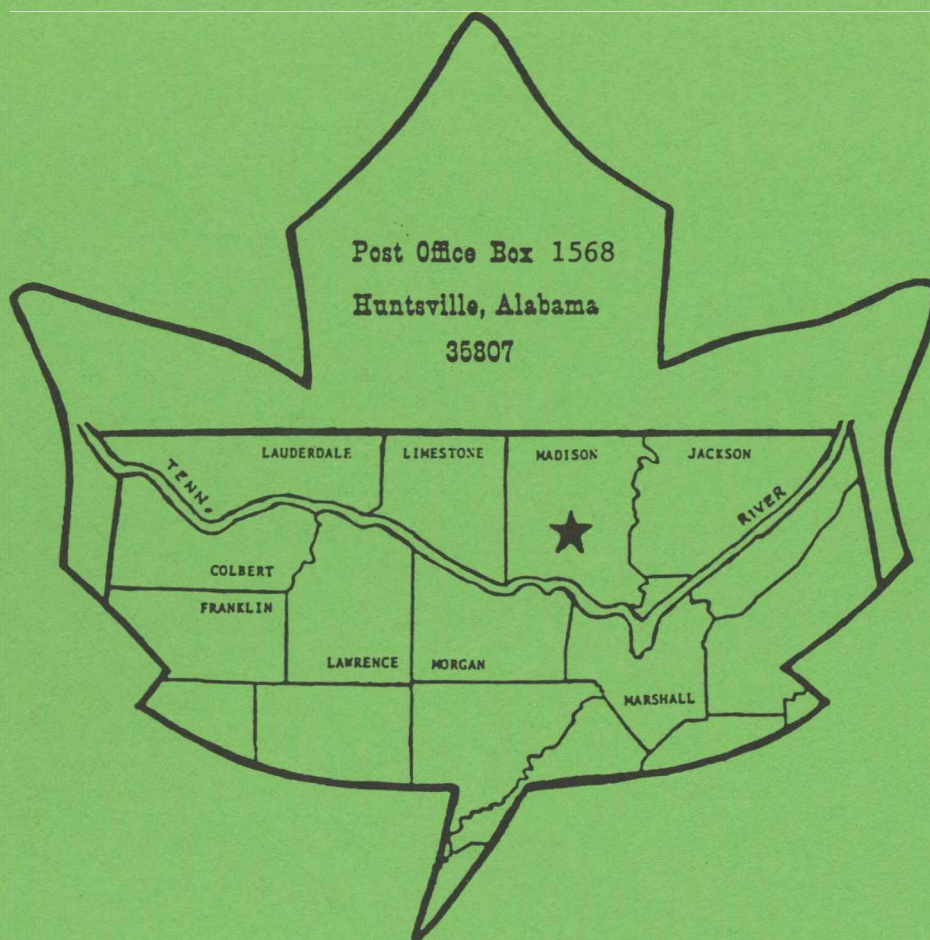


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Greetings from the Heart of Dixie:

During this year of recognition for our achievements over the past 25 years, the society has received accolades that make us feel humble. Even though this group of researchers has contributed many research aids and considerable funds to the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library during this period, we are well aware of the source of our strength.

This could not have been done without the guidance of the fine staff of the (now) Heritage Room of the library. In the beginning (1966), we had the late Mrs. Bessie Russell and Mrs. Margaret Henson to advise us as to how our meager funds should be utilized. Now, we have a staff headed by AnnWhite Thomas Fuller who is ably assisted by Margaret Hutchens Henson; Alexandra Graves Baird, C.G.; Sue Bright Richter; and Angelia Nichelle Branch. In addition, we have the Civil War collection of publications and personal papers which is under the efficient administration of the Library Archivist, Rane' Green Pruitt. As you can see, the staff multiplied; and, if you think this is growth, you should see the genealogy collection.

Earlier, it was geared to assisting area residents in family history research. Now it is expanding from a southern states orientation to include New England, the Mid-Atlantic region, and the Old Northwest. Not only does the collection include extensive census microfilm but it contains the microform collections of the McCubbins and Turner Collections, The WPA Index of South Carolina Cemeteries, The International Genealogical Index for the United States, Massachusetts town vital records to 1850, and the Family History Library Catalog.

I could write pages about the collection of basic sources, handbooks, guides, indexes, family and local histories, subscriptions to 120 journals and newsletters, complete runs of periodicals, microfilm collection of old newspapers "both near and far", and military records. BUT let me say this. The most valuable resource in the Heritage Room is the professional and friendly assistance provided by each employee. If your travels bring you near the Tennessee Valley region of Alabama, you will be enriched by planning a stopover in Huntsville. A warm southern welcome and many discoveries are waiting for you!

THANK YOU, HERITAGE ROOM STAFF.

Jeanne Hand Henry
Jeanne Hand Henry
Certified Genealogist

North Alabama

THE PAINT ROCK RIFLES

By
Charles Rice
(Part 3)

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

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

Miller, James P., Private.

No age or date of enlistment given. Captured near Franklin, Tenn. 17 Dec. 1864. Sent to Camp Douglas prison; released 19 June 1865. Resident of Madison Co., Ala.

Nelson, D. C., Private. Age 23.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Slightly wounded at Shiloh 6 April 1862 at the "cornfield crossing." "Cut off by the enemy in Athens" and dropped as deserter 28 July 1862. [Later became captain of Company A, Mead's Cavalry Battalion.]

Parsons, Wiley A., Private.

No age or date of enlistment. Pay vouchers from 9 March 1863. Oath of allegiance given on 29 Feb. 1864. Had dark complexion, dark hair, black eyes, 5' 8" tall, resident of Madison Co., Ala.

Patrick, James A., Private. Age 30.

Enlisted 17 September 1861. No further information.

Pinson, Ed C., Private. Age 54.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Discharged 12 July 1862 at Saltillo, Mississippi.

Province, John, Private. Age 25.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Absent with leave in November 1861. Sick in hospital in June, 1862. Sick in Pikeville, Tenn. in August 1862. Left sick at Pikeville in Oct., 1862. Killed at Murfreesboro 31 Dec. 1862 near the hospital while serving as color bearer.

Putnam, William, Private.

Enlisted 1 Jan. 1863. Deserted 23 Dec. 1864. Took oath 27 April 1865. Had fair complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, was 5' 8" tall and a res. of Jackson Co. He has a family.

Redmon, George W., Private. Age 22

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to Bowling Green hospital with rubeola 29 Oct. 1861. Furloughed 24 Nov. 1861. Killed at Harrisburg, Miss. July, 1864 while serving in Gen. Forrest's cavalry.

Riddle, A. J., Private. Age 27.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to Bowling Green hospital 25 Oct. 1861 with rubeola. Furloughed 11 Nov. 1861. "Cut off by the enemy in Athens" and dropped as a deserter 28 July 1862.

Roberts, L. P., Private. Age 18

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Named to medal of honor list for Battle of Murfreesboro (G. O. No. 131/3) issued 3 Oct. 1863. Appears on Union list of "Deserters paroled & allowed to return home" 9 July 1863. Residence near Mill Creek in Jackson Co. (however, possibly incorrect as list is not signed by Roberts).

Paint Rock Rifles (-continued-)

Roberts, Reddon, Private.

"Left sick at Tinners Station" 2 Aug. 1862. Discharged for disability (chronic rheumatism) at Cleveland, Tenn. 18 Nov. 1862. Enlisted by Capt. L. G. Mead at Huntsville on Nov. 3, 1861 to serve 1 yr; has since re-enlisted. He was born in Jackson Co., Ala., is 42 years of age, 5' 5" tall, dark complexion, black eyes, black hair, and by occupation a farmer when he enlisted. During the last two months said soldier has been unfit for 58 days. [Info. from Capt. James E. Daniel's letter of 18 Aug. 1862.]

Robinson, Noah, Private. Age 18.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Discharged at Bardstown, Ky. 30 Sept. 1862. Arrested by Union cavalry at Larkinsville 17 Aug. 1863. "Claims to be a discharged soldier but refused to take the non-combatant's oath. Recommend he be sent beyond the lines." Sent to Camp Chase prison; transferred to Rock Island prison 22 Jan. 1864.

Rousseau, Jonathan, Private. Age 23.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to Bowling Green hospital with rubeola 26 Oct. 1861. Died 12 Nov. 1861.

Rowe, A. W., Private. Age 40

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Detailed as cook to hospital 22 Nov—9 Dec. 1861; detailed as artificer 18 Feb.—28 Feb. 1862. Discharged at Bardstown, Ky. 30 Sept. 1862.

Rubey, Conrad, Private. Age 56.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Discharged as musician at Saltillo, Miss. 1 July 1862.

Salmon, James H., Private.

Enlisted at Huntsville 22 Dec. 1862 for war. Appears on "Muster Roll of Retired Men at the Post of Athens, Ga." for October, 1864. No other information.

Sanders, Ivory, Private. Age 28

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Absent with leave Nov., 1861. Sick in hospital June, 1862. "Dropped from roll as deserter" 10 June 1862.

Saunders, Elijah, Private. Age 32.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Appears as corporal, dropped as deserter 3 July 1862.

Saunders, Francis M., Private. Age 18

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Wounded slightly in leg at Shiloh 6 April 1862 at 8:00 a.m. Discharged at Bardstown, Ky. 30 Sept. 1862.

Saunders, John B., Private. Age 25

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Dropped as deserter 29 June 1862.

Schrimsher, Alfred, Private.

Info from 1907 Confederate Census: Born 9 Aug. 1840 in Madison Co., Ala. Entered service as a private in December, 1862 at Huntsville in Co. C, 26th Ala. Infantry and continued until unit was captured. Made his escape and went back to his command. Was transferred to Co. A, 21st Georgia Regiment.

Schrimsher, Henderson, Private.

Guard at Atlanta 15 Jan. 1863. Captured 22 July 1864 near Stone Mountain, Ga. Sent to Camp Chase. Took oath 13 May 1865. Had dark complexion, black hair, dark eyes, and was 6' ½" tall.

Seaton, James, Private.

No age or date of enlistment given. Captured near Vienna [New Hope], Ala. 27 Oct.

Paint Rock Rifles (-continued-)

1863; sent to Camp Morton prison. Exchanged 4 March 1865 at City Point, Virginia. Admitted to Howard's Grove Hospital, Richmond, Va. 13 March 1865 with chronic diarrhea. Given 30 day furlough.

Skelton, Samuel G., Private. Age 21

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to Bowling Green hospital with rubeola 25 Oct. 1861. Furloughed 24 Nov. 1861.

Skelton, Thomas B., Private. Age 19

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to Bowling Green hospital with rubeola 26 Oct. 1861. Furloughed 24 Nov. 1861. Captured at Larkinsville 28 Aug. 1863 and appears on "Roll of Prisoners of War Paroled and Permitted to Stay Home."

Skelton, William C., Private. Age 18

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. No further information.

Sloan, Frances M., Private. Age 29

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Left sick at Tinners Station Aug. 22, 1862; captured near Nashville 15 Dec. 1864; sent to Camp Douglas prison.

Sloan, Lewis W., Private. Age 27

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Sick in hospital June, 1862. "Left sick at Tinners Station Aug. 22, 1862" and discharged 8 Nov. 1862.

Smith, H. B., Private.

Died of disease at Memphis 11 Oct. 1861. No other information.

Smith, James K. P., Private. Age 18.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to Bowling Green hospital with rubeola 25 Oct. 1861. Furloughed 11 Nov. 1861. "He was born in Jackson County, Ala., 17 years of age, is 5' 6" tall, dark complexion, gray eyes, light hair, and by occupation when enlisted was a School boy. During the last two months he has been unfit for duty 50 days.' [Letter by Capt. James E. Daniel] ;discharged for disability at Tinners Station 20 Aug. 1862.

Smith, J. W., Private.

Admitted to Pettigrew General Hospital No. 13, Raleigh, N.C. with catarrh 17 Feb. 1865. Resided Owens Cross Roads, Madison Co., Ala. No other information.

Smith, Joshua L., Private.

1907 Confederate Census of Madison Co., Ala: Born 25 Sept. 1845 in Franklin Co., Ga. "Entered service as a private in October, 1862 at Paint Rock, Ala. in Co. C, 26th Ala. Infantry and continued until the close of war. 1907 residence was New Market.

Smith, Quirl, Private. Age 21.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. "Cut off by the enemy in Athens" and dropped as a deserter 10 June 1862.

Smith, William H., Private.

1907 Confederate Census, Marshall Co., Ala: Born 14 March 1840 in New Hope. Entered service as a private 30 Sept. 1861 at Paint Rock Station in Co. C, 50th Ala. "and continued until he was captured in Dec. of 1864 near Huntsville. He was paroled in Jan. of 1865."

Taber, Hezekiah B., Private.

No age or date of enlistment. Captured at Chattanooga 24 Nov. 1863. Sent to Rock Island prison. Took oath of allegiance 20 May 1865. Had dark complexion, black hair, gray eyes, 5' 8" tall and a resident of Huntsville.

Paint Rock Rifles (-continued-)

Thomason, J. B., Private.

Paroled at Meridian, Miss. 17 May 1865. Resided Pontotoc Co., Miss. No other info.

Thompson, J. W., Private.

Paroled at Meridian, Miss. 17 May 1865. Resided Pontotoc Co., Miss. No other info.

Thrower, Eli, Private. Age 18

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Sick, Nov., 1862. No further information.

Thrower, James M., Private. Age 28

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Sick at Tullahoma, Nov. 1862. Admitted to hospital at Dalton, Ga., 28 Dec. 1862 with "Bronchitis C." Sent to Camp Chase; exchanged 4 March 1865 at City Point, Virginia.

Tipton, Andrew J., Second Sgt. Age 27.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Sick in June 1862. "Sick, left [at] Tompkinsville, Ky" Aug., 1862. Captured at Atlanta 22 July 1864.

Tipton, William W., Private. Age 29.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Sick at Knoxville in Nov. 1862. No further information.

Vann, A. J., Private.

Pay voucher "for commutation of Rations while on sick furlough from Sept. 27 to Oct. 26 inclusive," 27 Sept. 1863. No further information.

Vann, John C., Private.

Conscripted 23 Jan. 1862. Deserted 8 Jan. 1865. Oath taken 19 Jan. 1865. Had fair complexion, light hair, gray eyes, 5' 9" tall, resided Giles Co., Tenn.

Vann, Macklin M., Private.

Captured at Missionary Ridge 25 Nov. 1863. Sent to Rock Island prison. Exchanged 23 May 1865. From 1907 Confederate Veteran Census: Born 25 May 1846 in Madison County. Entered service as a private in November, 1861 at Huntsville, Ala. in Co. C, 50th Ala. Infantry and continued until captured at Missionary Ridge; sent to Rock Island Prison and was paroled June 1, 1865. His 1907 residence was New Hope.

Walker, Charles W., Private. Age 16.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Admitted to Bowling Green hospital with rubeola 25 Oct. 1861. Furloughed 24 Nov. 1861. Captured at Resaca, Ga. 16 May 1864; sent to Camp Morton prison. Exchanged at City Point, Va. 26 Feb. 1865. Took oath 21 May 1865. Had fair complexion, light hair, blue eyes, and was 5' 10" tall.



Paint Rock Rifles (-continued-)

Walker, John H. B., Private. Age 48.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Sick July to Nov. 1862. Furloughed 6 April 1863. Discharged at Columbus, Miss.

Walker, James N., Corporal.

No age or date of enlistment given. Captured at Atlanta 28 July 1864. Sent to Camp Chase prison. Exchanged at City Point, Va. 4 March 1865. 1907 Confederate Veteran Census states: James Newton Walker born 1 Feb. 1844 at Larkins Fork, Jackson Co., Ala. Enlisted Ashville, Tenn. in July 1862 as corporal in Co. C, 26th Ala. Served two years and was captured at Atlanta, Ga. July 23, 1864. Paroled 3 March 1865 at Richmond, Va. Resided in Princeton in 1907.

