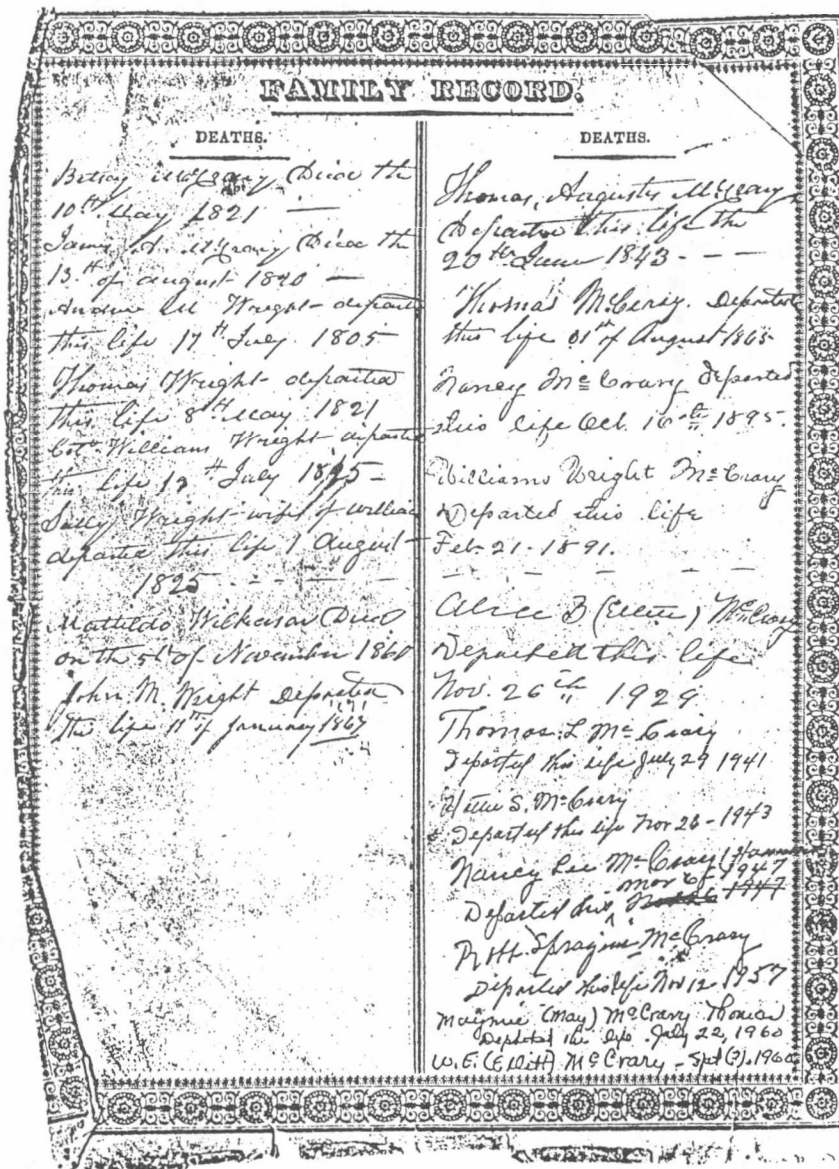
MARRIAGES.

Williams Wright & Sally Mitchel were married Novem 20th 1802

MARRIAGES.

Williams Wright & Sally Mitchel was married November 20th 1802.

McCrary Wright Bible (-continued-)



DEATHS

Thomas Augustus McCrary De-
parted this life the 20th June
1843.

Thomas McCrary Departed this
life 31st of August 1865.

Nancy McCrary departed this life
Oct. 16th 1895.

Williams Wright McCrary De-
parted this life Feb. 21,
1891.

Alice B. (Ellett) McCrary De-
parted this life Nov. 26th
1929.

Thomas L. McCrary Departed
this life July 29, 1941.

Hattie S. McCrary Departed
this life Nov. 26, 1943.

Nancy Lee McCrary (Hamonds)
Departed this Mar. 6, 1947.

Robt. Spragins McCrary Depart-
ed this life Nov. 12, 1957.

Maymie (May) McCrary Thomas
Departed this life July 22,
1960.

W. E. (Ellett) McCrary - Sept (?)
1960.

DEATHS

Betsy McCrary Died the 10th May 1821.

James A. McCrary Died the 13th of August 1820.

Andrew M. Wright departed this life 17th July 1805.

Thomas Wright departed this life 8th May 1821.

Col^o. Williams Wright departed this life 19th July 1825.

Sally Wright, wife of Williams, departed this life 1 August
1825.

[In different hand:]

Mattilda Wilkerson Died on the 5th of November 1860.

John M. Wright Departed this life 11th of January 1867.

