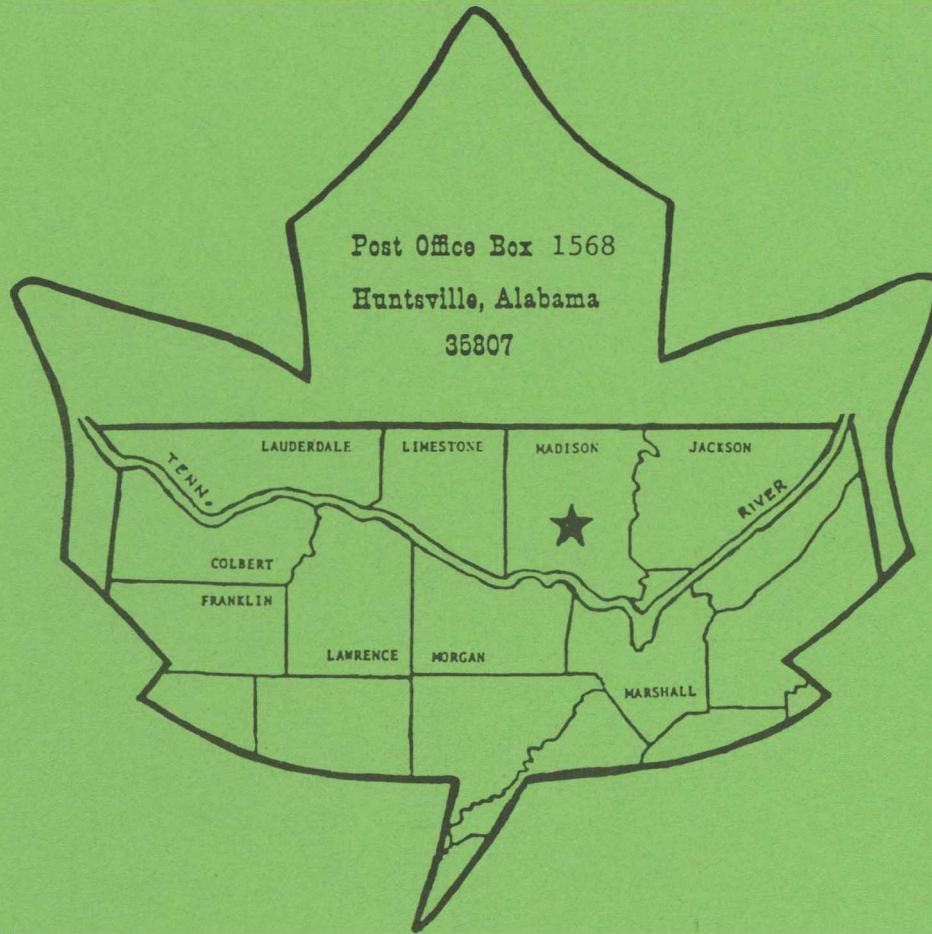


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OLD LAND RECORDS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, ALABAMA by Margaret Matthews Cowart, 7801 Tea Garden Road, SE, Huntsville, AL 35802, 8½x11, perfect binding, soft cover, 444 pages including full-name index plus an 11 page foreword. \$23.00. May be ordered from author.

This book is a compilation of land records showing the earliest legal land owners in Lawrence County. When the United States Government first offered the land in Alabama for sale, they made ledgers (called "tract books") showing every bit of land by section, township and range. These books show the original applicant[s] and patentee (buyer), how many acres he bought, date of sale, number of certificate or warrant, and the date of the Military Act if the land was a military land grant.

The information in this book was transcribed first from the state copy of the tract book. The copy in the Marshall County Courthouse in Moulton was then transcribed and the information added to the manuscript. The next source consulted was the General Land Office tract book from the Bureau of Land Management in Washington, D. C. This source showed the names of many of the *original* applicants not shown in the other two sources, mainly those men who applied for the land but did not receive the patent.

An outline map of Lawrence County has been used in this book to show the exact location of each township within the county and a diagram of a section is also included in order to plot the proximity of family and neighbors. This is important, genealogically speaking, since a person often married someone within a three to five mile radius of home.

This book contains an 11 page foreword of "Explanations" showing the terminology used in the records, where records are today and how to order photocopies of these records from application to patent. The arrangement of the foreword makes information easy to pick out. Mrs. Cowart's foreword is worth the price of the book.

Land records contain some of the most valuable genealogical information available, yet they are some of the least utilized of all records. Mrs. Cowart makes it easy to research the tract book.

JACKSON COUNTY, ALABAMA MARRIAGES 1851-1856 and 1859-1871 compiled by Addie K. (Stovall) Shaver and Sybil Bishop Hinman, 8½x11, soft cover, perfect binding, 220 pages. \$15.00. May be ordered from Addie K. Shaver, 2105 Maysville Road, Huntsville, AL 35811.

This long-awaited book contains all marriages from 1851 to 1871 with the exception of the years 1857 and 1858; those ledgers are missing from the courthouse. The United States Army camped at the courthouse during the Civil War and burned many loose marriage bonds and some old books. Later, about the end of the war, the courthouse burned [but it was not burned by the Federal army.] When the 1857 and 1858 marriage ledgers disappeared is unknown.

Some of the writing is very difficult to read but every effort was made by the compilers to ensure accuracy including painstaking proof-reading. This book contains over 4,000 names and has a full-name index of brides and grooms.

This reviewer, for one, is delighted this book is now available and can be added to the growing list of published records on Jackson County.

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GARRETT: 1000 YEARS FROM NORMANDY by Edward R. Garrett. Hard cover, 6x9, 237 pages, full name index. \$34.00. May be ordered from author at 3731 Autumn Lane, Baytown, TX 77521.

Mr. Garrett's research began the hard way: in totally-burned-out Franklin County, Alabama. Through his research, however, he proved an important point in genealogy: that the records you need may be found elsewhere; in Mr. Garrett's case the pertinent records that proved his Franklin County connection were in Laurens County, South Carolina.

From Laurens County the author was able to trace his family back to William Garrett, born 13 February 1794 in Laurens County and to develop a record of many of William's descendants. Before the author shows the descendants, he discusses the Garrets in the Norman Conquest of 1066 but shows no link between them and William of Laurens County.

This book is in three parts. The first part shows the alleged ancestors of William of Laurens. The second part shows the descendants and the third part gives sketches of various persons bearing the Garrett name, though not necessarily related.

In the first part the author shows that in the early 1600's there was one John Garrett, with wife Mary, living in Leicestershire, England. From John and Mary, whose eldest son was born in 1635, the author shows the lineage down to his William of Laurens County, S. C. in 1795. To help substantiate his work Mr. Garrett has included photocopies of family records reputed to be from Bibles.

In the second part the author has included many wonderful photographs of various family members, most of which date from the last half of the nineteenth century. Some collateral lines are included as are lines on descendants other than the author's own direct lineage.

The lineages in this book are difficult to follow. The numbering system, such as it is, appears to be the author's own and is difficult to track.

ESTILL FAMILY OF THE UNITED STATES by John M. Caudle, 8½x11, soft cover, perfect bound, full name index, 295 pages, \$25.00. May be ordered from author at 8013 Allison Dr., SE, Huntsville, Alabama 35802.

A major plus for this book are the 31 pages of footnotes Mr. Caudle has painstakingly included. This alone gives the work credence and puts it in the category of "serious genealogies."

Mr. Caudle traces this family from three brothers, Thomas, Daniel and William Estill, who landed in New Jersey in 1664 and continues his own line for 13 generations to the present time. The author's grandchildren are the 13th generation.

The family seems to have acquired land in advance of their arrival and to have come directly to the new territory obtained from the Dutch, landing at Shrewsbury River near the Highlands of Neversink. Not many years later, Estills (of various spellings) were in several parts of New Jersey. From there the family spread in the usual pattern, west and south.

To trace all the Estills in the United States would be impossible but the author had done a good job of tracing his own lineage back 13 generations. He gives interesting narratives of some of the ancestors and also gives the genealogy of some collateral lines.

HISTORY OF CLARKE COUNTY, ALABAMA by John Simpson Graham, originally printed in 1923, reprinted 1991 by Heritage Books of Bowie, Md., 5x8, soft cover, perfect bound, 378 pages, full name index added to this edition. \$24.50 plus \$3.00 shipping. May order from Heritage Books, 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, Bowie, Md. 20716.

The author draws heavily for information from *History of Clark County and Surroundings* by Ball, in the part regarding the early Indian conflicts. Clark County was established in December, 1812 and is located in the southwest corner of the state next to Mobile, Washington and Baldwin Counties.

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The Colbert County Probate Minute Book "B" is the second book in this series. The first, Minute Book "A," was published by the Natchez Trace Genealogical Society in its quarterly, *Natchez Trace Traveler*. This index is as it appears in the front of the book. The Colbert County Probate office has informed me they can furnish photocopies of documents for \$1 per page. This may not be possible in all cases, however, due to the fragility of the book. [Colbert County Probate Office, County Courthouse, Tuscumbia, AL 35674.]

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FRANCES BLUE APPRENTICESHIP

On 7 June 1877 Ligges Blue, colored, the mother of Frances Blue, states she is unable to manage and control her said daughter and asks the court to bind and apprentice the said Frances Blue to some suitable person.

Now comes James C. Ohlman and asks that Frances be bound and apprenticed to him until she arrives at the age of 18 years. The said Ohlman is deemed suitable by the court. Ohlman posted a \$200 bond and agrees to furnish Frances with sufficient food and clothing, treat her humanely, furnish her medical treatment in case of sickness, and teach her or cause her to be taught to read and write. Frances was 12 years old in March, 1877. [Source: Page 399, Colbert County Probate Minute Book "B."]

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RHEAR—BUTTERFIELD LEGITIMATIZATION

28 March 1878. Robert H. Rhear states he is the father of a bastard male child named Robert Walter Butterfield who is at this date about five years old. His supposed birthday was on January 2nd and he was 5 years old on 2 January 1878. The mother is Clara B. Butterfield. Robert H. Rhear recognizes Robert Walter Butterfield as being his son and capable of inheriting his estate both real and personal as if Robert Walter Butterfield had been born in wedlock.

Witness: J. B. Moore and James Jackson.

[Source: Page 522, Colbert County Probate Minute Book "B"]

SUE ANNIE HORN APPRENTICESHIP

26 August 1878. Joseph W. Biekley applied for Letters of Apprenticeship on Sue Annie Horn, colored, age 12 years, who has for some time past been under the control and custody of E. O. Mays. A Writ of Habeus Corpus issued to Mays on 13 August 1878 commanding him to bring the girl before the court at 2:00 o'clock this day. Mays says he held the girl under a verbal agreement with Crecia Horn, a colored woman claiming to be the aunt of said girl.

It appears to the court that Mays has no legal right to hold the girl and that she is without visible means of support. It appears to the court, from the oath of J. N. Shelton, a creditable citizen of Colbert County, that Joseph W. Biekley is a suitable and fit person to have charge and control of said child.

Biekley gave bond. Annie Sue Horn is hereby bound to Biekley until she reaches the age of 18, she being 12 years old on this date.

[Source: Pages 575-6, Colbert County Probate Minute Book "B"]

RUSH BROWN APPRENTICESHIP

2 September 1878. Rush Brown, colored, states he is 15 years old and an orphan. He requests to be apprenticed to John C. Goodloe who is a suitable and fit person to have charge of said minor. Goodloe gave bond. The court decrees that Brown be apprentices to Goodloe until he is age 21 years.

[Source: Page 576-7, Colbert County Probate Minute Book "B"]

CALVIN DAVIS APPRENTICESHIP

31 December 1875. S. P. Craig states he has in his possession an orphan child named Calvin Davis who was 12 years old in October, 1875. The parents are both dead. The minor has no estate and is without visible means of support.

The court binds said Calvin Davis to S. P. Craig, a suitable and fit person, until Davis reaches the age of 21 years. Craig gave \$200 bond and will furnish the child sufficient food and clothing, treat him humanely, furnish him medical attention in case of sickness, and teach him or cause him to be taught to read and write. [Source: Page 190, Colbert Co. Probate Min. Book "B"]

Franklin

JONATHAN CHAMBERS CLAIMS COMMISSION CLAIM

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

Date of Claim: 20 August 1871
Claim for: Mare (\$150.) and 50 lbs. bacon
(\$12.50) for total of \$162.50.

REMARKS BY COMMISSIONERS

Claimant is 63 years old, a farmer, residing near Frankfort in Franklin County. He has resided in that county for 40 years. He opposed secession. . . . two witnesses who were reputed Union men testify to his loyal conversations and loyal reputation. We find his loyalty satisfactorily established. The witnesses to prove claimant's loyalty were listed as:

1. James Jackson, Frankfort, Al.
2. W. B. Malone, Frankfort, Al.
3. William Miller, Frankfort, Al.
4. William Taylor, Frankfort, Al.

Witnesses in other matters were:

1. Martha Jane Chambers.
2. Dork Flake, res. near Frankfort.

JONATHAN CHAMBERS DEPOSITION

Jonathan stated he was "about 62 years" of age and a farmer. He is a resident of Franklin County and has been for "about 40 years past," having been born in the state of South Carolina.

His sympathies were on the Union side from the beginning to the end of the war and he never spoke against the Union cause. At all times during the war he was willing and ready to do whatever he could for the Union. He spoke in favor of the Union cause and its defenders but was not able to do much else.

He frequently fed Union men who were trying to avoid Confederate conscription.

Mr. Chambers states he was not in the Union Army nor was he an employee of the U. S. Government. He did not contribute money, property or service to the Union cause as he had no means of doing so.

He voted for Union candidates to the state convention, those who were opposed to secession.

In all cases he regretted defeat of the Union Army but rejoiced over its successes and was happy when the final overthrow of the rebellion was accomplished.

The leading and best known Unionists of his vicinity during the war were:

1. Jacob Smelser, now dead.
2. Simpson Williams
3. William Denton
4. William B. Malone

Because of his Union sentiment Mr. Chambers states he was often threatened by Confederate sympathizers but was never actually molested.

Mr. Chambers states he had a nephew in the Union Army but knew of no other relatives in that army. The nephew was Thomas Chambers, age about 22 or 23, now dead. He lived a "distance from me when he went into the service and I had no way of exercising any influence over him. I contributed nothing to his outfit or support while in said service."

After the war Mr. Chambers took an amnesty oath at Frankfort in the summer or fall of 1865 as he thought it was required by

Jonathan Chambers Claim (-continued-)

proclamation of the President of the United States to be able to vote.