Watkins, George W., Private. Age 30.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. Sick in hospital at Columbus, Miss. Jan. to Nov. 1862. No further information.

Webster, Reuben. Private.

Captured at Missionary Ridge 25 Nov. 1863. Took oath of allegiance 6 Oct. 1864. Enlisted in U. S. Army for frontier service to obtain release from prison.

West, John H., Private. Age 17.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861. No further information.

Westmoreland, J. P., Private.

Paroled in Meridian, Miss. 17 May 1865. Resided Pontotoc Co., Miss. No other info.

Wisdom, R., Corporal.

Wounded severely in right side at Atlanta 28 July 1864. No further information.

Woodsley, A. N., Private.

In Howard's Grove Hospital at Richmond 3 March 1865. "p. p." [exchanged prisoner?] No other information.

Wooley [Woolsey?], Aaron, Private — [Same as above?]

Captured near Deposit by 1st Cavalry Division on the march in Alabama 19 August 1863. Sent to Rock Island prison. No other information.

Woolsey, John, Private.

Captured at Manchester, Tenn. 30 June 1863. Sent to Camp Douglas prison. Died 15 Dec. 1863 of diarrhea and was buried in the Chicago City Cemetery.

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View of Lookout Mountain and valley from Chattanooga.

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62 **THOMPSON, NORED (NORRED)**

Seeking information on forebears and SC county of Zedekiah THOMPSON, farmer, b. ca. 1804, wife Mary____, b. SC, ca. 1812. Zedekiah is listed on 1830 Conecuh Co. AL census, he and his family on 1840 and 1850. Zedekiah and Mary are buried in Brantley Family Cemetery. Children (all SC born) William m. Catherine NORRED, Mary m. Lott Whitt BRANTLEY, Jane, Sarah, Zedekiah, Amanda, Frances, George, Ameda. Catherine NORRED'S parents were James b. ca. 1801 SC and Beneton Ann, b. ca. 1810 SC. Searching for documentation of parentage and SC location of James and Beneton Ann. (His father may be Mullikin).

Maxine T. McMurtrie, 1307 Woodmont Ave, SE , Huntsville, AL 35801

63 **JONES, STANSELL**

Any information about James Washington JONES, b. ca. 1867, Franklin Co., AL. Around 1887 he married Lillian STANSELL. Their children were John Washington, Robert Wilson, Marshall Shide, and Maude. He either died, divorced or disappeared about 1895. Any information appreciated.

Lillie Jones Scott, Rt. 14, Box 292, Tyler, TX 75707

64 **MOORMAN, MAGHEE**

Charles and Sophia MAGHEE m. 1816 Bedford Co. and moved to Huntsville, AL, then Tuscaloosa ca. 1820, traveled with Bedford Co. families. Need info on the MOORMAN families who might have traveled to AL, to-wit: Brothers: Sam Pleasant (1770), Achilles Herndon (1804), Thomas Clark (1793), Lemuel (1788), William (1772), James H. L. (1774), Edwin (1800), John Jennings (1802). Charles owned land Townsite Tuscaloosa, lots 177-178, Bay Street.

Judge Michael Moorman Fricke, 211 S. Ann St., Calhoun County Courthouse,

Port Lavaca, TX 77979

65 **Pitman Pitts**

On 4 December 1825 in Huntsville, AL, Pittman PITTS witnessed a deed for the southwest quarter of section 21 township 1 range 1 east. This is probably where he lived in the early days. Pittman PITTS was a Captain of one of their companies, but I do not have the records. Census record of 1830, Madison County, AL shows:

- 1 male under 5
- 1 male 10-15
- 1 male 15-20
- 1 male 40-50
- 2 females 5-10
- 1 female 10-15
- 1 female 15-20
- 1 female 30-40

Can someone help me find the other females shown in this census record? We only have Elizabeth PITTS b. 1809 VA and Mary C. Andrew PITTS b. 1790 VA. These three females must have died and been buried in Madison County, Al

Sidney A. Pitts, 4720 Mulberry, Woodward, OK 73801

Queries Editor: Grace Geraci Nola

Colbert

ACTS OF ALABAMA PERTAINING TO COLBERT COUNTY

Part 4

Continued from the March, 1991 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 up the act in the published volumes.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Act:</u>
1893	510	An act to authorize the city of Tuscumbia to purchase or condemn certain lots of land for cemetery purchases and to lay same off into lots and squares and sell and convey same to individuals for burial grounds. Approved Feb. 21, 1893. (p. 1167).
1894	144	An act authorizing the abstracts of the burnt records of Franklin County to be used in evidence where the original instrument is destroyed. Approved Dec. 17, 1894. (p. 248).
1895	241	An act to provide for repairing the macadamized roads in Colbert County. Appr. Feb. 6, 1895. (pp. 404-406).
1895	243	An act to change the boundary line of the counties of Colbert, Franklin and Lawrence. Approved Feb. 6, 1895. (p. 408).
1895	342	An act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes due after Jan. 1, 1895 on all property situated heretofore in the counties of Lawrence and Colbert but made part of Colbert and Franklin counties by an act entitled "An act to change the boundary lines of the counties of Colbert, Franklin and Lawrence" approved Feb. 6, 1895. Approved Feb. 18, 1895. (p. 590).
1895	356	An act to permit the tax collector of Lawrence County to continue to reside in that part of said county which was attached to the county of Colbert by an act passed at the present session of the General Assembly changing the boundary lines between the counties of Franklin, Colbert and Lawrence to provide for the exercise of jurisdiction and authority by precinct officers in act, and to provide for the determination of pending suits and judicial proceedings arising in said territory. Approved Feb. 18, 1895. (p. 675).
1895	427	An act to prevent hunting on the inclosed lands of another without the written consent of the owner or his agent or party in possession in that portion of Colbert County north of township four and five. Approved Feb. 18, 1895. (p. 815).
1895	429	An act to change the name of the Sheffield and Tuscumbia Street Railway Co. to Sheffield and Tuscumbia Railway Company and to increase its powers. Approved Feb. 18, 1895. (p. 816).
1897	332	An act to authorize Colbert County to build macadamized or turnpike roads and to issue bonds in the county to aid in the construction thereof. Approved Feb. 12, 1897. (p. 882).

Acts of Alabama (-continued-)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Act:</u>
1897	355	An act to establish a separate school district to be known as the Mt. Pleasant school district in Colbert County, Alabama. Approved Feb. 13, 1897. (p. 880).
1897	556	An act to incorporate the Muscle Shoals Power Company. Approved Feb. 18, 1897. (p. 1236).
1897	623	An act to regulate the working and keeping in repair the public roads in Colbert County and to create the office of Public Road Supervisor for said county and prescribe his duties and powers and to correct the direction of building a macadamized road from Leighton. Approved Feb. 18, 1897. (p. 1408).
1898	110	An act for the relief of Helen Keller Library and Literary Association. Approved December 14, 1898 (p. 226).
1899	250	An act for the relief of C. M. Malone, special coroner of Franklin County, for the removal of a prisoner from Colbert Co., Ala. to the jail in Franklin. Approved Feb. 2, 1899 (p. 522).
1899	371	An act to fix the rate of tolls to be charged by the Southern Railway Company on the road bridge crossing the Tennessee River between Colbert and Lauderdale counties, and known as the Florence Bridge; and to repeal the act of the Legislature, approved Feb. 9, 1895, entitled "An act to fix the maximum of tolls to be charged by the owners, lessees, or operators of the road bridge crossing the Tennessee River between the counties of Colbert and Lauderdale and known as the Florence Bridge and to fix the penalty for demanding or receiving a higher rate of toll." Approved Feb. 10, 1899 (p. 774).
1899	402	An act to establish a separate school district to be known as the Spring Valley School District in Colbert County. Approved Feb. 10, 1899 (p. 814).
1899	381	An act to establish a separate school district to be known as the Bethel School District composed of a portion of Colbert, Lawrence and Franklin counties, Alabama. Approved Feb. 15, 1899. (p. 785).
1899	586	An act to establish the Leighton School Dist. Approved Feb. 21, 1899. (p. 1161).
1899	600	An act to provide a system of water works for the city of Sheffield. Approved Feb. 21, 1899. (p. 1189)
1899	917	An act to further regulate the mining of coal in Alabama. Approved Feb. 23, 1899. (p. 1803).
1900	82	An act to be entitled an act to provide for the improvement of roads and bridges in Colbert County. Approved Dec. 7, 1900 (p. 178).

End of series

Franklin

JASPER BURROW

Southern Claims Commission Claim

The following claim of Jasper Burrow was submitted to the Southern Claims Commission for reimbursement from the loss of property taken by Federal troops during the Civil War. The photocopy of this claim, from which the following was taken, is in the family file of the Huntsville Public Library under "Burrow."

Claimant: Jasper Burrow

Date claim made: 8 May 1871

Claim for: Horse, saddle, bridle and two blankets valued at \$150.

REMARKS

"The claimant is an old man and swears to his loyal sympathies. He had one son who volunteered in the Rebel Army and two who were conscripted. One of them deserted, escaped, returned home and claimant concealed him and kept him out of service.

"Three witnesses testify to claimant's loyal conversations and reputation and special commissioner R. S. Watkins certifies that he bears the reputation of having been a loyal man during the war. The evidence is not strong but there are no suspicions against its truth and we find him loyal accordingly.

"Claimant and a neighbor testify that the mare was taken from him by soldiers of Gen. Wilson's command in the spring of 1865. We allow \$150."

Signed by H. O. Aldes[?], J. B. Howell, and D. Ferris, Claims Commissioners.

JASPER BURROW CLAIM

Jasper Burrow states he did not voluntarily serve in the Confederate army or navy either as an officer, soldier or sailor [sic] or in any other capacity at any time during "the late rebellion." He never voluntarily furnished any stores, supplies or other material aid to said Confederacy. He never voluntarily accepted or exercised the function of any office whatsoever or yielded any voluntary support to the Confederacy.

The following names are of persons who can verify Jasper Burrow's loyalty:

C. M. Tompkins, residing near Frankfort, Alabama

E. S. Vinson, residing near Frankfort, Alabama

J. C. Tompkins, residing near Frankfort, Alabama

For verification of all other matters, Mr. Burrow relies upon:

Levi Mahan residing near Pleasant Site, Alabama

Emitt O. Burrow, residing at Frankfort, Alabama

Robert Taylor Ezzell residing at Frankfort, Alabama

Mr. Burrow states his Post Office address is Frankfort, Franklin Co., Ala. His "counsel are Lewis & Fullerton, solicitors."

Jasper Burrow Claim (-continued-)

JASPER BURROW'S DEPOSITION

Mr. Burrow states he is 72 years of age and a resident of Franklin County since 1819. He was born in Union District, South Carolina. He is a farmer now and was previously a blacksmith. He presently resides where he did before the war. His sympathies were on the side of the Union cause from the beginning to the end of the war and are still unchanged. He never did or said anything against the Union but was willing and ready at all times to do what he could for the Union cause.

Burrow's feeling was "that the Confederate success at Manassas or Bull Run was unfortunate both for the Union and the Southern States. I was gratified at the fall of Vicksburg and the final surrender of the Confederate forces . . ."

When asked if he was ever threatened with damage or injury to person, family or property because of his Union sentiments, Jasper replied: "Two Confederate soldiers, whose names I do not know, on one occasion during the war came to my house and told me they had heard I had been talking in favor of the Union and stated that on account [of] my age they would not injure me for what was past, but if I talked any more in that way, I would be dealt with severely. Confederate Soldiers afterwards came and took all my corn, fodder and potatoes except about three bushels of corn. Cannot recollect to what command they belonged." This property was taken in 1863 by a regiment from South Alabama. Payment was requested but was refused.

Mr. Burrow stated he had three sons in the Rebel Army:

1. Anderson M. Burrow who volunteered at about age 30.
2. DeBruit Burrow at about age 27 or 28.
3. Oscar Burrow at about age 23 years.

DeBruit and Oscar were conscripted. Mr. Burrow contributed nothing for their outfit or support. He exerted all the influence he had against their entering service. DeBruit deserted and was harbored and supported by Mr. Burrow until he could get into the Federal lines which he succeeded in doing. DeBruit is now living in Colbert County. The others are dead.

In the fall of 1865, at Frankfort, Alabama, he took the oath of amnesty in order to be able to vote. He had voted only for Union delegates to the 1861 Alabama Convention.

Mr. Burrow states he had purchased the property taken from him (mare, bridle, saddle, and blankets). He had ridden the mare to Dr. Levi Mahan's residence on the public road 5 or 6 miles from his home. He saw the property taken. It was taken about 22 March 1865 by soldiers belonging to that part of the army commanded by Major Gen. J. H. Wilson while on a march south through Franklin Co., Alabama. The mare was taken in the presence of a Lieutenant and "a Soldier was mounted on the mare and being so mounted went on with the army."

There had been no recent battle or skirmish near by.

Jasper Burrow signed the Interrogatory with an X.

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Jasper Burrow Claim (-continued-)

JOHN C. TOMPKINS DEPOSITION

John C. Tompkins, a farmer, stated he was age 39, a resident of Franklin Co., Alabama where he had lived all his life with the exception of four years, two of which he lived in Arkansas and two years in the Union Army. He is not related to Burrow whom he has known 30 years.

Tompkins states, "My family lived within three miles of claimant during that period of the war after December 1862. I myself came back from Arkansas in July 1862 and often saw claimant until I went into the Union Service in December 1863." After July, 1862, he saw Burrow two or three times a month until he went into the Union Army.

Tompkins states that Burrow's public reputation was as a Union loyalist and that his neighbors all spoke of him as a Union man. "I feel sure Clark M. Tompkins, James K. West, Robert L. Ezzell, W. B. Malone and others, his neighbors during the war, would testify to his loyalty and public reputation in this behalf." According to Tompkins, other prominent men in the community who could have testified but who are now dead, were Christopher Tompkins, C. C. Tompkins and E. S. Vinson.

ROBERT T. EZZELL'S DEPOSITION

Robert T. Ezzell states he is 56 years of age, a farmer and a resident of Franklin County since 1858. He has known Jasper Burrow 17 years and lived 1½ mile from him during the war at which time he saw him about once a week.

Mr. Ezzell states, "When his son, Emmet Owen Burrow, was arrested as a conscript and escaped Confederate Service, he secreted and fed him and then kept him out of said service until the war was over. He also fed others who escaped Service."

The neighbors "all regarded and spoke of him as a Union Man, among whom was Christopher Tompkins, Dr. James K. West, E. S. Vinson, Clark M. Tompkins, and others. They, I think, could testify to his loyalty, if living. Christopher Tompkins and E. S. Vinson are dead." N. T. Underwood could also testify to his loyalty. Ezzell states he himself was a Northern sympathizer.

LEVI MAHAN'S DEPOSITION

Levi Mahan states he is 47 years old, a physician, and a resident of Franklin County for 18 years. He is not related to Mr. Burrow but has known him since 1863. He lived within three miles of him in 1863 and within five miles of him after that. He saw him as often as once a month during the war.

When asked if he knew of anything that showed Burrow to be loyal to the Union Cause during the war, Dr. Mahan replied that Burrow "was afraid to attend the burial of a nephew of his that was killed by the Confederates."

Aside from those already mentioned, Dr. Mahan listed Reuben Hooper and Richard Hargette as persons who could testify as to Burrow's loyalty. Mahan states he is also a Northern sympathizer. He saw the property taken by the troops since it was taken at his residence.