FUNERAL NOTICES

A charming custom, no longer in vogue, was that of sending funeral notices to friends and family after the death of a close family member. Tucked between the leaves of the McCrary-Wright Bible were several of these relics of yesteryear. Two of them are shown below. Gustavus L. Mastin, Sr. was a friend of the family and Mary Wright was the wife of John M. Wright.



FUNERAL NOTICE.

*The Funeral services of GUSTAVUS
L. MASTIN, Sr., will take place at his
late residence on Franklin Street,
this afternoon at 5 o'clock.*

*The friends of the family are in-
vited to be present.*

Services by Rev. Dr. Banister.

HUNTSVILLE, WEDNESDAY, August 11, 1880.

THE friends and acquaintances of JOHN M. WRIGHT are respectfully invited to attend the BURIAL of his Wife, Mary, to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock—from the residence of Col. WM. H. MOORE.—Services by the R. v. THOMAS MADDEN.
Thursday, June 7th, 1855. v

DEED BOOK "A" 1836-1840
(Part 3)

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

Pages 14-15
Deed of Trust
10 May 1836

Robert Steel of Marshall Co., Al. - Debtor
A. G. Henry of Marshall Co., Al. - Trustee
Hugh Henry of Blount Co., Al. - Creditor.
Robert Steel owes Hugh Henry "two notes of hand wrote payable to Henry Moore," one for \$63.90 dated 19th April 1836 and the other for \$38.00 also dated 19th April 1836, totaling \$101.90. To secure Hugh Henry against loss, Steel deeds to A. G. Henry, in trust:

One grey horse and one improvement on the south side of Tennessee River in Marshall County immediately above Henry's and below Gunter's Ferry on the Tennessee River and west of Miss Edward's Improvement, containing about 20 acres of cleared land and cabbins, corn and etc., all under the same fence.

Steel to remain on this land and in possession of the personal property. If debt is not paid by the first Monday in December, 1836 then A. G. Henry may sell property at public auction after giving 20 days notice. The balance of the proceeds, after sale, if any, to go to Robert Steel. If debt plus interest is paid on or before December 1, 1836 this deed is void.

Witness: John M. Morris and T. F. French.

Proven by John M. Morris 10 May 1836.

Pages 15-16
Warranty Deed
15 Oct. 1835

John Martin sells to Andrew Moore for \$150. land in Jackson County, it being the:

W/2 SW/4 Section 14-6-4E

with appertenances thereto.

Witness: John C. Johnson and Jos [Jas?] K. Maltbie[Matthew?]

Recorded 14 May 1836.

[Ed: John Martin's wife, Clarinda, was not mentioned in this deed even though she had signed a deed two years earlier. Since state law required a wife to sign a deed and relinquish dower, one might conclude she was deceased by this time.]

Pages 16-17
Power of Attorney
16 May 1836

David H. Campbell, late of the city of Lawsville[?], Jefferson Co., Ky., and who, at this time, is temporarily residing at Claysville in Marshall County. Campbell appoints his nephew and friend Arthur C. Beard of

Deed Book A (-continued-)

Marshall County, Alabama "my true and lawful attorney in fact for me and in my name and for my benefit to attend to and do all such acts in relation to any business of whatever description it may be in which I am or may become interested in the United States of America and to do and perform such things for me and in my name and for my benefit agreeably to his own Judgement and discretion, hereby ratifying and confirming whatsoever said attorney may do in and about the premises in as full and ample manner as I could or would do."

Acknowledged by David H. Campbell 19 May 1836. Recorded 20 May '36.

Pages 18-19
Deed of Trust
18 May 1836

Peter Romines - debtor [also written Romans, Romains, etc.]

John Reynolds - trustee

Ephraim Bridges - creditor

Romines owes Bridges \$100 due on the 25th of December 1836 "as by security for said Romans for the sum of \$100 bearing date Feb. 9, 1836." Romines is willing to secure Bridges against loss. He, therefore, deeds to Reynolds, in trust, all that land lying and being in Marshall County containing 16 acres "joining Wm. T. Coffee, the place whereon the said Romines now lives, with appurtenances to the said tract."

ALSO one sorrel horse and bed and furniture. [Note:
Location of land not given.]

Romines to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of said tract of land with its appurtenances and also the personal property until or if default is made. If debt not paid by 25 Dec. 1836 then Reynolds, as trustee, may sell property at public auction and pay debt.

Witness: Asa Grissom, Wilie B. Lamberson, Stephen Hastings.

Proven by Lamberson 19 May 1836.

Recorded 20 May 1836.

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Warranty Deed
17 March 1831

James M. McFarland of Marshall County, Ala. sells to Cornelius Allen, for \$200. a lot in the town of Claysville, Marshall County, Alabama known on the plan of said town as lot No. [blank], containing 1/2 acre more or less.

Acknowledged by James M. McFarlane 17 March 1836.

Recorded 28 May 1836.

