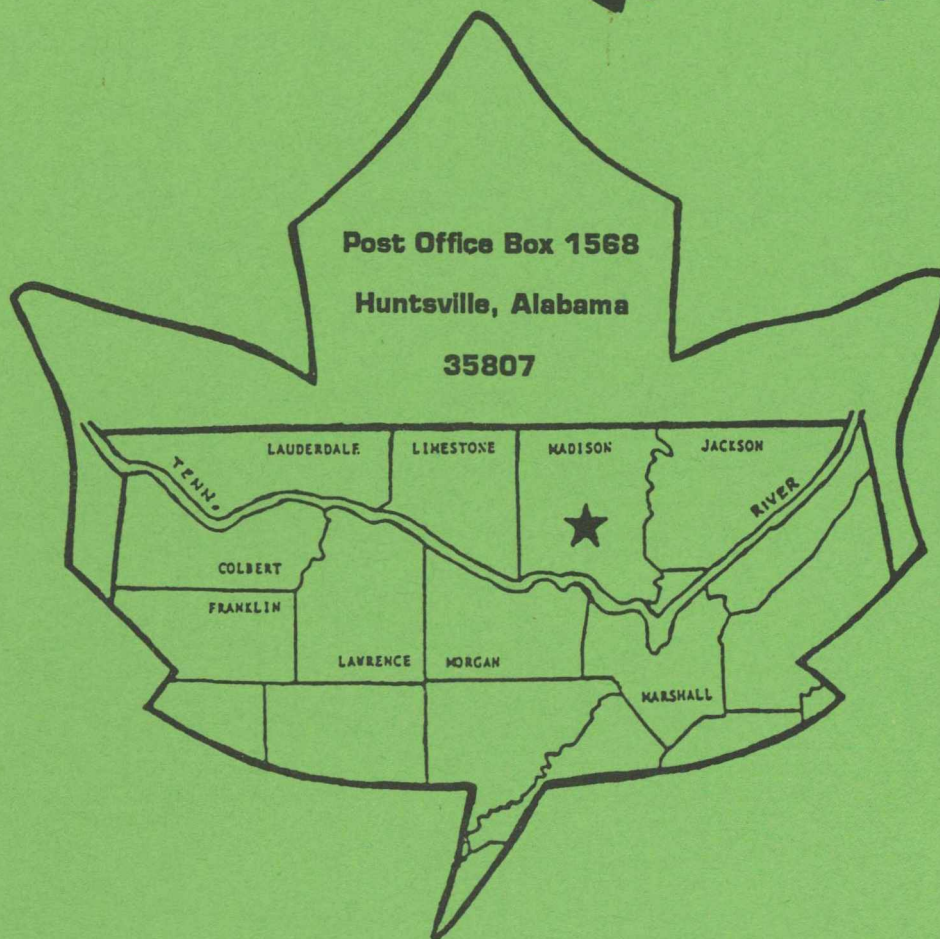


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FROM THE EDITOR...

Many thanks to all the members who made contributions to this issue. As I quilted together their wonderful array of BMDs [my term for births, marriages and deaths] for this my premier issue, I wondered ...what was 'the rest of the story' as Paul Harvey would say?

Expert genealogist Jeanne Henry and I both searched high and low to find the meaning of 'carteledges' [page 29]. I looked it up in my 1806, 1846, and 1895 dictionaries, all to no avail. Does anybody out there know its meaning?

When Jefferson Jennings [page 48] was 'blown out of wall' was he dynamiting stumps to clear his land...or did a tornado hit?

Then as I keyed the death record of Baby Swindle at age 4 days, and that of Elizabeth Swindle the day before of pneumonia [page 47] I wondered...did Baby Swindle come too soon, because Mother had pneumonia...or did Elizabeth Swindle contract pneumonia after being weakened by the ordeal of childbirth?

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Having always had a great fascination for 19th century living conditions, I thought I'd share some tidbits with you about the Huntsville of a hundred years ago.

LOCAL — In 1890 there were 7,995 people and 1,327 residences in Huntsville; Madison County had 38,119 people; Huntsville was 1.5 miles square; residents had forty-seven telephones; a two-school public school system [teacher's pay averaged \$21.37 monthly]; and a street lighting system of 15 arc lamps and 96 gas posts. The electric lighting system was 5 years old; Mt. Sano Hotel had been open 3 years; and the street name and house numbering system was 3 years old. Business was booming: there were 2 banks, 4 hotels, 13 restaurants, an opera house, ice factory, cotton factory, the largest cottonseed oil mill in the South, a saw mill, 2 planing mills, a sash & door factory and a broom factory. W. J. Casey began excavation in April for Madison County's first million dollar industry, the Dallas Cotton Mills.

Dressed in knickerbockers, President P. W. Lownes sang "Daisy Bell" [the 'bicycle built for two' song] as he headed Madison County's first bicycle club in 1891.

On 3 Jun 1892, Jefferson Davis's birthday [b 1808 d 6 Dec 1889] became an official holiday for the first time in Florida; this date would become a legal holiday in Alabama later.

Also in 1892: J. C. Steel and James Caldwell started another broom factory – the Farmers & Mercantile Bank opened, headed by W. J. Wellman – and W. S. Wells was granted a charter for an electric street car line between East and West Huntsville.

But the talk of Huntsville in 1892 centered around General Samuel H. Moore and a Jersey cow, named Lily Flagg. Lily was 'udderly' unbelievable; at Monte Sano Dairy on 8 Jul 1892 Lily demonstrated to a large crowd her ability to outstrip any other cow in milk and butter production. She produced a world record amount of milk and 4 pounds 9 3/4 ounces of butter. The General took Lily to the Chicago World Exposition Fair and she won every prize in the Jersey category. The General returned to Huntsville and threw the most stupendous party in the history of Madison County. The General built a 50 foot square dance floor behind his mansion and a special stall for Lily on his front lawn – just for the party.

NATIONAL — On 23 Oct 1892 the World's Columbian Exposition opened in Chicago. John Philip Sousa, who'd resigned from the Marines this year to organize his own band, conducted the dedication. George W. G. Ferris built the first Ferris wheel for the Exposition – 40 passengers could be carried 250 feet high in its 36 cars.

Bicycle designers and toolmakers, Charles and Frank Duryea made the first successful gas-powered U.S. auto this year in Chicopee, Mass. – Sperry trading stamps began – newly invented zippers caused many chuckles when they did *not* work properly on men's pants – Singer made first electric sewing machine – free mail delivery began – and Edison patented his first important radio invention.

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This is a small sampling of what were Huntsville facts'n'news in the early 1890s. If any member would like to share family BMDs or legends of the 1890s with other TVGS'ers, drop me a line. I'll pass them on in my Spring 1993 Editor letter, as space allows. Also, do any of you have a family 'treasure' from the Chicago Exposition? Is so, write and tell me about it.

A very special thanks to Jeanne Henry and Evelyn Rochelle for spending a long arduous afternoon helping me proof this issue. And to you, Anne White Fuller, a 🍀 for pointing me in the right direction for finding 100-Years-Ago-in-Huntsville information.

Kelli Marlow Allison, Editor

Queries

Sue Bright Richter, Queries Editor

Queries are free to members. A maximum of 175 words per year, per member, is allowed. As space allows a maximum of 175 words per non-member may be published for a \$2.00 fee. All queries are edited and published at the discretion of the Editor. 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.

192 THACKER • BOLEN • SMITH • GAREE

Seeking information on following ancestors. Hiram A. Thacker b GA, d 1864; wife Teresa M. Bolen b GA 1824, d Marshall Co AL 1897; ch: John; Millie; Betty; and Rhonda m Jerry C. Smith.

Rosa J. Smith b 1824 SC d after 1900 Marshall Co AL; ch: Harriett; Mary; Jerry C; Asberry; and Thomas.

John Thomas Garee b 1832 SC d after 1900 Marshall Co AL m AnJane [?] ch: Jane C. Garee.

Wesley J. Skaggs, 1752 Chesapeak Pl., Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

292 LEDBETTER

Need information on Reubin Copeland Ledbetter b 14 Mar 1857 in Franklin Co AL. Son of Shelborn P. Ledbetter. Any information on these two people would be greatly appreciated.

Evelyn Earwood, 2205 Pennylane SE., Decatur, AL 35601; ph: 205/353-5571

392 CARTER • COX

Seek information on my gr gr grandmother. Nancy B. Carter m Aaron Cox in Lauderdale Co AL 13 Dec 1823.

Ruby R. Stone, Route 1, Box 161, Lexington, AL 35648

492 MORRIS • JONES • HAZLEWOOD • SHELTON • STEWART • MALENDIS

Need parents of Thomas C. Morris and Elizabeth Jones who married 23 Sep 1841 in Limestone Co AL; ch: John Wesley b c1842 m Sarah J. Hazlewood; James T. b c1845 m Rachel Shelton/Sheldon; Sarah M. b c1849; Octavia H. b c1852; Rubin Alexander b 1855 m Margaret Stewart; Daniel Webster b c1858. Thomas Morris had neph Elihue b c1868-71 TN who m 2nd Bessie Malends. Who were Elihue's parents? Wish to contact any descendants.

Melanie R. Morris, 440 E. Mowry Dr., #136, Homestead, FL 33030

592 HARINGTON • STEWART • WHITWORTH • SMITH

Need parents of Mattie Mae Stewart b 1870 PA m c1889 Chancy Harington in MI; ch: Ethel Pearl b 1891 MI; Joseph b 1893 MI; Jane b 18 Oct 1895 MI m Edward Smith; Elizabeth b 1905 AL m Guy Whitworth. Where was Mattie born in PA? Wish to contact any descendants.