The property being charged for was taken at Mr. Chambers' residence on his farm in Franklin County. His farm contains about 160 acres; about 30 acres were cultivated and the balance was woodland except 20 acres which were waste. He saw the mare taken but not the bacon. He was burning a coal kiln about 300 yards from his house when the bacon was taken.

The property charged for was taken while that portion of the United States Army commanded by Major Gen. J. H. Wilson was on its march south on about the 23rd or 24th of March in 1865. There had been no battle or skirmish near there before the property was taken. The horse was between 5 and 6 years old, medium size, in good order and worth \$150. She was ridden off by a soldier and taken to East Port, Mississippi to which place Mr. Chambers followed her. On application to have her returned he was refused. The military refused to deliver the mare to Chambers and stated she was in their possession to keep until she was called for by officers of the army.

Jonathan  his
Chambers
mark

Witness: R. S. Watkins, Special Commissioner.

WILLIAM DENTON DEPOSITION

William Denton, age 54, has been a resident of Colbert County for 23 years. He is a farmer. He is not related to Chambers but has known his intimately about 28 years. He lived within three miles of him during the war.

Mr. Denton states that Chambers' public reputation was that of being loyal to the Union. Jacob Smelser, one of his neighbors, often spoke of him as a reliable Union man. Other loyal Unionists in the neighborhood were:

1. Jacob Smelser, dead.
2. John Long
3. William McCraig
4. Lemuel Pounders
5. Samuel Pounders
6. Cornelius Bryant
7. William B. Malone

Denton says he was also a Union sympathizer during the war and the Rebels took his property because of it.

WILLIAM B. MALONE DEPOSITION

William B. Malone is 52 years of age, a farmer, and has been a resident of Franklin County all his life. He is not related to Jonathan Chambers but has known him 30 or 35 years. During the war he lived within six miles of him and saw him at least once a month. Malone states that Chambers was bitterly opposed to secession and always spoke in favor of the Union.

Other known Union men living in the neighborhood were:

1. Pleasant Taylor
2. Fohn F. Taylor
3. Abner Overton
4. Elias Oden.

Malone says he, too, was an adherent to the Union Cause during the war.

Signed as W. B. Malone.

JAMES B. CHAMBERS DEPOSITION

James B. Chambers, age 25, has resided in Franklin County all his life. He is a son of Jonathan Chambers. He was not present when the property was taken but did see the mare in possession of the Federal troops. The bacon was of good quality, well cured and dry and was worth from 25 to 35 cents per pound.

MARTHA JANE CHAMBERS

Martha Jane Chambers is age 30, a

Jonathan Chambers Claim (-continued-)

life long resident of Franklin County and a housekeeper. She is a daughter of Jonathan Chambers. Martha Jane saw the mare taken but not the bacon.

Note: The depositions of James B. Chambers and Martha Jane Chambers gave essentially the same information as their father.

SUMMARY

"The foregoing depositions of Jonathan Chambers, claimant, and of his witnesses, William B. Malone, William Denton, James B. Chambers and Martha J. Chambers, contained on the preceding pages . . . were taken in all respects as stated in my

certificate preceding the same.

"There was nothing noticeable in the appearance, conduct or dondition of any deponent during his or her examination, necessary to note.

"I have heard nothing adverse [about] the claimant or his claim. Neither have I heard anything in support thereof from others.

"The reputed Union men of claimants' neighborhood are so far as I know, Clark M. Tompkins, William B. Malone, William Denton & Pleasant Taylor; there are probably others not now recollected.

Given under my hand & seal this 10th day of August 1875."

Signed by R. S. Watkins.

CHAMBERS AND TAYLOR 1860 CENSUS INFORMATION

The 1860 Franklin County census shows the Jonathan Chambers family and the Pleasant Taylor family living a few doors apart in the Pleasant Site Community. Enumeration taken 3 July 1860.

Page 733.	458	458	Chambers, Jonathan	47	M	Farmer	\$200	\$300	NC
			Araminta	45	f				Va
			Mariah	17	f				Al
			Martha	16	f				Al
			Wm. S.	14	m				Al
			James B.	11	M	attended school			Al
			M. S. R.	4	f	attended school			Al
Page 734	464	464	Tailer, Pleasant	54	M	Farmer	\$1000	\$400	Indiana
			Nancy S.	21	f				Tenn.
			Francis A.	15	f				Al
			David W.	14	m				Al
			Manerva	10	f				Al
			Geo. C.	9	m				Al
			Robert T.	5	m				Al
			Rosa B.	1	f				Al
Page 734	465	465	Tailer, Peter J.	19	M	Farm laborer			Al
			Lucinda	18	f				Al



WING—PETREE WEDDING

“On July 7th one of the most beautiful weddings of the season was solemnized at the home of Captain and Mrs. W. R. Petree, of Belgreen, when Mr. A. M. Wing and Miss Elizabeth O. Petree were united in marriage.

“The home was beautifully decorated with evergreens, ferns and potted flowers, a green and white color scheme being carried out.

“Just as the clock chimed six, little Miss Ruth Petree, the flower girl, followed by the bride and groom, entered to the strains of Lohengrin’s wedding march, which was beautifully rendered by the bride’s sister, Mrs. A. W. Smith, of Belgreen, accompanied on the violin by Miss Annie Petree, daughter of Judge Petree of Russellville.

“The ring ceremony was very impressively performed by Rev. Boyd T. Cantrell of Russellville.

“The bride was becomingly gowned in a beautiful rich mahogany coat suit, with hat and gloves to match the suit, and carried a bouquet of Bride’s roses and carnations.

“After the ceremony, a musical program was rendered by Miss Annie Petree, after which delicious refreshments, carrying out the green and white color scheme, were served by the bride’s sisters, Misses Mattie and Lottie Petree, and her cousin Miss Celeste Hall of Iuka, Mississippi.

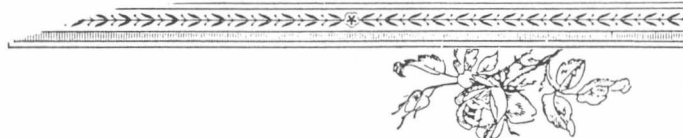
“The out of town guests were Mrs. Jacqueline Hall of Cherokee, Mrs. G. D. Hall and daughter, Celeste, of Iuka, Mississippi, Mrs. W. A. Thompson of Berry, Alabama, Judge and Mrs. Petree and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Finch, all from Russellville.

“Mr. and Mrs. Wing left immediately for an extended trip in the east, Chattanooga, Asheville, Washington, Ocean View and other points of interest.

“Mr. Wing is one of the most prominent business men of Jackson, Alabama, and is connected with one of the oldest and most aristocratic families of south Alabma. The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Capt. and Mrs. W. R. Petree.

“After August 15th, Mr. and Mrs. Wing will be at home to their many friends in Jackson.”

[The above newspaper clipping was contributed by Micki J. Burlison of Euless, Texas. There was no date on the clipping but it is believed to be about 1913.]



Jackson

BELLEFONTE TOWN MINUTES

(Part 6)

For a complete introduction to these minutes please refer to the September 1991 issue of *Valley Leaves*.

Page 44 Note: Meetings were held on 5 March 1856 and 2 April 1856 but no quorum had so no business was conducted. A meeting held 9 April 1856 but only the following comment was made in the minutes, "After an examination of the various objects & things before the Board it adjourned until Saturday night next."

Page 45 The next meeting, according to the minutes, was on 20 May 1856 but no quorum present the meeting adjourned.

Saturday evening, 3 May 1856.

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant.

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

Ordered by the Board that an account presented by N. Robinson against this town for \$6 be rejected.

Ordered that Friday next, the 9th inst., be set as the time for the election of Intendant and councillors of said town and C. B. Rountree, Wm. L. Shelton and John Patton are appointed inspectors for the ensuing 12 months and that the clerk of this board advertise or put up notices to that effect to hold the election at the courthouse. Appointed Wednesday evening next as time for the next meeting.

Page 46 7 May 1856

Present:

H. C. Cowan, Intendant

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

Ordered that an account presented by William L. Shelton for \$2.37 be allowed and that the Intendant issue his order on the Treasurer in favor of same.

R. T. C. Gill presented an account for payment totaling \$96.25 less credits of \$28.10 for a net total due of \$68.15. From March 17, 1854 through Aug. 10, 1855 the bill included "41 squares, 1st Insertion."* Credits against this bill included \$11.50 for "Osbrook's fine," \$3.50 for "Cromer's tax," \$5.00 for "Gist's fine," and \$8.10 "for tax of R. C. T. Gill." [*An "insertion" is each appearance of an advertisement as in a newspaper. The 1850 census shows Gill to be a printer.]

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Bellefonte Town Minutes (-continued-)

Page 47 Be it remembered that on the 9th day of May 1856 the treasurer of Bellefonte filed his report as follows:

1855

Page 48	June 15	Cash for John Patton's Retail License	\$ 24.50
	June 15	Cash for George Fulcher's license	13.00
	July 26	Cash for James Gurley's license.	25.00
	July 12	Crumpler by fine vs. Harrison	5.00
	Aug. 27	Crumpler by tax	21.00
	Aug. 25	Crumpler by tax	15.00
	Through Dec., 1855 -	Crumpler by tax, various entries.	126.15

1856

	Apr 9	Crumpler by tax fee	5.45
	May 7	H. C. Cowan, fine vs. Austin	19.00
	May 7 & 8	Crumpler by tax fee	10.95
	May 9	John Patton license from April 1856 to April 1857	25.00
	May 9	James H. Gurley license from 19 March 1856 to 1857	25.00

Claims against the City:

	In favor of W. H. Robinson	5.35
	In favor of G. W. M. Sheharn.	1.50
	In favor of Harris & Shelton	2.37
	In favor of Webb & Burton	155.00
	In favor of R. T. C. Gill.	42.04
	In favor of W. H. Robinson	5.85
	5% allowance to Treasurer.	12.32

Showing a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$22.11 after paying all claims to date. May 9, 1856.

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10 May 1856

In pursuance of law the Board which, on 9 May 1856, were duly elected to serve as Intendant and Councilmen of Bellefonte, Alabama for the 12 months next ensuing thereafter, met. Present:

John B. Cook, Intendant
Robert T. C. Gill, Thomas Frost, G. W. M. Sheharn[Shehorn?], Daniel M. Martin and John A. Morrison.

The Board then elected the following officers: William H. Robinson, Clerk, and Nelson Kyle, treasurer. On motion the election of the marshal was postponed for further consideration.

Ordered that the Clerk give \$500 bond and the Treasurer give \$2000 bond for the faithful discharge of their duties as prescribed by law.

Bellefonte Town Minutes (-continued-)

Page 49 12 May 1856. A called meeting.
Present:

John B. Cook, Intendant
John A. Morrison, R. T. C. Gill, Thos. Frost, G. W. M. Sheharn, D. M.
Martin, councillors.

Page 50 The Board proceeded to the election of a marshall. James Danforth and Henry
Burton being in nomination and upon counting the ballots it was found that James
Danforth had received a unanimous vote. He was declared the duly elected marshall
for the ensuing 12 months.

W. H. Robinson, who at the last meeting of this board was elected clerk, having
filed his oath of office and given bond with good and sufficient security entered
upon the duties of said office.

Nelson Kyle also came and filed his oath of office and gave bond and etc. and
entered upon the duties of Treasurer.

Ordered by the Board that the Intendant have the spring thoroughly cleaned out.

1st Wednesday in August 1856
Present:

G. W. M. Shelton, Thomas Frost. No quorum. Adjourned.

Wednesday evening 20 August 1856. Called meeting.
Present:

John B. Cook, Intendant.
John A. Morrison, Thomas Frost, D. M. Martin & G. W. M. Sheharn

Page 51 Be it ordained that any negro slave found within the corporate limits of said town
after the hour of 10 o'clock at night without a pass or most satisfactory proof
that he or she is upon the business of his/her owner or overseer, shall be lodged in
jail and there remain until released by such owner or overseer who shall pay all
costs of jail for said arrest.

Ordered by the Board that the Marshall be allowed \$1. for the removal of a large,
and 50 Cents for a small carcass from without the corporate limits of Bellefonte.

Ordered by the Board that councillors Sheharn and Gill form a committee to let
out and have the street running to Centre Point repaired and to have the spring
repaired and that they report their action to the Board at its next meeting.

Ordered by the Board that the rate of taxation for the present year be fixed at
the same rates upon all taxable property as in 1855. Also:

Ordered by the Board that the Marshall be awarded 50 Cents for apprehending
and lodging in jail any negro that may be found within the corporate
limits without a pass after the hour of 10 o'clock at night.

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STATE (CRIMINAL) TRIAL DOCKET - 1866-1874

(Part 2)

1866-1867

This large book gives the defendant's name, the cause of action and the disposition of the case. The plaintiff in all cases is the State of Alabama. In many cases in the Remarks column, the handwriting is fast and illegible, therefore, we felt it wise to leave blanks rather than error in interpretation. This book is housed in the Jackson County Courthouse in the Probate Record Room on the first floor. Prior docket books are believed to have been burned during the Civil War. Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

Defendant's Name	Cause of Action	Remarks
John Glover Frank Glover Nellie Coulson "& others." }	Grand Larceny	
John Shelton	Retailing spirits, no license	Judgement for costs.
William Matthews	Dis[orderly conduct?]	Judgement for costs.
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Elsa Hill	Disorderly	Judgement for costs.
Horatio Anderson	Disorderly	"
John W. Smith	Distilling	"
Helen Robinson	Retailing spirits, no license	"
R. M. Erwin	Distilling	"
Samuel Cox	Retailing spirits, no license	"
Abe alias Jacob	Murder	[No last name given.] Jury verdict: death.
<u>Pages 60 & 61 are blank</u>		
<u>Page 62 - Fall Term, 1866</u>		
William Steely	Murder	Continued.
A. P. Daugharty R. L. Rindheart J. H. Carrol Andrew Horn S. P. Daugharty T. E. Brown Anthony Long W. T. Gunter	Scire facias*	*Make good on bond. Judgement for costs.
Alexander Finney	Perjury	
Robert Johnson	Assault & battery	Fined plus to pay costs.
Charles Lasley	Gaming	

To be continued.