Note: No wife mentioned.

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A. H. McGEE Sr. IS HOME AGAIN

A. H. McGee Sr. has returned from New Mexico and now thinks the end of the rainbow must rest in Marshall County. [*The Guntersville Democrat*, 1 April 1908.]

CIRCUIT COURT & GRAND JURY RECORDS
Civil Cases

Part 5

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

Pages 105-106

Benjamin & Daniel S. Dickinson, partners d/b/a B & D. S. Dickinson
vs.
George W. Allen

Amount sued for: \$234.44 debt plus interest and costs.

Case: Plaintiffs hold a note on devendant dated 31 Jan. 1840 in amount of \$134.44. They have not been paid.

On 24 Feb. 1840 the Sheriff was ordered to find and command Allen to appear on the 4th Monday in March 1840 to answer the charges. He is to appear before the judge of the Circuit Court in the town of Marshall.

At a court held on the first Monday in March 1840 it was determined that plaintiffs were non-residents of Alabama and they were ordered to give security for costs in the case. At court held on the 4th Monday of September, 1840 it was found that the plaintiffs failed to give security and the case was dismissed. Defendant to recover his costs from plaintiffs.

Pages 106-113

James Critcher
vs.
William M. Ingram.

The following warrant bond and notice was filed in Circuit Court at the Court House in Claysville on the 4th Monday in September, 1837, Judge Samuel Chapman presiding:

Any constable was to summon Ingram to appear before Judge Chapman or a JP on 15 May 1837 at the store house of Robert Smith at the Big Spring in Marshall County by 12:00 o'clock forenoon to answer the complaint of James Critcher in a plea of debt not exceeding \$50 due him by Ingram by open account ("merchandise, cash, etc." in 1835 and 1836.)

Ingram acknowledged he was served the summons on 4 May 1837. On 29 June 1837 he posted bond in the amount of \$102.62½ with Benjamin H. Pollock his bondsman. "The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas a judgment was rendered by James Nixon, a J.P., against Ingram in favor of James Critcher on the 24th June 1837." Judgment was for \$48. plus costs.

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Circuit Court Records (-continued-)

Ingram appeared in court 12 March 1839 and stated that Hollis Hutson is a material witness for him in his defense and resides in Shelby County, Ala., more than 100 miles "from the place of holding court." Ingram does not believe he can have the personal attendance of Hutson and asks the court for permission to have Hollis Hutson's deposition taken and read in court at the trial. Permission was given.

The Court issued an order to Elisha McMath, Esquire, a JP of Tuscaloosa County, Ala. to take Hutson's deposition on 22 March 1839. In his deposition, Hollis Hutson states:

He was employed by said W. M. Ingram as a waggoner in the late part of the year 1836 for one month and that in said time he hauled three loads of cotton bales from the gins of William B. Gregory and Daniel Sevas to Gunters Landing on the Tennessee River; also back loads for James Critcher to his store house near his residence in Blount County, Alabama; also . . . [illegible] waggoning of plank tan bark etc. Also three days detained by said Critcher at Daniel Sevas's gin. Also engaged one day in going from said Critcher's to said Sevas's and returning without a load and that one of the aforesaid loads of cotton bales consisted of three bales whereas he usually hauled seven; also that Critcher said in his hearing that he had to pay Ingram for said time the waggon and team were detained.

At court held at the court house in the town of Marshall on the 4th Monday in March, 1841, it appears to the court that the defendant has failed to give additional security required and the case was dismissed. Plaintiff to recover judgment against defendant and Benjamin H. Pollock, his security.

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WALTER CORNELIUS MURDERED

Friday night Walter Cornelius and Milas Hall were gambling at the ferry when, for some unknown reason, Cornelius started to run off and Hall shot him in the back. Cornelius then begged Hall not to shoot again. Hall ignored his appeal and shot him a second time in the back near the center, the ball ranging downward penetrating his bowels . . . taken to his home in Wyeth City about midnight and died Saturday morning after daylight . . . Hall escaped . . . Cornelius was about 31 years old and leaves a wife and two children. Hall is a single man and lives at Albertville. [*The Guntersville Democrat*, Thursday, March 18, 1908.]

JAMES M. BLACK DIES

James M. Black of Union Grove died at St. Clair Springs on Sunday and was brought home on Monday for burial at Mt. Tabor near Oleander. Mr. Black recently underwent an operation for cataract on his eyes and contracted pneumonia afterwards from which he never recovered. [*The Guntersville Democrat*, Thursday, 28 January 1909.]

Morgan

RECORD BOOK 1

1821 - 1834

(Part 2)

For an Introduction please see Vol. 25, Issue No. 1, September, 1990. Copied and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

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Ordered by the Court that Isaac Lane, John Menifee, William Mosley, Greenville Bennett, Dixon Stanback, Henry Johnson & David Allison be appointed, and they are hereby appointed, a jury to view that part of the road on which Edmund Patrick is overseer, from Decatur to the old Mouse . . . [one word illegible] trace, to alter the same wherein they may think necessary and make report to the next term of court.