JOHN BURLESON

Southern Claims Commission Claim

Claimant: John Burleson, Franklin Co., Alabama;

Date of Claim: 19 August 1875

Date of Loss: February 1863

Claim: Bay mare (\$100), saddle, bridle and blankets (\$20), mule (\$175), another saddle, bridle and blanket (\$23) for a total of \$318.

On 14 August 1871 John Burleson gave Thos. C. Fullerton, Attorney at Law of Washington, D. C., his power of attorney. Said power of attorney was his authority to recover compensation for property taken from Burleson for use of the U. S. Army during the Civil War. The power of attorney was witnessed by Robt. Wardland and John L. Gray, J. P.'s of Franklin Co., Alabama.

Burleson listed his witnesses as himself, Charles Barrett, James Walker, Jonathan Walker, William Gwin Sr., William Gwin Jr., and Kenny Carpenter. There were no depositions included by the Gwinns.

JOHN BURLESON DEPOSITION

John Burleson stated on 11 August 1875 at Russellville, Alabama that he was 80 years old and a farmer. He was born in North Carolina but has continuously lived at his present residence in Franklin Co. for the last 35 to 40 years.

His sympathies were on the Union side during the war and were from the beginning. He never said anything against the Union and was at all times willing to do whatever he could to aid the Union. He stated he did nothing for the Union cause "as my means were too limited" but always spoke in favor of the Union.

The bay mare was taken by the troops from the son of Petutinia in the road. They also took the son of Joshua F. Burleson, about 18 years of age, a prisoner but liberated him at Corinth. They put the mare to the use of the Army. The mule was taken the same day from Richard Joel and put to the use of the Army. Mr. Joel was kept a prisoner until the next day when he was allowed to return home on foot.

The leading and best known Unionists of Burleson's neighborhood during the war were: Charles Barrett, M. H. Reed, Kenneth Carpenter and Hezekiah Massey.

Burleson "heard of threats being made against me on account of my Union Sentiments but they were never carried into effect. No threats were ever made to me in person."

Mr. Burleson stated a mule of his was stolen while the Confederates were close by but they did not confiscate anything.

Burleson stated he had two sons in the Confederate Army. They were William M. Burleson and J. F. Burleson. William was 22 years old when he enlisted and J. F. was 17 when he ran away and enlisted. Burleson says, "I gave them no outfit, but did afterwards when they were in a suffering condition, give them a pair of shoes each. I gave the shoes not as aid to the Cause they were in, but as a parent. They live in Colbert County, Alabama."

Regarding the property taken, Burleson states it was taken in the public road two miles from his residence in Franklin Co. His son (Joshua F.) was riding the mare when Northern troops took her and kept Joshua F. 17 days. He had to walk home

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when he was released. Richard Joel, a neighbor of Burleson, was riding the mule which he had borrowed to go to a tanyard. Mr. Joel was on his way home from Frankfort, Franklin County seat, where he had been on business. The property was taken under the command of Col. Cornyne on a raid from Corinth, Mississippi to Tusculumbia, Alabama.

Two or three weeks after Joshua F. was detained by the Northern troops, he ran off and joined the Confederacy. I have been told by my son that he joined the Confederacy because of it.

All the property was taken early in February, 1863.

Burleson signed the deposition with his mark.

MARTIN H. REED DEPOSITION

Martin H. Reed states he is 45 years old, a farmer, and a resident of Franklin County where he has lived all his life. He is not related to John Burleson but has known him 30 years and lived within a half mile of him during the war where he saw him two or three times each week.

Reed stated Burleson was a Union man opposed to Secession and was opposed to his sons going into the Rebel service. Burleson frequently declared he wished "Jeff Davis was in Hell!" His reputation among his neighbors, including Charles Barrett, Thomas Sartain, Enos Cothrum and Kenneth Carpenter was that he was a Union man.

Reed declares that the known and prominent Union men in the neighborhood were Burleson, Charles Barrett, Kenneth Carpenter, William Gwinn, John Elliott, Thomas Cooper and William Cooper. There were only a few secessionists in the neighborhood.

Reed states, "I was myself an adherent of the Union cause during the war." Deposition signed "H. M. Reid" [Note: Written Reed throughout.]

CHARLES BARRETT DEPOSITION

Charles Barrett states he is 66 years old. He resided in Franklin County for nine years previous to and including the war but moved to Mississippi in 1869. He returned this year [1875] and is a blacksmith and farmer. He is not related to Burleson but has known him 14 years. He lived within 3/4 mile of claimant during the war and saw him two or three times a week during that time. Burleson was a Union man and this can also be verified by Martin H. Reed, Kenneth Carpenter, William Gwinn and Hezekiah Massey.

Barrett states he too was a Union man and heard threats that he and Burleson would be hung unless "we held our tongue still."

JAMES WALKER DEPOSITION

James Walker states he is age 38, a farmer, and has been a resident of Franklin County about 16 years. He is a son-in-law of Burleson. He knows nothing about

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the actual taking of the property but did see it in February, 1863 in possession of that portion of the Union Army commanded by Col. Cornyne at Glendale, Mississippi on his arrival after the raid to Franklin County from Corinth, Miss. He recognized the property as John Burleson's.

Walker states he was in the service of the United States in Company D, First Alabama Cavalry at Glendale, Mississippi. He confirmed the value of the items taken.

James Walker signed his deposition with an X.

JONATHAN WALKER DEPOSITION

Jonathan Walker states he is 38 years of age, a farmer, a twin brother to James Walker, and a resident of Franklin County where he has resided about 16 years.

Jonathan states he was a Union soldier in Company D of the First Alabama Cavalry commanded by Col. Spencer at Glendale, Mississippi in February, 1863. The troops under the command of Col. Cornyne returned from a raid to Tusculumbia, Alabama and he recognized the property of claimant in their possession having known it before he went into the army.

Deposition of Jonathan Walker was signed with an X.

CONCLUSION

by

Claims Commission

The claimant is about 84 years of age. He resided throughout the war in Franklin County, Alabama. He says he was all the time on the side of the Union and his witnesses say the same thing and add that he cursed Jeff Davis.

Two of his sons were in the Confederate Army and he sent them shoes "as a parent and not as aid to the cause."

It is difficult to believe that the old man with such Confederate surroundings was in sympathy with the Federal cause. There is no evidence that his Confederate neighbors thought he was. The witness Barrett was a claimant also and professed loyalty but failed to prove it and his claim has been disallowed.

There is no evidence of Mr. Burleson's disloyalty, while on the other hand the facts do not warrant us in reporting loyalty satisfactorily proved. He is one of a small clan of cases where the evidence is too meagre to establish the political status of the claimant beyond a reasonable doubt.

Loyalty is not satisfactorily proved and the claim is disallowed.

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BELLEFONTE TOWN MINUTES

(Part 4)

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

Page 33 26 April 1855, evening.

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant

R. C. T. Gill, C. B. Rountree, William McReynolds, John Patton and W. L. Shelton, councillors. Quorum present.

The bond of the Clerk was presented, allowed, and ordered filed with the proper officer. The bond of the treasurer, N. Kyle, was presented, allowed and ordered filed. The oath of office having been administered to N. Kyle he was declared competent to discharge the duties of his office. The bond of the Marshall, David Cromer, was presented and filed, and the oath of office having been administered he was declared competent to enter upon the duties of his office as Marshall.

Ordered that well rope recently bought by the Marshall for use of the town be allowed and that the merchant of whom they were purchased present his account at the usual time for presenting such accounts.

Ordered that any person firing a gun, pistol or firearms within the city limits, upon conviction, shall be fined \$1 for the first conviction and \$2 for each subsequent conviction.

Page 34 Ordered that the Clerk of this Board make out a direct index to the Ordinances and Orders of this Corporation. [Note: This index was not included with these minutes.]

Ordered that an Ordinance to establish a patrol of the town of Bellefonte be amended so that the leader of the patrol shall take an oath to patrol at least twice a week and to report to the Board each default unless he gives a sufficient excuse for not serving.

It is further ordained that if any person subject to patrol duty fails to do so without sufficient excuse he shall be fined \$1. to be collected as other fines.

[No date given.]

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant

W. L. Shelton, C. B. Rountree, and John Patton, councillors.

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Page 34 Be it ordained that the Ordinance concerning retailing spirituous liquor be changed
Page 35 to read that a license (tax) shall be \$25 instead of \$500.

Wednesday Evening, 2 May 1855. Regular Meeting.

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant

R. T. Gill, W. L. Shelton, C. B. Rountree and John Patton, councillors.

Regarding an ordinance to prevent and punish breaches of the peace, etc., be it ordained that the first section of said ordinance read as though the word "wrestling" were not inserted therein and that it be struck out of said section.

Ordered that W. McReynolds be fined \$2. for non-attendance at this meeting.
Adjourned.

Page 36 Wednesday, 7 June 1855

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant

C. B. Rountree, W. L. Shelton, Wm. McReynolds and R. C. T. Gill, councillors.

Ordered that the \$2. fined Wm. McReynolds for his non-attendance at the May meeting be set aside he having shown sufficient excuse.

Ordered that the Marshall of Bellefonte be authorized and instructed to have the spring cleaned and under the instruction of a committee consisting of William McReynolds and C. B. Rountree, councillors, and report to this Board at its next regular meeting.

R. C. T. Gill filed a written complaint with the Board as follows:

Some Indian corn is planted by Daniel M. Martin and W. R. W. Cobb in the alley from Beaver Street to Adams Street which creates an obstruction in said alley. R. C. T. Gill desires that said street be opened.

The entire Board ordered to meet at residence of R. C. T. Gill and on the above premises and enquire into said cause of complaint and make their report.

Page 37 Thursday, 7 June 1855

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant

R. C. T. Gill, C. B. Rountree, William McReynolds and W. L. Shelton.

The councillors proceeded to the consideration of R. C. T. Gill's complaint against Daniel M. Martin and W. R. W. Cobb. The following action was taken:

Majority Report: The majority of the Bellefonte City Councillors felt that R. C. T. Gill was in fact inconvenienced by the obstruction of said street and it is ordered that 15 days notice be given Daniel M. Martin and Wm.

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R. W. Cobb to clear the obstruction. The Marshall is hereby required to notify said Martin and Cobb of this Board's decision.

Minority Report: The minority report of the Board of the corporate authority of the town of Bellefonte summoned by the Intendant to examine into and make a report upon the complaint of R. C. T. Gill make this report: It is their opinion that Mr. R. C. T. Gill is incommoded to some extent but they do not consider that he is sufficiently incommoded as to justify the opening up the alley specified in said complaint at this time or in so short a time as 15 days from this date as others; the crop thereon would be entirely destroyed and we are in favor of opening said alley at the proper time and propose the first day of October 1855 at which time no one would be injured thereby.

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It appearing that there was a majority in favor of opening up of said street and it was so ordered.

Friday Evening, 15 June 1855. A called meeting.

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant

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

Resolved that the Intendant appoint a committee of four to let out the streets leading from the southwest corner of the public square by the church and the one from M. J. Crumble's house leading in the direction of the [Tennessee] River to Sublett's Landing and such repairs as they may think fit and necessary of Spring Street; the streets to be let out to the lowest responsible bidder at public outcry or otherwise as the committee thinks proper. Said committee to prescribe the character and kind of work and improvement to be made on said streets and commit the contract to writing & etc. The committee controls the work until finished. It is ordered by the Intendant that said committee shall be composed of:

Wm. McReynolds, R. C. T. Gill, C. B. Rountree and John Patton.

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R. C. T. Gill presented an account vs. the town of Bellefonte which was ordered to be marked "presented" and the cancellation of the same was postponed until the next meeting of this board.

Adjourned.

[No date.]

On the [blank] day of June 1855, George Fulcher appeared before the Clerk of this corporation [Bellefonte] and after having shown the recommendation of six citizens of the corporation of Bellefonte recommending Fulcher as a suitable person to retail spirituous and venous liquors within the corporate limits of said town, and it having been approved by H. C. Cowan, Intendant, and Fulcher having taken the oath required and he having deposited the specified sum of money with

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the Clerk, license is issued for the term of 12 months beginning on the 24th day of April 1855. License allows George Fulcher to retail spirituous liquors within the corporate limites of Bellefonte.

Be it remembered that on the 25th day of June 1855 James M. Gurley appeared before the Clerk of the town of Bellefonte and filed the recommendation required by ordinance and took the oath to obtain license to retail spirituous liquors within the limits of Bellefonte. Same was granted beginning 25 June 1855 and expiring 26 June 1856.

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9 July 1855. A called meeting.

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant

W. L. Shelton, C. B. Rountree, Wm. McReynolds and John Patton.

Ordered that \$3 be allowed to Marshall David Cromer for services done upon the spring under order by this Board.

The marshall, David Cromer, tendered his resignation and the same was received.

Be it ordained by the Corporate authorities [the City Council] of the town of Bellefonte, Alabama that the rate of taxes for the year 1855 be 3/4 of the assessment made for the year 1854.

The board having received the resignation of the former marshall, David Cromer, it proceeded to elect M. J. Crumpler as marshall of the town of Bellefonte.
Adjourned.

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Wednesday, 1 August 1855

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant

W. McReynolds, C. B. Rountree, R. C. T. Gill and W. L. Shelton.

The bond of M. J. Crumpler having been presented was approved and Crumpler having taken the oath he was declared competent to enter in the discharge of his duties as marshall.

Ordered that the Marshall proceed to the assessment of the taxable property of Bellefonte.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, [blank] September 1855

There was not a quorum present and it was ordered that a fine of \$2 be assessed against Wm. McReynolds and John Patton for their non-attendance.

Adjourned.

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MINUTES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
(Part 1)

The Minutes of the Circuit Court beginning in 1865 were found in the basement of the Jackson County courthouse in Scottsboro. There was no front cover, the first 20 pages were missing, and the next 41 pages were Bellefonte City Council minutes covering the time period from 1854 to 1860. These Circuit Court minutes actually began on page 66 of the ledger.

During the Civil War the courthouse at Bellefonte was burned by Northern troops and it appears that only the ledgers in use at the time were saved. How this one escaped the fire is a mystery unless a city father had it at his home at the time. After the war there was little or no money with which to buy supplies so when a ledger was found with only the first 61 pages used the conservative city officials wisely put it to use in the Circuit Court. Abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Fall Term, 1865.

9 October 1865, Bellefonte, Alabama [County Seat.]

Benjamin Snodgrass, Sheriff

L. H. Brewer, Clerk

Hon. W. J. Haralson, Judge

The sheriff summoned the following 15 persons who were empaneled, sworn, and charged as a Grand Jury:

A. C. Austin
W. H. Christian
William Mathews
John R. Coffey
Jacob Coulson
R. L. Kirbey
J. M. Gullatt
Thomas Wilson

Macklin McCutcheon
Adam H. Caperton
Russell W. Clay
Mathew Sims
J. T. Skelton
E. M. Kirbey
D. D. Langston

John R. Coffey was appointed and sworn in as foreman of the Grand Jury.
James Tharp was sworn in as baliff.

The sheriff also summoned the following men who, being called, appeared and were discharged:

James Lawless
Frank Fennel
T. E. McMahan
William Skelton

J. P. Russell
Joseph Garland
Samuel Vaughn

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W. R. Larkin, Admr.

vs.

G. W. Williams and

W.. G. Williams

Oct. 10, 1865. Comes the parties by their attorneys and it appearing to the court that at the Spring Term, 1863 of this Court the death of W. G. Williams was suggested and cause to revive in the name of the administrator, when known, which order was omitted on the minutes of this court; it is therefore ordered that said order be now granted.