JACKSON COUNTY COURT MINUTES - 1867-1877

Part 2

While rummaging in the records piled in the basement of the Jackson County Courthouse, I discovered an orphan: a 19-page section from a 11¼ x 17 inch County Court ledger. The parent ledger may still be there but the poor lighting and disarray of records made it impossible to find in the time allotted. Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

- State of Alabama) Date: May 4, 1868
vs.) Charge: Remission of forfeiture as defaulting witnesses.
Allen Day and George) Came the Said Allen Day and George Brown, against whom judgment
Brown.) was entered at the April Term of this Court, and their excuses for
default in appearance at said Term being deemed valid, Said Judgment is now set aside and said forfeiture remitted as to both.
- State of Alabama) Date: June 1, 1868
vs.) Charge: Retailing without a license.
Richard M. Erwin) Comes the defendant and pleads guilty to the charge whereupon
the Court fined him \$50 plus costs. William P. Guynn and Stephen
E. Kennamore became Erwin's securities. Signed by Milton P.
Brown, Judge of the County Court.
- State of Alabama) Date: July 6, 1868
vs.) Charge: Assault and Battery.
Hettie A. Grubbs) On hearing the evidence the Court is Satisfied of the guilt of the
defendant and sets the fine at \$5. plus costs. Judgment for the fine
and costs confessed in open Court by Defendant and by Ambler
Grubbs, Caleb B. St. Clair, Thomas J. Gullatt, John H. Norwood,
William H. Johnson and John H. Norwood.
- State of Alabama) Date: July 8, 1868
vs.) Charge: Assault and battery on the person of Martha J. Bryant.
Henry L. Lyon) Continued for hearing to the 15th of July and on that date the
defendant was adjudged guilty and was fined \$1. plus costs. Lyon's
securities were J. J. St. Clair, Thos. J. Gullatt and Preston Brown.
- State of Alabama) Date: July 8, 1868
vs.) Charge: Assault and battery on the person of Sarah Womack.
Henry L. Lyon) Continued for hearing to the 15th of July and on that date Lyon
was adjudged guilty and was fined \$1. plus costs. His securities
were J. J. St. Clair, Thomas J. Gullatt, and Preston Brown.
- State of Alabama) Date: July 15, 1868
vs.) Charge: Assault and battery on the person of W. J. Blancet.
Thomas Lewis) The Court is satisfied of the guilt of Lewis and fined him \$10 plus
costs and also to be imprisoned in jail for 10 days. If he is unable to
pay fine and costs he is to remain in jail 10 days longer.

County Court Minutes, 1867-1877 (-continued-)

- State of Alabama) Date: July 20, 1868
 vs.) Charge: Assault and battery on the person of Henry S. Kirby.
 Henry Hawk) On hearing the evidence the Court is satisfied that the defendant
 is not guilty and he is, therefore, discharged in this case.
- State of Alabama) Date: July 20, 1868
 vs.) Charge: Assault and battery on the person of Alex Fennell—pre-
 Henry Hawk) ferred by Dolly Hurlson.
 The court found Hawk guilty and fined him \$1 plus costs. His
 securities became John H. Norwood, H. C. Bradford and John R.
 Haynes. Signed by Judge Milton P. Brown.
- State of Alabama) Date: August 3, 1868
 vs.) Charge: Assault and battery on person of W. J. Blancett
 Else Coffey) Comes the State by her Solicitor, Jasper J. Jones, and also comes
 the defendant by *bis* attorney; and the State declines to prosecute
 further in this cause. Defendant is discharged.
- State of Alabama) Date: 4 January 1869
 vs.) Charge: Unlawfully and maliciously injuring stock, the property of
 Henry Hawk) Yoedrek Sterns.
 Case continued to next term of this court.
 Comes the parties and compromises this cause by defendant paying
 the costs.
- State of Alabama) Date: 4 January 1869
 vs.) Charge: Keeping tavern without having taken out license.
 Joseph Barber) Case continued to January 5th.
 Defendant was found guilty and fined One Cent plus costs.
 Signed by David Yate, County Court Judge.
- State of Alabama) Date: February 1, 1869
 vs.) Charge: Assault and battery on person of John Kennedy
 Wm. C. Owens) Continued until 1st Monday in March.
- State of Alabama) Date: February 1, 1869.
 vs.) Charge: Shooting along Public Road.
 James Edmondson) Alias warrant granted March 1, 1869.
- State of Alabama) Date: April 16, 1869
 vs.) Charge: Assault with Intent to Murder
 Robert Johnson and) Comes Robert Johnson and R. H. H. Johnson (alias Hope Johnson)
 Hope Johnson.) and prays the court to be allowed to post bond which was granted.
 Bail set at \$5,000 and bondsmen became James H. Stratton, Henry
 McAnulty, Sarah E. Gullatt, Thomas Gullatt, Daniel Ferguson,
 James Jordan, M. T. Johnson and E. H. Johnson.

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Lauderdale

December 1991

DEED RECORD A-1

(Part 6)

The earliest deed book found in Lauderdale County to date is Deed Book A-1 and is from 1822 to 1828. The first recorded instrument was signed on 30 March 1818 but the date the document was recorded is not given. The second instrument was recorded in July 1822 which leads us to believe this is actually a second book and that the preceding one is missing since the county was established in 1818. All persons are residents of Lauderdale County unless so stated. Abstracted from photocopies by Dorothy Scott Johnson through the courtesy of Dr. Darrell Russell, editor of the *Natchez Trace Traveler*. Continued from Vol. 26, Issue No. 1, September 1991.

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Bill of Sale

15 May 1824

George Zachariah of Lauderdale County, Ala., for \$340., sells to Geary Speere a mare, a stallion, a carryall, one small waggon, one flat bottomed boat now occupied as a ballroom on the river, three milch cows, 15 head of hogs, two beds and furniture, one bureau, and all his kitchen furniture.

His

George  Zachariah
mark

Witness: W. W. Garrard.

Recorded 9 June 1824.

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Deed of Trust

19 April 1824

Thos. Childress of Lauderdale Co., Ala., by his promissory note dated 11 June 1823, bound himself to pay to Thomas Kirkmon and James Erwin (d/b/a Kirkmon & Erwin), \$5,000 at the city of New Orleans on 1 April 1824. James Jackson and James Hood of Lauderdale Co. were jointly bound with Childress as his security for payment of the note.

Childress failed to pay the note and wishes to secure Kirkmon & Erwin against loss. Therefore, Childress deeds to John Coffee and John Chisholm, in trust, the following negroes for payment of said debt:

- (1) Anthony, about 26 years old and Caroline and Mary, his children.
- (2) Peter, about 30
- (3) Eliza, Peter's wife, about 28 yrs. old and Horace, Henry, Calvin, and Lousa, their children.
- (4) Parlor, about 32 years and Cilia, his wife, about 25 years and Washington, Nancy and an infant, their children.
- (5) Cela, a yellow girl about 17 years.
- (6) Joe about 23 years.
- (7) Bill about 17 years.
- (8) John about 17 years

If Childress fails to pay the entire \$5,000 debt to Kirkmon & Erwin by 1 January 1825 then Coffee and Chisholm, or either of them, upon request

Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

of Jackson & Hood, or either of them, to take possession of the slaves, or so many as will be sufficient to pay the debt, and sell them at public auction to the highest bidder after advertising in a public newspaper. They are to pay the debt with proceeds.

Witness: Spencer Wall.

Proven by Wall 10 June 1824. Recorded 12 June 1824.

Note across margin: "I do certify that this deed has been satisfied this 24th November 1825," and was signed by James Hood.

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Power of Attorney

10 May 1824

Robert Boyd of Cooper County, Mo., administrator of the estate of Jacob Lindsey, deceased, of New Madrid County, Mo. and guardian for the minor heirs of said Jacob Lindsey, appoints John H. Cornish his true and lawful attorney in fact.

Cornish to attend to and make demands of John Chisholm in the state of Alabama (Chisholm is Admr. of the estate of John Lindsey, decd., the father of said Jacob Lindsey.) Cornish is to recover from Chisholm one negro woman named Phillis who belongs to the estate of John Lindsey.

Pages 218-223

Deed of Trust

16 June 1824

John Turner, debtor

James Irvine, trustee

Geary Boggs, Jr., Richard Cochran, James Boggs and Geary Boggs, creditors.

John Turner owes the creditors \$137.70 by two bonds payable as partners under the firm name of Boggs, Cochran & Co.

One bond in the amount of \$100 was executed to Lucretia Chandler, Executrix of Zedekiah Tate who, in turn, was executor of Robert Chandler, decd., said bond due on 25 Dec. 1823 and assigned by Lucretia to Geary Boggs Jr., Richard Cochran, Geary Boggs and James Boggs under the firm name of Boggs, Cochran & Co. on 14 April 1823.

The other bond is executed to Boggs, Cochran & Co. in the sum of \$37.70 dated this date and due 25 Dec. 1824 with interest.

John Turner wishes to secure debts and Boggs, Cochran & Co. "agreed to indulge him in the payment thereof" until 25 Dec. 1824.

To secure payment, John turner deeds to James Erwin, in trust, a negro slave named Anna, about 12 years of age; Anna is to remain in possession of Turner until default. If default is made then Irwin to sell Anna at public auction to the highest bidder after giving at least 10 days notice in some newspaper. Proceeds to be used to pay debt..

Pages 224-228

Deed of Trust

17 June 1824

David C. Lewis, debtor

James Irwin, trustee

John Simpson, Thomas Simpson and Alexander McFaden, merchants and partners d/b/a John Simpson & Co., creditors

Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

Lewis owes John Simpson & Co. \$234.10½ by bond due 10 Jan. 1825 and in order to protect Simpson & Co. against loss Lewis deeds to Irwin, in trust, a slave named Newman about 38 years of age. If Lewis defaults on debt then Irwin to sell Newman to the highest bidder at public auction after giving ten days notice in a newspaper printed in Florence. If debt is paid then this deed is void.

Ack. 26 June 1824 and recorded same day.

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Deed of Trust

16 July 1824

Joshua A. Willis, debtor

Anthony H. Davis, trustee

Boggs & Cochran, Henry Anderson, John H. Woodcask, James E. Dickson & Co., Thomas and James Kirkmon, Daniel Whit[White?], and John Simpson & Co., creditors.

Willis owes Boggs & Cochran \$201.19, Henry Anderson \$150., John H. Woodcask \$100., James E. Dickson & Co. \$129.99, Thos. & James Kirkmon \$120., Daniel Whit \$75., and John Simpson & Co. \$86. Willis is willing and desirous to secure these debts and deeds to A. H. Davis, in trust the following property:

One sorrel horse worth about \$60.

One bed and bedstead and furniture

One Jackson side board

One bureau

Two tables and 12 Windsor chairs

Two small looking glasses and three trunks

One pair dog or andiorns

One tea set, four dishes and 2 or 3 plates

Two pitchers and 2 or 3 tumblers and wine glasses

One pot and one oven and skillet

One baker and one spider

Two smoothing irons

Three tin pans

Six volumes of Fletchers Works

Three volumes of Young's Works

One Walker's Dictionary

One Barrow's Sermon and "a number of other works amounting in all to about 30 volumes."

One log shop in Florence where Safferon[?] the tinner at present resides.

Half of 30 head of hogs running about Sales Mills in Lauderdale Co.

Willis to remain in quiet possession of said property until default in whole or in part.

If Willis defaults, then Davis to sell the property to the highest bidder at public auction for ready money (after advertising the time and place of sale at three public places in Lauderdale County). Proceeds to be applied in discharging debts in equal proportion.

Signed by Joshua Willis. Ack. by Willis 17 July 1824.



Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

Pages 233-235

Bill of Sale
17 July 1824

Jesse Evans, on 28 January 1823, deeded to David Hubbard, in trust, (both of Lauderdale Co., Al) and recorded on pages 51-53 of Deed Book "A, No. 2," one negro woman slave named Aimy, aged about 22 years and her child, Paralee age about one year.

Said slaves were sold and conveyed to David Hubbard by Evans, in trust, to secure payment of \$253.15 to Henry Anderson by obligation bond [note] dated 25 Dec. 1822 and due 23 Dec. 1822. If debt still unpaid on 27 Jan. 1824 then Hubbard to sell slaves and pay debt. Debt was unpaid and on 17 July 1824 Hubbard sold the slaves at public sale in Florence, for cash. Thomas Herralson became purchaser in the amount of \$450.

Hubbard warrants said slaves to Herralson by this Bill of Sale. Deed signed by David Hubbard, trustee.

Recorded 19 July 1824.

Pages 235-236

Free Papers of Josiah Mitchell
30 December 1822

I hereby certify that Josiah Mitchell, a person of color, was born free in Northampton County, state of North Carolina, and that he is of good character as far as I know. Signed by James Crump, J. P. in Northampton Co., NC. Recorded in Lauderdale County, Alabama 28 July 1824.

Pages 237-239

Deed of Trust
28 July 1824
Shelby Polk, debtor
Green Pryor, creditor
Alfred Stone, trustee. All of Lauderdale Co., Al.

Shelby Polk owes Green Pryor \$200 by a note dated 8 April 1822 and due one day later and executed in favor of one John Moore for \$100 and also by reference to the Dactel[?] at Columbia [Tennessee?] where said Pryor has satisfied a part of a debt for said Polk in the amount of \$378.87½ which has remained unsettled by Polk (exact amount not exactly recalled but is at least \$100.).

Shelby Polk, being anxious to secure Green Pryor the \$200., for and in consideration of said notes and unsettled account, conveys to Alfred Stone, in trust, the following property:

One sorrel horse

4 head cattle

All my stock of hogs (about 40), principally pigs and shoats marked with a crop in each ear.

All my household and kitchen furniture.

When Green Pryor may request and as Alfred Stone may think proper, Stone is to sell for cash (giving 20 days notice in the "Florence Gazette") or by three advertisements at the most public places in the neighborhood, where such sale to be made. As much property as may be necessary to satisfy debt plus costs to be sold. Signed by Shelby Polk.

Witness: Samuel Craig and William H. Middleton

Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

Pages 239-241

Deed
23 July 1824

In 1824 *Sarrab* Robertson, one of the heirs of Ezekiel Robertson, decd., sells for \$10. to William A. Robertson, both of Lauderdale County, Alabama, a tract of land in the second district of Bedford Co., Tn. on the waters of Spring Creek on the north side of Duck River and bounded by land of Samuel Wilson, and containing 100 acres granted Ezekiel Alexander on 20 November, 1820.

Sarah her
 \nearrow Robertson
 mark

Witnesses: Henry Lockridge, Polly Robertson and Ezekiel Alexander
Recorded 26 Aug. 1824

Pages 242-243

Bill of Sale
8 July 1824

Samuel D. McMahon sells to Peter F. Armstead, both of Lauderdale Co., Ala., for \$550., a negro male slave named Brister.

Witness: G. Augustus Dawson and Thos. Simpson.

Note Across margin: "The above bill of *sail* was delivered to *Thos. Simpson* [probably an error in name] 4th November 1824" and was signed by W. W. Garrard, Clerk. Proven by Simpson 18 Aug. 1824.