Ordered by the Court that David Lauderdale be appointed overseer of the road from Turny[Tuney?] Creek to James S. Turrentine's and also that Matthew Cyrus, Peter Couch and Robert Tapscott apportion the hands.

Ordered by the Court that the report of the jury regarding the road from Leaman's Ferry to Burns's Old Stand on the mountain, be received.

Ordered by the court that James Wilson be appointed Overseer of the road from Leeman's Ferry to Burns's Old Stand on the mountain; also that David Bush, Nicholas Thompson and Robert A. Stewart apportion the hands between David Ballew, John McCarley, James Wilson and Jesse Burns, overseers of the several roads in [their] section of the county.

Ordered by the court that Elisha Easton, Tax Collector for Cotaco County for the year 1820, be allowed the sum of \$45 for insolvencies.

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State of Alabama
Cotaco County

Be it remembered that on the 6th day of February 1821 a Writ of Ad quod damnum* issued from the office of the Clerk of the Cataco County Court, towit:

To the Sheriff of Cotaco County, Greetings:

Whereas Thomas S. Bibb has applied to the Clerk of the County Court of said county setting forth that he owns the NW/4 of Section 6-7-2W in said County on which he wishes to build a Saw Mill and other useful water works and that he owns the land on both sides of the section whereon he wishes to build same.

You are commanded to summons seven disinterested freeholders to meet on the said land of Bibb on 17 February 1821 and view the place at which Bibb proposes to build the mill and dam. They are to use their best skill and judgment to determine if the lands of other persons lying above and below the dam site may be affected by the said mill pond and

* Ad quod damnum. Commanding the sheriff to make inquiry "to what damage" a specified act, if done, will tend. [Black's Law Dictionary, 5th Edition.]

Cotaco County Record Book 1 (-continued-)

whether the mansion house of any such properties, offices, gardens or orchards will be overflowed and enquire whether in their opinion the health of the neighborhood will be materially annoyed by the stagnation of the water.

Witness: Thomas McElderry, Clerk

W. Gray, Sheriff by his deputy, John H. Gray.

6 Feb. 1821.

And afterwards, to wit: on the 17th day of February 1821 at an Inquisition taken by the jurors for that purpose duly summoned and sworn, at the place where the said Thomas S. Bibb proposes to build a Saw Mill and other useful water works, found:

We the jury aforesaid having viewed the place where Thomas S. Bibb proposes to build a mill, and also the land above and below the site (the property of others), say that in our opinion Thomas S. Bibb may build his said mill and also may build his dam eleven feet high without doing injury to any person.

Signed 17 Feb. 1821 by Thomas Eckford, Robert A. Stuart, William White, Charles Lockhart, William Johnson, David Summers and Ethd. Pope.

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Ordered by the Court that Horatio Philpott be allowed the sum of \$38 for serving as County Treasurer.

Ordered by the court that the following men, towit: Davis Neal, Charles Lockhart, Middleton Ford, . . . [name blurred] Reno, Thomas McElderry, John Livingston and Archibald Kirkland be and they are hereby appointed a jury of view to work out a road from the town of Sommerville thence along and near the line between Townships 6 and 7 to cross Flint River at or near Ford's Mill, thence as near the said township line as practicable to the Lawrence County line.

Ordered by the Court that the Administrators of the Estate of James Thompson, late of Cotaco County, deceased, proceed to sell the personal property of said estate by giving due notice as required by law in such cases.

Ordered by the Court that one-third (1/3) of the amount assessed for the State Tax for 1821 be assessed and collected for a county tax.

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Ordered by the Court that Thomas McElderry, Clerk of the County Court of Cotaco County, be allowed \$11.50 for three blank books for use of said Clerk's office.

Ordered by the Court that John Collins have a duplicate Jury ticket in favor of John Guest for three days attendance as a juror at the August Term of the County Court, 1820, the first being lost or mislaid. Court adjourned.

Sommerville, Monday, 1 September 1821.

Present: Robert Tapscott, Esqr., Josiah Minter, Alexander Bolton, Joseph Smith, commissioners of Revenue and Roads.

-To be continued in the next issue-

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.

31 **ELLIS, SULLIVAN**

Adolphus ELLIS b. 1850 appeared on Madison County, AL census in 1860 as a son of James B. ELLIS and Nancy SULLIVAN ELLIS. No further record has been found, any information or contact with a descendant would be appreciated.