Minutes of the Circuit Court (-continued-)

- John G. Kirkpatrick vs. S. E. Kennamore Oct. 10, 1865. Comes the parties by their attorneys and upon the suggestion of the death of the plaintiff, John G. Kirkpatrick, leave is granted to revive in the name of the administrator when made known.
- Dwyer & Wilder vs. Larking & Gross, Admr. of E. H. Dillard, decd. Oct. 10, 1865. Came the parties by their attorneys and it appearing to the Court that the plaintiffs in this cause are non-residents it is ordered by the Court they give security for costs.
- M & C RR vs. T. J. H. Kirby Oct. 10, 1865. Comes the parties by their attorneys and upon the suggestion of the death of T. J. H. Kirby, leave is given to revive in the name of the administrator when made known.
- Samuel Mead vs. Murphy Matheney Oct. 10, 1865. Comes the parties by their attorneys and suggest the deaths of Samuel Mead and Murphy Matheney and leave is granted to to revive in the name of administrators when made known.

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- H. Lewis, et al, Admr. vs. Samuel Mead Oct. 10, 1865. Come the parties by their attorneys and upon the suggestion of the death of the defendant leave is granted to revive in the name of his representative when known.
- Allison Anderson & Co. vs. Manning Matheney & Co. Oct. 10, 1865. Came the parties by their attorneys and suggests the death of Matheney, one of the defendants.
- Alexander McKinzie vs. Samuel Mead Oct. 10, 1865. Come the parties by their attorneys and suggest the death of the defendant. It is ordered that leave be granted to revive in the name of the representative when known.
- John M. Taylor vs. Samuel Mead. Oct. 10, 1865. Come the parties by their attorneys and suggest the death of defendant and leave is granted to revive in the name of the administrator when made known.
- Samuel Mead vs. D. H. Fullington Oct. 10, 1865. Comes the parties by their attorneys and suggest the death of the plaintiff. It is therefore ordered that leave be granted to revive in the name of the representative when made known.

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- W. R. W. Cobb vs. L. E. Lindsey Oct. 10, 1865. Comes the parties by their attorneys and it appearing to the court that the plaintiff in this case has departed this life, it is ordered that leave be granted to revive this cause in the name of the administrator.

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Lauderdale

DEED RECORD A-1

(Part 4)

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 from photocopies by Dorothy Scott Johnson through the courtesy of Dr. Darrell Russell, editor of the *Natchez Trace Traveler*. Continued from Vol. 25, Issue No. 3.

- Page 116-119 Warranty Deed
20 September 1823
James J. Hanna sells to Sarah Hanna, for \$10,000., a parcel of ground in the town of Nashville, Tennessee on the southeast side of the public square and being part of Lot No. 24 in the plan of said town on which stands a large brick house built by James [Jackson] and Washington Jackson. Also an alley eight feet wide appurtenant to the ground, leading from the southwest side to College Street, said alley being part of the ground purchased by James Hanna from Jenkin Whiteside. Sale includes houses and appurtenances thereunto belonging.
Witness: J. Kirkman and Jno. Simpson.
Acknowledged by Hanna 2 December 1823 in Nashville, Tennessee.
Recorded in Lauderdale County, Alabama 4 December 1823.
- Pages 119-120 Bill of *Saile*
2 December 1823
Thomas Davis sold to Uriah Davis, both of Lauderdale Co., Alabama, for \$350 two mares and colts, three cows and calves, two steers, three feather beds and furniture, one pot and oven, two sets of plates, two sets of knives and forks, 120 barrels of corn, five stacks of fodder, all my turning tools and all my farming utensils.
- Pages 120-122 Bill of Sale
9 September 1822
James Garner of Maury Co., Tennessee sold to Lewis Garner of Lauderdale Co., Alabama, for \$50. three negro slaves (Malberry, a man about 60 years; Sarrah and her son James), all my blacksmith tools (a full set), one sorrel horse, all my household and kitchen furniture and implements of husbandry.
Note on side of page: "Delivered to Lewis Garner 20 Dec. 1823."
Witness: Nicholas Parrish and Samuel Read
Proven by Nicholas Parish 1 Dec. 1823.



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Bill of Sale.

14 Dec. 1823

Waller Ford sells to John Simpson, for \$1050., four negro slaves (a man, Jim, aged about 46; a dark mulatto woman named Sally aged about 27; a boy, William, aged about 3 years; and a girl, Susan, aged about 2 years.

Witness: Alexr. McFaddin and Marshal Clarke.

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Bill of *Sail*

10 October 1823

Abner Rossin of Lauderdale County, Alabama, for and in consideration of the love, good will and affection which I have and do bear my loving sons, James Rossin and William Rossin, both also of Lauderdale Co., Alabama, property presently in my possession as follows:

To my beloved son James Rossin one sorrell horse and bay colt, two cows and calves, 5 head sheep, two sows and shoats, one bed and furniture and one mare, saddle and bridle. To my beloved son William Rossin, one bay mare, one black horse, two cows and calves, two sows, one bed and furniture, one woman's saddle and all my household and kitchen furniture and farming utensils.

I have already delivered the said property.

Witness: Alexr. McDugall, JP, and Allen Kirk

Recorded 30 December 1823

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Deed

25 December 1823

Andrew McMecken, Senior, sells to Andrew McMecken, Junior, both of Lauderdale Co., for \$1.00 in order to secure a comfortable support for his son, Andrew Jr., a negro girl, Jane, and her six children: Mirinda [also written Marena], Delinda [also written Delila], Starling, Frankey, Siney and Daniel. Daniel is to be the property of Andrew John Willy McMecken, son of Andrew Jr. Jane is to be emancipated after having born and weaned four other children. The mulatto girl named Delila, born October 26, 1813, is to be emancipated at the age of 21 years. The above sale is in trust, nevertheless, to recover the rents and profits of the slaves and apply same to his own support and the maintenance of his family. At the death of Andrew Jr., the title to the slaves shall rest with his children living at the time. Signed by Andrew Sr. and Jr.

Witness: Richard Farris and William N. Douglass.

Proven by William N. Douglass 27 Dec. 1823

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Power of Attorney

10 December 1823

Robert Boyd of Cooper County, Mo., Admr. of the estate of Jacob Lindsey, decd., of New Madrid County, and the guardian of the minor heirs, does appoint

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Robert Payne (one of the heirs of said deceased Jacob Lindsey), his attorney to attend to all and every part of said administration in every state in the United States. He is to receive of John Chisholm in Alabama, administrator of the estate of John Lindsey, deceased, the father of the said Jacob Lindsey, any property or money which may be in his hands that belongs to the said estate.

Witness: Geary Crawford and James Hornback

Acknowledged by Robert Boyd 10 December 1823.

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Power of Attorney

26 December 1823

John H. Woodcock hereby appoints Anthony H. Davis his true and lawful attorney to sell and convey a number of lots in the town of Tuscumbia, Franklin Co., Alabama [lots described but not copied here.]

Witness: John Vicy and Thos. Simpson

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Emancipation of Slave

3 November 1817

Joshua Winn, Senior, for and in the consideration of the sum of \$300 current money in hand paid, set free and emancipated a yellow Coloured man named Andrew as though he had never been a slave and further exonerate him from the claim of myself, my heirs, etc., as if he had been born free. Document witnessed by Henry Miller, Paul Shirly, James A. Shirly and Wm. Logan.

Proven in Barren County, Kentucky in Decemoer, 1817 by Henry Miller and Paul Shirly.

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Power of Attorney

3 December 1823

Nollard[?] H. Marks appoints Anthony Davis, both of Lauderdale Co., Ala., his lawful attorney to make a deed or deeds on land consisting of ten acres in Franklin County, Ala. Said land now occupied by one C. H. J. Briscoe. Deed or deeds to be made to anyone "to whom the late firm of Davis & Marks (composed of said Davis and myself) are indebted." Possession may take place anytime after 1 January 1826 but not sooner.

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Deed — In Arkansas Territory

17 January 1824

Thomas Brewer sells to Prestly Ward (both of Lauderdale Co., Ala.) for \$75., 160 acres granted Brewer by patent by the United States on 27 Nov. 1820 for his services as a private in Capt. Jones's Company of the First Regiment of Infantry under the Act of Congress of 6 May 1812 it being the NW/4 of Section 35-14North-5West in the Arkansas Territory.

Signed by Thomas Brewer with an X.

Witness: Levi Howell[?] and Thomas F. Taylor.

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Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

- Pages 137-138 Bill of Sale
29 January 1824
Emzy Wilson of Charleston, Virginia [now West Virginia], for \$392. sells to William Wightman of Florence, Alabama, a negro girl named Betsy, age about 16 years.
- Pages 138-139 Deed
22 November 1823
John Martin of Madison County, Alabama sells to Christopher Strong of Dickson County, Tennessee, for \$200., land in Lauderdale Co., Ala. known as the N/2 SW/4 Sec. 35-2-13W. [A note on side of deed: "Delivered to Strong on 8 May 1824."]
Witnessed by James[?] H. Weakly and John J. Winston.
- Pages 140-142 Deed
13 January 1824
Note: At first this appeared to be a duplicate of the deed on pages 126-128 but it is not; there are major differences.
Andrew McMecken, Senior, sells to Andrew McMecken, Junior, both of Lauderdale Co., Alabama [also written Meckin], for \$1.00 and for the purpose of securing a comfortable support of Andrew Jr., the following slaves: one negro woman named Jane and her six children and her future increase. The six children are Marenda, Delila, Starling, Franky, Sinny and Daniel. Daniel is to be the property of Andrew John Willy McMecken, son of Andrew Jr.
Jane is to be emancipated after having born and weaned four other children. Also, a mulatto girl named Delila born 26 Oct. 1813 is to be emanipated at age 21. It shall be the privilege of Andrew Jr. and his heirs, if they are so disposed, to emancipate any or all of the above named negroes.
Signed by both Andrew Jr. and Sr.
Witness: Levi Howell and William N. Douglass
Recorded 9 Feb. 1824
- Pages 142-143 Bond
10 March 1895
Received of Richard Halcomb, \$120.75 for which sum I promise to convey to him 60 acres of land entered in my name, near his northwest corner extending north . . . by Halcomb's paying the sum of \$6 or \$8 being the expense of carrying the same into Grants . . .
Signed by Richard Hightower
Witnessed by T. M. Crittenton and Travis Carter
Proven by Crittenton 15 January 1824.
- Pages 144-145 Deed
14 February 1824

Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

William Winborn sells to Josiah Parker for \$100 ten acres of land beginning on the west boundary of the NW/4 of Sec. 27-2-13W running north . . .

Witness: Samuel Johnson and Milton P. Johnson

Acknowledged by Winborn 14 Feb 1824

Pages 145-146

Bill of Sale

24 Feb. 1824

Thomas H. Alsop of Florence, Alabama sells to Edward O. Chambers for \$400, a negro girl named Dicy, age about 16 or 17.

Witness: John Simpson and Thomas Simpson

Proven by John Simpson 24 Feb. 1824 and recorded same day.

Pages 147-148

Bill of Sale

25 February 1824

Walden Fuller of Florence, Alabama sells to Nathan Fuller of Courtland, Ala., one negro girl named Mariah aged about 3 years for \$200.

Witness: J. M. Gibson and Geary Boggs, Jr.

Proven by Boggs and Gibson 25 Feb. 1824 and recorded same day

Pages 148-149

Bond

19 February 1824

As soon as a title can be made by the Cypress Land Company to Lot No. 71 in the town of Florence, Peter Blow binds himself, his heirs, etc., to make title to Alexander H. Wood, to 25 feet of said Lot No. 71 beginning at the SE corner running with Pine St. 25 feet to a stake . . . for \$200.

Witness: E. K. Hundell

Acknowledged by Peter Blow 25 Feb. 1824.

Pages 150-152

Deed

29 November 1822

The Connecticut Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons, otherwise called the American Asylum at Hartford for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb sells to Wyatt Colier of Limestone Co., Ala., for \$4,000 land in Lauderdale Co., known as the W/2 Sec. 11-3-13W with all appurtenances. Signed by John Boardman, attorney, agent for the American Asylum.

Ack. by Boardman before Clement C. Clay, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Recorded 1 March 1824.

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Performance Bond

1 March 1824

Henry Garrard, Lewis Marshall, Richard McMahan, James Philes (signed Files), David Hubbard, William W. Garrard, and William Garrard post a \$10,000.00

Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

bond for the performance of Henry Garrard who has this date been appointed tax assessor and collector for Lauderdale County.
Recorded 8 March 1823.

Pages 155-156 Deed
March 5, 1824
William Williams of Florence, Alabama sells to Salomy Williams, also of Florence, all my household and kitchen furniture, namely two featherbeds and furniture, one table and one chest, one trunk, six chairs, cooking utensils, 500 lbs. bacon, one cow and calf "&^C" for the amount of \$140.
Acknowledged by Williams 10 March 1824
Recorded *10 February 1824*.

Page 156 Emancipation Papers
21 October 1824
I, Arthur L. Davis, Clerk of the County Court of Gloucester County, Virginia, do certify that Allen Kelly, a Colored man about 25 years old, five foot 9 inches high, having a scar up his right arm near the wrist and born free, is registered in my office according to law. [See next entry.]
Recorded 10 March 1824.

Pages 157-158 Bill of Sale
10 March 1824
Harris Tinker of Lawrence Co., Alabama sells to Allen Kelly of Florence, Alabama a certain Mulatto woman named Sarah about 25 years old for the sum of \$400. [See previous entry.]
Witness: Prestly Ward
Proven by Ward 10 March 1824.

Pages 159-160 Auctioneer's Performance Bond
23 February 1824
Ezra Webb and Thomas Kirkman of Lauderdale County, Alabama post a \$2000 bond for the performance of Ezra Webb who has this day been appointed Lauderdale County auctioneer by the County Court and by the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues. Webb shall well and truly perform the duties of his office according to law and pay over all monies by his collected.
Recorded 11 March 1824.

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Lawrence

ALEXANDER AUSTIN DECLARATION FOR REVOLUTIONARY SERVICE PENSION

This pension application record was found on pages 57-59 of the Lawrence County Orphans Court Book entitled, "1825." Mr. Austin's record was also ordered from the National Archives in order to compare it to the one in Lawrence County. They were duplicates. The Archives copy shows John Gallagher as Court Clerk and included a notation that the claim was rejected. It stated, "Rejected—See letter 8 May 1826." Of course, no letter was in the file but there is a possibility the claim was rejected because Mr. Austin failed to prove he needed financial assistance.

The application was based on a liberalization of the law by an Act of Congress of 18 March 1818. This Act allowed pensions to veterans who had no disability. Prior to this, only disabled veterans were allowed pensions. There were some restrictions, however. The soldier had to have served in the military at least nine months. He also had to be in need of financial assistance.

The next Act, that passed on 1 May 1820, went further and required pensioners receiving pensions and those who newly applied, to submit a certified schedule of his estate and income. In other words, the veteran had to prove his need. Within a few years many, many veterans were taken off the rolls.

It may be that Alexander Austin was unable to prove his need to the satisfaction of the War Department and his claim was rejected as a consequence. Obtained and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

DECLARATION

Alexander Austin, a resident of Lawrence County, aged 75 stated that he enlisted (on what day, month or year he does not recollect) in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Dickson in the regiment commanded by Colonel Locke in the Brigade commanded by General Rutherford in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment.

He continued to serve in the Army of the United States for and during the War when he was discharged from service in the State of North Carolina, being then under the command of General Rutherford. After having served two years he was made Lieutenant and continued to hold the office of Lieutenant for some years and until discharged.

Alexander Austin hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present. He states that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of North Carolina as far as this affiant knows, though he was in different states during the term of his service and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, to-wit: He did not wish to call on his country for a support as long as it could be avoided.

He was in the Battles of Ramshaw's[?] Hill between the Whigs and Tories and at Gates' defeat.

In pursuance of the Act of 1 May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself with the provisions of the Act. I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or sureties, contracts or debts—nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed.