Pages 243-245

Deed
25 Aug. 1824

J. H. Wells to Thomas and William H. Wells.

Thomas Wells and William H. Wells, both of Giles Co., Tn., being sureties for me to James Perry of Giles Co., Tn., for the sum of \$1000, I give and release unto the said Thomas and William H. Wells, to secure payment of the above sum, the following property:

My building and half-acre lot in Lauderdale Co., Al.

3 featherbeds, bedsteads and furniture

Sugar chest, table, trunk and 6 chairs

About 260 pounds of coffee.

252 pounds of sugar.

Two "Demi Johns"

About 2½ gal of brandy

One keg each of allum, allspice and pepper.

Two "pair of kegs"[?] of tobacco

Five pair of cotton cards.

Three sets of knives and forks.

Two blank books

One [bolt?] of drab cloth

Eighteen chunk[?] bottles

1 case ribbons

1 sorrell horse, saddle and bridle.

1 base [vase?] and widow glass

27 [pieces?] of copper ware

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Deed Record A-1 (-continued-)

17 yards of home spun
 4 bbl. corn
 200 lbs. fodder
 1 set of plates, cups and saucers
 2 desks

Several articles of hardware too tedious to mention, "though I mean everything belonging to the house without any exceptions." The said Thomas and William H. Wells to have peaceable possession of or be able to dispose of the above property as they may think proper under the authority of this lease [lein?] until said debt is satisfied.

Signed by J. H. Wells.

Acknowledged and recorded 28 August 1824.

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Bill of Sale

13 day of [blank] 1824

Julian Sebler [signed *Sebire*], for \$710 sells to Abraham Hernanhan a male negro slave named Gilbert.

Witness: Thos. Simpson and Andrew Chambers

Proven 30 August 1824.

Pages 247-248

Bill of Sale

5 February 1824

For \$1700 John Robertson of Hickman Co., Tenn. sells to John Richardson of Lauderdale Co., Ala. "a parcell of negroes:"

1. Peter about 30.
2. A woman named Dils about 29 years of age.
3. A boy named Oliver, 7 years old.
4. A girl named Candis, 6 years of age.
5. A boy named Peter about 3 years of age.

Witness: Henry Richardson

Proven 8 Sept. 1824.

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Bond

19 September 1824

For \$40.00 Zebulon Jenkins sells to John Thornton, as soon as "letters are made to the Cypress Land Company" and will deliver to Thornton a good and sufficient deed in fee simple to the following land lying in Florence, Lauderdale Co., Alabama:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Z. Jenkin's lot on Pine Street . . . containing one-half acre.

Witness: D. Hubbard

Acknowledged and Recorded 19 Sept. 1824.

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Lawrence

December 1991

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LAWRENCE COUNTY COURT MINUTE BOOK "B"
1823-1824

Part 5

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ORDERED that Jonathan Elam be permitted to build a Dam on the Clear fork of Big Nantz[Nance] Creek agreeably to the report of the Jury of Inquest.

Page 24 - July 8, 1823.

Robert T. Walker	)	It appearing to the court that the plaintiff has not regularly pursued
vs.	)	and continued his process in this case. It is therefore ordered by the
Alexander McCullack	)	Court that the plaintiff be nonfaulted and that the defendant be
		dismissed and recover his costs from plaintiff.

Page 25 - Jan. 5, 1824

At a County Court began and held for the County of Lawrence at the Court House in the Town of Moulton on the first Monday in January 1824 present the Honorable P. W. Taylor, Esquire, Judge.

APPEARED IN OPEN COURT, David G. Ligan, Esquire, who produced a License as an attorney and counsellor at Law, who thereupon took the oaths required by the Laws of this State in such cases. It is, therefore, ordered that he be permitted to practice as an attorney and counsellor at Law in this Court.

G. W. Alford	)	This day came the plaintiff by his then attornies and the said defend-
vs.	)	ant says nothing . . . by which the plaintiff remains altogether undef-
Wm. Foxhall	)	ended against defendant. It is therefore considered by the Court that
		plaintiff recover \$397.66 debt plus \$62 damages plus costs from the
		defendant.

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John Nash)	Debt.
vs.)	This day came the parties by their attornies and the defendant says
Mos[?] & William	)	nothing . . . which leaves the plaintiff undefended against the defend-
McDaniel.	)	ant. It is therefore adjudged that the plaintiff recover from the de-
		fendant \$130.95 debt plus \$8.50 damages plus \$13.62½ costs.

Ralf & Graves	)	This day came the parties by their attornies and defendant says
vs.	)	nothing by which the said plaintiff is undefended against the de-
Jacob A. Blackwell	)	fendant. It is therefore adjudged that plaintiff recover against the
& F. S. G. Broadnax)	defendant \$133.87½ debt plus \$13.12½ damages plus \$13.12½
		costs.

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William D. Williams) Debt.
 vs.) Came the parties by their attorneys and defendants say nothing by
 Brownson & Persel) which the plaintiff remains undefended. It is therefore considered
 by the Court that plaintiff recover against defendant in the sum of
 \$108.08 debt plus \$10. damages and \$13.62½ costs.

James McDaniel) This day came the parties by their attorneys and defendant now says
 vs.) nothing by which the plaintiff remains undefended. It is therefore
 Hamilton Hunter) considered by the Court that the said plaintiff recover against the
 defendant the sum of \$90.70 damages sustained by reason of the
 breach of a covenant besides \$12.62½ costs.

A. Gordon & Walker) This day came the parties by their attorneys and said defendant now
 vs.) says nothing by which the plaintiff is undefended by the defendant.
 F. S. G. Broadnax) It is therefore considered that the plaintiff recover against the de-
 fendant the sum of \$116.50 debt plus \$6.30 damages plus \$12.62½
 costs.

R. Gordon & Walker) This day came the parties by their attorneys and the said defendant
 vs.) now says nothing why Judgment should not be rendered against him.
 William Campbell) Therefore it is adjudged that plaintiff recover against defendant
 the sum of \$64.75 debt plus \$4.87½ damages plus costs.

C. Blythe) This day came the plaintiff by his attorney and says he will not
 vs.) further prosecute. Defendant agrees to pay all costs. The court
 Jevan McVay) adjudged that suit be dismissed upon defendant paying all costs.

H. Petway & Co.) This day came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant now
 vs.) says nothing why Judgment should not be rendered against him. It
 Robert Bransford) is adjudged by the court that plaintiff recover of defendant the sum of
 \$394.21 debt together with \$31.87 damages plus costs.

John Nicar[?] for use) This day came the parties by their attorneys and defendant now says
 of H. Petway & Co.) nothing why Judgment should not be rendered against him. It is
 vs.) therefore considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover against
 Robert Bransford) defendant \$166.30 damages sustained by reason of the non-perform-
 ance plus his costs.

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H. Petway & Co.) This day came the parties by their attorneys and defendant having
 vs.) withdrawn his demurer and made default in not pleading to the
 William Priest) declaration of the plaintiff, it is therefore considered by the Court that
 the said plaintiff recover of the said defendant \$75.25 plus \$6. dama-
 ges plus costs.

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Limestone

WILLIAM FILGO DEED

The following deed was found and contributed by TVGS member, Delaine Edwards of Modesto, California. It illustrates the need to check surrounding counties for documents relating to one's ancestors. William Filgo served in the American Revolution from North Carolina and was awarded 640 acres in what is now McNairy County, Tennessee by virtue of that service. He is shown in the 1830 Limestone County census but is not on the 1819-1820 census of that county. This deed was from Deed Volume A, McNairy Co., Tn., Microfilm Roll No. 25 from the Tennessee State Archives and History.

Filgo Deed

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WHEREAS a certain Military Land [Grant] issued by the State of North Carolina to the *Heirs* of William Filgo by No. 2848 for 640 acres and

WHEREAS said Warrant has been located by John C. McLemore in the Western District of Tennessee in the 9th Surveyors District and 1st and 2nd ranges and 4th Section in McNairy County on the Waters of Big Hatchee River, the land surveyed and all other expences [sic] in entering and locating said Warrant being borne and paid by said McLemore and

WHEREAS on the 1st Monday in December, 1827 the said 640 acres of land was under an Act of the Genl. Assembly of said State (after having been advertised in the newspaper) was offered for sail at publick auction by Henry S. Wilson, Sheriff and Collector of the public Taxes at the Court house in said County of McNairy for the State and County Taxes, costs &^c for the year 1826 due thereon where and while the said John C. McLemore & Jesse Blackson[?] became the purchasers thereof according to law for the sum of \$8.14 by which they have become entitled to the fee simple in said land according to law, the term of redemption having expired for the redemption of the same without anyone offering to redeem the same and

WHEREAS by custom & usage the said John C. McLemore is entitled to the one equal fourth part [1/4 part] of said land for

his services,

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and expenses and entering said Warrant at his own expense and charges, now therefore, know all men by these presents that:

I, William Filgo, in my own right and claiming I do, to be only rightful owner of said land and warrant as the old Revolutionary Soldier and as the identicle man who performed the service in Continental core [corps] of North Carolina for said Warrant, residing now and being a citizen of Limestone County in the State of Alabama & being now in the 73rd year of my age, born & raised in Bertie County, North Carolina where I remained till the year 1796 and then moved to Wake County where I lived till the year 1819.

I then moved to said Limestone County, [Alabama] where I have Remained ever since, [and I do] hereby in Consideration of the premises and for the further sum of \$75 to me in hand paid by the said John C. McLemore of Davidson County, Tennessee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm in and unto said John C. McLemore and his heirs and assigns forever the said 640 acres of land founded on said Warrant No. 2848 . . . and I hereby request and direct the Register of the Western District or such other Register as is or may be authorized to issue the grant on said survey to McLemore or his assigns, I being the only person authorized to convey or transfer the same, the said

William Filgo Deed (-continued-)

warrant having *been issued erroneously to the heirs of William Filgo who is really enjoying the blessings of good health, memory & birth and able to support and maintain myself and family*

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by my own labour as can be proved by my neighbours in said Limestone County, to have and to hold said land with all and singular the rights profits, emoluments and appertinances to the said John C. McLemore, his heirs and assigns, that he will sell and truly warrant and forever defend the right of said land and warrant against the lawfull claim or claims of himself & his heirs and all persons claiming under him or them but against no other claim and he defends the title to

said . . . [illegible] . . . being to vest all his right in said McLemore which he believes to be valid & covenants that he will make any further conveyances necessary to vest the Right.

In witness whereof, I the said William Filgo hath hereunto set my hand and affixt my seal at Nashville in Tennessee on the 15th day of July 1830.

Signed: Wm. Filgo

Witness:

D. F. Carter

H. W. McGavock

Thos. J. Porter

Deed proven by oaths of witnesses Carter and McGavock in Davidson Co., Tn., November term, 1830.

NANCY DONALDSON ESTATE

Came Thomas M. Moseley and filed in this Court a petition, accompanied by a paper of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Nancy Donaldson, late of Limestone County, deceased.

Said petition sets forth that the following named heirs at law of said deceased reside beyond the limits of the State of Alabama as follows, to-wit:

James Byrd who resides in the State of Illinois.

Mary Byrd and America Byrd whose residence is unknown.

Elizabeth Byrd who resides in the State of Virginia.

William Byrd, Emily Whitlock and her husband, . . . [given name unknown]

Whitlock, Nancy Nelson and Lucy *Bird*, reside in the State of Virginia.

Dabney Byrd resides in the State of Tennessee.

Also a child of Octavius Byrd, name unknown, resides in the State of Mississippi.

Emanuel Byrd resides in the State of Texas.

Louisa Snodgrass, wife of John Snodgrass, F. Roundtree, wife of Chesley Roundtree, Sarah Kirby, wife of Silas Kirby, whose residences are unknown.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the *Limestone News*, a public newspaper printed in said county, for four consecutive weeks, requiring the above non-resident heirs at law of said deceased to be and appear before a Court to be held at the courthouse in said county on the 2nd Monday in September next [1859], and show cause, if any they can, why said paper writing shall not then be proven, and the same admitted to record as and for the last will and testament of the said Nancy Donaldson, deceased.

Dated 27 July 1859 by Judge Thomas G. Tyus.

[Source: *The Limestone News* of August 10, 1859, Vol. 1, No. 45.]

THE LIMESTONE REBELS

The following article on The Limestone Rebels was researched, written, and contributed by Charles Rice of Huntsville, Al. Mr. Rice is a nationally recognized author and lecturer of historical material, especially of the Civil War period.

The Limestone Rebels was the name chosen by a company of infantry volunteers who enlisted at Athens, Alabama on September 17, 1861. A few days later the brand new soldiers proceeded by rail to Huntsville where they were mustered into the Confederate Army by Colonel Joseph Wheeler. The Limestone Rebels went into training at Camp Bradford, the Confederate camp of instruction located a few miles north of Huntsville at Blue Spring. There they were assigned to the battalion being formed by Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Davis of Huntsville.

Many of the men quickly fell prey to the camp diseases which were so prevalent among recruits. However, Davis's Battalion was fortunate and apparently lost no men to disease at Huntsville. Other units had not been so lucky.

Davis's Battalion was soon ordered to Corinth, Mississippi where the men completed their training. In January, Col. Davis resigned his commission due to poor health and Major (Reverend) William D. Chadick of Huntsville succeeded to the command.

On April 3, 1862 Chadick's Battalion was consolidated with Lieutenant Colonel Edward J. Golladay's Battalion to form the 26th Alabama Infantry Regiment with Colonel John G. Coltart of Huntsville in overall command.

The Limestone Rebels became Company E. Three days later, the 26th Alabama fought in the Battle of Shiloh, suffering heavy casualties; 123 of the 700 men engaged were killed or wounded. The Limestone Rebels lost one man killed (Pvt. Thomas J. Stockton) while twenty others were wounded, at least one of them mortally.

Many of the wounded were sent home to recover and were soon cut off by the Union

Army's invasion of North Alabama. Rather unfairly, these men were dropped as deserters. However, most of them did return to the Company once the Union Army retreated later in the year.

The men from Athens would fight in many of the war's major battles. The company had five men wounded at Murfreesboro, lost three dead and eleven wounded at Chickamauga, and had one killed and five wounded at Atlanta. They charged courageously at Franklin and took part in the Battle of Nashville.

On June 6, 1863 the regiment was re-numbered the 50th Alabama and carried that designation through April 9, 1865. Then the few remaining veterans were combined with the 22nd and 39th Alabama Regiments to form the 22nd Alabama Regiment (Consolidated).

The Limestone Rebels ended their military service on April 26, 1865 when Gen. Joseph E. Johnston surrendered his army at Greensboro, North Carolina. The men had left home more than three and a half years before.

The following roster has been made up from the card abstracts in the Compiled Service Records for the 50th Alabama Infantry, Microfilm copy 311, Roll 440 (A-CI), Roll 441 (Co-G), Roll 442 (H-L), Roll 443 (M-R), and Roll 444 (S-Y). The rolls are all available for inspection in the Heritage Room of the Huntsville Public Library.