Mrs. Sam Stovall, 2718 King James Ct, Webster, TX 77598

32 **HOLLAND, SHERRILL, MITCHELL, LAMAR**

Seeking info on William HOLLAND, b. ca. 1762 possibly VA, m. Martha SHERRILL, b. ca 1766, lived in TN at one time, then Jackson Co., AL. Their c. Sarah "Sallie" who m. Hugh MITCHELL, James, John, and Nancy. Possibly others. Seek info on all LAMARS who lived in DeKalb Co., from Pickens Co., SC. C. James, Nathan, Thomas F., Joseph John, Alexander Hamilton, plus others. Most of these migrated to MS in mid 1800's. Thomas LAMAR d. in DeKalb, Co., AL ca. 1835.

*Madge Lamar Johnson, 391 East 900 North,
Spanish Fork, Utah 84660*

33 **HOUSTON, VINSON, WADDELL, SEAY**

Would like to correspond with anyone researching HOUSTON surname in Lawrence, Jefferson or Talladega Co., AL. James Houston m. Sarah VINSON in 1851, Talladega Co. Their daughter Josephine m. Alexander WADDELL in 1875, Lawrence Co., Al. When did James HOUSTON die? Is Alexander WADDELL son of Wm WADDELL and Nancy Ann SEAY? Please help!

Macie Williams, Rt . 1, 1000 Parker Hill Rd, Palmer, TX 75152

34 **PRUETT/PRUITT**

Need info on E. JOSEPH PRUETT/PRUITT b. ca. 1845, probably in Jackson Co., AL. He m. Nan MCCARVER in 1874 and their known c. are: William Thomas, b. ca 1875, Andrew Jackson, b. ca 1887 at Fackler, John Louis, b. ca 1892 in Scottsboro. Any help would be appreciated.

Janice Babb, 9415 Hilmer Dr., La Mesa, CA 92042

35 **COOPER, ROSS, VEATCH(VEITCH), ALLISON, WALL**

I am looking for any information on William COOPER and his children: Elizabeth COOPER m. Alexander ROSS; Nancy COOPER m. John G. VEATCH (VEITCH); James COOPER m. Charity ALLISON; Wm. COOPER JR.; Mary COOPER m. Alexander WALL; Richard COOPER.

Cathy Bell, Box 6, Doyline, LA 71023

Queries Editor: Grace Geraci Nola

36 **TIDWELL, COLE , HARLESS**

I am researching the above families in AL before 1850. Searching for the parents and children of Francis (Frank, Franklin) TIDWELL who is on the 1830 Census of Jackson Co; on the 1840 and 1850 Census of Marshall Co.; appears on the 1850 Census as Frank TIDWELL, 73, m. farmer, b. SC, w. Elizabeth, 68, f, b. SC. Any info on the parents of John COLE and Susannah HARLESS. They m. 20 Dec 1819 in Madison Co., AL, John Cole is on the 1830 Census of Madison Co., AL; on the 1840 Census of Marshall Co; on the 1850 Census of Marshall Co: John COAL, 54, m., farmer b. TN, Susannah, 54, f., b. unknown, Mary, 23, f, b. AL, David M., 21, m. b. AL, Rebecca S., 18, f, b. AL; on the 1860 Census of Lavaca Co., TX: John COLE, 60, m, farmer, b. TN, James STAMPS, 28, m, b. AL, Polly, 28, f. b. AL. The 1870 Census of Lavaca Co, TX shows Christie COLE, 70, f, b. AL. (This is Susannah HARLESS COLE, w. of John COLE deceased). The final accounting of the estate of Charlotte COLE was filed 28 Oct 1875, Hallettsville, Lavaca Co, TX by a son-in-law, Thomas REAGAN, adm of the estate. Recipients were M. C. STAMPS (Polly COLE), Lodemia TIDWELL (Lodemia COLE) and Rebecca REAGAN (Rebecca S. COLE). I will share information.

Andrew J. Tidwell, 2801 Guilford Lane, Oklahoma City, OK 73120

37 **WHITAKER, BISHOP**

Seeking any info on John WHITAKER b. ca. 1799-1806 NC. John M. Catherine BISHOP, when, where? John and Catherine had nine known children. Their first child, William, was b. ca. 1827 in AL, thought to be Jackson Co., AL. They later lived in McNairy Co., TN and Tish. Co., MS. Any info would be greatly appreciated.