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Alexander Austin Revolutionary Application (-continued-)

The property is as follows:

A set of tea ware
 A set of plates
 Two pots
 An oven
 Skillet
 A common dining table and eight chairs

Mr. Austin states his occupation is that of a saddler but from old age and disability he is not able to labor at his business, or any other business, so as to be able to support himself.

His family consists of a wife and two children. His wife is about 70 years old and not able to support herself due to illness and debility and from having been in bad health for the last three years.

One of his children, a girl, is very sickly and weak of mind. She is about 32 years of age and not able to support herself. The other child is a man of about the age of 23 years and is able to support himself by teaching school.

He further states that since 18 March 1818 there has been but little alteration in his property and that being only loss and consumption. He has lost his discharge.

/s/ Alexander Austin

Sworn to and declared on the 13th day of March, 1826, in open Court before Peter W. Taylor, Esquire, Judge.

JOHN GALLAGHER STATEMENT

I, John Gallagher, Clerk of the County Court aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Alexander Austin did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration, against the common enemy from the time he enlisted for and during the War on the Continental establishment.

That part of said time Austin was a Lieutenant and that he is a man of respectable character and worthy of credit. It is the opinion of the Court that the total amount of value of the property exhibited in aforesaid Schedule is not more than \$50.

/s/ John Gallagher,
 Clerk of the County Court

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ROW OVER FAMILY TREE

Dan Boone's Descendant Divorces Thomas Jefferson's Grandniece.

St. Louis, Mo.—John T. Boone, Jr., descendant of Daniel Boone, obtained a divorce from Ethel Edwards Boone, great grandniece of Thomas Jefferson.

One of the allegations Boone made on the witness stand was that his wife repeatedly told him that her family tree was superior to his.

She considered Thomas Jefferson a more distinguished ancestor than the great Kentucky pioneer and Indian agent, and that she repeatedly declared the Boones looked like washerwomen when compared with the Jeffersons. [*The Limestone Democrat*, 28 Dec. 1911.]

LAWRENCE COUNTY COURT MINUTE BOOK "B"

1823

Part 3

Most of the entries in this ledger are for recovery of debt but no details as to circumstances are given. Continued from the March 1991 issue of *Valley Leaves*. Copied and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Page 13, July Term 1823

Philip Roddy	)	Appeal
agt.	)	On affidavit of the defendant it is ordered by the court that this
Martin B. M. Mahan	)	cause be continued until the next term of this Court.
James E. Kirkpatrick)	

Page 14, June 8, 1823

Samuel Rhea & Co.	)	On motion of the plaintiff's attorney it is ordered that he be per-
vs.	)	mitted to amend his writ.
F. S. G. Broadnax)	

ORDERED that William White be fined Four dollars for contempt in failing to serve as a Juror after having been summoned and on the same day, upon affidavit, it was ordered by the Court that said fine be remitted without payment of costs.

White & Lynn	)	On motion of the plaintiff's attorney it is ordered by the Court that
vs.	)	he be permitted to amend his Writ in said suit.
Edward R. Harvey)	

Gregg & Johnson	)	On motion of the plaintiff's attorney it is considered by the court
vs.	)	that he be permitted to amend his Writ in said suit.
James E. Mason.)	

Gregg & Johnson	)	On motion of the plaintiff's attorney it is ordered by the Court that
vs.	)	he be permitted to amend his Writ in said Suit. Ordered by the Court
John Payne	)	that the time for filing declaration be extended to the last day of
		August next and that the time for filing pleas be extended until the
		last day of the second week of the September term of this court.

John Henderson	)	Case
agt.	)	Came the parties by their attorney and thereupon came a jury of
James M. Banks	)	good & lawful men, to wit: Jno. Wade, William Jones, Lewis Campbell,
		Samuel Byram, John Reese, George E. Saunderson, Josiah Wheat,
		Martin B. McMahon, George Worley, Jacob Barnes, John Simmons &
		Parker Alexander, who being elected tried & sworn the truth to speak,
		say the defendants did not assume in manner & form as the plaintiff
		in declaring hath alledged. It is, therefore, considered by the Court

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that defendant recover against plaintiff his costs in his behalf expended.

Page 16. July 8, 1823.

State of Alabama)
vs.)
James Harris)

Bastardy
This day came the State of Alabama by Fletcher Taylor, Esq. who prosecutes on behalf of the State and the said James Harris, and thereupon came a Jury of good and lawful men, to wit: William Breedlove, Thomas Ashford, Abram M. Degraffenreid, John E. Old, Nathan Gregg, David W. Hunter, William H. McCann, William Hicks, Reuben Rucker, Jeremiah Hendrick, Eugenio[?] Campbell, and Robert Kyle. Verdict: Defendant is guilty of having begotten a bastard female child upon the body of Elizabeth Buisck of which the said Elizabeth *Busack* was on the 29th day of November 1822 delivered. It is therefore considered by the court that James Harris be condemned to pay the sum of \$300 in equal annual instalments of \$30 each from the 8th day of July toward the support and education of said child. Defendant also ordered to pay the costs of this suit and enter into bond with security and that he be in custody of the Sheriff until said bond be given. Defendant entered into bond with James Shaw and William Bryan as his securities.

David Kyle)
vs.)
Moses McDaniel)

Appeal
On application of the defendant it is ordered by the Court that this cause be continued until the next term of court.

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John Pope[?])
vs.)
James Doswell)

Appeal
This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to-wit: Edmund P. Anderson, John Wade, William Jones, Lewis Campbell, Samuel Bingham, John Reese, George E. Sanderson, Josiah Wheat, Martin B. McMahan, George Worley, Jacob Barner & John Sunman[?] who being elected and sworn the truth to speak upon their oaths do say: they find for the plaintiff \$18 debt and \$6.66 damages sustained by reason of said debt. The court felt the appeal was taken for delay and fined the defendant a further 15%, or \$3.72½ plus costs of this suit.

Isham Smith)
vs.)
John O. T. Hawkins)

Appeal
Came the parties in their proper persons and defendant acknowledges that he can not gainsay the plaintiff's action but that he is indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of \$26 and has damages in amount of \$1.04 due to detention of said debt. The court ruled that plaintiff to recover of defendant his debt and costs in this suit. It appears the appeal was taken for delay and the Court ordered defendant to pay plaintiff a further 15% on debt.

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

Limestone

HISTORY OF ATHENS, ALABAMA

By
Mrs. R. V. Howard

The following history of Limestone County's county seat was copied from *The Alabama Courier* of May 2, 1895. In order to better appreciate and understand the times in which your ancestor lived, and thereby better understand your ancestor, we feel an article of this type warrants republishing. It mentions many names and gives many happenings in which your ancestor may have been involved. Copied and contributed by Eulalia Wellden.

I must disclaim the title, *History of Athens* for this brief mention of places and people, some of whom I have known and others of whom I have heard, for much of the tale I tell as it was told to me in the happy days of youth . . .

Written or printed records of the more distant past there are almost none and tradition, however interesting, is rarely reliable—perhaps more interesting for that very reason, since fancy can supply what is wanting in fact. Far back in the beginning of the present, possibly before the close of the last century, in the times referred to in an antebellum speech by our honored and now venerable ex-Senator Pryor, as “the wood pecker days of the republic,” tradition states that an adventurous trader pitched his tent or raised his log cabin somewhere near the site of the old Bass Tavern, present Leslie House, for the purpose of trafficking with the Indians. As to whence he came, how long he tarried and whither he went, whether with his scalp or without it tradition is discreetly noncommittal.

In the presence, however, of citizens still living, the father of Judge Rather of Tusculumbia, related the fact that he helped to build the first house on the spot where Athens now stands. He was, I believe, one of a party surveying government lands in the then territory of Alabama, and the house was on the hillside south or west of the Big Spring, protected by a stockade or some defence against Indians.

There had been an excitement in Sim's settlement, in the northwest corner of the county, by the murder of a setter by Indians while out hunting.

At the sale of government lands at Huntsville in February, 1818, 160 acres of land were bought by Robert Beaty, John Carroll and others, and in November of the same year, incorporated in the town of Athens, sponsor unknown, taking precedence of Cambridge, a settlement six miles southeast, as the county seat of Limestone by but one vote.

In 1820 and 1821 Daniel Coleman and Nicholas Davis were justices of the peace.

Samuel Tanner came to this place in 1825, was the first mayor, an office which he held several times, and which has seemed hereditary in his family, two of his sons having filled it; his only surviving son, John T. Tanner, oftener than any one citizen. Samuel Tanner dwelt for many years on the hillside south of the spring on the corner of the Vasser lot, in a house, probably the very one or part of it mentioned by Col. Rather, remembered well by the present writer more than twenty years later—a log cabin shaded by huge sycamore trees and from which she received her first impression of color; for as she trotted to the spring with nurse or cook, its dim interior seemed illumined with a glory of patchwork quilts, marvels of designs and brilliancy of coloring, the coveted possessions of Mrs.

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Johnson, mother of the present or recent editor of *The Cullman Tribune*. I hope the quilts still exist and give as much pleasure to some grandchild of the maker as they gave me in the long ago.

Court was held in a log house until a brick building was erected in 1834-5, burned by Federal soldiers in 1863 and rebuilt in 1867. I have been told that the clock in the cupola of the first courthouse was the handiwork of that mechanical genius, Samuel Crenshaw—without a model, he never even having seen a town clock.

About this time several residences of brick were put up—the Richardson, Beaty, Vasser homes and a small brick cottage where the Commercial Hotel now stands; the latter has been completely demolished and all the former remodeled and enlarged.

For many years, even till the war, our little town nestled in the bosom of the “forest primeval.” Oak, tulip, poplar, pine and chestnut trees encompassed it on every side. When we went to school at the Fraser homestead it appeared a perilous journey through an enchanted wood from the big gate to the seemingly distant schoolhouse and if the awe inspired by the sombre shade were increased to actual terror by the hoot of an owl in the thicket, we fled ignominiously to the undesirable “mixtry” of jam, butter, biscuit and milk in the basket that contained our noon lunch.

A tour through Europe would not now be so momentous an adventure as then was blackberrying in the fields back of the old Austin place.

After all, the interest in places is but the light or shadow cast by the characters that people them. Athens has been the home of many men and women whose influence will long outlive the marble that covers their dust or the memory of their names among survivors.

Daniel and Ruffin Coleman bought land in 1823 and made a home of their sensible,

stately mother of whom Father Donnell, a fine judge in this as in other matters, said “I like her, she is such a gentlemanly old lady.” It is pleasant to note that the law of heredity has been justified in her children to the third and fourth generations. That home, like many others, has become the property of strangers and changed with the changing times. Not a spray remains of the Carolina jessamine that once embowered the garden gate. “Oh, the faint sweet smell of that jessamine flower.” Of the white musk cluster, the *rosa odorata*, that makes a memory “a vase in which roses have once been distilled,” not a bud sends forth its perfume save one pressed between the leaves of a long closed book.

The marks of shot and shell—those honorable war scars—have been effaced from the old walls by paint and prosperity.

One of the marked personages of my earliest recollection was Aunt Mourning Parrott, sister of Mrs. Robert Beaty. She would hold us spellbound as she recounted experiences of her early life in the Pennsylvania wilderness. She was stolen by Indians when about twelve years of age, was kept for months in their wigwams, escaped by her own shrewdness, was pursued, hid in a hollow log all day and heard her pursuers run over it, waded up a stream all night carrying in her hand her ragged shoes and the bag of parched corn she had secreted for her sustenance. After wandering several days she came to a white settlement from which she was taken to her own home. Her interest in out-of-door pursuits continued to the end of her long, useful life. Under her direction was made the beautiful garden at the Beaty home. She planted those wonderful beds of tulips, narcissus and hyacinth which have roused the envy and admiration of three generations, and from which the subtle perfume is wafted to me as I write. [Ed: *According to her tombstone in the Athens Cemetery, Mourning Parrott was born in 1777 and died July 16, 1852.*]

Another interesting memory of my

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childhood is of old Mrs. Dorothea Spotswood Winston, the eldest daughter of Patrick by his second wife. I apply the term "old" to these people of a by-gone generation: for when we are children everybody who is grown up seems old. When we have attained the same number of years we are not old—there is something in us still young. Is it the soul? And is this an argument for its mortality?

Mrs. Winston lived with her son-in-law, James Crenshaw, whose daughter was one of my best loved friends. Their house was rich in books, and there I extended the acquaintance begun in my own and my grandfather's home with many a master of English, Marryatt, Cooper, Scott and others.

Mrs. Winston was a charming woman, possessing a gift of language worthy of her eloquent sire. Often at night when a too luxurious revel in ghost stories, aided possibly by the regulation Southern supper of fried chicken, beaten biscuit, hot waffles and strong coffee, had driven sleep from my eyelids and enthroned that formless horror Raw Head and Bloody Bones on the high gate post and converted the gentle breathing of my sleeping companions into awful threats of the monster's fury, the dear old lady would lie by me and letting me clasp her hand tightly, would exorcise the terror by telling incidents of her early life in the Old Dominion and the Revolutionary storms, till sleep fell suddenly like a dropped curtain between my senses and the waking world and when the latter resumed its sway I would skip through the dreaded gateway without a thought of the midnight horror.

Many names worthy of record must be omitted from this brief sketch. "Aunt Sallie Bass," so skilled in the treatment of infants' diseases that many a perplexed mother thought her "better than a doctor."

"Grandma Lindley" whose gentle counsel uttered with the then unfamiliar northern accent. I also remember well "Aunt Patsy Fisher," Mrs. Nancy Tanner, Mrs. Sallie David and many others.

The Old Cemetery

That wonderful memories would revive, could some Old Mortality appear, gifted with clairvoyant powers to decipher dates and the names of the long forgotten dead in our old cemetery!

The best possible substitute for the impossible may be found in our respected citizen, Milton Virgil Irvin, who for more than half a century has honestly and faithfully performed the solemn duty of laying in their last quiet bed the denizens of Athens as one by one they fall asleep. He tells me that the first burial in the first, and now long abandoned cemetery, was that of a Mr. McDade, followed soon after by that of Mrs. Tom McKinney, Ben Price, a sister of Mrs. Hammerly, but he can not recall the tenant of the upright, square brick monument, soon to be toppled over by an aspiring young cedar tree which has pushed its plumes upward into the air and its roots downward into the mold, and which was a puzzle to the writer half her lifetime, she honestly believing for many years that the occupant died standing and was entombed in that attitude.

George S. Houston

Athens is justly proud of the sons she has sent forth. Both in public and in private life they have won golden opinions: Coleman, Martin, English, Pryor, Hobbs, Fielding, Richardson, McClellan and others have thrown brilliant light upon their modest mother town.

About twenty years ago I was one of a group in an upper window of the Capitol at Montgomery looking down upon a gay scene lighted by the Southern sun. Banners waved, soldiers marched and music throbbed upon the air. Amid an assembly of fair women and brave men on a stage in front of the Capitol stood two men, the observed of all that enthusiastic throng, for in the hush that succeeded the clash of music and applause of voices, Robert C. Brickell, chief justice of the state was administering the oath of office to Governor George S. Houston, the honored, the

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lamented. Both were men of Athens. . . .

Negroes

This meager chronicle would not be complete without a word of those of the negro race who were faithful in slavery and have been respected in freedom. Some have gone where there is no distinction of color. They certainly merit a place in grateful memories as faithful, loving nurses of sick and wounded soldiers whom they had tended and petted in infancy as safe repositories of family treasures when their owners had no power to protect their own. Many held heroic natures and deserve a place in the history of our Southland.

One survivor whom we know, Uncle Otho Fraser, fed the family of his old master for months during the war, cobbling for Federal soldiers and drawing rations for his "white folks" in payment.