The *Huntsville Daily Confederate* of October 6, 1863 contains a list of casualties suffered by the 50th Alabama at the Battle of Chickamauga. The list includes the names of several men whose service records apparently have been lost.



The Limestone Rebels (-continued-)

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Blair, Asa Frank, 1st Lt., age 22

Enlisted 17 September 1861 at Athens as 4th Sgt; elected 2nd Lt. 10 July 1862. Efficiency report: "Moderately good officer," 31 Aug. 1863. [Listed as severely wounded (thigh) 20 Sept. 1863 at Chickamauga in the *Huntsville Daily Confederate*]; promoted to 1st Lt. 25 Aug. 1864.

Critz, George F., 2nd Lt., age 23.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861 at Athens as Pvt; elected 2nd Lt. on 29 Oct. 1861; wounded 6 April 1862 at Shiloh ("abdomen slightly"); on recruiting service at Athens from 24 Jan. 1863; reported killed near Atlanta on 26 Aug. 1864 but appears on roster of officers of 1 March 1865.

Hine, Silas A., 2nd Lt. [age not given].

"Enlisted in Co. Nov. 26, 1861"; appointed sergeant major on 10 April 1862; elected 2nd Lt. 20 March 1863; efficiency report of 31 Aug. 1863, "very good officer." "Wounded severely in right arm" on 28 July 1864 near Atlanta (flesh wound in forearm); admitted to Ocmulgee Hospital, Macon, Ga., 18 Oct. 1864; surrendered 7 May 1865; oath taken 12 June 1865 (resident of Limestone Co., Ala., dark complexion, dark hair, blue eyes, height 5 feet 7½ inches.)

Malone, James Henry, Captain, age 49.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861 at Athens as Captain; resigned because of ill health 25 May 1862 which was approved by Surgeon V. B. Gilbert (has been "unfit for duty for more than a month,") but was refused by Gen. Bragg. He resigned again 19 June 1862 ("A man of my age—fifty years the 22nd November last, who has to keep himself under the influence of opium every day to enable him to keep up with his regiment [on horse back at that] for I haven't attempted to march on foot since the battle of Shiloh, of the 6th and 7th April. I was on my feet both of those days and managed to hold out back to Corinth and have never marched in rank since."). Approved by War Department 10 July 1862.

Malone, N. D., 2nd Lt., age 17.

Enlisted 17 Sept. 1861 at Athens as Pvt. Promoted to 1st Sgt. Nov. 1, 1861; 20-day furlough 28 April 1863 [listed as slightly wounded (arm) 20 Sept. 1863 at Chickamauga in the *Huntsville Daily Confederate*]; efficiency report of 31 Aug. 1863 as 2nd Lt. shows him a "good officer." He was wounded 26 Aug. 1864 near Atlanta ("Slightly in side"); surrendered 26 May 1865 at Athens, Ga. Oath taken at Nashville on 30 May 1865 (resided Limestone Co., Ala., complexion fair, hair brown, eyes hazel, height 5' 9").

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Madison

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

Part 5

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

November Term 1812.

Second Monday in November 1812.

Pages 44-446 The Territory) Case: Green Ham Crowder of Madison Co., Miss. Terr.,
vs.) laborer, did on 29 May 1812, in Madison Co. with force
Green Ham) and arms violently assault, beat and wound Samuel
Crowder) Mardis with a large knife, valued at \$1.00, in and just
above the second rib on the left side, with intent to kill
Mardis. Crowder did then and there commit on the body of Mardis many other
enormities whereof Mardis' life was greatly despaired of to the evil example of all
others. The grand jury returned a true bill. William Thompson, jury foreman.
The Sheriff was ordered to try to find Crowder and "him safely keep" to answer
the felony charges against him in this case. Crowder pleaded not guilty, there-
fore, a jury was impanelled: Jesse Searcy, Benjamin Wilson, John Martin, James
Criss, Thomas Austin, William Campbell, David Maxwell, John Webster, George
Dilworth, Jonathan Gray, Joseph Matthews, and Samuel Donahoo.
Verdict: Crowder is guilty of an assault and battery but not with an intent to kill
as charged in the bill of indictment. The court ordered
that Crowder be fined 25 Cents plus costs.

Page 46 The Territory) Case: Wyatt Smith did on 6 October 1812 commit an
vs.) assault and battery on the body of James Cotton, labourer,
Wyatt W. Smith) of Madison Co., Miss. Territory, by beating, wounding, and
illtreating the said James Cotton to the evil example of all
others. The grand jury returned a true bill, Louis Winston prosecuting and William
Thompson, jury foreman. The Sheriff was commanded to take Wyatt W. Smith
if he could be found and "him safely keep" to answer assault and battery charges.
On motion of the defendant by his attorney, and after argument being had, the
Court ordered the bill of indictment be quashed.

Page 47-48 The Territory) Case: Joseph Hutcheson of Madison Co., Miss. Territory,
vs.) labourer, did on 1 July 1812, in Madison Co., with force
Joseph Hutcheson) and arms, beat, bruise and ill treat and an assault and
battery did commit on the body of John Bowset, also of

Superior Court of Law & Equity (-continued-)

Madison Co., Miss. Terr., to the great damage of Bowset. The grand jury returned a true bill. The Sheriff was ordered to find and keep Hutcheson for trial. Later the judge ordered a nolprosequi [not prosecuted] be entered in this case.

- Page 49 The Territory)
vs.)
Wyatt W. Smith) Note: No information. Page 49 and half of page 50 are blank.
- Pages 50-51 The Territory) Case: William Blevins, labourer, of Madison Co., Mississippi vs.) Territory, not having the fear of God before his eyes but William Blevins) moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil, did on 16 June 1812, in Madison Co., receive, harbour and conceal a certain negro woman named Beck, the property of Louis Winston, knowing the said negro Beck to have been previously feloniously taken and carried away from the possession of Louis Winston. Louis Winston, prosecuting attorney. The grand jury returned a true bill. William Thompson, jury foreman. The Sheriff was ordered to find William Blevins if he may be bound in Madison and "him safely keep" in order that William appear before the Court to answer felony charges. On motion of the attorney, Louis Winston, a noliprosequi [not prosecuted] was entered with the defendant paying only court costs.
- Pages 51-52 The Territory) Case: Lewis Edward did on 1 Oct. 1812, in Madison Co., vs.) feloniously steal, take and carry away a certain spotted Lewis Edwards) handle razor, valued at \$1.00, the personal property of Archilous Craft. The grand jury did not return a true bill.
- Page 52 The Territory) Note: No information.
vs.)
Negro Ned)

SPECIAL SESSION: Tuesday, 1 December 1812. Hon. Obadiah Jones, Esq. presiding.

- Pages 53-58 The Territory) Case: The grand jury met on the second Monday in November 1812 and found that Eli Newman, not having the vs.) fear of God before his eyes, but being moved and seduced Eli Newman) by the instigation of the devil, on the 6th day of June 1812, with force and arms in the Chickasaw nation within the limits of the Mississippi Territory committed a felony. He feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought did assault Joseph Tetrick with a razor, valued at \$1.00, slitting Tetrick's throat from which Tetrick died. The wound was 2 inches long and 2 inches deep of which wound Tetrick languished and died. The grand jury found a true bill. Louis Winston, attorney for Territory. William Thompson, foreman. The Sheriff ordered to find and keep Newman to answer the felony charges against him. He plead not guilty. A jury was impaneled: James Isham, Isaac Britton, Simon Miller Jr., John Deblin, Micajah Garret, John Bryant, Amos French, Edwin Farned, William Jackson, Lewis Sanderson, John Williams and Thomas Mullins.

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Verdict: Guilty.

Sentence: The defendant, Eli Newman, to be carried "from hence to the place from whence you came" and on Saturday next, 5 Dec. 1812 between the hours of 10:00 in the morning and 2:00 in the afternoon "to be carried by the proper officer to the place of public execution to be executed in or near the town of Huntsville, and there hanged by the neck until your body be dead, and the Lord have mercy on your soul."

May Term, 1813. Second Monday in May.

- Pages 59-61 The Territory) Case: John McMahan and John Miller were bonded in the
vs.) sum of \$500 each. Robert Wright, James Majors and
John Miller) Benjamin Russell posted their bonds in amount of \$250
John McMahan) each against their goods, chattels, lands and tenements.
Robert Wright) Bonds were to ensure the personal appearance in court
James Majors) of Miller and McMahan who failed to appear to answer
Benjamin) criminal charges against them. Having failed to appear,
Russell) and Wright, Majors and Russell having failed to produce
Miller and McMahan in court, they are subject to forfeit-
ing their bonds. All defendants ordered to appear in court on the second Mon-
day in November, 1813, to show cause, if any they have, why final judgement
shall not be entered against them.
- Page 61 The Territory) Case: James Mullins was accused of an assault on William
vs.) Garner by challenging him to fight a duel. Case ordered
James Mullins) to be noliprosequi [not prosecuted].
- Page 62 The Territory) Case: Daniel Mitchell was accused of assault and battery
vs.) committed on the body of James[?] Dutton. Mitchell
Daniel Mitchell) paid the costs of the case and was dismissed.
- Pages 62-62 The Territory) Case: Alexander Dutton was charged with assault and
vs.) battery committed on Daniel Mitchell. Dutton paid the
Alexander Dutton) costs and was released.
- Pages 63-64 The Territory) Case: On 16 Aug. 1811 in Madison Co., Miss. Terr., one
vs.) Nicholas Gilbreath assaulted and ill treated William Badger.
Nicholas Gilbreath) The grand jury returned a true bill. William Lanier, jury
foreman. The Sheriff ordered to find and "him safely keep"
to answer charges. On the 2nd Monday of May 1813, William Badger, the prose-
cutor, did not appear the case was dropped.
- Pages 64-66 The Territory) Case: On 29 Oct. 1812 in Madison Co., Miss. Terr., Jessee
vs.) Jordan, in Madison Co. did "enter in and upon the close
Jesse Jordan) [an enclosed place] of John Ice" and with force and arms
did then and there pull down and take away from the house
of said Ice a number of clapboards. The grand jury returned a true bill. The Sheriff



Superior Court of Law & Equity (-continued-)

was ordered to attempt to find Jesse Jordan and “him safely keep” to answer the charges against him. Afterwards, he pleaded not guilty whereupon a jury was impanelled to hear his case: John Rhea, Daniel Gibbs, John Chisholm, Michael Montgomery, James Powers, Thomas Brandon, John Stokes, Roadin Tucker, William Rather, George Sharp, Michael Byrd, and David Abernathy.

Verdict: Guilty in manner and form as charged. Jordan was assessed \$1. fine plus costs.

Pages 66-68 The Territory) Case: Abraham Standerfer, late of Madison Co., Miss.
 vs.) Territory, did on 10 Jan. 1813 in the town of Huntsville,
 Abraham) assault and ill treat Joseph Doherty, labourer, then and
 Standerfer) there to the great damage of Doherty and to the evil ex-
 ample of all others. The grand jury found a true bill and
 the Sheriff was ordered to find and safely keep Standerfer to answer the charges
 against him. Afterwards Standerfer pleaded not guilty and a jury was impanelled:
 John Rhea, Daniel Gibbs, John Chisholm, Michael Montgomery, James Power,
 Thomas Brandon, John Stokes, Roadin Tucker, William Rather, George Sharp,
 Michael Byrd and James Hollinsworth.
 Verdict: Guilty in manner and form as charged. Standerfer fined 6¼ Cents plus
 costs.

Pages 68-70 The Territory) Case: John Jones, labourer, of Madison Co., Miss. Terr.,
 vs.) did on 15 Oct. 1812 in Madison Co. make an assault and
 John Jones) battery on a negro man named Abraham, the property of
 Michael Koyle [also written Coyle in other records] with
 an intent to murder said Abraham to the evil example of all others. The grand jury
 found a true bill. James Manning, jury foreman. The Sheriff was ordered to find and
 safely keep Jones to answer the charges against him. Jones appeared in court and
 pleaded not guilty whereupon a jury was called: James Powers, Daniel Gibbs, John
 Rhea, Michael Montgomery, Anthony Winston, Lewellen Jones, James Priest, John
 Russell, Michael Byrd, John Couch Senr., Robert Farish and Robert McLaurine.
 Verdict: Not guilty.

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SHEFFEY FAMILY BIBLE

The following Bible record was found among some old books belonging to the Reuben Chapman IV estate. There were only two entries. In 1971 the Bible was in the hands of Josephine Chapman, the widow of Reuben IV, now deceased.



L[awrence] B. Sheffey
 Born April 23rd 1861
 Serena Sheffey
 Born July 19th 1864.



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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLE BONDS
1841-1844
(Part 2)

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

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

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

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

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

This book begins with page 42. We have no knowledge of what happened to the first 41 pages. The original book is entitled, "Justice of the Peace Bonds, 1840-1853" and is housed in the Madison County Archives. Abstracted and checked by Dorothy Scott Johnson and Mrs. V. William Hamner through the courtesy of Judge William D. Page. Continued from Volume 25, Issue No. 2, December 1990.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Date Elected</u>	<u>Office of</u>	<u>Military Beat</u>	<u>Bondsmen</u>
		<u>1841</u>			
79	Aaron Harrison	1 Mar	Constable	Cap. Wm. R. Stone's	Johnson Harrison & George Russell.
80	Edward H. Vance	1 Mar	JP	Capt. Jenkins's	Dickson Cobb & Jason M. Brazelton.
82	Simeon S. Clark	1 Mar	JP	Capt. Albert J. Watkins's	Green B. Strother & William H. Clopton.
83	Holman Southall	11 Apr	Constable	Capt. Richard B. Harris's	George Jude & Samuel Smither.
84	Murphy Douglass	1 Mar	Constable	Capt. Carpenter's	Daniel B. Friend & George A. Douglass
85	Thomas G. Rochell	1 Mar	Constable	Capt. Hammond's	Joseph Scallorn & Thos. W. Martin.
87	Archibald T. Madder	1 Mar	Constable	Capt. Hunt's	George Douglass & Jason L. Jordan.