Melanie R. Morris, 440 E. Mowry Dr., #136, Homestead, FL 33030

692 FRAZIER • FRASIER • FRAZER

Seeking descendents of Thomas Frazier/Frasier/Frazer. In 1826 he joined the Guesses Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Paint Rock Valley near Trenton, and Larkin Fork on the Paint Rock River. Did this Thomas, or his son Thomas, move to Dekalb Co AL later?

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

792 UPCHURCH • BURNETT • MC INTOSH • STANLEY • HAMPTON • MILLICAN • LIPHAM

Seek information on above surnames. James S. Upchurch b 1826 Wake Co NC m Sarah Burnett 1850 Fulton Co GA; ch: William Washington b 1852; David Adam b 1855 GA m Nancy L. McIntosh 1880 Carroll Co GA; Frances; Sarah Lucinda b 1860 m B. B. Stanley 1894; James Ann m Mr. Hampton; Julia T. m W. R. Millican; Joseph Edward b 1867 m Sarah Elizabeth Lipham 1888; Steven A. Who were parents of James S. Upchurch and Sarah Burnett?

Sue Bright Richter, 125 Scenic Drive, Madison, AL 35758

892 LACEFIELD • WHITE

Seeking information about parents of Martin Lacefield b c1808 [in TN or NC] m Mary White 1828 in Lauderdale Co AL. Lacefield is in McNairy Co TN in 1839 [only Lacefields in this area prior to 1828 was in Hardin Co TN]. 1820 Hardin Co TN census lists William, Jesse, and David/Daniel Lacefield. David Lacefield is in Wayne Co TN in 1830. Jesse Lacefield appears to stay in Hardin Co TN. Where did William Lacefield and Daniel Lacefield go? An older Jesse Lacefield may have died in Hardin Co TN prior to 1820. I would like information about any Lacefield from this area.

Melinda Heyn, PO Box 70821, Nashville, TN 37207-0821

992 PORTER • WILLIAMS

Need information on Porter fam that lived in Jackson Co AL near Long Island or in Dade Co GA [near AL-GA line]. Elijah Porter m Nancy Williams; ch: John B; Louisa B; Georgetta; Winifield Scott; and Alexander Pierce. Will exchange information with any descendents. Who was father of Elijah Porter?

Bessie W. Carter, Rt. 1, Box 76, Hwy 524, Pollock, LA 71467-9710

**1092 POWELL • STRANGE • BRYANT • SANDERSON • C[H]AMLEY •
LANGSTON • DAUGHERTY • JONES**

Seeking information on Powell fam in Limestone Co AL 1820-1840. Jacob C. Powell b c1784 NC. Who was his wife? [she probably d in Limestone Co AL]; known ch: Sarah b 1802 SC m David Strange; Henry J. b c1803 SC m Elizabeth ___; Caleb b 1810 SC m Latha Jane Bryant; Martha b 1815 SC m Wiley Jones; Benjamin b 1824 AL m Juda ___; Rebecca b 1829 AL m David Jones; Elizabeth m Jared/Jarrett Chamley; John m Sopia L. Sanderson; and Elijah. Who did Elijah marry? Believe he and wife died in AL. When? Known ch: Martha m Jesse Langston; Elizabeth A. b 1832 AL m John R. Daugherty. Any help or information appreciated.

Peggy Cansler, 5151 S. Greenway Drive, Tucson, AZ 85706

1192 ROBERTS • BAILEY

Need information on fam of Henry and Elizabeth Roberts in Lauderdale Co AL 1818-1832. Shelbyville Co KY 1810 census shows Henry and Elizabeth with four daughters and three sons; one son, Peter H. Roberts m Sarah H. Bailey 27 May 1824 Lauderdale Co AL.

William Roberts, Rt. 2, Box 151A, Clay City, IN 47841

1292 EDWARDS • THOMPSON

Garner J. Edwards b c1818 in Madison Co AL [per 1850 census] m Mary E. Thompson in 1841 in Morgan Co AL. Who were parents of Garner Edwards?

Also seeking information on Jesse Edwards b 1780-90 [according to 1830 and 1840 Morgan Co AL census]. Any help appreciated.

Mrs. J. D. Richardson, 809 Juliet Av., Memphis, TN 38127

1392 LIGHT • EIGENER

Seeking information on Christopher Light b 1760-1770 [according to 1820 Cabarrus Co NC and 1830 Montgomery Co NC census] wife may have been Phillipine Eigener. It is believed descendants came to Marshall and Morgan Co AL. Any information appreciated.

Mrs. J. D. Richardson, 809 Juliet Av., Memphis, TN 38127

1492 MANSEL • BROOKS

Seeking ancestors of Daniel M. Mansel b 1833 m 1854 Margaret A. M. Brooks Montgomery Co AL d 1878 Lauderdale Co AL. Father may have been John Mansel b 1800-10 [according to 1840 Pike Co AL census] it is believed John was son of Elisha Mansel, a Baptist minister who went to Pike Co AL in early 1830s from Columbus Co NC. Need proof of parentage.

Mrs. J. D. Richardson, 809 Juliet Av., Memphis, TN 38127

1592 PEEVEY • JOHNSON • MC DUFF

Seeking time and place of death of Elizabeth Peevey Johnson, dau of Dial Peevey of Madison Co AL. Elizabeth m Mastin Johnson 25 Feb 1830 in Madison Co AL. ch: William D.; Edwin b 1834; George b 1837; Christin b 1839; and John b 1842. William said his mother died in Mississippi. Mastin m 2nd Mary A. 'Polly' McDuff, dau of William Farr McDuff. The Johnsons and McDuffs are on the Jefferson Co AL 1840 Census. Will exchange information, pay copy costs, etc.

Otho Johnson, 4003 Pinewood Drive, Jackson, MS 39211

Regrettably we could not publish some queries in this issue because the submitter failed to put a name and address on the query page. If your query doesn't appear this time, please resubmit.

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\$\$\$ TIPS \$\$\$

△△ SOURCE OF MAIDEN NAME

DEEDS: In the lower left hand corner of most deeds, you will find signatures of two to four witnesses. The first one is always from the husband's side. The next one is always from the wife's side. That is to protect her 1/3 dower right under the law. Nothing you ever use will give greater clues to maiden names than witnesses to old deeds.

MORTGAGES: In the 1800s and before it was traditional when the daughter got married, as a part of her dowry, for the father to either cover the loan or carry the note for his son-in-law. If you know the husband's name but not the wife's maiden name, find out to whom they are making their mortgage payment. About 70% of the time, it will be her father.

[SOURCE: Santa Clara County [CA] Hist. & Gen. Soc., July 1992 issue; from: IL State GS/Mar/Apr 1991; MN GS]

△△ ENGLISH AND WELSH ANCESTORS

Do you need a birth, marriage or death certificate for an English or Welsh ancestor? The registration office has moved; the new address is: Postal Application Section, General Registrar Office, Smedley Hydro, Trafalgar Rd., Southport, Merseyside PR8 2HH United Kingdom. Full certificates are 13 pounds, short ones, 11 pounds.

[SOURCE: Santa Clara County [CA] Hist. & Gen. Soc., Feb 1992 issue]

△△ EASTERN EUROPEAN ANCESTORS

The Genealogical Society of Poznan, Poland, Wodna 27, Plac Gorkow, 61-781, Poznan, Poland, is the first of its kind in that country. The Society may be of help for those tracing roots in an Eastern European country. They will be happy to help correspondents with problems of a general nature.

[SOURCE: Santa Clara County [CA] Hist. & Gen. Soc., July 1992 issue; from: VA GS, V. 15#1]

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North Alabama

COMPANY B – 26th ALABAMA INFANTRY REGIMENT

by

Charles Rice

Well-known Civil War historian, Charles Rice, contributed the following article of inestimable value to anyone with northern Alabama ancestors.

On September 3, 1861 a company of infantry volunteers was formed at Gilbertsboro in Limestone County on the Alabama-Tennessee border.

Chosen captain was Thomas H. Gilbert, while Van B. Gilbert, Benjamin J. Gaston, and John A. Ray were elected lieutenants.

Captain Gilbert's company soon marched to Athens, leaving there by rail for Huntsville and the Confederate camp of instruction at Blue Spring. On October 4, 1861, the company was mustered into the Confederate Army and assigned to Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Davis's 1st Alabama Infantry Battalion.

Gilbert's company drilled at Huntsville for about six weeks before being sent to Mobile by way of Corinth, Mississippi. However, the battalion was soon ordered back to Corinth where Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston's army was regrouping after the loss of Fort Donelson and the abandonment of the Confederate defensive line in Kentucky.

On April 3, 1861 the First Alabama Battalion — now led by William D. Chadick following Davis's resignation — was combined with Golladay's Alabama Battalion to form the 26th Alabama Infantry Regiment with Colonel John G. Coltart of Huntsville in command.

Captain Gilbert's company became Company B. Three days later the 26th

Alabama fought at the Battle of Shiloh, suffering heavy casualties. The regiment lost 123 men killed or wounded, thirteen of them in Company B. Privates Lovell Legg and James C. White were killed. The others survived their wounds.

Company B would fight many more times before the war ended. It marched with Bragg in his summer '62 Kentucky campaign, and charged courageously at Murfreesboro on the final bloody day of the year. On June 6, 1863, the 26th Alabama was renumbered the 50th Alabama and carried that number until April 9, 1865 when it was consolidated with two other Alabama regiments.

The 50th regiment fought at Chickamauga where Company B lost two men killed and eight wounded. The regiment continued to display its valor at Atlanta, Franklin, and Nashville.