The only free colored people whom I remember in my childhood were "Uncle Phil," whose surname, if he had any, I do not recall. He was a much respected shoe maker or harness maker by trade and was, I think, sent to Ohio on the passage of some legislative act forbidding the dwelling of colored freedmen in the slave states.

And "Aunt Cherry," the maker and vender of immense and most luscious ginger cakes and whose rival in my respect was "Cap'n Rice," the manufacturer and probably inventor of a mysterious "sweetness long drawn out," which he certainly had the honor of naming "chawin' candy" a predecessor and antetype of the now popular caramel.

More History

All interested in annals of our little town I would refer to *Scraps of History of Limestone County* written by the late Dr. T. Stith Malone for *The Athens Post* of March, 1867, and to the series of articles entitled *Athens Fifty Years Ago* by Mr. John T. Tanner who treats the subject con amore and published in *The Athens Post* from June to August, 1876.

Mr. Tanner is now the oldest resident

of Athens having been brought here by his parents in 1825 when he was five years old. He tells me there is now not a house standing nor an individual living, except himself, which was here at that time.

Ex-senator Luke Pryor, so well and honorably known throughout the State and nation, is one month older than Mr. Tanner but has not lived so long in the town and Milton V. Irwin, older than either, came to the place in 1826. He married a beautiful Miss Mary M. Cracken whose family name represented to my childish mind all the dignity and mystery of the Masonic fraternity because they lived at the Masonic Hall.

Most of the homes of Athens, made sacred by so many associations of joy and sorrow, have passed from those whose parents or grand parents made and beautified them long since.

The Donnell place, presided over forty years ago by my ideal of placid, tender matronhood, Mrs. Maria Jones Donnell, is now the site of the North Alabama Agricultural Station and Normal College.

I believe the Fraser, Richardson, Vasser and Beaty homes are all that for more than half a century have remained in the same families.

Of the Christian women of the past generation, my mother's contemporaries, Mrs. Rebecca Maclin Hobbs, Martha Wyche Fraser, Mrs. William Turner, Mrs. James C. Malone, Elizabeth Peterson Coleman, Mary Beaty Houston, Margaret Coman Brickell, Anne Davis Richardson, Eliza Davis Malone, Mary Vasser Crenshaw, Glorvinia Beaty Mason and many others. I believe Mrs. Sally Redus Tanner and Mrs. Martha Davis Lane are the only survivors. The latter came to holy communion at St. Timothy's church last year on her eightieth birthday....

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Madison

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

Part 3

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.

May Term, 1812

Page 25 The Territory) Dillon Blevins, late of Madison Co., Miss. Terr., labourer,
 vs.) did on the 21st day of January 1811 with force and arms,
 Dillon Blevins) assault Stephen Smith, labourer, by pointing and cocking
 his gun at Smith in an angry manner. John Bunch, foreman
 of the grand jury. The Sheriff was ordered to find and safely keep Blevins to answer
 the charges. Afterwards at a court held on the second Monday in May 1812, with
 consent of the Attorney General, Louis Winston, and with the assent of the Court, a
 noleprosequi [not prosecuted] was entered. Whereupon came Stephen Smith, the
 prosecutor, and Dillon Blevins, the defendant, and each assume payment of one-half
 the cost of this case.

Pages 26-28 The Territory) [Note: See original charges against Haynes in *Valley Leaves*,
 vs.) Part 2 of these Superior Court of Law & Equity Minutes.]
 John B. Haynes) On 10 August 1811, with force and arms in Madison Co.,
 Miss. Terr., Haynes assaulted William Badger, beat, wounded,
 and ill treated him to the great damage of Badger and against the peace and dignity
 of the Miss. Territory. J. W. Walker, presented the case to the grand jury. William
 Lanier was foreman and the jury returned a true bill.

The Sheriff was commaned to find Haynes and keep him safely [jail him] to answer criminal charges as set out above. Sheriff Stephen Neal served Haynes on 13 May 1812. Haynes came into court and pleaded not guilty whereupon a jury of good and lawful men were called to hear the case: Marvin Kyle, David Childress, Charles Burrus, Jacob Sivley, Frances Bell, John Allison, Wyatt Bishop, Nathaniel Chester, John Carter, William Brandon, Robert S. Valient and Cullen Earp. Verdict: Haynes is guilty in manner and form as charged. He was fined \$13.75 plus costs.

Pages 28-29 The Territory) James Burlison, on 15 March 1810, with force and arms in
 vs.) Madison Co., Miss. Terr., did commit a trespass by taking
 James Burlison) away two Negroes named Stephen and Jane, the property



Superior Court of Law & Equity (-continued-)

of William Wilbourn. Stephen was valued at \$200 and Jane was valued at \$100. The negroes were in the possession of Wilbourn when taken. Louis Winston was attorney for the county and presented the case to the grand jury. John Bunch was foreman of the jury which returned a true bill. Afterwards, at the May term of Superior Court, 1812, no prosecutor attending, the case was *noleprosequi* [not prosecuted further.]

Pages 29-31 The Territory) Case: James Burlison had to post a \$500 bond in his case
vs.) outlined above. The bond was levied against Burlison's
James Burlison) goods, chattels, lands and tenements to ensure that he make
his appearance at circuit court on the first Monday in
October, 1810 to answer criminal charges alleged by William Wilbourn. Bond was
set aside.

Pages 31-32 The Territory) Case: On 10 Aug. 1811 John Winston, with force and arms
vs.) in Madison Co., Miss. Terr., did physically assault William
John J. Winston) Badger. Winston did beat, wound and ill treat Badger to the
great damage of Badger and to the evil example of all others
in like case offending and against the peace and dignity of the Territory. The grand
jury returned a true bill. Wm. Lanier, foreman. The Sheriff was ordered to find and
keep Winston so that he appear in Court on the second Monday in May, 1812.
Afterwards, at said May term of Superior Court, 1812, by consent of Louis Winston,
Attorney General for the Territory, and with the assent of the court, the case was
noleprosequi [not prosecuted.]

Pages 32-33 The Territory) Second Monday in May, 1812.
vs.) Case: Luther Morgan, Merchant in the town of Huntsville
Luther Morgan) and Madison Co., with force and arms did an assault and
battery commit on the body of William Badger, labourer, to
the great damage of said Badger and the evil example of all others. The grand jury
returned a true bill. The Sheriff was ordered by the Court to "take the body of
Luther Morgan and him safely keep" so that he appear in Superior Court to answer
the charges against him. Afterwards, at the same term of court came the parties
by their Attornies, and after argument being had, and on motion of J. W. Walker,
Attorney for the defendant, it is considered by the Court that the bill of indictment
be quashed [charges dropped against Morgan.]

November Term 1812

Pages 33-34 The Territory) Case: John McMahan and John Miller, late of Madison Co.,
vs.) Mississippi Territory, did on 18 January 1812, feloniously
John McMahan &) steal, take and carry away a certain spotted sow hog, the
John Miller) property of William Thompson also of Madison Co., M. T.
On motion of John C. Hamilton, attorney for the defend-
ant, the Court ruled that the bill of indictment was insuf-
ficient and therefore he ordered it quashed [dropped.]

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There are many names of other churches and church members who were part of the old Mud Creek Association. At different times down through the years two other churches were formed out of this one: the Old Sardis Church at Milan (now Estell Fork) and the Paint Rock Church on Guess' Creek near Trenton. These minutes are also included at different intervals.

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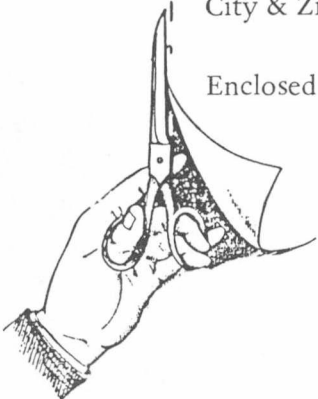
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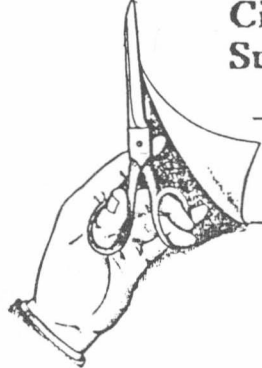
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HEWLETT-ELLETT-McCRARY BIBLE RECORD

The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society is most grateful to Miss Alice Thomas for allowing the publication of this Bible. The Hewlett, Ellett and McCrary families, from whom Miss Thomas descends, are three of the oldest families of Madison County.

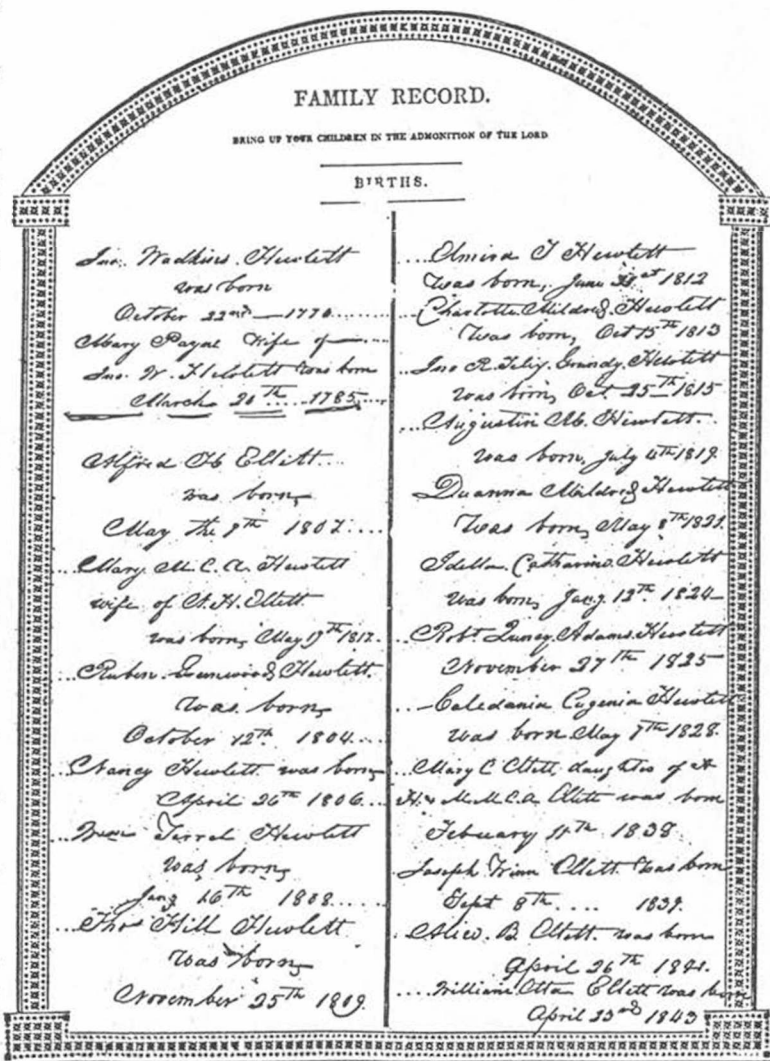
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 Mary M. E. A. Hewlett, wife of A. H. Ellett, was born May 19th 1817.
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 Nancy Hewlett was born April 26th 1806.
 Wm. Terrel Hewlett was born Jany. 16th 1808.
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 Caledonia Eugenia Hewlett was born May 7th 1828.
 Mary C. Ellett, daughter of A.H. & M.M.E.A. Ellett was born Febuary 11th 1838.
 Joseph Winn Ellett was born Sept. 8th 1839
 Alice B. Ellett was born April 26th 1841.
 William Etta Ellett was born April 23rd 1843.
 [In different hand below border:]
 Frances Leona Ellett Born Sept. 8th 1848.

This Bible was published in New York in 1841 for the Methodist Episcopal Church.



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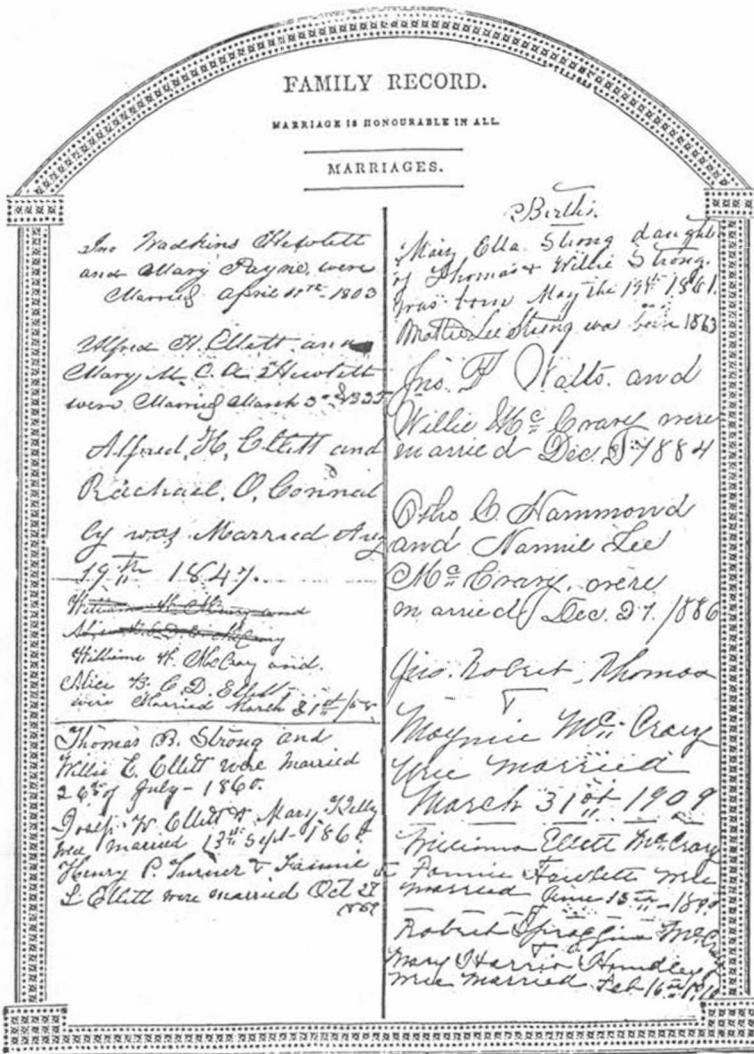
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 Alfred H. Ellett and Mary M. E. A. Hewlett were Married March 3rd 1835.
 Alfred H. Ellett and Rachael O. Connally was Married Aug. 19th 1847.
 Williams W. McCrary and Alice B. C. D. Ellett were Married March 31st [18]58.
 Thomas B. Strong and Willie E. Ellett were married 26th of July 1860.
 Josep W. Ellett & Mary Kelly were married 13th Sept. 1860.
 Henry P. Turner & Fannie L. Ellett were married Oct. 27, 1869.

BIRTHS

Note: Even though this column was headed "Births" only the first two entries were births—the rest were marriages.

Mary Ella Strong daughter of Thomas & Willie Strong was born May the 19th 1861.
 Mattie Lee Strong was born 1863.
 Jno. P. Watts and Willie McCrary were married Dec. 3, 1884.
 Otho C. Hammond and Nannie Lee McCrary were married Dec. 21, 1886.
 Jno. Robert Thomas & Maymie McCrary were married March 31st 1909.
 William Ellett McCrary & Fannie Hewlett were married June 15, 1899.
 Robert Spraggins McCrary & Mary Harrin Hundley were married Feb. 16th 1910.



A loose page was in this Bible. On it, written in pencil, was the following information:

"Alfred H. Ellett was the Son of William & Betsy (King) Ellett of Va. In a letter from Mrs. Fannie (Ellett) Turner, daughter of Alfred H. Ellett & his 2nd wife, Mrs. Rachel (Beal) Connally-Ellett, she stated that Henry King, brother of Betsy King, owned the ground on which Richmond Court House stands. This letter, with statement above referred to, was dated July 21st 1930. The record of births of Williams & Betsy Ellett & their descendants are found in family records of this bible. Also, records of birth acct. of Alfred H. Ellett & his 1st wife Mary (Hewlett) Ellett's children as follows: Joseph Winn Ellett, Alice B. Ellett & William Etta Ellett."