Bonds (-continued-)

<u>Page</u>	<u>Elected Official:</u>	<u>Elected:</u>	<u>Office of:</u>	<u>Military Beat:</u>	<u>Bondsmen:</u>
		1841			
88	James W. Hill	3 April	JP	Capt. Wayland's	Nathaniel D. Snoddy and Pleasant Todd.
89	Larkin Kelly	1 Mar	JP	Capt. Whitman's	Hampton W. Kelly & William Martin.
90	Wilson Woodward	1 Mar	JP	Capt. Golden's	George T. Jones & James J. Bell.
92	Jesse G. Scott	1 Feb.	Appointed Auctioneer	Madison Co.	William H. Powers & Thomas Bibb.
93	James Gaston (\$2000 bond)	15 June	Tax Collector	Madison Co.	Benjamin Patteson & John Blevins.
94	W. Graves Bouldin	1 Mar	JP	Capt. Hammond's	John Dement & William H. T. Browne.
95	John Dement	1 Mar	JP	Capt. Hammond's	W. Graves Bouldin & William H. T. Browne.
96	Robert M. Slone	5 June	Constable	Capt. Burdine's	John Power & Reuben Golden.
98	Hartwell S. James	12 June	JP	Capt. Holder's	Charles W. Strong & William Eastland.
99	David Gardiner	24 June	JP	Capt. Wayland's	Thomas Ashburn & William D. Gardiner.
100	David E. Kelly	17 April	JP	Capt. Richard Harris	Rowland Cornelius & John Eldridge.
101	Wade Nowlin	17 Apr	JP	Capt. Richard B. Harris	John Dement & William H. T. Browne.
102	Isaiah Dill (\$10,000 bond)	10 Mar	Register & Master of Chancery Ct., 32nd District.	Appointed by the Hon. Alexander Bowie, Chancellor of Northern Chancery Division of Ala.	Septimus D. Cabaniss, William Acklen & Silas Parsons.
104	John B. Eldridge (\$10,000 bond)	1st Mon. August 1848.	Clk/Circuit Court.	Madison Co.	Willam M. Eldridge, William H. Thompson, Daniel Johnson, James L. Browning, J. M. Eldridge, William Cornelius & John R. B. Johnson.

Note: Pages 106 through 112 are blank.

113	James Gaston (\$5000 bond)	Appt'd. 22 Sept. 1843	"James Gaston having been heretofore appointed by the Commissioners Court of Revenue & Roads...Coroner...& whereas the office of Sheriff for said County having become vacant," Gaston was appointed to fill the office of Sheriff.	William Echols Jr., John J. Fackler.
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Marshall

DEED BOOK "A" 1836-1840
(Part 5)

Continued from the last issue of *Valley Leaves*. For a full introduction to this series, please refer to that issue. This series begun in Volume 25, Issue No. 1, September, 1990.

Pages 27-29
Warranty Deed
20 Dec. 1830

John McBride sells to Archibald B. Barclay, both of Jackson Co., for \$50. a half acre lot being lot No. 25 in the town laid off by Edward Garrett[?] on the north side of the Tennessee River in *Jackson County*, and bounded by the reservation of Edward Gunter, with tenements and hereditaments. [Note: Description given in metes and bounds and not copied.]
Witness: H. G. Barclay and L. C. Walker.
Filed 11 June 1836 and Recorded 22 June 1836.

Pages 29-30
Warranty Deed
20 April 1835

Simeon Nichols and Eliza B. Nichols, his wife, of Jackson Co., Ala., sell to Archibald R. Barclay, for \$50., Lot No. 3, a half acre lot in the town of Claysville, beginning on Main Street at Rectors corner described as . . . [Note: Description given in metes and bounds and not copied.]
Witness: Booker Smith, JP
Eliza B. Nichols relinquished her right of dower and Simeon acknowledged the deed in Claysville on 20 April 1835.
Recorded 21 April 1835.

Pages 30-31
Warranty Deed
25 July 1836

Samuel Finley sells to Arthur C. Beard for the sum of \$600., land in the county of Marshall as follows:
the NW part of fractional Sec. 33-7-3E containing 82.40 acres.
Finley acknowledged in Claysville 25 July 1836.
Recorded 26 July 1836.
Note: No wife mentioned.

Page 31
Bill of Sale
25 July 1836


Arthur C. Beard of Marshall County, Ala., for the sum of \$800 already paid to him by Finley, sells to and has delivered to Samuel Finley two negro girls:
(1) Susan about 8 years of age.
(2) Tilly about 7 years of age.
Witness: R. S. Randles
Recorded 26 July 1826.

Page 32
Warranty Deed
[Not dated]

Abner W. Paris of the Cave Spring precinct of Marshall County, Alabama sells to William H. Morgan of Gunters Landing, Marshall County, for \$150., "a certain improvement, location and settlement and a tract of land in the Cherokee Indian country situate in Cave Spring precinct, *Marshall County*, Alabama [also see next deed], about one mile distant eastward from Blackburn's Ferry on Brown's Creek and near and between

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the improvement of Foster D. Paris, deceased, and William Bush, said improvement, settlement and location consisting of about 20 acres cleared land and two houses and out-houses.”

Abner ^{his}
 Paris
 mark

Witness: Louis Wyeth and James Parish
 Proven by Wyeth 26 July 1836.
 Recorded 29 July 1836.

Page 33
 Warranty Deed
 6 Aug. 1836

George Runnels [also written Rennols and Rinnuels] sells to Richard S. Randles for \$20., a certain improvement, location and settlement on a tract of land in *Cherokee* County, Alabama about half a mile above the mouth of Browns Creek immediately on the sluice lying and being between the improvements of John Gunter's land and Richard Blackburn. "Said property consists of about two acres of cleared land now in cultivation and the same on which he now lives and cultivates and did live and cultivate in the year 1834 and has remained in the possession of" George Runnels ever since. On this property is located one small log cabin [sic] in which the said George Runnels now lives. Appurtenances include the present crop. All is sold to Randles.

George ^{his}
 Runnels
 mark

Witness: B. R. Starnes and P. C. Starnes
 Acknowledged before Booker Smith, JP in August 1836 [day torn off deed.]

Page 34
 Warranty deed
 4 Aug. 1835

Jesse Upton and Mary Upton, his wife, sell to John Boadley [also written Bodley and Badley], for \$300. the following land in Marshall County:
 E/2 NE/4 Sec. 1-7-3E cont. 80.75 acres.
 Signed by both John and Mary, acknowledged and dower relinquished by Mary on 4 Aug. 1836. Recorded same day.

Pages 34-35
 Warranty Deed
 August 1836

Thomas J. Moore and Elizabeth H., his wife, sell to Arthur C. Beard for \$500 land in Marshall County, Alabama as follows:
 SE/4 Sec. 22-7-3E containing 160.45 acres with tenements and appurtenances thereto.
 Signed by Thomas J. and Elizabeth H. Moore. Acknowledged and dower relinquished before William H. E. Wheeler, JP on 20 Aug. 1836.

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RITCH/RICH BIBLE

The Ritch/Rich Bible is owned and was contributed by Nina Hester Woodham of Guntersville, Al. There was no page showing the date of publication but the family information appears to be contemporarily kept. Supplemental information was kindly supplied by Mrs. Woodham.



W. J. Cooper and Matilda E. Rich was married Feb. 6th 1867.

[Note: Matilda E. was the widow of Matison V. Ritch. J. W. Cooper and Matilda E. had issue: W. J. and Adda Ruth Cooper. W. J. Sr. died 2 Dec. 1875.]

Peter Allen and [At]ha Mexico Riche [wa]s Married Dec. 19th [186]7. [Note: Peter was son of Robert Allen and Nancy F. Scott of Meigs Co., Tn. Peter & Atha had issue: David M., Willie J. & Coe Allen.]

[Pe]ter Allen and [Lova] Ann Barnard [were] Married Feby 8th 1880. [Note: Issue: Robert S., Dr. Peter Walton, Dr. Roscoe Bryant & Dr. Russell Leroy Allen.]

Franklin P. G... [illegible. Possibly Gavy, Gay, Gray or ??] and Sallie E. Riche was Married January 8, 1877 [1878?].

Matison V. Ritch and Matilda E. Ice was Married November the 15, 1854.

[Note: Matison/Madison's 1st wf was Nancy Richetts; they had dau. Atha Mexico Ritch. Matilda E. Ice was dau of Thomas; Matison & Matilda E. had Sallie Elenora and Thomas Madison Ritch.]



BIRTHS

Sallie Elenora Ritch
was born July the 4
1857.

Thomas Madison Ritch
was Born Oct. 16, 1863.

Atha Mexico Riche
was Born A. D. 1848
August 11th

[Pe] ter Allen was
[B] ornd March 27, 1840

A. Allen Was born
..... [torn] 1st 1856

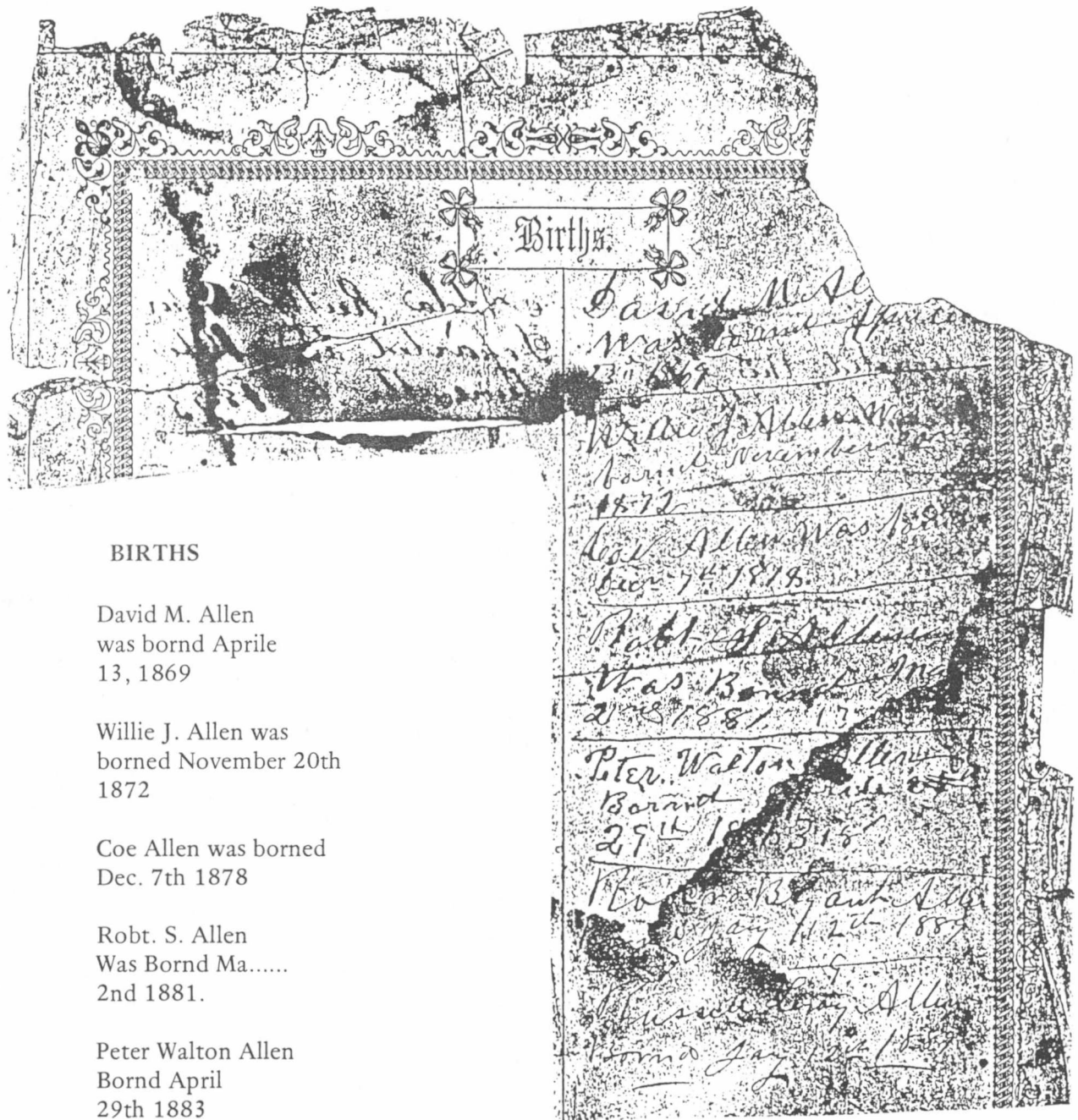
W. J. Cooper was born
April 24th 1868.

Matilda E. Cooper was
born Aug. 16th 1838.

Adda Ruth Cooper
was Born October
the 31st 1873

Franklin P. Prin....[torn]
was born January
the 3, 18[53?]

Sallie Elenora R...[Note: same as first entry.]
was born Jul....
the 4, 1857.



BIRTHS

David M. Allen
was bornd Aprile
13, 1869

Willie J. Allen was
borned November 20th
1872

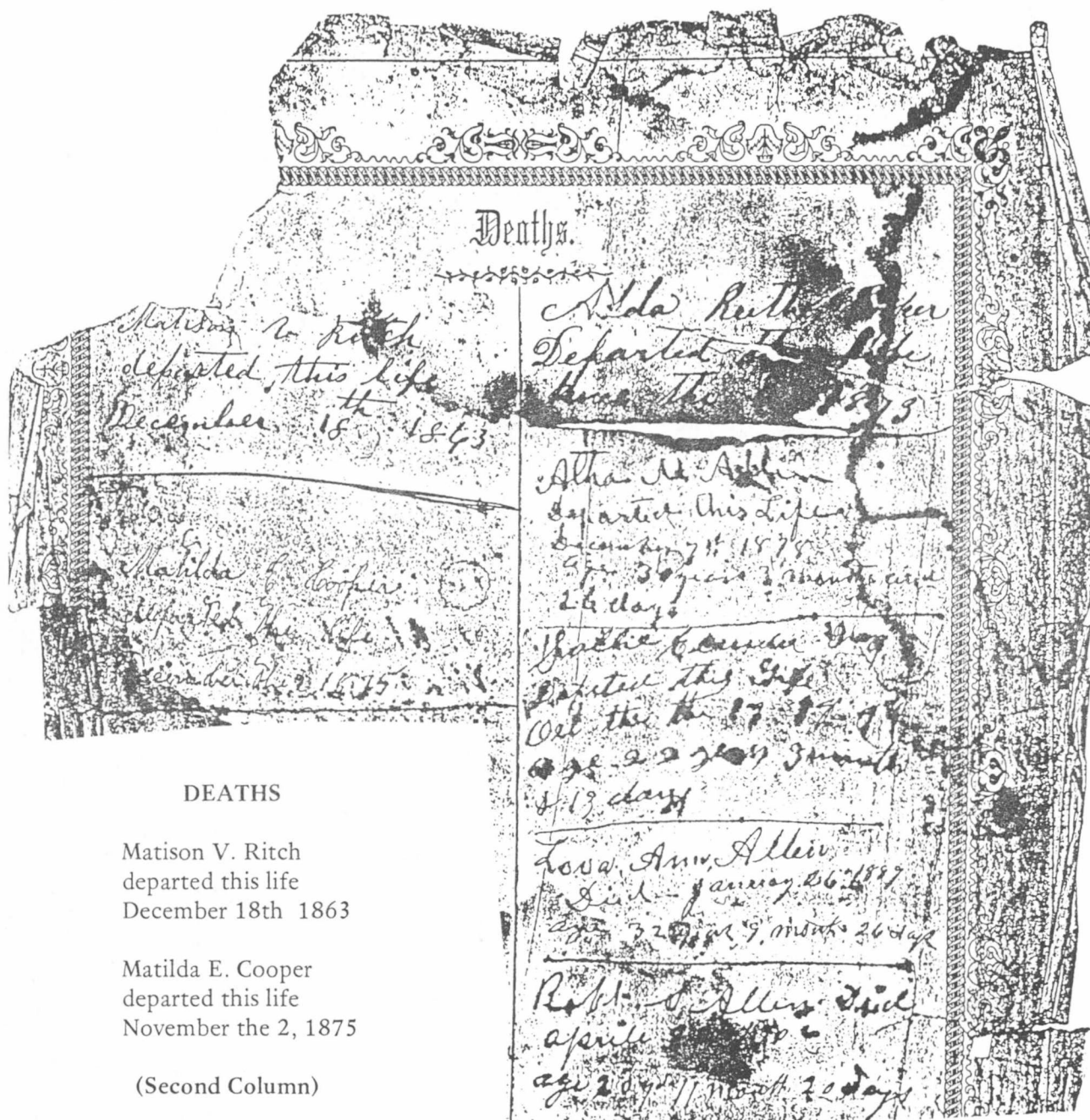
Coe Allen was borned
Dec. 7th 1878

Robt. S. Allen
Was Bornd Ma.....
2nd 1881.