The men from Gilbertsboro served to the last, surrendering with Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army in North Carolina on April 26, 1865. It had been a long and hard three and a half years for the men from Limestone.

The following roster has been compiled from the card abstracts in the Compiled Service Records of the 26th Alabama Infantry Regiment. The soldiers' names are listed alphabetically on Microfilm Copy 311, Rolls 440 through 444. Additional names were found in

the Huntsville *Confederate* of October 6, 1863 which lists the 26th Alabama's casualties at Chicamauga.

Note that some of the members of Company B were rather unfairly dropped as deserters in 1862. After Shiloh, many of the wounded had been sent home to recover. However, Union

forces soon occupied North Alabama and these men were unable to return. They were then posted as deserters; most would eventually return to duty. Also, a number of discharged veterans were captured by the Union army in early 1865. These men were incorrectly labelled deserters on Union reports.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

- Gaston, Benjamin J., 2nd Lt. age 21
Entered service 3 Sep 1861; in Sep–Oct was absent with leave; in Nov 1861 he was "Absent Com'dg detachment to arrest deserters." Court martial 13 Dec 1862 (G. O. 13/5 Dept. & Army of Tenn. — Bragg); dismissed from service 13 Dec 1862.
- Gilbert, John E., Captain. age 19
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861 as Pvt. Sep–Oct 1861 was absent with leave. Nov 1861 was "sent to arrest deserters"...recommended for commission by Col. John G. Coltart, 15 Jan 1863..."I have the honor to recommend as worthy of promotion for gallant conduct on the field, Second Sgt. John Gilbert, Co. B, 26th Ala. Regt. In the battle on Wednesday Dec 31st 1862, all my commissioned officers of Co. B were wounded early in the action and retired from the field. Sgt. Gilbert took charge of the Company which was much scattered, rallied it and brought it again into action and continued in charge until the retreat...his conduct, throughout, was deserving of high praise." Elected 2nd Lt. 17 Mar 1863; promoted to 1st Lt. 20 Apr 1863. Efficiency report of 31 Aug 1863 stated he was a "good officer." Awarded Confederate Medal of Honor 3 Oct 1863 (G.O. No. 131/3). Promoted to Captain 29 Apr 1864.
- Gilbert, Thomas H., Captain. — no age given
Entered service 3 Sep 1861. Wounded 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh..."thigh, slightly"...In Aug 1862 he was reported "Absent on sick furlough 30 days since Aug 24." Promoted to Major 20 Oct 1862. Resigned 14 Oct 1863 to form cavalry battalion.
- Gilbert, Van B., 1st Lt. age 24
Entered service 3 Sep 1861 as 1st Lt. In Sep–Oct 1861 he was absent with leave. In Nov–Dec 1861 he was "Absent on detached service from Dec 23." Wounded 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh..."foot, slightly"... Appointed surgeon 10 Apr 1862.
- Kitchens, George F., 2nd Lt. age 28
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861 as 3rd Sgt. In Nov 1861 he was sent to arrest deserters. Sent to Holly Springs, Miss. from Huntsville 25 Nov 1861 with Pvt. D. M. Basham and Pvt. Sterling McCafferty "to deliver them to Jones,

McElwaine & Co. and return." Elected 2nd Lt. 4 Dec 1862. Wounded 31 Dec 1862 at Murfreesboro... "crossing first corn field"... On 28 Feb 1863 he was sent on conscript duty. The 31 Aug 1863 efficiency report described him as a "very inferior officer." On 9 March 1864 he was sent from Rome, Ga to Atlanta with four prisoners. In Aug 1864 he was absent... "Det. by Genl. Bragg." In Sep 1864 he was absent by "authority of Genl. Johnston."

Ray,

John A., Capt. age 30

Entered service 3 Sep 1861 as 2nd Lt. In Sep 1861 was absent with leave. "Sick in quarters since Sep 28." In Oct 1862 he was... "on detached service for Company" Promoted to 1st Lt. 3 Sep 1862. Promoted to Captain 20 Oct 1862. Wounded 31 Dec 1862 at Murfreesboro... "crossing first corn field"... Had 30-day furlough 25 Jan 1863. On 29 Feb 1863 he was on recruiting service. Efficiency report of 31 Aug 1863 rated him as a moderately good officer. Captured 25 Jan 1864 at Florence, Alabama. Sent to Camp Chase, Ohio. Transferred to Fort Delaware, Del. on 25 Mar 1864. Died 1 May 1864 of chronic diarrhea and buried on "Jersey Shore."

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATES

Abernathy, Robert H., Pvt. age 22

Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Discharged for disability 12 May 1862 at Corinth, Miss. ...age 22, height 6' 1", dark complexion, blue eyes, dark hair, occupation farmer... Took oath at Nashville 18 Feb 1865 ...resided Limestone Co Ala, complexion dark, hair brown, *eyes hazel*, 5' 11" - has family.

Abernathy, Samuel J., Pvt. age 19

Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. On rolls through Dec 1861; took oath at Nashville on 7 Feb 1865 ...resides Giles Co Tn; fair complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, 5' 8 ½", unmarried.

1907 Confederate Veteran Census, Limestone Co: Samuel James Abernathy, born in 1843 near Gilbertsboro, Limestone Co Ala. "Entered service as a private in Jun 1861 at Gilbertsboro, Ala. in Co. B, 50th Ala Regt. and continued in service until spring of 1865. Absent from Regt. at surrender; was at hospital waiting on sick soldiers in South Carolina." 1907 residence was Bethel, Giles Co, Tennessee.

Adams, John, Pvt, age 20

Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Jun 1862 was listed sick in hospital in Mississippi.

Adams, Joseph, Pvt, age 29

Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Apr-Dec 1863 was assigned as teamster. Captured 21 Dec 1864. Took oath at Nashville 27 Jan 1865 ...Resided Limestone

Co Ala.; complexion fair, hair light, eyes blue, height 5' 6", has family... Released on oath to remain north of Ohio River — 29 Jan 1865.

1907 Confederate Veteran Census, Limestone Co: Born 14 Jan 1833 in Limestone Co Ala. Entered service as private in winter of 1862 at Shelbyville, Tenn in Gilbert's Co. B, 50th Ala. Regt. Continued in service until January before the surrender. Captured and sent north of Ohio River. Took the oath instead of going to prison. In 1907 resided at Elkmont, Ala.

- Anelson, W. E., Pvt. — no age given**
Paroled 28 May 1865 at Talladega, Ala. ...Co. B, 50th Ala. *Battalion*. Probably from a different unit.
- Barsham, D. M., Pvt. age 30**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Nov-Dec 1861 was listed as ..."Artificer at Holly Springs, Miss. by order of Brig. Gen. L. P. Walker since Nov." Jul 1862 as "artificer since 15 Nov 1861 at Gainesville, Ala." Listed as artificer at Gainesville through Nov 1862.
- Brown Albert, Pvt. age 41**
"Received as recruit 24 Sep 1861." On 1 Jun 1862 was "taken sick and sent to rear." In Jun 1862 he was "Dropped from roll as deserter by order Genl. Beauregard." Resided Limestone Co Ala.
- Browning, Jones, Pvt. age 24**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Died 9 Feb 1863.
- Bullington, Robert, Pvt. age 19**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Wounded... "thigh, badly"... 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh at 7:30 a.m. Sent home 9 Apr 1862. "Cut off by the enemy at Athens" and dropped as a deserter 10 Jun 1862. Returned to duty 27 Nov 1862. Reported in the Huntsville *Confederate* as slightly wounded ... "left foot"... 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga. Took oath at Nashville 25 Jan 1865. Resided Giles Co Tenn; complexion fair, hair light, eyes blue, 5'9½", unmarried.
1907 Confederate Veteran Census, Limestone Co: Robert M. Bullington, born 30 Nov 1843 at Leighton, Lawrence Co Ala... "entered service as a private 14 Sep 1861 at Athens, Ala. in 26th Regt. Ala. Infantry, Company B. Continued in service until Apr 1865. Paroled from prison at Nashville, Tenn in Apr 1865. There being two 26th Regiments his was changed to 50th Regiment." His 1907 residence was Lentzville, Alabama.
- Clifton, George F., Pvt. — age not given**
Appears on... "List of prisoners paroled by Lt. Balder, 6th U. S. Cav., 2 Oct 1862 at Leesburg, Va." Clothing receipt of 7 Feb 1863 shows him as Sgt.