Hewlett-Ellett-McCrary Bible (-continued-)

DEATHS

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Jno. W. Hewlett Sen. Died Sept. 30th 1835.
 Mary M. E. A. Ellett Died Sept. 11th 1844.
 Alfred H. Ellett Died May 14th 1878.
 R. C. Ellett Died Sept. 1878.
 Thos. McCrary Died Aug. 31, 1865.
 Emma B. McCrary Died Sept. 16, 1879.
 Susie Chilton McCrary Died Dec. 9th 1879.
 John Wright McCrary was born Feb. 15, 1884
 Died March 1884.
 W. W. McCrary
 Died Feb. 21, 1897.

(Column 2)

Alice (Ellett) McCrary Died Nov. 26th 1929.
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 Hattie S. McCrary Died Nov. 26, 1943.
 Nancy Lee Mc. Hammond Died Mar. 6, 1947.
 Robt. S. McCrary Died Nov. 12, 1957.
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FAMILY RECORD.

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 Nancy Lee McCrary, daughter of W. W. McCrary & A. B. McCrary was born March 1st 1861.
 Willie McCrary was born November 3rd 1862.
 Thomas Lee McCrary was born March 28th 1864.
 Hattie Sallie McCrary was born Jan. 26, 1866.
 Fannie May McCrary was born July 11, 1868.
 Robert L. McCrary was born March 9th 1872.
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Marshall

B. D. WOODALL APPLICATION FOR PENSION INDIAN WAR

The following 1893 application for a pension for service in the Indian Wars of 1832-1842 was obtained, abstracted, and contributed by Judge William D. Page of Madison County, Alabama. The "Indian Wars of 1832-1842" actually takes in two separate wars, the first being the Black Hawk War of 1832. The second war during this period was most commonly called the Second Florida War and was from 1835 to 1842. Since the Black Hawk War was in western Illinois and eastern Missouri, its effect upon residents of the Tennessee Valley was minimal. The Florida Wars, however, were a different matter and many of our young men from the Tennessee Valley fought in those wars. The first of the three Florida Wars was from 1817-1818 and is often called the Seminole War. The second was from 1835-1852 and the third was from 1855-1858, both commonly referred to as the Florida Wars.

Pension Application

On February 14, 1893, B. D. Woodall appeared before James P. Morrow, a Justice of the Peace for Marshall County, Alabama, and made affidavit for an Indian War Pension under an Act of Congress entered July 27, 1892, as a survivor of the Indian Wars (1832-1842)

Woodall made oath that he was 78 years old and a resident of Diamond in Marshall County. He stated that he served under the name of B. D. Woodall as assistant agent under Andrew Moore in a company commanded by Captain Frye in the Seminole Indian War of 1836.

He enlisted at Claysville, Alabama on or about the Summer of 1836 and was honorably discharged at Gunters Landing in the Fall of 1836. He served as a messenger carrying messages from Andrew Moore to Gen. Jessup[?] at Columbus, Ga. and from Andrew Moore to Gen. Wool[Wood?] at Calhoon, Tennessee.

At the time of enlistment Woodall was 26 years of age, six feet one inches in height, with "Blew" eyes, light hair, fair complexion and by occupation was a farmer. He was born in Franklin County, Virginia. Since his service he has resided near Warrenton in Marshall County, Alabama.

His present wife is Sue E. Sparks. They were married Nov. 7, 1877 at Warrenton. His first wife was Manervy Finley who died at Warrenton on July 29, 1871.

The witness Thomas Anderson was 47 years of age. The witness Seaborn T. Smith was 53. Both resided at Diamond and had known B. D. Woodall 30 to 35 years.

In an affidavit made May 25, 1893 at Diamond, Woodall stated his wife's name to be Susanah E. Woodall—maiden name Jones. They were married Nov. 7, 1878 near Warrenton. His first wife died July 29, 1871 near Warrenton. His living



B. D. Woodall Application for Pension (-continued-)

children are:

- W. A. Woodall born 12 October 1839
- Martha J. Woodall born 1847
- Narcissus Woodall born 1852
- Louisa Jose. Woodall born 16 August 1879
- W. J. Woodall born 20 October 1883
- B. D. Woodall born 18 June 1888.

On June 6, 1893, B. D. Woodall appointed George E. Leman of Washington, D. C. as his attorney to seek a pension under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved July 4, 1884. The acknowledgement was before Jonathan Gross who was a Justice of the Peace in Marshall County, Alabama and witnessed by Daniel W. Jarrett and Seaborn T. Smith.

The application was rejected 27 September 1893 because there was no record of military service as alleged.

The Act of Congress of July 27, 1892 required 30 days service in one of the following Indian Wars: Black Hawk, Creek, Cherokee or Florida War with the Seminole Indians between 1832 and 1842, and an honorable discharge. The applicant must have been a United States Citizen, and if a widow, must not have married since the soldier's death. Age, disability or dependence had no bearing on the rights, whether a soldier or a widow.

No. 121.
INDIAN WAR PENSION.—Act of July 27, 1892.

Declaration of Survivor of Indian War, Between 1832 and 1842, Inclusive.

State of Alabama, County of Marshall, ss:
ON THIS 14 day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety three
personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and
State aforesaid, B. D. Woodall

aged 78 years, a resident of Diamond, County of Marshall
State of Alabama, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the

identical person who served under the name of B. D. Woodall
as assistant agent under Andrew Moore in the company commanded by Captain Olge

in the Seminole Indian war of 1834; that he enlisted at Clayville, Ala
on or about the summer of 1834, and was honorably discharged at Fort Sanders

that he also served as messenger carrying messages for Andrew Moore in the
Company, in the 1st Regiment of Vol.
from Andrew Moore, to Gen. Wood at Cahoon's camp and that he has
not been employed or paid in the military or naval service of the United States since the fall day of
of, 1834.

That at the time of his first enlistment he was 21 years of age, 6 feet 1 inches
in height, with Blue eyes, Light hair, fair complexion, and by occupation a
farmer, and that he was born in the County of Franklin, State of Virginia
That since leaving the service he has resided as follows: near Warrington Ala
in the county of Marshall

That he is not now married. That the maiden name of his present wife was Ann E. Sparks
That he was married to her on the 9th day of Nov, 1877, at Warrington, State of Ala

That he had to been previously married. That his former wife, whose maiden name was
Mary Ann Finley, died at Warrington
State of Ala, on the 29 day of July, 1871.

That he has not heretofore applied for pension, the number of his claim being _____
That he has not applied for bounty-land, and received land-warrant No. warrant was applied
for _____ acres, about _____, 18 _____

That he is a citizen of the United States, and makes this application for the purpose of obtaining a pension
under the provisions of the Act approved July 27, 1892; and he hereby appoints
Geo. O. Leman, of Wash. D.C.

his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim. That his post-office address is _____
Diamond, County of Marshall, State of Ala

Attest:
1 Thomas Anderson B. D. Woodall
2 A. J. Smith
(Two witnesses who write sign here.) (Claimant's signature—first name in full.)

Morgan

RECORD BOOK 1
1821 - 1834
(Part 3)

In comparing Cotaco County Record Book 1 and Register 1 there appears to be some duplication in the beginning, however, we have chosen to run Record Book 1 anyway since most of the material in it has not been published. Record Book 1 is from 7 May 1821 and ends on 18 August 1834. Continued from the March, 1991 issue of *Valley Leaves*. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Page 7 Sommerville, Monday, 1 September 1821

Ordered by the Court that Hezekiah Oden be allowed the sum of \$9.56¼ for keeping Elizabeth Pullum four weeks and four days at \$6. per week, and for his burial expenses.

Ordered by the Court that James Brogden be allowed the sum of \$7.50 for keeping Elizabeth Pullum seven[?] weeks, same to be paid out of any money in the County Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sommerville, 8 May 1821.

We, agreeable to the order of the County Court at February term, have proceeded to examine the Clerk's office and find the papers and records in good order. It was decided to have the papers filed away and numbered and then indexed referring to the number of the papers and the pages of the Record Book.

Signed by J. W. Garth and Stephen Heard.

On petition of Hugh McCaleb and others, it is ordered by the Court that the road which John Gand was overseer of, running in a direction towards Blountsville, be discontinued, and the hands which worked the road be divided between Lauderdale and McClung, overseers, to be apportioned by Robert Tapscott, Matthew Cyrus and Peter Couch.

On petition of Joseph Turney and others, it is Ordered by the Court that the following men, towit: Richard Fields, James S. Turrentine, Joseph Lauderdale, Joseph Turney, Matthew Cyrus and Peter Couch be and they are hereby appointed a jury to make such alterations as they may think proper in the road commencing at the north end of Joshua Lindsay's[?] lane, thence the nearest direction to intersect the old road on the south of his plantation.

Ordered by the Court that Alfred Daudy[Dandy?] be allowed the sum of \$7.50 for five men guarding Charles M. McClellan for 36 hours at \$1 per day to be paid out of any monies in the County treasury not already appropriated.

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Ordered that Alfred Dandy be allowed \$27 for guarding the jail nine days when Michael Corbett was a prisoner.

Ordered that the report of the jury of the road from Sommerville to Ford's Mill thence to the county line, be received.

Cotaco Co. Record Book 1 (-continued-)

(Page 9) Ordered that Charles Lockhart be appointed overseer of the road from Somerville to Ford's Mill as viewed and worked. Ordered also that Daniel Summers and Benjamin Jones apportion the hands.

Ordered that Joseph Martin be appointed overseer of the road from Ford's Mill to the County line as viewed and marked. Ordered also that Joseph Inman apportion the hands.

Ordered that John Collins be appointed overseer of the road from Ditto's Landing half way up the mountain. Ordered also that J. Durham, David Bush and William Davidson apportion the hands.

Ordered that James Cay[?] be appointed overseer of the road from the county line half way down the mountain toward Ditto's Landing. Ordered also that J. Durham, David Bush and William Davidson apportion the hands.

Page 10 Ordered that Robert Patton be appointed overseer of the road from Six Mile Creek to Dorn Patton's Horse Mill. Ordered also that Isaac Langston apportion the hands.

Ordered that Thomas Gibson and Christopher Rowland be appointed overseers of the road from Six Mile Creek to Wm. G. Dossey's. Ordered also that Joseph Stovall and John Black apportion the hands and divide the road between said overseers.

Ordered that Washington Gray, Sheriff of MORGAN County be allowed \$50. per annum from the August term, 1820, up to the first day of October 1821 for ex-officio services.

Ordered that Thomas McElderry, Clerk of the County Court of Morgan County, be allowed the sum of \$50 for exofficio services for the year 1821.

Tuesday morning, October 2, 1821

Present:

Robert Tapscott, Esq., Judge

Alexander Boteler, Joseph Smith and Josiah Minter, Commissioners of Revenue and Roads.

Ordered that Robert Ballew be licensed to retail spirituous liquors in the County of Morgan for the term of one year from the 23rd day of July 1821.

Page 11 Ordered that James Gillespie be licensed to keep a Tavern in the County of Morgan for the term of one year from the 8th day of May 1821 and until the next County Court thereafter.

Ordered that William Johnson be licensed to keep a Tavern in the County of Morgan for the term of one year and until the next County Court thereafter [Note: No dates mentioned.]

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MORGAN COUNTY DEATH RECORDS
 Book A — 1893-1895
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Decedent	Date of Death	Place of Birth	Sex	Marital Status	Occupation	Age	Place of Death	Cause of Death	Buried
<u>1894</u>									
Henry Wilson	Dec? 2	Al	M	---	---	2 mo	Beat 8	Diarrhea	Wilson Cem.
Eliza Bresh (Blk)	Dec. 20	Al	M?	---	farmer	24	Beat 8	Tuberculosis	Beat 8
Dermith Key	Dec 29	SC	M	---	---	1	Beat 5	Pneumonia	Beat 5 W.H.Cook,MD
Edna Stewart	Dec.29	Al	F	S	---	23	Beat 5	Consumption	Gandy's Cove
<u>1895</u>									
Wesley Williams	Feb. 12	Al	M	S	---	13	So. Decatur	Gunshot wound	Decatur, Calvin Brown, Und.
Lottie Slaten	Feb 27	Al	F	---	---	3	near Decatur	Membranous croup	Huntsville, B.F.Cross,MD
Robert Horns	Feb 18	Al	M	---	---	30	Decatur	Unknown	Decatur, Calvin Brown, Und.
Wess Wering (Blk)	Feb 17	Al	M	S	---	28	Decatur	Consumption	Decatur, Calvin Brown, Und.
Kattie Goods	Feb 8	Al	F	---	---	3	Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur, Dr. Sullivan,MD
Alice Melan (Blk)	Feb 11	Al	F	M	---	46	Decatur	Heart disease	Decatur, Dr. Steers, MD
Oscar A. Jackson	Feb 15	Al	M	M	Clerk	33	Hartselle	Consumption of Bowels	Hartselle, A.R.Wilson,MD
T. J. Simpson	Feb. 4	Al	M	M	J. P.	67	Hartselle	Paralysis	Near Danville, J.S.Turney
William Draper	Mar 12	Al	M	M	Farmer	64	Beat 8	Inflammation of Stomach	Morgan Co., S.H. Smith
Mrs. Davis	Mar 20	Al	F	M	---	80	Beat 9	"	Morgan Co., C.F. Peck
Mrs. Mayball	Mar 18	Al	F	W	---	70	Somerville	Consumption	Somerville Cem.
Mrs. M. McCutcheon	Mar 15	Al	F	M	---	38	Beat 9	Infl. of Stomach & Bowels	Oakgrove, C.F.Peck
Mrs. M. A. Dinks	Mar 8	Al	F	M	---	72	Somerville	Lagrippe	Gum Springs
Mr. Wilhite	Mar 8	Al	M	S	Minister	25	Beat 5	Consumption	Morgan Co.
William Johnston	Mar 30	Al	M	M	Farmer	65	Beat 8	Pneumonia	Morgan Co., Dr. Thomason
... Mayhall	Mar 19	Al	M	M	Farmer	70	Beat 9	Assassia/Assamia	Morgan Co.
Kittie Rountree(Blk)	Mar 1	Al	F	M	---	42	Beat 12	Purpura hemorrhagic	Sanhill Church, S.L. Rountree,MD
Marth Rowe	Mar 20	Ga	F	M	---	72	Beat 7	Infl. of bowels	Morgan Co., C. F. Peck
Delela Wyatt	Mar 25	Mich	F	M	---	40	Decatur	Paralysis	Decatur, W.M.Murray, MD
Rosa Wood	Mar 22	---	F	S	---	22	Decatur	Burned	Dancy Cem., Dr. Sulivan
Queen E. Jordan (Blk)	Mar 29	Al	F	S	---	16	East Decatur	Septicaemia/Pneumonia	Somerville, Dr.W.E.Steers