Peter Walton Allen
Bornd April
29th 1883

Roger Bryant Allen
Bornd Jany. 12th 1889

Russell Leroy Allen
Bornd Jany. 12th 1889.



DEATHS

Matison V. Ritch departed this life December 18th 1863

Matilda E. Cooper departed this life November the 2, 1875

(Second Column)

Alda Ruth Cooper Departed this life June[?] the ... 1873

Atha M. Allen Departed this Life December 7th 1878 Age 30 years, 3 months and 26 days

Sallie Elenora Prin. ... [?] Departed this life October the 27, 1879 Age 22 years, 3 months & 13 days

Lova Ann Allen Died January 26, 1889 Age 32 years, 9 months, 26 days.

Robert S. Allen Died April ... Age ... yrs., 11 months, 20 days.

Morgan

RECORD BOOK 1
1821 - 1834
(Part 5)

This series began in Volume 25, Issue No. 1, September, 1990 and is continued from the last issue of *Valley Leaves*.

Page 15-17 Tues. Morning, Jan. 15, 1822.

Revolutionary Claim of Owen Evans.

On 15 Jan. 1822 Owen Evans, a Morgan Co. resident, aged 65 years, appeared in court and under oath made the following statement in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of 18 March 1818¹ and of 1 May 1820.²

Owen Evans enlisted for the term of 15 months in the year 1776 in the State of South Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. William Brown in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Sumpter in the South Carolina State Line. He continued to serve in said corps until 1 June 1777 when he was discharged from the service in South Carolina. He was in the Battle of Fort. Moultrie [Mantlee?]. He has no evidence of his service except his own oath and the Affidavit of Jacob Sutton hereto annexed.

AFFIDAVIT OF JACOB SUTTON

State of Alabama, County of Morgan.

Sutton states he was in the same Company and Regiment with Owen Evans for the 15 months during 1776 and 1777 in South Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. William Brown in the Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Sumpter. Sutton was discharged with Evans on 1 June 1777.

Signed by Jacob Evans and sworn to 15 Jan. 1822 before Robert Tapscott, Judge of the County Court of Morgan County.

OWEN EVANS STATEMENT.

Evans stated he was a resident citizen of the United States on 18 March 1818 and that "I have not since that time by gift or sale in any manner disposed of any property or part thereof with intent to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions

¹The Act of Congress of 18 March 1818 provided that officers and enlisted men in need of assistance were eligible for same if they had served in a Continental organization, navy or marines for at least nine months or until the end of the war. These pensions were to continue for life.

²The Act of Congress of 1 May 1820 required would-be pensioners to submit a certified schedule of his estate and income. Those deemed not in need of assistance were removed from the pension rolls.

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Record Book 1 (-continued-)

of an Act of Congress passed 18 March 1818." Evans stated he has not, nor has any person, put property, securities, contracts, or debts due him other than the assets listed in the Schedule below, in trust for him.

2 horses valued at \$30 and \$60.

11 head of cattle - \$64.

12 head of poor hogs - \$12.

Land valued at \$261 (on which he still owes \$135 plus interest).

Owen Evans states he is a farmer but not of "sufficient ability to procure a support" from said occupation. He states his wife is 56 years old and he has the following children:

Keziah, a daughter, 28 years of age.

Mandy, a daughter, 15 years of age.

William, a son, 19 years of age

Lorenzo, a son, 16 years of age.

He also has two grandchildren living with him, one named LeRoy Evans, age 6, and the other named Polly Adkenson, age 3 years. Except for the grandchildren, they are all able to support themselves.

Sworn to 15 January 1822 before Robert Tapscott, Judge of the County Court.

-To be continued in the next issue-

MORGAN COUNTY DEATH RECORDS

Book A — 1893-1895

(Part 7)

In tracing your ancestors, the cause of death is often the most difficult fact to determine. For this reason the death records found in most counties in Alabama beginning in the 1880's or 1890's (depending on the county) are priceless. Some Alabama counties do not have these records. Some counties house them in the courthouse and others are in the local Health Department. The original records in Morgan County are housed in the courthouse and begin in 1893. If you do not locate your ancestor in these records, yet you know he/she died within the time period covered, it may be because the death simply was not reported. This is particularly true if they lived in a rural area. Change came slowly and it took a long time to educate doctors, mid-wives, etc. to the fact that deaths were to be reported. Dene Walls and Sue Marine have laboriously copied and checked these Morgan County death records and graciously allow us to publish them. This series started in *Valley Leaves* in Volume 23, No. 4, and is continued here from Vol. 25, Issue No. 1, September, 1990.

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Decedent	Date of Death	Place of Birth	Sex	Marital Sta	Occupation	Age	Place of Death	Cause of Death	Place buried & person reporting Death
	1895								
Harrey Foust (Blk)	July 15	Al	M	---	---	3	Decatur	Billious fever	Decatur.
Lillie Nelson (Blk)	July 31	Decatur	F	---	---	1	Decatur	Cholera Infant.	Decatur, Dr. Sulivan
Ethel Nevills	July 29	"	F	---	---	1yr 9 mo	Decatur	Inflam. of Bowels	Decatur, Dr. W. M. Murray
Elizabeth Norris	July 22	"	F	---	---	80	Decatur	Dropsy	Unknown, J. E. Price
Par W. Night	July 28	Nashville, Tn.	M	---	---	46	Decatur	Inflam. of bowels	Decatur, W. M. Dinsmore
A. Nunn	July 14	Decatur	F	---	---	4 mos.	Decatur	Thrush	Decatur, Calvin Brown, Undertaker
Stewart G. Nesbit	July 6	New Decatur	F	---	---	3y 3 mo	New Decatur	Cholera infantum	Decatur, Dr. W. M. Murray
Ed H. Lewis	July 6	Ind.	M	---	Sup. of Pal Ext.	42	Miss.	Heart disease	Drs. W. C. Buckley & Dr. Edensburg
Adam Orr (Blk)	July 20	Al	M	---	---	68	Hartselle	Albuminara	Hartselle, Dr. R. B. Sherrill
Lethy Harbin (Blk)	July 25	Al	F	M	---	20	Hartselle	Dropsy of peritneal sack	Hartselle. Drs. Sherrill & Turney
E. J. Puckett	Aug 3	Al	F	M	---	35	Beat 3	Consumption	Morgan Co., E. D. Stephenson
Francis Puckett	Aug 3	Al	F	M	---	27	Beat 3	Enteritis	Lawrence Co., Dr. J.M.Kitchens
L. Davis	Aug 25	Al	M	M	---	34	Beat 4	Consumption	Dr. W. B. Thomason
Nat Segars	Aug 1	Al	F	M	---	50	Beat 4	Consumption	Morgan Co.
Hattie Gibson	Aug 18	Al	F	---	---	8y 6m	Beat 4	Consumption	Friendship. Drs. Martin & Sherrill
Mary Fortenberry	Aug 31	Al	F	W	---	56y 4m	Beat 5	Congestion	Libbian Church. Dr.W.H. Cook
Josie Jones	Aug 24	Al	F	M	---	20	Beat 5	Gastritis	Dr. F. B. Hunter
Wesly Tacket	Aug 10	Tn	M	M	---	66	Beat 6	Ascites	Lawrence Cove, Dr.W.M.Shuger
Mrs. Widner	Aug 24	Al	F	M	---	42	Beat 9	Congestion of Stomach & Liver.	J. E. Price
Mary Widner	Aug.26	Al	F	M	---	30	Beat 9	Infla. of bowels	Morgan Co., Dr. C. F. Peck
Idella Moss	Aug 6	Al	F	---	---	1y 5m	Beat 10	TB of lungs	Moss Cem., Drs. Turney & Rountree
Mrs. Barster	Aug 14	Al	F	M	---	60	Beat 12	Infla. of stomach	J. E. Price
Ted Garrison	Aug 20	Al	M	S	---	6	Beat 11	Congest. of brain	J. E. Price
Lucy Garrison	Aug 9	Al	F	---	---	3	Beat 11	Scrofula	J. E. Price
David Syberts	Aug 15	Al	M	---	---	13	Beat 16	Typh.fever & Inf. brain.	Forest Chapel. Dr. W.A.Barclift
Elen Ryan	Aug 15	Al	F	S	---	24	Hartselle	Typh.fever & congestion.	Hartselle Cem., "

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Decedent	Date of Death	Place of Birth	Sex	Marital Status	Occupation	Age	Place of Death	Cause of Death	Place buried & person reporting Death
S. A. Bibb	1895 Aug 31	---	F	M	---	39	Decatur	Inflamation of bowels	Decatur, Dr. M.W.Murray
H. E. Finn	Aug 6	---	M	M	Plasterer	65	Decatur	brain congestion	Decatur, Dr. B.F.Cross
Wm. Marshall	Aug 27	---	M	---	---	1y 6m	Decatur	Measles	Limestone Co., Dr.G.R.Sullivan
G. P. Furman	Aug 31	Germany	M	M	---	56	Decatur	Paralysis	Decatur, Dr.W.C.Buckley
Lucy Shelley (Blk)	Aug 11	---	F	M	---	23	Decatur	Malarial fever	Huntsville, Al., Dr. G. R. Sullivan
Ed Pillar (Blk)	Aug 31	---	'	---	---	6	Decatur	Congestive chill	Garth place, Dr. G.R.Sullivan
D. B. Braswell	Aug 23	---	M	---	---	58	Decatur	Consumption	Chestnut Grove, Calvin Brown, Under.
S. E. Call	Aug 18	---	M	---	---	13 days	Decatur	Inflam. of bowels	Dr. Gastin
Parthena Gray (Blk)	Aug 13	---	F	W	---	72	Decatur	Brain fever	Decatur, Dr. Steers
Selina Gilbert (Blk)	Aug 14	---	F	---	---	4	Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur, Dr. Steens
Frank Horton (Blk)	Aug 10	---	M	M	---	62	Decatur	Disease of stomach	Madison Sta., Dr. W.C. Buckley
Nannie Logan (Blk)	Sep 27	---	F	---	---	15	Decatur	Typhoid fever	Dr. Steers
Jane Simes (Blk)	Sep 27	---	F	---	---	35	Decatur	Infla. of bowels	Dr. Steers
Roseta Garth (Blk)	Sep 28	---	F	---	---	60	Decatur	Malarial fever	Garth place, Dr. G.R. Sullivan
Alma Hunter (Blk)	Sep 23	---	F	---	---	10 mo	Decatur	Spinal meningitis	Decatur, Dr.W.M. Murray
Mrs. J. H. Slaten	Sep 26	Al	F	M	---	46	Decatur	Congest. Chill	Falkville, Dr. W.M.Murray
Otis Berryhill	Sep 12	Al	M	---	---	1	Decatur	Cholera infantum	Decatur, Dr. W.M.Murray
L. F. Sevens [Stevens?]	Sep 21	---	M	M	---	27	Decatur	Consumption	Decatur, Dr. W.C. Buckley
Gus Priest (Blk)	Sep 19	---	M	---	---	11	Decatur	Conges. Chill	Decatur, G. R. Sullivan, M. D.
Effa Harris (Blk)	Sep 20	Al	F	M	---	35	Decatur	Malarial fever	Decatur, Dr. G. R. Sullivan
Louis Rainey (Blk)	Sep 29	Al	M	M	---	46	Decatur	Bronchitis	Decatur, Dr. W. C. Buckley
Gip White (Blk)	Sep 12	Al	M	---	---	50	Decatur	Inflam. of bowels	Decatur, Dr. Steers
Mandia Overstreet	Sep 8	Al	F	M	---	40	Beat 8	Brights Disease	Valhermosa Springs, Dr. Hogeboon
J. M. Fields	Sep 18	Al	M	---	---	4y 6m 7d	Beat 8	Malaria	Alabama, L. C. Smith
Sarah Mitchell	Sep 30	Al	F	M	---	38y 2m 6d	Beat 8	Consumption	Alabama, L. C. Smith
Mary Johnson	Sep 17	Al	F	---	---	1y 6m	Beat 9	Malaria	Alabama, Dr. Hogeboon

Queries

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

15. **MESSENGER, LIGHTFOOT, BRIGHT, ALLEN, MILLER.**

Wish to corres. with desc. or collateral lines of these who lived in Tenn. Valley area of Al ca 1820's-1870's: Asa Messenger (founder of *North Alabamian* newspaper of Tusculumbia); North & John W. Messenger; Thomas, Henry C., John F. & Robert W. Lightfoot; Michael S. & David Bright; Altamot, David, Lewis, John L., Lorenzo & Alfred H. Allen; Susan W. (1st wife of Asa Messenger), David, Philip, John, Matthew & George H. Miller.