Colbert

MARRIAGE RECORDS, BOOK B, 1874-1887

Part 3

The first marriage book in this county covered the period from 1867 to 1874. The second, Book B, covered 1874 to 1887. The following marriages, taken from Book B, are continued from records published in the last issue of *Valley Leaves*. They were copied and contributed by Leroy Nance.

c= colored

Groom	Bride	Sol.	By
PAGE 31			
Pounders, Lemuel	Timms, Margaret C.	07 Jun 1875	J. H. Srygley, JP
c Jones, Anderson	Thaxton, Amanda	04 Aug 1875	J. N. Green, JP
Cantrell, Thomas W.	Willingham, Susan M.	11 Jul 1875	F. M. Jackson, MG
c Earley, Richard	Williams, Martha	04 Jul 1875	Abram Goodloe, MG
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Vuncannon, John	Felps, Miss Emly	22 Jul 1875	Isaac Bradford, MG
[Vennanon and Emly Phelps on the return]			
Whittemon, Jas, S.	Rand, Miss Bettie P.	13 Jul 1876(?)	Smith, Horace P. MG
Shook, Edward	Phelps, Miss Martha A.	22 Jul 1875	Isaac Bradford, MG
Stapels, M. M.	Smith, Miss Minnie	19 Jul 1875	R. Moore, MG
Page 33			
Devaney, Thurston W.	Cantrell, Miss Mary L.	24 Jul 18__	John P. Witt, JP
	(Canterall on the return)	(applied 21 Jul 1875)	
Osburn, Sandy	Thompson, Miss Mary J.	22 Jul 1875	J. N. Green, JP
Vandiver, James N.	Pace, Miss Mary Susan	29 Jul 1875	W. I. Thompson, JP
Moody, William E.	Black, Miss Martha Jane	29 Jul 1875	P. A. Thomason
Page 34			
Cannady, John William	Duncan, Miss Maggie	08 Aug 1875	Wm. M. Lamay, JP
Sutters, George W.	Cothran, Miss Martha J.	06 May 1875	Edward Cain, MG

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Groom	Bride	Sol.	By
PAGE 34 cont'd			
Edmonson, C. C.	Scruggs, Miss M. E.	29 Nov 1874	Edward Cain, MG
c Alexander, Jerryemiah	Hill, Leah	17 Aug 1875	Anderson Walker, MG
Page 35			
Morgan, James M.	Landers, Mary Jane	24 Aug 1875	Wm. McCormack, JP
Carmack, William A.	Jackson, Nancy E.	29 Aug 1875	F. M. Jackson, MG
c Townsend, John	Jones, Mary Frances	08 Sep 1875	Sam M. Steenson, MG
c Prewitt, Bailey	Ricks, Millie	11 Sep 1875	Thomas Morris, MG
Page 36			
Fulps, Andrew J.	Moore, Martha J. E.	09 Sep 1875	P. N. G. Rand, JP
Mitchell, Anderson D.	Cum[m]ins, Julia A.	26 Aug 18__ (applied 25 Aug 1875)	McCornelius, MG
Winstead, C. M	Potts, Josephine M.	08 Sep 1875	S. H. Williams, MG
c Thompson, Monroe	Wilhite, Malissa	14 Sep 1875	Robert P. Martin
Page 37			
Boggs, James L.	Sanders, Sarah A.	25 Aug 1875	J. W. Bishop, JP
c Toney, James	Young, Margaret	(applied 18 Sep 1875; no return.)	
c Lewis, George	Cole, Jane	19 Sep 1875	Henry Abernathy
Brown, William	Th[r]axton, Nancy	23 Sep 1875	W. Northcross, MG
Page 38			
Moore, Henry W.	Hopkins, Emaline	12 Sep 1875	J. W. Bishop, JP
c Goodloe, Taylor	Oates, Sally W.	17 Jun 1875	Wilson Northcross MG
Copeland, William	Ham, Miss Nancy Ann	18 Jul 1875	T. B. Gookins, JP
George, J. D.	Hall, Miss M. A.	29 Jul 1875	R. J. Williams, MG
Page 39			
Stevens, Major	Hall, Miss Ann	12 Sep 1875	R. J. Williams, MG
Bennett, William C.	Potts, Nancy E.	22 Dec 1868	S. M. Cherry, MG
Gilbert, G. J.	Watson, Miss Sarah C.	23 Sep 1875	W. H. Armstrong, MG
c Tutwiler, Thomas	Pinchum(?), Peggie	01 Oct 1875	Bolin King

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Groom	Bride	Sol.	By
Page 40			
Kerr, James	Lickey, Ellen S.	05 Oct 1875	John S. Davis, of [the] N. Ala conf.
Thorn, Chas P.	Burow, Miss Mary (Marry Burrow on return)	30 Sep 1875	J. W. Leatherwood, MG
Anderson, Charlie P. (Chas. P. on return)	Sauls, Miss Lucy	30 Sep 1875	J. W. Leatherwood, MG
Williams, James W.	Martin, Miss Mary Alice	01 Oct 1875	J. B. Stevenson, MG
Page 41			
^c Edington, B. F.	Payne, Scirrety (Scirrepty Payne on return)	23 Sep 1875	Rev A. Goodloe
^c Dade, Jackson	Burrow, Annie	02 Aug 1875	W. R. Newsom, JP
Bibb, Wesley	Johnson, Adline	05 Jun 1875	W. R. Newsom, JP
Allen, J. R.	Potts, Miss Sarah E.	21 Sep 1875	W. R. Newsom, JP
Page 42			
Taylor, John M.	Waid, Sarah A.	24 Aug 1875	William I. Thompson, JP
Isbel, J. W.	Miller, Miss Martha P. (bride's first name illegible on return)	27 Jun 1875	Solomon Smith, MG
Daniel, Frank	Boatright, Annie	05 Sep 1875	J. W. Leatherwood, MG
Daniel, Robert	Wilson, Miss Sarah	24 May 1875	W. R. Newsom, JP
Page 43			
^c Basden, Benjamin	Cobb, Emma	07 Oct 1875	Wilson Northcross, MG
Rather, John W.	Shelton, Miss Sallie J.	14 Oct 1875	John S. Davis, of (the) N. Ala Conference
^c King, Wesley	McKinnan, ___ (Sing McKinnan on return)	16 Oct 1875	Boling King
^c Sherrd, Elias	Sherrrod, Fannie	19 Oct 1875	Henry McVey, Elder
Page 44			
^c Hobbs, Benjamin	Kernegia, Kisiah	21 Oct 1875	W. Northcross, MG
^c Tripp, Esquis	Moore, Levina	24 Oct 1875	Simon Moore, MG
Mitchell, Daniel	Goins, Miss Amanda J.	27 Oct 1875	F. M. Jackson, MG

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Groom	Bride	Sol.	By
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c Vinson, Henry (Henry Vinson Cole on return)	Wilson, Miss Tilla	30 Oct 1875	Bolin King, MG
Page 45			
c Towns, William	Brown, Eliza	31 Oct 1875	J. N. Green, JP
Vess, George P.	Bradford, Miss R. A.	14 Nov 1875	John Askew, JP
c Sivills, William	Mason, Lucy	02 Nov 1875	A. W. Ligon, Judge [of] Probate
Vaden, J. H.	Cashian, Miss Susan Ann	28 Oct 1875	S. H. Williams
Page 46			
Prinz, Gotfried Adolph (G. A. Prinze on return)	Luedelemann, Ingelrog S. C. (I. S. C. Luedelemann on return)	04 Nov 1875	Horace P. Smith
Reed, William	Roberts, Miss Elizabeth	09 Nov 1875	Josiah Foster, JP
Woodfin, Thomas L.	Allen, Miss Terrissa V.	20 Oct 1875	F. W. Thompson, JP
Aydtell, Frank H. (F. H. Aydelett on return)	Douley, Miss Callie	10 Nov 1875	Horace P. Smith
Page 47			
c Mhoon, Chance	Harris, Lucy	11 Nov 1875	W. Northcross, MG
Beaumont, Clarence W. (Clarence W. on return)	Kaahl, Miss Alice A.	16 Nov 1875	Horace P. Smith
Gilbert, A. Judson	Hayley, Miss Alice V.	18 Nov 1875	Horace P. Smith
Mitchell, Henry L.	Clemens, Ruthu E.	10 Nov 1875	McCornelious, MG
Page 48			
Dewberry, William	Savage, Sarah	22 Oct 1875	W. F. White, MG
Harris, John	Gibson, Miss S. S.	11 Nov 1875	John W. Bishop, JP
Landers, James H.	Landers, Mary E.	21 Nov 1875	J. D. Lawless, MG
c Nolen, George	Goodloe, Miss Bettie	24 Nov 1875	W. Northcross, MG
Page 49			
Todd, Franklin	Hearn, Julia	24 Nov 1875	James C. Kay, JP
c Johnson, Jack	Burgess, Lucinda	11 Nov 1875	James C. Kay, JP
Titus, Nathan	Hayley, Miss Josephine	04 Nov 1875	W. H. Armstrong

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Groom	Bride	Sol.	By
PAGE 49 cont'd			
c Lane, Melton	Armstead, Lou	24 Nov 1875	W. Northcross, MG
Page 50			
Sheffield, Millard F.	Yocum, Miss Matilda (applied 30 Nov 1875; no return.)		
c Floyed, Frank	Walker, Harriett	08 Dec 1875	Alexander Brown MG
c Martin, Mose	Price, Mehaly	30 Nov 1875	Philip Roberts
Davis, Marion	Hall, Miss Sarah June	20 Nov 1875	Wm. R. Thompson, JP
Page 51			
Bryant, John	Ray, Miss Polena (Paulina Ray on return)	17 Nov 1875	W. H. Hayley, JP
McVey, Zedoc	Ray, Miss Annie	19 Nov 1875	Wyatt Oates, JP
Davis, John	Harris, Miss Ellen R.	02 Dec 1875	G. D. Daily, JP
Inman, Thomas V.	Kennedy, Miss Mary E.		W. H. Camp, MG (applied 15 Dec, 1875; solemnized 21 Dec 1876 per return)
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c Vinson, Yancy	Haward, Silla		Thos. Morris, MG (applied 15 Dec 1876; solemnized 16 Dec 1876 per return)
Inman, Napolian	Ramsey, Miss Sarah C.	19 Dec 1875	Thos. B. Gookin, JP
Ramsey, William M.	Obryant, Miss Martha F.	20 Dec 1875	Thos. B. Gookin, JP
c Slours, Willis	Malone, Francis	18 Nov 1875	J. M. Leatherwood, MG
	[Slawn on return]		
Page 53			
Dorerty, William	Mryant, Mrs. Sarah	01 Dec 1875	J. W. Leatherwood, MG
Morris, Samuel A.	Williams, Miss Lou	06 Dec 1875	J. W. Leatherwood, MG
White, John M.	Barton, Minnie A.	16 Dec 1875	Jno. B. Stevenson, MG
c Hampton, James	Vinson, Bamma	18 Dec 1875	Osker Jackson, MG
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c Bailey, Charles	White, Miss Ann	13 Dec 1875	J. C. Blanton, MG
Morris, J.P.	Rice, V. M.	16 Nov 1875	R. J. Williams, MG
c McNealey, James	Scott, Mary Jane	22 Dec 1875	George Merrell, MG
c Jarmon, John	Toney, Mary Victory	23 Dec 1875	Bolin King, MG