Imogene W. Davis, Route 2, Box 256, Iuka, MS 38852

38 **CROWELL, SIDES, MALONE, MCKINNEY, BURKHEAD**

I desire information on the family of Harris CROWELL, b. 17 Oct 1811 in NC (county unknown) d. 19 Sept 1900 in Hill Co., TX, m. ca. 1833 to Mary "Polly" Sides, b. 26 Oct 1811 in NC (possibly Stanly Co.) d. 1892 in Franklin Co., AL, daughter of Leonard and Catherine SIDES of Stanly Co., NC. Harris and family lived on Rock Creek in Franklin Co., AL. They had 9 children: James, b. ca. 1834 in NC, married and had a family. Nelson H., b. ca. 1835 in NC, d. 1864 as a prisoner of Civil War in IL, m. Sarah MALONE, had one son. Robert, b. 1837 in Franklin Co., AL., d. young. Sarah Elizabeth, b. 1839, AL., d. in Texas, m. William Mitchell MALONE, Jr., a brother to Nelson's wife. George M. b. 1841, AL., m. Mary ?, moved to TX. Nancy Ann, b. 1844, AL., m. Sampson MCKINNEY, remained in Franklin Co., AL. Andrew C., b. 1847, AL., d. 1929 in TX, married twice. Munsford H., b. 1850, AL., d. 1939 in TX, m. Charity BURKHEAD. Mary Jane, b. 1852, AL., d. 1939 in Colbert Co., AL., m. John Wiley MALONE, b. 1852, d. 1897 in Franklin Co., AL.

Mrs. L. R. Malone, Rt. 2, Box 72A 1, Sycamore, IL. 60178

39 **BURNS**

Seeking info on Henry BURNS, Morgan Co., census in 1830 and 1840, Marshall Co., 1850. Estate settlement in Morgan Co. in 1859 names sons - John (a resident of Marian Co.), Carroll and Laird of MS, Henry of Morgan Co. Daughters - Mary, wife of Hiram WRIGHT, Jane, Nancy, and Sarah. Also grandchildren John M., William P., Anne, Hiram, and Margaret, all children of Henry's deceased son, Hezekiah.

John T. Sachs, Rt. 3, Box 91, Falkville, AL 35622

40 **HOLMES**

Would like to correspond with anyone working on the Dennis and Kizire HOLMES family. Who is the Eveline Lynn listed on the 1850 Blount Co census with the Dennis HOLMES family?

Mrs. Clarence J. Walls, 1413 Walls Lane, Hartselle, AL 35640

41 **HALL, HORNER**

My ggggf, Moody HALL came from NH to the Cherokee Nation in 1817 as a missionary, under the direction of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He served in various missions in TN and GA until about 1830 when he located in Lauderdale Co., AL. Between 1830 and 1840 he was in Madison Co. My ggggm died there in 1834, and Moody HALL m. Charlotte DILLARD, widow of George DILLARD, in 1835. By 1840 he was in DeSoto Co, MS. My gggf, James Ignatius Wilson (J.W.) HALL was b. in Lauderdale Co. in 1830, he m. Caroline Virginia HORNER in 1851. They settled around New Market, AL, where J.W. HALL worked as overseer on the plantation of his father-in-law, Daniel HORNER. When war broke out he fought for the Confederacy, according to family lore. After the war the family moved to Grant Co, KY. J.W. HALL was an ordained Presbyterian minister who converted to Baptist and spent the rest of his days as a preacher in KY. I would be interred in corresponding with anyone who has or seeks information about the HALL or HORNER families.

Patrick K. Ryan, RR2 Box 169, Farmer City, IL 61842

42 **TIPTON, MOORE**

I am searching for some records of my gggp believed to have lived in and around Scottsboro, AL after 1830. William TIPTON, owned over 3000 acres, Cades Cove, TN., b. 13 Feb 1761, d. 1852 (m. Phoebe MOORE). Believed to be buried in Beat 21 Cem. in Scottsboro. David TIPTON b. 1804 m. Sarah ?, c. Samual, Lucinda, Henderson, Elizabeth, David B., Temple. David B. m. Auphy FAULKNER (1/2 Cherokee) in 1857. Their c. were Mary M. 1858, William 1860, John 1863 and Jane ?. I will be glad to pay for any help you can give me.

Alma Johnson, H.C.72 - Box 122, Broken Bow, OK 74728

43 **STEVENS, GUNN, BUCHANAN**

Susan Payne Stevens b. 17 May 1814, d. 31 July 1887, she was my ggm and she made a crazy quilt which she entered at the Cotton Centennial Exposition in New Orleans, LA in 1886 and won first prize. The quilt was entered in the Brandon, MS Exhibit. I am trying to locate some of her descendents who might know whether the quilt is still in existence. Susan Payne Stevens (Gunn) had nine children by her first husband, Rev. George Stevens, a Methodist minister. Names and birth and death dates of these children will be given on request. One of her daughters by her first marriage, Susan Payne Stevens Lowe was State Librarian in TN 1887-1891. By her second marriage to John Gunn, she bore one daughter, Margaret Richardson Gunn who later married William BUCHANAN II, and was my grandmother. None of her descendants that I know have knowledge of the quilts whereabouts.