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<u>1895</u>									
Mrs. C. Sherlock	Mar 14	Al	F	W ---		62	West Decatur	Inflammation of bowels	Decatur. Dr. Buckley
Cathrine Moon	Mar 19	Al	F	W ---		74	Decatur	Ovarin tumor	Decatur. Dr. Gillespie
Gust Johnson	Mar 19	Al	M	M ---		36	Decatur	Fractured skull	Decatur. Dr. W.M. Murray
Dewit Scott	Mar 13	O	M	M	Merchant	66	W. Decatur	Consumption/head disease	Decatur. Dr. Carryngton
Romans Holy	Mar 27	Al	M	---	---	4 mo.	W. Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur. Dr. Dinsmore
Ambrose Jolly	Mar 29	Tn	M	S	Farmer	22	Beat 1	Malaria	Town Creek. Dr. Dinsmore
Louseana Jones (Blk)	Mar 5	Decatur	F	M	---	25	Decatur	Consumption	Leighton, Dr. Buckley
Percy K. Thone (Blk)	Mar 6	Al	M	---	---	2mo.6ds	New Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur, Dr. Sulevan
James Coopland	Mar 2	Decatur	M	---	---	1 yr.2mo	Decatur	Hives	Johnson Chapel, Dr. Sulevan
Pennie Rogers (Blk)	Mar 28	Morgan Co	F	M	---	45	Hartselle	Infl. of bowels	Hartselle, Dr. A.R. Wilson
Mattie Marton (Blk)	Mar 22	"	F	S	---	25	Hartselle	Consumption	Hartselle, Dr. A.R. Wilson
H. Jackson Smith	Apr 22	Al	M	M	Farmer	36	Decatur	Convulsions	Decatur, Calvin Brown, Undertaker
Miss Lindsley	Apr 6	---	F	S	---	45	Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur, Dr. W.E. Sterrs
Jane Morrow (Blk)	Apr 20	Al	F	M	---	30	Decatur	Puerperal fever	Decatur, Dr. S.E. Cross
Tome Grady	Apr 15	Al	M	M	Farmer	26	Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur, Dr. W.E. Sterrs
Tom Breeding (Blk)	Apr 10	Al	M	---	Farmer	30	Decatur	Whooping cough	Decatur, Dr. Gillespie
Carline Hanes (Blk)	Apr 15	Al	F	M	---	45	Decatur	Killed by train	Athens, Chas. Williams
Emma Rose (Blk)	Apr 8	Al	F	S	---	26	Decatur	Membranous croup	Decatur, Calvin Brown, Undertaker
Francis Garth (Blk)	Apr 2	Al	F	M	---	50	Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur, Dr. Dinsmore
Mary Roberts	Apr 8	Al	F	---	---	4	Decatur	Gun shot wound	Cullman, Calvin Brown, Undertaker
Pennie Rogers (Blk)	Apr 11	Al	F	M	---	35	Beat 12 Decatur	Consumption & Puerpual fever	Crowtown, Decatur, J. E. Price
May T. Simpson	Apr 7	Al	F	M	---	24	Decatur	Membranous croup	Decatur, Dr. M.W. Murray
Prenelly Williams (Blk)	Jun 12	Ga	F	W	---	80	Beat 5	Suicide-morphine poisoning.	Beat 5, Dr. J.B. Hunter
Thomas Overstreet	June 29	---	M	M	Farmer	83	Beat 6	Lagrippe	Larned Cove, Dr. C.E. Peck
Parthenie Wilson (Blk)	June 25	Al	F	M	---	45	Beat 6	Consumption	Morgan Co., Dr. M.W. Stringer

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Mary Kelley	June 9	Al	F	M ---		45	Beat 7	Inflam. of Brain	Morgan Co., Dr. C. F. Peck
Lucy Moss	June 28	Al	F	--- ---		2	Beat 8	Inflam. of stomach	Morgan Co., Dr. John Smith
Jane Dean (Blk)	June 12	Al	F	M ---		41	Beat 10	Phthes. Pulmanation	Beat 10, Dr. S.W.Rountree
Mary Sharp	June 28	Al	F	--- ---		4	Beat 11	Inflam. of stomach	Morgan Co., Dr. A.V.Pounder
Sally Davis (Blk)	June 9	Al	F	--- ---		42	Hartselle	Acites & hydrothorax	Hartselle, Dr. A.R.Wilson
Matilda Edwards (Blk)	June 9	Al	F	--- ---		18	Hartselle	Acute peritonitis with general congestion.	Hartselle, Dr. A.R. Wilson
Tome Jones (Blk)	June 3	Al	M	--- ---		21	---	---	---
Hugh Ballew	June 3	Al	M	--- Merchant		46	---	---	---
Me. Wiggins (Blk)	Apr 16	Al	M	--- ---	3 yr 3 mo		Beat 4	Cancer	Campground Cem., Dr. A. P. Martin
Cleveland Tudie? (Blk)	Apr 3	Al	M	M Farmer		32	Beat 8	Cancer	Beat 8, Dr. Hogeboon
Alla Nun (Blk)	Apr 6	Al	F	S ---		19	Beat 10	Phthisis Pulmonalis	Beat 10. Dr. S.L.Rountree
Tell Blackwell (Blk)	Apr 1	Ms	M	M Farmer		61	Hartselle	" "	Hartselle, Drs. Rountree & Turney
Julia Harris (Blk)	Apr 7	Al	F	--- ---		18 mo.	Beat 10	Infl. of L & B	Beat 10, Drs. Rountree & Turney
William Trotter (Blk)	Apr 10	Al	M	M Farmer		16	Beat 12	Purpural fever	Beat 12, Dr. J. E. Price
Lucille McDanel	Apr 16	Al	F	--- ---		8 mo.	Beat 12	Congestive chill	Beat 12, Dr. S.L.Rountree
Allice Haley (Blk)	Apr 29	Al	F	S ---		21	Beat 16	Premature	Dr. J.M. Kitchen
Osker Pickens	Apr 21	Al	M	S ---		18	---	---	---
Willis Tisdale (Blk)	Apr 17	Al	M	M ---		40	---	---	---
Ten Russell (Blk)	Apr 27	Al	M	S ---		19	---	---	---
Lewis Walton (Blk)	Apr 13	unkn.	M	M ---		66	---	---	---
D. M. Crow	Apr 21	Al	M	--- Farmer		74	---	---	---
Allie Nun (Blk)	Apr 7	Al	F	S ---		19	Decatur	Consumption	Decatur, Calvin Brown, Undertaker
Florence Brown	Apr 10	Al	F	--- ---	5 yr 5mo		Decatur	Consumption	Madison, Calvin Brown, Undertaker
Myrtie Bell	Apr 12	Al	F	--- ---	3 mo		Decatur	Roseoela	Decatur, Dr. W.M. Murray
A. D. Garland	Apr 15	Ga	M	M ---		40	Decatur	Heart disease	Decatur, Dr. W. M. Murray
M. Pelham Sparkman	Apr 27	Al	M	S P. M.		22	---	---	---
Jennie Knight	May 31	---	F	M ---		24	Beat 3	Puerpal fever	Beat 3, Dr. A. P. Martain
Fannie Shoemaker	May 2	Al	F	--- ---		18 mo	Beat 4	Scarlet fever	Beat 4, J. M. Wilhite

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Mary Livingston	May 1	Al	F	M ---		22	Beat 6	Bronchitis	Beat 6, Dr. W. M. Stringer
Bill Moon	May 18	Al	M	M Farmer		30	Beat 7	Inflam. of stomach	Beat 7, Dr. Whorton
John Overstreet	May 25	Al	M	M Farmer		63	Beat 8	Heart failure	Beat 8, J. H. Coshie, Undertaker
Richard Price (Blk)	May 20	Al	M	W Farmer		56	Beat 12	Rheumatism	Beat 12, J. E. Price
Jane Breeding (Blk)	May 15	Al	F	M ---		43	Beat 14	Phthis Puemanalis	Beat 14, Dr. Whorton
Lucile Tate (Blk)	May 22	Al	F	--- ---		5	Decatur	Brain concussion	Decatur, Calvin Brown, Undertaker
Fannie Collins	May 19	Ill	F	--- ---		66	Decatur	Heart disease	Maxtene, Ill., Calvin Brown, Under.
William Dechamp	May 16	Ky	M	--- ---		48	Decatur	Suicide	Henderson, Ky., Calvin Brown, Undr.
Maggie Howard (Blk)	May 16	Al	F	--- ---		38	Decatur	Consumption	Harris Station, Dr. Caragington
Margaret Wise (Blk)	May 21	Al	F	--- ---		49	Decatur	Puretonitis	Fennel Cem., Dr. Gillespie
Annie Goodloe (Blk)	May 31	Al	F	--- ---		20	Decatur	Consumption	Decatur, Dr. Sulevan
Manerva Winston (Blk)	May 12	Al	F	--- ---		84	Decatur	Old age	Decatur, Dr. Dinsmore
Ida Wilcox	May 14	Al	F	--- ---		8 mo	Decatur	Bronchitis	Decatur, Dr. M. W. Murray
Sim McDanel	July 20	Al	M	M Farmer		38 y 4m	Beat 3	Congestion	E. D. Stephenson
Mrs. J. A. Sigers	July	---	F	M ---		30	Beat 3	Consumption	Morgan Co., Dr. W.B.Thomason
Sidney Cook	July 14	Al	M	S ---		21y 8m	Beat 5	Gunshot wound	Gandy Cove Cem., Dr. W.H. Cook
Mary Higdon	July 14	Al	F	S ---		5mo 7d	Beat 5	Inflam. of brain	Beechgrove, Dr. W.H.Cook
Nannie McCombs(Blk)	July 2	Al	F	S ---		17y 2m 7d	Beat 8	Hepetic dropsy	Beat 8, S. C. Smith
Charles McCombs	July 26	Al	M	--- ---		4m 7d	Beat 8	Heart disease	Beat 8
Mrs. John Simpson	---	Al	F	M ---		63	Beat 9	Cerebral hemorrhage	Beat 9, Dr. L.M.Winston
Hester Theragood (Blk)	July 9	Al	F	M ---		60	Beat 10	Paralisis	Beat 10, Dr. W. A. Barclift
Mary Waddle	July 15	Al	---	--- ---		4	Beat 12	Inflm. of brain	Beat 12, J. E. Price
R. T. Burlison	July 19	Al	---	--- Merchant		35	Beat 13	Delirium tremens	Family cem., Dr. Murphy
Joshaway Wise	July 7	Al	---	--- Laborer		57	Beat 13	Disentary	Lipscomb Capel, Dr. Murphy
Mr. J. Siberd	---	Al	---	--- ---		33	Beat 17	Heart disease	Morgan Co.
J. Wise (Blk)	July 7	Unkn.	M	--- ---		61	---	Diarrhea	Dr. Nath Murphy
David Oakley	July 8	Decatur	M	W ---		75	Decatur	Heart disease	Decatur, Dr. W.C. Buckly
Frank Reeves	July 6	"	M	--- ---		9	Decatur	Skull fracture	Decatur
Ben Henry (Blk)	July 16	"	F	--- ---		19	Decatur	Consumption	Decatur, Calvin Brown, Undertaker

Queries

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57 WALKER, MILLER, BOLTON

Would anyone have any information on William Calvin WALKER b. 10 May 1810 in TN or KY? William Calvin was living in Jackson Co., AL for several years in the 1830's. He m. Nancy BOLTON d. of Evan BOLTON and Hannah MILLER BOLTON on 22 May 1834 in Jackson Co., AL. The BOLTON'S had moved to Jackson Co. from Washington Co., VA in 1818. Nancy was b. in Jackson Co., AL on 15 Dec 1819. William Calvin and Nancy moved to Texas with their two c., Mary and James Gary. They settled near the present town of Millican which is now in Brazos Co, TX in March 1838. Where was William Calvin born? Who were his parents? Brothers and sisters?

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58 LIGHT, WILLIAMS

Want ancestors of Daniel LIGHT, b. 1800-10. He m. Margaret WILLIAMS ca. 1829, probably in Montgomery Co, NC. They were on Montgomery Co., NC census in 1840 and Margaret and children were on Marshall Co., AL census in 1850 and 1860. When and where did Daniel and Margaret die, and where are they buried? Was Daniel's father Christopher LIGHT, shown on 1820 Cabbarus Co., NC census, b. before 1775, and on 1830 Montgomery Co., NC census, b. between 1760-70? Would like to hear from descendants of this family or anyone with info on them.

EDWARDS

Need parentage of Ganer J. EDWARDS, b. ca 1818 in Madison Co., AL (per 1850 Morgan Co., AL census). He was married in Morgan Co., AL in 1841 to Mary E. THOMPSON, b. ca 1818 in Virginia (per census). Ganer lived in Morgan Co., in 1850, 1860 and 1870. He had at least one sister, Dinah/Annie EDWARDS, b. 1821, d. 1905, who was married in Lawrence Co., AL in 1846 to William BRACKENS. Was Ganer and Dinah's father Jesse EDWARDS, who was on 1830 and 1840 Morgan Co., Al census with children their ages? Any info appreciated.

MANSEL/LL

Want ancestors of Daniel M. MANSEL/LL, B. 1833, AL/NC. He d. IN Lauderdale Co., AL in 1878. He m. Margaret A.M. Brooks in Montgomery Co., AL in 1854. Believe his father to be John MANSEL, b. 1800-10, who was on 1840 Pike Co., AL census. Need proof. John's widow, Elizabeth, was on Pike Co., AL census, 1860. Elizabeth (Lizzie) COTTON was a widow in Lauderdale Co., AL, 1880, living near Daniel's widow. Believe John to be the son of Elisha MANSEL, a Baptist minister who came to Pike Co., Al in the early 1830s from Columbus Co., NC. Need proof of parentage. Any help appreciated.

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Queries Editor: Grace Geraci Nola

59 **BRODNAX**

I wish to correspond with all descendants of BRODNAX. Frederick St. George Brodnax, Cadwalader Brodnax, William F., R.E. and John P. Brodnax were in Lawrence and Madison Counties, AL. very early. Most of the other Brodnaxes in early AL were descendants of John Brodnax and Martha Rivers. John buried his wife Martha in Putnam Co., GA ca. 1818, he himself d. in Autauga Co., AL before 1830. Most of his children were in AL.

1. Thomas Hall Brodnax was in Autauga Co. 1830 and 1840, d. 1846 in Madison Co., MS.
2. Martha Brodnax (m. James Shackelford) d. 1825 Green Co., AL.
3. Rebecca Power Brodnax (m. Edmund Shackelford) d. after 1850 probably in Autauga Co., where Edmund is buried.
4. (Major) John Hunts Brodnax was very prominent as an agent for the Creek Indians, lived in Chambers, Macon and Lowndes Counties. His son Crowell Brodnax was prominent in state politics.
5. (Col.) Robert Brodnax was very prominent in state politics, lived in Autauga, Clarke, Mobile Counties, d. 1877 in Marengo Co.
6. Henry Power Brodnax was in Bibb Co., 1830, 1840, in Clarke Co. 1850 but died in Ouachita Co., AR 1886.

Though many of the descendants continued to migrate west, there are still many in AL, especially of the daughters who married and stayed in AL. Am planning to publish the Brodnax family in 1991. Wish to correspond with descendants.

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60 **DOBBS, HAYES, DABS**

Am researching David and Fanny DOBBS, Sr. (DABS), who resided in Paint Rock Valley, Jackson Co., AL in 1840. Census comparison indicates this is the same David DOBBS in the 1830 Bedford Co., TN census. I believe David to be the father or close relative of my great, great grandfather, Jeremiah F. DOBBS who moved to Fannin County, Texas then to Washington Co. Arkansas. I will be glad to share information. Does anyone have information of a Decatur County in AL in 1823? I have a map showing this county was a part of what is now Madison, Marshall and Jackson counties. Unable to locate any records. Can anyone help?

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61 **JONES, HAY, SAVAGE**

Seek parents and siblings of Dora JONES, b. 15 Dec 1888, Princeton, Jackson County, AL. Her father died when she was 3 years old. She lived in Huntsville, AL until she married Daniel Arthur Hay. Known sister is Ada Bell JONES who married Robert L. SAVAGE. In 1935 we visited Dora JONES brother who was dying and also a cousin A. L. JONES who owned a sawmill in Huntsville, AL.

Murl L. Hay, 502 North Ashland Ave, Green Bay, WI 54303

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