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	Groom	Bride	Sol.	By
Page 55				
	Glover, Lafayette	Fields, Lavinia	26 Dec 1875	Alex Basden, JP
	Thompson, Andrew	Thompson, Alice	23 Dec 1875	A. W. Ligon, Judge
	Malone, John T. V.	Miller, Miss Modenah	24 Dec 1875	Solomon Smith, MG
c	Archer, Edward	Lane, Rosa	22 Dec 1875	Abraham Goodloe
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	Barret, Alfred	Beard, Miss Mary	28 Dec 1875	F. M. Jackson, MG
	Helms, Edward	Mathews, Lula	27 Dec 1875	Wm. Mysinger, MG
c	Pride, Harry	Inman, Idolla	29 Dec 1875	Alex Basden, JP
c	Browden, Green	Page, Marcella	29 Dec 1875	W. Northcross, MG

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Outrages By The Military

[SOURCE: The Athens *Weekly Post*, Saturday morning 31 October 1868]

We learned last week of an outrage perpetrated by an inexperienced and ignorant lieutenant who was accidently in command at Corinth, Miss., upon Mr. Bennett who is a peaceable, quiet and unoffending citizen of Allsboro, Colbert County, Alabama.

About the first of this month a miserable hog thief was caught near Allsboro and whipped by some persons in disguise. It so happened that Mr. Bennett was present when the whipping was done but had nothing to do with it and did not even know the persons who did it. Notwithstanding this, and it not even being charged against him that he had anything to do with the whipping, Mr. Bennett has been arrested by order of this ignorant shoulder-strapped upstart and placed in a cold, filthy room in Corinth and fed on bread and fat meat.

His health is very poor and he is unable to eat meat so he is compelled to eat bread. Mr. Bennett is a citizen of Colbert County, Ala., is without the jurisdiction of the military at Corinth or anywhere else; but he has been dragged from his home and family in Alabama and for no offence except that this upstart officer says he thinks he knows the man who whipped the hog thief and he wants to make him tell.

If Gov. Smith will do his duty in the premises, and we think he will, he will take steps to show this soft headed would-be despot that Alabama is not under control of the military, that we are in the Union and if military are needed the civil authorities will call upon the officers commanding in our own state, who know their business, for help. We hope this matter will be looked into and this offending officer punished for his temerity.

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Franklin

THE FRANKLIN NEWS

The oldest volume of newspapers in the archives of the Franklin County *Times* is Volume 4, from 1882. [The *Times* – located in Russellville, AL – was established in 1896.] This volume of newspapers is very fragile and Jeanne Hand Henry has collected and contributed some valuable information she found in these newspapers. The newspaper's masthead reads: The Franklin News – “Be Just and Fear Not” — Editors and Publishers: White and Emerson — published in Belgreen, Franklin Co Alabama.

3 March 1882 – p. 3

Estate of John Lawler deceased, in Franklin Co Probate Court February 28th, 1882. Came this day Thomas H. Moore, administrator De bonis non of the estate of John Lawler, dec'd, and filed his application in due form and under oath, praying for an order of sale of certain lands described therein, and belonging to said estate, for the purpose of paying debts upon the ground that the personal property is insufficient therefor. [In other notices, John Lawler is listed as Jehu Lawler].

It is ordered that the 16th day of April 1892 be appointed a day for hearing such application at which time all parties interested can appear and contest the same, if they think proper.

Amos L. Moody, J.P.C.

In Franklin Co Probate Court Special Term 1882. Came this day John W. Duncan, Guardian of Ivy Nora, Mary, Florence and Samuel D. Ramsey, and filed his account and vouchers for the final settlement of said Guardianship and the 3rd Monday in March next, to wit, the 20th day of March 1882, having been appointed by the Court for examining, auditing, and stating the same, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to appear at the term of the Court aforesaid, and contest the same if they think proper.

Given under my hand, at office, this 27th day of February A.D. 1882;

Amos L. Moody, J.P.C.

Land Office at Huntsville Ala., February 15, 1882, Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final

entry thereof and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Franklin county, Alabama, on the 25th day of March 1882 No. 4863, for E half 8 W qr, S 25, T7, R 12 West. Wm. H. Freeman to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Terry Creamer, Wm. H. Burfield, James R. Creamer, and N. B. Keelen.

John M. Cross, Register

7 April 1882 – p. 3

In Probate Court, Special Term 1882. Came this day Redin Bolton, Guardian of Dora A. Daniel, (now Massey), and filed his accounts and vouchers for the Final settlement of his Guardianship and the 3rd Monday in April next to-wit, the 17th day of April 1882, having been appointed by the Court for examining, auditing and stating the same, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to appear at the term of the Court aforesaid, and contest the same if they think proper.

Given under my hand, at office, this 27th day of March A.D. 1882.

Amos L. Moody, J.P.C.

In Franklin County Chancery Court, Monday March 27th 1882. Came this day C. P. Vinson Trustee for Mary C. Hodges (formerly Mary C. Norman) and filed his accounts and vouchers for the Final Settlement of said Trusteeship, and the 3rd Monday in April next, to wit, the 17th day in April 1882, having been appointed by the Register for examining, auditing and stating the same notice is hereby given to all parties interested to appear at the term of the Court aforesaid, and contest the same if they think proper.

Given under my hand at office, the 27th day of March A. D. 1882.

Thomas H. Moore, Register in Chancery

14 April 1882 – p. 3

OBITUARY – “Grave where is thy victory! Oh, death where is thy sting!” – Another happy home made desolate, and loving hearts left bruised and bleeding by the invasion of that silent reaper, death. Mrs. Mollie J. Malone, departed this life March 24th 1882, aged 34 years. She was born near Russellville, in this county, and was married to David A. Malone in 1867. She professed religion and united with the M.E. Church South, at Frankfort in 1872, and was ever a faithful and consistent member of the same until her death. She was a great sufferer, for many years with consumption, and toward the close of her life, her sufferings were intense, but she bore it all with patience, and christian fortitude. She passed away quietly, and not a trace of her last sufferings, was left, to mar her countenance; and we felt, as we gazed upon her silent features, looking so peaceful and calm, with a smile hovered about her lips, that all was well with her;

She was a loving and devoted wife, a gentle and affectionate mother. Although an invalid for years she had that influence over her children, of which few mothers can boast; while they in turn were all that a fond mother could desire; gentle affectionate and obedient; ever ready to do that which would promote her comfort and happiness.

In her death the community has lost a truly good and noble woman, of her it can be truly said: "None knew her but to love her, None named her but to praise."

She leaves a husband and four children, with a large circle of relatives and innumerable friends to mourn her loss, but their loss is her eternal gain. The family have the sympathy of the entire community. May they find comfort and solace, through the religion by which she lived and died, and at last be united in heaven, in an unbroken band, where parting is unknown.

A Friend

In Franklin County Probate Court March Term '82. Came this day George C. Alman, Administrator, de bonis non of the estate of N. A. Smith, deceased, who was administrator of the estate of John E. Smith dec'd and filed his accounts and vouchers for the final settlement of said N. A. Smith's administration on said John E. Smith's estate and the 2nd Monday in April 1882 [sic] having been appointed by the Court for examining auditing and stating the same. Notice is hereby given to all parties interested to appear at the term of the Court aforesaid, and contest the same if they think proper.

Given under my had, at office, the 13th day of March A. D. 1 Y.

Thomas H. Moore, Register in Chancery, Acting Judge of Probate

19 May 1882 – p. 3

...MARRIED — On the evening of the 11th inst., at the residence the brides parents, by Rev. Josiah Jones, Col. Jessie Amos Bolton to Miss Margret A. E. McKinney. All of Franklin county, Ala.

Amos we cordially welcome you into the ranks of the blessed, and hope that your pathway through life be strewn with the richest of flowers, and may you be blessed with a long line of posterity.

14 July 1882 – p. 2

ELECTION NOTICE — The following Franklin County Inspectors and Returning officers are hereby appointed in their respective election precincts for the purpose of holding an election on the 1st Monday in August, 1882 to elect a:

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

STATE TREASURER

AUDITOR

SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

1 Senator for 12th Senatorial District

1 Representative to represent said county in the General Assembly of said State, viz:

NEWBURGH

Peter Barker, G. W. Hurley, C. I. Banks, Inspectors; James H. Hooker, Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

WACO

R. H. Ranson, Rufus H. Long, W. O (?) Sugg, Inspectors; A. J. Barnett Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

RUSSELVILLE

Henry Hargett, Peter Clay, Alpha Walker, Inspectors; Alford Davaney Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

FRANKFORT

Roibert B. Hester, Sr., C. C. Sparks, Joseph Bolton, Inspectors; S. A. Jones Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

PLEASANT SITE

R. C. Watson, T. C. Greenhill, Thomas Orr, Inspectors; J. W. Rogers Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

NORMAN'S BRIDGE

Sterlin Goodwin, W. D. Vinson, W. G. Stanphill; Inspectors; R. D. Lawery Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

HOLLAND

Marion Wright, J. Lark Hardin, J. F. Bullard, Inspectors; W. J. Broaderick Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

BURLESON

J. M. Thorn, A. L. Osburn, Wm. Rollins, Inspectors; J. R. Weatherford Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

COLE'S MILL

Merril Smith, John F. Taylor, Abraham Beggett, Inspectors; J. M. Orick Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

LAWLER'S

Charles Lawler, Joseph Scott, Wm. Mays, Inspectors, Wm. Lawler Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

MOUNTAIN SPRING

George Thompson, T. W. Creamer, R. C. Sibley, Inspectors; W. H. Freeman Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

McNAIR'S

James McNairs, James D. Henson, M. D. Kimbrough, Inspectors; G. W. Dunn, Returning officer and Deputy Sheriff.