Dot Buchanan Rollins, PO Box 939, Centreville, MS 39631

44 **DYE, WILSON, YANCY**

Seek info on children of John L. M. DYE b. in Jackson Co., AL: James Eddie b. ca 1872, Edna b. ca.1875, Thomas E. b. ca.1876; and child of Daniel Lennie DYE: Worth Henderson b. 3 May 1881 and possibly Ruby 7 Oct 1884. Daniel Lennie m. Missouri Lavenia YANCY WILSON, d. of John WILSON and Phoebe YANCY. Will exchange info.

*W. John Dye, 17 Old Forge, 14850 SW 280 Street
Homestead, FL 33032*

45 **ROBERTS, BAILEY**

Henry ROBERTS b. ca 1750 VA and w. Elizabeth b. VA in Lauderdale Co., AL 1818-1831. In government land deals of Tenn Valley. Son, Peter H. and Sarah H. Bailey, b. VA m. 27 May 1824 in Lauderdale Co., AL. She was baptized in Christian Church 1825 in TN by Rev. P.E. Harris. Believe she was the daughter of John Bailey. Any information on any of these people welcome. Have much info on ROBERTS' before 1815 and after 1835. Trying to fill this void.

Wm. L. Roberts, RR2 Box 151, Clay City, IND 47841

46 **PARVIN, PIKE, SANDERSON, CARNES, GROOMS, LAN(D)TROOP**

Seeking information on ancestors of John Peoples PARVIN b. 2 June 1832, d. 19 Oct 1890, both Madison Co., AL, m. 4 June 1857 Madison Co., AL to Martha Ann PIKE b. 15 April 1838, d. 5 Aug 1895. Children included: William A., Martha E., George B., John Madison. Also info on ancestors and descendants of Calvin H. SANDERSON b. ca.1816 in AL, m. Eleanor T. CARNES b. ca 1819 in AL, her father William CARNES b. ca.1790, TN. Children included William S. SANDERSON m. 23 March 1865 to Lucy Ann GROOMS: Also, George W. PIKE b. ca. 1812, m. Julia Ann Lan(d)troop. Children included Martha Ann, John H., Susannah, Logan, Robert, Lim.

L. Harold Judd, Jr., P.O. Box 959, Sheffield, AL 35660

- 47 **VANN, WANN, JACOBS, CASTEEL, JETT, BLACKWELL, IVY, MCGORRAH, PEACOCK, UPCHURCH, RAY, MILLES**
 Looking for info on Thelda Elmira California MCGGORRAH b. Nov 1847 in northern AL, also of her parentage and siblings. Looking for info on Edward H. VANN b. Madison Co., AL to Elazarus Vann and Mary M. (WANN) VANN Also, Margaret (JACOBS) VANN COBB, known to be Madison Co., Al 1840's until about 1900 and Florence AL 1920ish, need to know date and place of death and burial as well as parentage and siblings.
Martha Yount, 6420 65th N.E. Oak Harbor, WA 98277
- 48 **SLATON**
 Searching for descendants of Elijah SLATON b. SC 1832 and w. Martha b. GA 1837. They were in Marshall Co., AL in 1850's. Children in 1860 Marshall Co., census. John J. W 4, Warren D. 2, and Mary M. 1. Does anyone know who Mary M. married? I would appreciate any info on Elijah's family. I will return postage.
Mrs. Belle Dean, 251 Marshall Rd, Rainsville, AL 35986
- 49 **SPARKMAN, VEST, COPELAND, SUMMERFORD, CANADY (KENNEDY), LONG**
 Lewis Sparkman b. 1820 Van Buren, TN, m. Nancy Copeland b. 1823 TN. They had David F. b. 1857. Robert Vest b. 1797 m. Elizabeth (Canady) Kennedy b. AL, they had Archi b. AL (Elizabeth's parents, Felix Kennedy & Betsy Long (Morgan Co). Archie Vest m. Malinda Summerford b. AL 1834. They had Mary E. Vest b. AL 1855. She m. David F. Sparkman 1875, AL. (Malinda Summerford's parents were Isaac C. Summerford b. SC 1800 and Mary Born, 1804 TN).
Rita Nelson, POB 4247, Bryan, TX 77805
- 50 **TOWNSEND, JOHNSON, WOOD, ANDERSON, ROBBSON,(ROBISON),BREWSTER, LORENZO, RYE, STEELEY, SIMS, STUART**
 Decedents of Henrietta TOWNSEND and Cornelius JOHNSON whose children were Robert, Kesiah (RYE), MARY (Steley), Michael, Elizabeth (SIMS) & Parthenia (STUART), all b. in VA, but later resided in Jackson Co., AL. Also, decedents of Mary TOWNSEND & Michael JOHNSON whose children were Cordelia (WOOD), Anna (Anderson) to TN; Emma ROBBSON(ROBISON?) , ELIZABETH (BREWSTER) and Marion LORENZO who resided in Jackson Co., AL
Ms. Marymac Johnson, 476 West 70th St., Jacksonville, FL 32208
- 51 **MCGINNIS**
 Any information on the family of James W. MCGINNIS, b. 1 Mar 1879; wife Jossie EAGEN; grandchildren Betty MCGINNIS and Paul MCGINNIS b. in Chattanooga, TN.
Mrs. Ruth M. Rowe, 400 Hillmont Dr, NW, Huntsville, AL 35805
- 52 **TRAMMELL, (TRAMMEL, TRAMEL)**
 I am currently researching "TRAMMELLS" from their beginnings in the southern states. I will exchange info, family group sheets & ancestor charts with all inquiries.
Wylene Alston, Box 954, Sour Lake, TX 77659