Virginia Pearson, 1310 Oakhill, Keller, Texas 76248

16. **HILL, PRINCE, FREEMAN.**

Am researching my g-gr-fa, William Thomas Hill, Sr., b 1 June 1842 (most census records say SC, others Ga), d 28 Dec 1894 Lawrence Co., Al, m Sarah Elizabeth Prince (b 3 Feb 1850, d 1918 Lawrence Co., Al). He in Confederate Army & on muster in roll dated 17 Aug 1861 at Huntsville, Al in Co. D, 19th Reg., Ala Inf. First known child was Anna Belle Hill b 17 Feb 1869 in Ala. Records & fam history indicate William Thomas Hill Sr. had a sister, Elizabeth Hill, who married James Willoughbley Freeman. Elizabeth Hill b 1854 and d 1884, Lawrence Co., Al. James Willoughbley Freeman b 14 Apr 1852 DeKalb Co., Al and d 15 Apr 1925 Lauderdale Co., Al. He & Elizabeth living in DeKalb Co. in 1871 when their first child, James, born. Would appreciate any information on above families.

Mignonette Warren Kelsoe, 3884 Al Hwy 157, Danville, AL 35619

17. **SHERROD, BOWMAN.**

Need info. on Mary Sherrod b Dec 1839 NC or TN. Parents were b in NC. Was in Hardeman Co., Tn in 1870. Married J. M. Bowman. In 1880 was widowed & living in Faulkner Co., Ark with bro Benjamin and sis Roxanne Sherrod. Who were her parents? Was her father the Robert Sherrod who was in Lauderdale Co., Al in 1830 & 1840?

Albert Campbell, 123 Louise St., North Little Rock, AR 72118.

18. **FRAZIER, HARPER, ORME, NEWBERRY, JOHNSON**

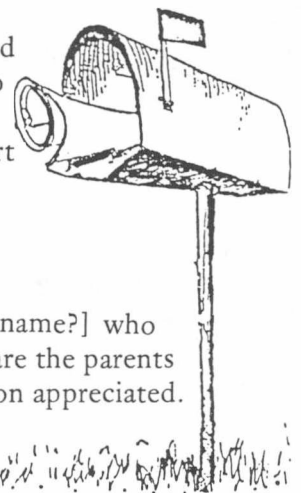
Looking for parents of Robert M. Johnson and Margaret Frazier who married 10 June 1854 Lafayette Co., Ms; both b Alabama. Also seeking families who left Jackson Co., Al 1840-1860 & settled in Crawford Co., Arkansas. What was reason for this migration? Was it bounty land? Among them were Robert Harper, Walter Orme, Alexander Newberry and George Frazier.

Francis Lindell, 7324 Clemson, Dallas, Texas 75214.

19. **SNEED, MORRIS.**

Looking for parents of John W. Sneed & his wife Judith Ann [what maiden name?] who lived at New Market in Madison Co., Al. 1850 census says both b Va. Who are the parents of William J. Morris who married their dau Nancy W. Sneed? Any information appreciated.

Judith Morgan Hetchler, 291 County Road 99, Moulton, Al 35650



20. **WEEDEN, TOMPKINS, HYDE, MANNING.**

Who were parents of Elizabeth Weeden Tompkins, wf of Humphrey Tompkins? Elizabeth, b ca 1779 Va., d 1861 Belgreen, Franklin Co., Al. Her son, William Weeden Tompkins (1805-1866) m. Harriet Hyde, Franklin Co., Al. Was Elizabeth a sis of William Donaldson Weeden who d 1846, a resident of Huntsville, Al? William Weeden's dau, Elizabeth, m William F. Manning, Madison Co., Al bef 1845. Help will be appreciated.

Emmie Lou Chandler, 5202 Coventry Dr., Riverside, CA 92506.

21. **HOLDER, HALL, SMITH, STARKEY.**

Martin Holder's est appr Nov 1823 in Jackson Co., Al & named Bledsoe Holder admr. Those buying items incl Sally Holder, Mark Holder, John Holder Sr. & Edam Holder. How were they related? I desire info on any/all of these, and especially to make contact with any desc. How is William Holder (b ca 1812, res in/near Stevenson 1840+) related to these other Holders? William m 1st Mary Hall who d 1839; he m 2nd Nancy Smith & d 1875-8 at Fackler. Some of his ch went to Ark & Okla. Who was Uriah Holder who m Nancy Starkey March 1854 in Jackson Co? Who parents of Dempsy Holder b ca 1827 Tenn, living Stevenson in 1860+ with wf Sarah & Ch Susan (b c 1849), James (b ca 1851), Joseph W. A. (b ca 1853), Sarah J. (b ca 1855) & John S. (b ca 1857)? Any info appreciated.

MASON, KILPATRICK

Need info on fam of Eli Mason & wf Elizabeth Kilpatrick who moved from Franklin Co., Tn to Jackson Co., Al ca 1862. Their ch: Sarah (b ca 1844), William (b ca 1845), Hannah (b ca 1847), James (b ca 1850), John (b ca 1854), George (b ca 1855), Columbus (b ca 1858), Eli Mack (b 10 Aug 1862). Eli Mack Mason m 2nd Celia F. King & had 8 ch: Sarah (b. ca 1891), John F., Forest, Laura, Mary Ann, Malinda, Flora, and Myrtle C. (b. ca 1909). E. M. and Celia bur in Madison Co. Would love to contact descendants & will share info.

Mary Urban, 1314 West 890 South, Provo, Utah 84601.

22. **FRANKS, SCOTT, STEELE.**

Seek info on Rev. Jacob Franks, Peaked Mt. Church, Rockingham Co., Va 1775-1778. Can you identify source: "Hallesche Nachrichten," Vol. I, pp 581, naming him? Also seek info on John M. Scott m. Mary (Molly) Steele (dau of Nathaniel) ca 1843. John & Mary lived Guntersville, AL 1850. Who were parents of John M. Scott? Census says he b Va.

Kay Lee Wrangle Gunn, 4327 Westside Dr., Dallas, Texas 75209.

23. **LAKE, GUNTER**

Need info on parents of Caroline S. Lake b 29 May 1838 Troup Co[?], Ga. & d 31 March 1918, m William Henry Shepherd 1 April 1860. He b 15 March 1830 Newton Co. [?], Ga., & d 8 Sept 1903. Caroline S. Lake's fa was John Lake & mother was Lovey (Lovita?) Gunter, supposedly a desc of John Gunter, founder of Gunter's Landing (Guntersville), Al. John Lake & Lovey Gunter were members of Eagle Creek Baptist Church, Tallapoosa Co., Al & believed buried there. Will share, trade or exchange info, or leads to them.

Marion Shepherd Coleman, 1719 South College Ave., Tulsa, OK 74104-6121.

24. **GARNER**

Seek any/all info on Lewis & Susan Garner who moved from Union Co., SC to Johnson Co., Ark in 1850. Lewis's fa believed to be the George Washington Garner who d in Union Co., SC in 1841.

Janis L. Garner, 249 Welton Dr., Madison, AL 35758-8570

25 **FRAZIER/FRASIER/FRAZER/etc.**

Seeking descendants of Gibson Co., TN fam of Thomas Frasier (& various spellings). He reportedly born in New Bern, NC in 1760. His fam settled in Cumberland Co., NC. He later settled Gibson Co., TN & was listed as Pvt in the 10th Regiment, Quinn's Co., in 1778. He son of Thomas Frazier [Sr. or Jr?]. Will return postage.

Mrs. Belle Frasier Dean, 251 Marshall Rd., Rainsville, AL 35986.

26 **WHITE, BARNETT**

Wish to corres with any one tracing ancestors/descendants of John B. White, b 14 May 1800 NC. He m Sintha Barnett 18 Dec 1822 Lauderdale Co., AL & d 2 Sept 1874. Seven ch b to this fam. Also wish info on Sintha Barnett b 10 Aug 1807 & d 12 Nov 1882.

Wanda Edwards Steward, P. O. Box 568, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.

27 **MOORE, PARSON, ROBERSON**

Searching fam & origin of Henry Moore b ca 1785 Ga, d 5 Oct 1847 Madison Co., AL. He m 1st in 1807 (wife unknown) & had John & William; m 2nd Nancy Parson 1 Apr 1812 in Madison Co., Al & had sons Jesse, Henry & David & dau. Elizabeth; he m 3rd Rebecca Roberson 12 Feb 1835 Madison Co., Al & had sons Hezekiah Petty Moore (my g-gr-fa) & Rufus Gaden Moore. After Henry Moore died Rebecca m Edward Lane.

William G. Moore, Route 2, Box 310, Hubbard, TX 76648

28 **AUSTIN, McANALLY, JUNIOR, ROZEL**

Seek info on fam of Allen Austin of Jackson Co., Al 1840-70+. Sons: James M., William H., Elijah, F. M. "Bud" (d Scottsboro), Henry, George, David. James M. Austin m. Eliza Rozel McAnally, dau of Peter & Frances Miller Rozel. ALSO researching Junior families of Calhoun, Blount, Cleburn & Madison Co's AL 1860-1910+. Common given names were Sylvester, Hampton, Andrew, Austin & William. If you have info on Junior fam please contact me.

Jane D. Wade, 45 Riverside Dr., Clarksville, AR 72830.

29 **GOOD, SPENCE, MOYERS;**

Seek a kind person who can give me the ancestral predecessors—male & fem, dates & locations of my g-gr-fa Joseph Newland Good, b 1840, d 1925, m 1st Sarah Jane Spence, 2nd Emma Ophelia Pitts Moyers. All bur in Prosperity Cem., Yukon, Lincoln Co., Tn. Any help greatly appreciated.;

Paul J. Waite, 2218 Roosevelt St., Hollywood, FL 33020-2605

30 **GRAHAM, LANDESS, FANNING, HOWELL, THOMPSON, LAM[B], TERRY**

Would like to exch info with anyone connected with these lines in Tenn Valley area: Jehu [poss. Joshua) Graham in Jackson Co., Al d bef 1850. Tradition says his wf was Betsy (Elizabeth?) Fanning poss dau of Wm. & Jane (Terry) Fanning. Betsy in 1850 Jackson Co. census living next to Fannings. Their son, James K. (Polk) Graham b 10 Jan 1845 in Jackson Co. (my g-gr-fa) & d 28 July 1891. James K. (Polk) Graham's wf was Susan Caledonia Landess b 9 Feb 1847 Franklin Co., Tn & d 26 Aug 1915 Nolan Co., Tx. Her parents were Joseph Thompson Landess (1816-?) & Amarilla Mahulda Howell (1826-1898) of Lincoln Co., Tn & Jackson Co., Al. Joseph was son of Henry Harmon Landess (1777 NC - 1862 Tn) and Grace Thompson (1778 Ky? - 1858 Tn). Amarilla was dau of David Howell & Eliza [maiden name unkn.] David Howell d in Jackson Co. leaving will dated 30 Sept 1839.

Sue Ashby, 2510 No. Hwy. 175, No. 719, Seagoville, TX 75159

31 ELLEDGE, DILLARD

Need info on Rubin and Mary (possibly Dillard) Elledge b 1800 in Union Co., KY and NC. Children are: Dillard C. b 1823 Warren Co. Tn, B. Z. born 1824, William b 1830, Elijah born 1831 and John b 1837, all born Jackson Co., AL. Believed to reside DeKalb Co., AL in 1840. Moved to Wood Co., Tx bef 1850. Will share info.

Janie Sue Shu, 2001 East Clinton, No. J-114, Hobbs, NM 88240

32 HUDGEONS/HUDGINS/HUDGENS/HUDGONS/etc.

William R. [Rufus?] Hudgeons (my g-g-gr-fa) was born 1809 in Ga & died 29 Jan 1858, is buried in Providence Cem., Lavaca Co., Tx. He on Jackson Co., Al 1830 census. He married Mary Elizabeth [what maiden name?] ca 1830; she from NC. They had two ch while res in Al: Eli A. (b. 1834) and William Rufus Hudgeons (b. 1836). They moved to Texas and had: James, Thomas Henry, Joel, Mary Ann "Polly" and Elizabeth "Betsy." Would appreciate any info on this family, William's parents, wife's maiden name, etc.

Dorothy Jean (Neely) Jurena, 608 Maple, Yoakum, TX 77995

33 SHELTON, MOORE

Seeking info on Woodly/Woodlief Shelton who m. Sally Moore, Rowan Co., NC 1810. They moved to Jackson Co., Al 1827. He d. Jackson Co. 1855/1856. His son was William Franklin "Frank" Shelton b. Tn 1813. I need names of other children. William Franklin Shelton's children were Mason B., Sarah, Woodly, Alfred and Shepard.

Dorothy J. Lowe, Route 2, Box 252, Templeton, CA 93465.

34 CROCKER, POWELL

Wish to corres with descendants of Solomon Marshall Crocker, b SC, m Henrietta Catherine Powell b SC. Their ch: Sunsbury b ca 1842 in SC, James b ca 1843 in SC, William b ca 1844, Able b ca 1845, Sarah J. b ca 1848 in SC, Simeon Marshall Crocker (my g-g-gr-fa) b 19 April 1850 in Spartanburg, SC, Martha b ca 1854 in Al, Abednego (called "Bud") b ca 1855 Al, Felix Walker Crocker b ca 1856 in Al, John b ca 1858 in Al and Judith b ca 1862 in Al. The family left Spartanburg, SC some time after 1850 and moved to Franklin Co., Al. In 1870 they were in Colbert Co., Al.

Nancy Brady, 1434 North Kokomo, Derby, Kansas 67037.

Queries Editor: Grace Geraci Nola

BOOK REVIEWS

History of Clarke County, Alabama (-continued from page xi-)

The author discusses the Choctaws and Creeks but not kindly. This is probably explained by his own personal philosophy when he states he "... stands for white supremacy, ...".

Mr. Graham gives some interesting, detailed accounts of the Battle of Burnt Corn, the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, the Fort Mims Massacre and other early, famous (infamous?) battles with Indians. Of great interest to genealogists is the fact that the author gives names of persons killed, wounded, etc. Most historians merely relate the incidences and do not even mention the persons carrying out the deeds.

There are a number of character sketches as well as discussions of various towns in the county, education, attorneys, banks, newspapers plus many other topics of interest. A list of World War I soldiers from Clark County is given (remember: this book was written before World War II.)

(Reviews by Dorothy Scott Johnson)

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To be considered for publication, an item submitted must have a reliable reference and not be based entirely on "tradition." We do *not* want items copied from books still in print, however, such references may be used as foot-notes to clarify items.

The editors of *Valley Leaves* are most interested in securing for publication the following types of items: [Send photocopy of original if possible.]

Family Bible records (include title page with date Bible was published if page still exists,) diaries, church records, military records, minister's records, old newspaper items (the earlier the better), cemetery readings (give location of cemetery and whether or not the listing is complete), Southern Claims Commission Records, courthouse records, etc.

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