BELGREEN

Johnathan Dobbs, R. T. Ezzell, A. R. Smith, Inspectors; J. P. Waltrip, Sheriff and Returning officer.

Amos L. Moody

Judge of Probate

David A. Malone

Circuit Clerk

J. P. Waltrip

Sheriff

June 5th, 1882

21 July 1882 — p. 3

In Franklin County Probate Court Special Term 1882. Came this day Thomas H. Moore, Administrator Debonis non of estate of Lemuel Nelson deceased, and filed his account and vouchers for the final settlement of his administration of said estate and the 2nd Monday in August next, to-wit the 14th day of August 1882, having been appointed by the Court for examining, auditing and stating the same, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to appear at the term of the Court aforesaid and contest the same, if they think proper.

Given under my hand, at office, the 17th day of July A. D. 1882.

Amas [sic] L. Moody, Judge of Probate

In Franklin County Probate Court Special July Term 1882. Came this day Thomas H. Moore, Administrator Debonis non of estate of John Hallaad [other notices use Holland and Hollane spellings] deceased, and filed his account and vouchers for the final settlement of his

administration of said estate and the 2nd Monday in August next, to-wit the 24th day of August 1882, having been appointed by the Court for examining, auditing and stating the same, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to appear at the term of the Court aforesaid and contest the same, if they think proper.

Given under my hand, at office, the 17th day of July A. D. 1882.

Amas [sic] L. Moody, Judge of Probate

28 July 1882 — p. 3

In Franklin County Probate Court. To J. H. McGaughey, J. B. McGaughey, W. L. McGaughey, A. W. McGaughey, Maggie Sleeth and Jack Sleeth, non-residents of the State of Alabama, you will take notice that on the 17th day of July, 1882, a certain paper in writing perporting to be the last Will and Testament of Benjamin F. McGaughey, was filed in my office for Probate by Thomas H. Moore, and that the 9th day of August, 1882 was appointed a day for hearing thereof, at which time you can appear and contest the same if you see proper.

Given under my hand, at office, the 17th day of July A. D. 1882.

Amos L. Moody, Judge of Probate

In Franklin County Probate Court. Estate of Nancy E. McKinney, Dec'd. Letters of administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of July, 1882, by the Hon. Amos L. Moody, Judge of the Probate Court of Franklin county notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present the same with in the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

Wm. T. Massey, Adm'ter.

11 Aug 1882 — p. 3

In Franklin County Probate Court, Special August Term, 1882. Came this day Peter Clay Guardian of Mattie Pierson and filed his account and vouchers for the Final settlement of said Guardianship and the 1st Monday in September next, to wit, the 4th day of September 1882, having been appointed by the Court for examining, auditing and stating the same, notice is hereby given to all parties interested to appear at the term of the Court aforesaid and contest the same, if they think proper.

Given under my hand, at office, the 9 h day of August A. D. 1882.

Amas [sic] L. Moody, Judge of Probate

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— Jackson —

JACKSON COUNTY COURT MINUTES — 1867-1877

Part 3 — Final

While rummaging in the records piled in the basement of the Jackson County Courthouse, Dorothy Scott Johnson discovered a 19-page section from a 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 17" County Court ledger. The pages were numbered consecutively from p. 41 to p. 60. She has copied and contributed this information. Part 1 and 2 were in Issues 1 and 2 of this Volume 26 — September and December 1991.

Mrs. Johnson believes there is a possibility the parent ledger is still there, but the poor lighting and disarray of records made it impossible for her to find it in the time she had allotted.

State of Alabama) Date: Special Term. August 5, 1869
 vs.) Charge: Writ of Habeas Corpus [release from unlawful imprisonment]
 Thomas Camy)

This date comes Thomas Camy by his attorneys, N?- & Bradford, praying for a Writ of Habeas Corpus. The judge ruled that the charges against Camey were insufficient to imprison him and he was discharged after paying the costs of these proceedings.

HISTORICAL NOTE: The widow of Robert Thomas Scott (1800-1863) reached an agreement with the County of Jackson to donate land for a courthouse and jail in exchange for the county seat being moved from Bellefonte to Scottsboro. There appears to have been a period of one year in which no County Court was held and it was probably during the transitional period in which the records were being moved from Bellefonte to Scottsboro.

State of Alabama) Date: August 1, 1870
 vs.) Charge: Grand Larceny
 John Chavors)

Comes Willis Chavo[u]rs and prays the court for a Writ of Habeas Corpus which was granted. The Court ordered Sheriff William J. Kirk to bring John Chavors before the Probate Judge in the town of Scottsboro. Chavors is in jail but his offense is bailable; bail set at \$1000. Came John Chav[e]rs and

made bond with the following securities: Samuel Evans, Willis Chav[e]rs, Obediah Chav[e]rs, Newton Evans and Thomas N. Allison.

NOTE: *The heading at the top of the page stated: "State Cases heard and determined by Nelson Kyle, Probate Judge and ex officio County Court Judge."*

State of Alabama) Date: September term 1874
vs.) Charge: Assault and Battery – Preferred by Milton Gossett
John Stringer)

Case continued to first Monday in October 1874 and from then to the November term, 1875.

State of Alabama) Date: 1 March 1877
vs.) Charge: Peddling on foot without license.
E. W. Ferrill) Preferred by Daniel Coleman, State Solicitor.

The court is satisfied that E. W. Ferrill is carrying on the business of a foot peddler and it is ordered that Ferrill deposit \$25 with the court plus pay the costs of these proceedings.

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BELLEFRONTE — cont'd from page 20:

out a duplicate alphabetical list. One to be given to the [illegible] and one to the Board on or before the 1st day of May in each year. Said assessment shall [illegible] all the taxable property and persons within the limits of the corporation on the 1st day of April in each and every year. He shall proceed to make collections of all the taxes assessed as aforesaid having first given notice as the law requires and pay over the same to the Treasurer on or before the first day of September in each and every year together with all such other funds coming into his hands belonging to said corporation taking his receipt for the same. He shall in no instance be allowed to purchased any claim or [illegible] against the corporation either...

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...directly or indirectly or derive any other profit from his office than such compensation as may be allowed him by the Board and for so offending his bond shall be forfeited and he shall, moreover, pay a fine of not less than five nor more than Forty dollars for each every such offence. He shall faithfully execute and return all [illegible] warrants [illegible] notices and receipts directed to him according to law.

... to be continued in future issues ...

Jackson County . . .

BELLEFONTE TOWN MINUTES

The First Twenty Pages

In the September 1990 issue of *Valley Leaves* Dorothy Scott Johnson abstracted and contributed some newly-found minutes of Bellefonte Town Meetings prior to 1854. Her abstraction began with page 21, inasmuch as the first twenty pages were missing.

Recently a member of the Page family found the missing pages and sent a copy to *Valley Leaves*. The following minutes were abstracted and contributed by Evelyn Rochelle.

Page 1

Be it remembered that pursuant to the law incorporating the Town of Bellefonte in Jackson County in the State of Alabama the Intendant and Counsellors after due qualification met on the Fifteenth day of March in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty four [1854] and organized by electing the following officers, and the following officers then being present. A. Robinson, Intendant, G. M. Harris, T. R. Mattox, D. M. Martin and W. J.[?] Greene Counsellors and whereupon W. J. Greene was appointed Clerk pro tem after which the board proceeded to organize by electing the following officers to wit: Patrick Ragland, Clerk, C. B. Rountree Treasurer and R. C. T. Gill, Marshall.

The Intendant and the counsellors upon investigation found D. M. Martin inelligible to hold a seat on the board on the ground that he did not own in fee real estate within the limits of this corporation to the value of Fifty dollars and thereupon declared his seat vacant.

The Board then adopted the following code of Bylaws and Ordinances for the said Town of Bellefonte [illegible]:

"Meeting of the Board"

Sec 1. The regular meeting of this Board shall be held on the 1st Wednesday of each and every month and any Intendant or Counsellor failing to attend a regular or called meeting he having been notified of such called meeting shall for such failure forfeit and pay a fine of One Dollar for the use of the Board unless at the next regular meeting of the Board he show good cause to the contrary.

"Election of Officers"

Sec 2. At their first regular meeting after the annual election of Intendant and Counsellors they shall appoint a clerk, Treasurer and Marshall for the Corporation of said town.

"Duties of the Clerk"

Sec 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enter in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, correct minutes of all the proceedings of the Board. He shall cause all laws and ordinances passed by said corporate authorities to be published as the law directs. He shall make at each regular meeting and whenever required by the Board, a report of all funds that may come into his hands as such clerk from any source.

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Whatever he shall pay over to the Treasurer all such funds as he may receive as clerk, taking his receipt for the same and shall receive for his services such compensation as may be allowed him by the Board. For each and every regular or called meeting which he shall fail to attend he shall forfeit and pay the sum of Two Dollars for the use of the Board unless good cause be shown to the contrary at the next meeting of the Board.