- 53 **STEVENS, DOUTHIT, DRAKE, SKELTON, ROBERTS, RICHARDSON**
Thaddeus C. STEVENS, b. 24 Jan 1852 (Franklin Co., TN ?) and Emma Jane DOUTHIT, b. 19 April 1860 in AL d. 25 March 1950, m. in Huntsville, AL 9 Jan 1879. Who were parents, siblings of Emma? A sister Edna DOUTHIT RICHARDSON lived in Tuscumbia in 1950. Need info on Billie STEVENS and Virginia DRAKE, parents of Thaddeus. Emma and Thaddeus lived Douglas Hill at Huntsville in 1920's and 30's. Daughter Nora m. John Moore, son of Madison Holland ROBERTS and Frances C. SKELTON, in Huntsville, April 1900. Who were parents of Madison and Frances? Madison, b. 1854 and Frances m. Jackson Co., AL on 29 March 1874. Children: John, Laura, Cora, Ada. Madison M. Livie P. ca. 1881. Where? Frances was alive as late as 1940. Need date of death, burial place of Frances SKELTON ROBERTS and availability of listing for burials in Maple Hill and Madison Cemeteries in Huntsville. Searching for descendents of the above families. Any help appreciated.

Connie Hale Saladiner, RT 3, Box 29, Narrows, VA 24124

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Write to Brenda Webb, Director, Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, AL 35801.

For all others write Dorothy Scott Johnson, 2409 Dairy Lane, Huntsville, AL 35811

- 54 **MOFFITT, HOOK, HOBSON, ROLFE, SCANLIN**
Need: Parents of J. Russell Moffitt and wife's maiden name. J. Russell MOFFITT was b. ca. 1827 in possibly Warren Co., TN. He, w. Minerva and family were on 1850-1860 U.S. Federal Census of Grundy Co., TN. Widowed w. and c. living in Madison Co., AL in 1870. Children were (1) Elizabeth "Bettie" who m. James A. Hook in 1881 Madison Co., AL (2) Rutha Jane who m. William H. Hobson 1870 Madison Co., AL. (3) Henry E. b. 1850 in Grundy Co., TN., (4) Cora who m. William T. Rolfe in 1872. Cora d. Madison Co., AL 1891 leaving seven children. (5) Mary "Polly" m. James L. Scanlin 1866 in Madison Co., AL (6) Adell and (7) Lorenza Moffitt. I would like to exchange info on ancestors and descendents of this family.

Wadell Harrison, Route 1, Box 143, Crockett, TX 75835

- 55 **DAVIS, WEST, FRANKS**
Need info on p. of Temperance FRANKS, w. of Reuben DAVIS, m. 4/4/1818 Madison Co., AL. Temperance m. Lucy, enumerated with gd Almira Davis Loveless, 1850 census Lauderdale Co., AL. Lucy b. SC 1778. Who is father? Other siblings? Where buried?

Shirley Gray Dunaway, PO Box 220, Mt. Mourne, NC 28123

- 56 **ABERNATHY, COFFMAN**
Robert C. Abernathy b. Aug 1854 in Limestone Co., AL. Who were his parents? Wife Dorby or Dorsy? b. Dec 1855 in TN. What was her name, place of birth, parents? Twins b 31 Jan 1882, Claude and Myrthle in TN, where? Any other children? In 1900, Robert, wife, & Claude lived in Athens, AL. Myrthle Abernathy m. William COFFMAN, June 1900. Wm. was a farmer in Athens, AL in 1900. Will share, trade, or exchange info. Will answer all who write.

Mrs. Robin Bartholomew, PO Box 1461, Zephyr Hills, AL 33539

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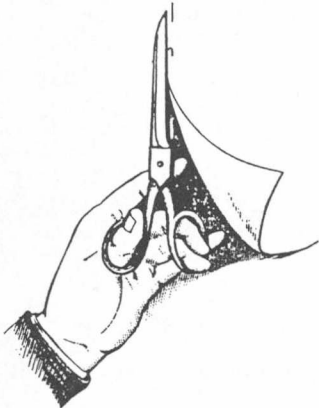
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