"Duties of the Treasurer"

Sec 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Corporation to keep an account of the same and at all times to account [illegible] to submit his book kept for that purpose to the inspection of the Board whenever called on and he shall not directly or indirectly buy any claim or claims on the corporation or derive any other profit from his office than such as may be allowed him by the Board and for so offending his bond shall be forfeited and he shall moreover pay a fine not less than five, not more than Forty dollars for each and every offense. He shall accept all [illegible] drawn on him by the Board and keep a record of the same and when [illegible] to pay them giving preference to the [illegible]. He shall receive for his services such compensation [illegible] allowed him by the Board and he shall make monthly, or whenever required by the Board, reports of all funds in hand of all receipts and payments.

"Duties of the Marshall"

Sec 5. It shall be the duty of the Marshall to make an [illegible] assessment of all the taxable property and persons in said Corporation to the best of his knowledge and ability to make

Lauderdale

DEED RECORD A-1

Part 9

The earliest deed book found in Lauderdale County to date is Deed Book A-1 dating from 1822 to 1828. The first recorded instrument was signed on 30 March 1818, but the recording date is not given. The second instrument was recorded in July 1822, leading us to believe this is possibly a second book and that the preceding one is missing [the county was established in 1818]. This information was extracted and contributed by Jeanne S. Smith. Part 1 was published in *Valley Leaves* in Volume 19, and Parts 2 through 8 in subsequent issues.

[NOTE: A minimum of punctuation, paragraphing, capitalizing, and sentencng has been inserted to increase readability. A few words have been inserted in brackets for clarification; words spelled phonetically [but incorrectly by today's standards] have been retained in the interest of authenticity. The Editor]

Pages 302-303 Bond

1 March 1825

Henry Garrard, William Garrard, John Simpson, J. Baily & James Files all of the County of Lauderdale and the State of Alabama were held and firmly bound unto Israel Perkins Governor of the State of Alabama in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars in bond for Henry Garrard as assessor and collector for 1825.

/S/ Henry Garrard [Seal]

/S/ William Garrard [Seal]

/S/ John Simpson [Seal]

/S/ J. Baily [Seal]

/S/ James Files [Seal]

Recorded by: W. W. Garrard, Clerk

1st of March 1825

Pages 303-305 Apprentice - Franklin Berry to Seath

2 December 1824

This indenture is between James Edgar, one of the overseers of the poor for Lauderdale County and Isham R. Seath of Alabama.

James Edgar, by order of the Lauderdale County Orphans Court, binds Berry Franklin, an orphan boy of fourteen years of age until he becomes twenty one years old to Isham R. Seath to learn the brick making business.

Berry Franklin, apprentice is bound to obey his said master and will truly keep his secrets, and keep his lawful commands [at] all times and will not visit taverns and places of gaming, and shall not want the goods of his master, shall keep himself as a good and faithful apprentice during the whole time or term.

Isham R. Seath, on his part, doth agree and binds himself to furnish Berry Franklin with good and wholesome provisions, clothing, washing and lodging and to teach him the said apprentice the art or mystery of or trade of a brick mason [in] as full a manner as he is capable and to instruct said apprentice or cause him to be instructed to read, rite and cypher as far[e] as the rule of three at least and to furnish said apprentice when his time is up with one good freedom suit of clothing and protect and take care of said apprentice in as suitable a manner as is necessary for said apprentice.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this day and date above written.

/S/ James Edgar [Seal]
Overseer of the Poor

/S/ Isham R. Seath [Seal]

Witness: W. W. Garrard, Clerk

Ack: 7 December 1824

Recorded: 1 March 1825

Pages 305-306 Bill of Sale – Bryant to Hearlson

26 February 1825

State of Alabama, Lauderdale County

For the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty dollars, good and lawfull money to me in hand paid by Thos. B. Hearlson the receipt whereof is acknowledged, I have by these presents, bargained, sold and delivered unto Thos. B. Hearlson a certain negro boy named Alston [?], aged about sixteen or seventeen years old which said negro – I do hereby warrant and forever defendunt unto the said Thos. B. Hearlson his heirs or assigns free from the claim of any person claiming the same.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and offered my seal in Florence, Alabama, this 26 day of February in the year of our Lord 1825.

/S/ Samuel Bryant [Seal]

Witness: D. W. McRee
Witness: W. W. Garrard
Ack: 3 March 1825
Recorded: 4 March 1825

[NOTE: a notation across the margin of this bill of sale stated: "Delivered to T. B. Hearlson 2 May 1825"]

Pages 307-308 Bond

23 March 1824

John Brahan bargained and sold unto Joseph G. Elliott the certificate of the South East Quarter of Section Numbered Twenty Two and the Southwest Quarter of Section Number Twenty Two in Township Number Two of Range Number Ten West of the Basis Meridian, on which an installment was paid.

The balance of the installments were to be paid to the Government or their agent by said Elliott or assigns. Certificates were numbers 4119 and 4120 and dated the 30 September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty One, [1821] and whereas said Joseph G. Elliott did execute to John Brahan his two notes for five hundred dollars each in current money of the State of Alabama, one of which was due and payable on the first day of February, Eighteen Hundred and Twenty Five, [1825] and the other note due and payable the first day of February 1826.

If Joseph G. Elliott did well and truly pay the above named, two notes as the same became due, John Brahan was to transfer the two certificates to above named. It was understood that John Brahan was not bound to transfer to said Elliott or his assigns the certificates until the two notes were paid which was the consideration money due John Brahan for the land – but should Elliott at any time within six months give John Brahan a good and satisfactory indorses on the notes making the payment thereof secure, John Brahan would at any time, upon receipt such security, transfer to Elliott or his assigns the certificates.

Witnessed his hand the 23 day of March 1824.

/S/ John Brahan [Seal]

Thomas S. Childress personally made oath that the signature of the forgoing bond was in the handwriting of John Brahan.

/S/ W. W. Garrard, Clerk

Lauderdale County Court

Dated: 8 March 1825
Recorded; 8 March 1825

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Apprenticeship – Taylor to Sample

7 March 1825

This indenture made and entered into this 7th day of March 1825 between James Taylor of the town of Florence of the one part and James Sample of the county aforesaid of the other part.

WITNESSETH THIS TO WIT: That the said James Taylor has this day bound himself as apprentice to James Sample for and during the term of three years from this date and the said James Taylor doth bind himself to live with said James Sample for and during the time aforesaid; [to obey] his lawful commands at all times and in all things readily obey and that he will not visit taverns and houses of gaming and that he will not waste the goods of his said master nor willfully suffer it to be done by others, [apprentice will]his secrets keep, and at all time and in all things carry and behave himself as a good and faithful apprentice during the whole time or term aforesaid;

The said James Sample on his part doth bind himself to teach and instruct (or cause it to be done) the said James Taylor in the art, mistery or cauling of a brick mason in the time posible manner in his power and to furnish the said apprentice with good and sufficient boarding, lodging, clothing, etc. [illegible] for such apprentice, and to give him six months schooling during the term and to give his one suit of cas [illegible] clothing and one fur hat in consideration whereof we the said parties have herewith set our hands and seals this day and date [illegible].

/S/ James ^{his} X Taylor
mark

/S/ James Sample

Witness: W. W. Garrard, Clerk of Lauderdale County Court

Recorded: 10 March 1825

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Apprenticeship – C. Mick to Allen

4 March 1825

This indenture made and entered into this 4th day of March 1825 between Charles Mick of the one part and John S. Allen of the other part all of the Town of Florence, Alabama

WITNESSETH THIS TO WIT: that the said Charles Mick doth hereby bind himself to the said John S. Allen as an apprentice for and during the term of two years to learn the art, trade or calling of

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Lawrence

MISCELLANEOUS COURT RECORDS

There are some loose Lawrence County Alabama papers stored in the Zeitler Room of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library. These papers have been duplicated and contributed by Jeanne Hand Henry.

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State of Alabama)

Lawrence County)

To the Sheriff of Lawrence County Greeting. You are hereby commanded to summon a jury of good and lawfull men to inquire of the damages (if any) sustained by Benjamin Jones in consequence of a road intended to be cut through his land to run from the Town of Moulton to intersect Burleson Turnpike Road. Herein fail not and have you this writ at the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of said County three days previous to the first Monday in December next. Witness John Gallagher, clerk of our said Court at office the 2 day of September 1823 and of American Independence the forty eighth year.

Test.

John Gallagher, CCC Test.

on reverse side:

Writ

Adjudged damages

Rec'd the 3rd of Sep 1823 Wm. Reneau Sheriff

Executed the 28 of Nov 1823 Wm. Reneau Sheriff

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The State of Alabama)

Commissioners Court Febry Term 1867

Lawrence County S. S.)

Ordered by the Court that Thomas Ashford be appointed overseer of the Poor in the Cave Spring beat for the term prescribed by law.

a copy test.

B. W. Isbell, Clerk

on reverse side:

Commissioners Court

To) Comms

Thomas Ashford

Overseer of the Poor

Executed March 8th 1847 H A

McGhee Sheriff

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The State of Alabama

Commissioners Court Laurence County August Term 1823

Ordered that John A. Cargell, Lino Campbell, William Plant, Thomas Metcalfe, William Weatherford, Calistus Campbell, Richard S. Gunn be appointed a jury to view and mark out a road to lead from the Town of Moulton to Marathon.

a true copy test.

John Gallagher, CCC

on reverse side:

Recd the 10th of August 1823 Wm. Reneau, Sheriff by his deputy W. W. Pearson.

The jury met in the town of Marathon on the 27th of November 1823 and was duly sworn by me William Reneau Sheriff by his Deputy W. W. Pearson.

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The State of Alabama) County Court Lct

Lawrence County) December Term 1819

By order of said Court James Evans, Gent, James Doyle, Daniel Wade, Joseph A. Doyle, John Love, Andrew Smith & Alexander McAlister were appointed to view and mark out a road to run from the Town of Courtland to the Ludlow Mills, the nearest and best way.

Given at the office of the Clerk of said Court at office this 20th day of January 1820.

D. W. Wright, Clk.

on right reverse side:

John Love, Alexander McAlister, James Evins and Andrew Smith sworn April 8th 1820.

J. A. Doyle, J.P.

on center reverse side:

Order of Road

to Ludlow Mills

Received this 26 of January 1820

H. M. Cunningham, Sheriff

Recorded in Book A Page 50

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The State of Alabama)

Lawrence County)

We the jury being summoned to appear at the instance of Thomas Couch on the 31 Day of October 1823 at a mill site on the west fork of Flint and on section thirty fore township 6 range 6 west and south east quarter of Sd section and have [torn] being sworn according to law do report and [torn] that Sd Thomas Couch may build a dam across said stream at that place & six feete high without the damage of Either land or helth.

In witness whereof we set our hand this day and date first above ritten.

Ezekiel Thomas

William Howgas

James Kyle

Fleman Hodges

William [X] Maus [his mark]

George Kyle

James Kyle

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State of Alabama

Commissioners Court Lawrence County August Term 1823

Ordered that Isaac Harrison, Samuel J. Adams, John Easley, Zadock McVay, Jacob Smith, David Kyle, William Reynold be and hereby appointed a Jury to inquire into the propriety of altering the road leading from Moulton to Florence at William Pitman so as to avoid said Petman field.

A true copy test.

John Gallagher, CCC

on top and bottom of reverse side:

We the undersigned Jurors agreeable to this order have viewed and marked sd rode round S. Pitman plantation which we believe to be as good ground or better and the distance but verry little farther.

Agreed to and assigned by

John Easley

Jacob Smith

Samuel J. Adams

David Kyle

Isaac Harison

William Reynolds

I do certify that the within juror met and took the oath acording to law.

Nov. the 26 1823.

Wm. Reneau, Sheriff

on center reverse side:

Jury

Recd the 28th of August 1823

Wm. Reneau, Sheriff

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State of Alabama) To the Sheriff of said

Lawrence County) County Greeting

You are hereby commanded to summon Theron E. Balch, John Bigham, William Becham, Daniel McAlister, David McAlister,

Jonathan R. Burlison, & Hamon Herrel to be and appear at the instance of Alexander McAlister on the 5 day of April next at a mill site on Big Nance situate in South East Quarter of Section Number 9 in Township Number 69 in Range Number 7. West of the Basis Meridian Line to ascertain whether by the building of a dam to the hight of 12 feet across said stream of water for the purpose of erecting a water grist mill, saw mill, cotton gin or other water works by said McAlister will overflow any of the adjoining lands of others, or destroy any of the offices carteledges or gardens of any of the nighbors or whether the health of the neighborhood will be materially affected by said dam over said creek.

Herein fail not and have you this writ together with the report of said jury before the justices of our next Inferior Court to be held for said County on the first Monday in May next. Witness Dave C. Wrightt, Regt Clerk said Court at office the 23rd day of March 1820 and of the American Independance the 44th year. Affixed this 23rd day of March 1820.

Test.

D. W. Wright, Clk. I.C.

on top reverse side:

State of Alabama) April the 5th 1820
Lawrence County)

We the undersigned do hereby certify that we met and after been duly sworn proceeded to review the within named mil site and also certify that the building of a dam to the creek within named highth will do no damage to no persons nor persons to the best of our knowledge. Witness our hands and seals this day and date above ritien.

	T. E. Balch	[Seal]
	David McAlister	[Seal]
Recorded in Book A, page 60 -	Jonathan R. Burlison	[Seal]
	John Bigham	[Seal]
	Daniel McAlister	[Seal]
	Wm Bigham	[Seal]
	Harmon Harral	[Seal]

on bottom reverse side:

[top 3 lines illegible]
Executed this 5th day of April 1820
by H. M. Cunningham, Sheriff

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State of Alabama) County Court Lst.
 Lawrence County) August Term 1820

By order of said Court William Leach, Samuel Gragg Sr, William Kyle, William Fears, John Wallace, Robert Price, & Thos. Johnson were appointed to view and mark out a road to run from the town of Moulton to William Wades and the nearest and best route. These are therefore to command you to meet at Moulton on the 16th day of September 1820 to act accordingly and to you report to the next County Court the damage any person will sustain by said road running through their land given at the office of the Clerk of the Court at Office this 25th day of August 1820.

D. W. Wright, Clk. C. C.

You and each of you do solely sware that you will view and mark out the road now directed by the County Court running from the Town of Moulton to Wm. Wades to the greatest ease and advantage to the inhabitants and with as little prejudice to encloseure as may be without favor or affection mallace or hatred & report to the next county court agreeable to the above order. To the best of your knowledge so help you God.

on reverse side:

Rec'd 2nd day September 1820. Asa Hodges, DS...Recorded
 page 139. D. W. Wright. - - -

Oveser road from Moulton to Wm. Wades

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We the survers of said road do agree to start out of town on the old road near the corner of Wm. Persons fence and straiten the old road to the township line and keep the line. We have made no damages on account that the holders of said lands did not clam any of us. We make that the nearest and best way.

Thos. Johns
 William Kyle
 William Fears
 Wm. Leetch

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Limestone

DEED BOOK 2, 1825

Part 7**

Deeds are an often-overlooked source of genealogy and history. The following deeds are from Deed Record Book 2, Limestone County Archives in Athens, Alabama. They were gathered by Howell Sims and abstracted by Deborah Sims Stettler. All persons mentioned in these deeds were residents of Limestone County unless otherwise stated. This series began in Vol. 24 and is continued from previous issues of *Valley Leaves*. [****NOTE: Information from Pages 68-80 [Part 6] will be published in a future issue.**]

Pages 80-81 Deed of Conveyance

17 April 1825

James A. Girault/Giralt of Adams County Mississippi sold to James Webb for \$3,200, the NE/4 of Section 27 in Township 4, Range 3 West of the District of Huntsville in Limestone County.

Witnessed by R. B. Pundow [?].

Delivered and recorded 3 September 1825.

Pages 82-84 Deed of Trust

9 July 1825

Bartly M. Lowe and Robert J. Maning/Manning, creditors

Robert Elliott, debtor

William J. Mason, trustee

Robert Elliott owes Lowe and Manning, merchants of the County of Madison, 1,200 lbs. of bailed cotton. Robert Elliott deeds to Lowe and Manning in trust for \$5 the following lots of land in Athens, Limestone County: lot no. 92 by half lot no. 72, lot no. 25, lot no. 117, lot no. 75, lot no. 98, lot no. 39 [?], lot no. 97, and lot no. 24.

If cotton is not delivered on or before 1 February 1826, Robert Elliott must pay to Lowe and Manning 25¢/lb. for amount not delivered. If Elliot does not deliver all of the cotton or pay for the part not delivered, the trustee should sell the property and pay the debts. If Elliot meets all of the obligations, the deed is no longer effective.

Witnessed by H. J. Thornton and William H. Campbell.

Acknowledged and recorded 6 September 1825.

Pages 84-86 Deed

6 June 1825

Ruffin Coleman, Sheriff of Limestone County, was given a Writ of Execution to seize from Benjamine Murrell on 30 March 1825 the west half of NW/4 of Section 28 in Township no. 1 and Range 4 West in the District of Huntsville and to sell said land to John Maples for \$630.

Acknowledged and recorded on 6 September 1825.

Pages 86-87 Deed of Conveyance

18 February 1825

James Clemens and Minerva Clemens, his wife, of the County of Madison sells to Griffin Lampkin for \$186 land in the town of Mooresville, Limestone County, lots no. 2 and no. 3, 164 ft. front and running back 132 ft.

Acknowledged 23 March 1825.

Delivered to be recorded 6 September 1825.

Recorded 7 September 1825.

Pages 88-89 Deed of Conveyance

8 March 1825

Robert Beaty and John B. Carriel sell to J. D. Looney a certain lot in the town of Athens, Limestone County, no. 18.

Acknowledged 8 March 1825.

Delivered to be recorded 9 September 1825.

Recorded 14 September 1825.

Page 89 Deed of Conveyance

8 March 1825

Robert Beaty and John D. Carriel sell to J. D. Looney a certain lot in the town of Athens, Limestone County, west half of lot no. 16.

Acknowledged 18 March 1825.

Delivered to be recorded 9 September 1825.

Recorded 15 September 1825.

Pages 90-91 Deed of Conveyance

3 September 1825

Robert Beaty and Sarah Beaty, his wife, sell to Ruffin Coleman and Daniel Coleman two certain quarter sections of land in Limestone County, SW/4 of Section 15 in Township 4 of Range 3 West in the district of Huntsville containing 160 acres and 40/100ths of an acre and NW/4 of Section 22 in Township 4 and Range 3 West in the district of Huntsville containing 160 acres and 50/100ths of an acre by patent bearing date 1 May 1824.

Acknowledged 5 September 1825.

Delivered to be recorded 6 September 1825.

Recorded 28 September 1825.

Pages 92-93 Deed of Conveyance
26 September 1825

David H. Friend sells to James W. Hill for \$500 lot no. 62 in the town of Athens, Limestone Co.

Acknowledged 27 September 1825.

Recorded 29 September 1825.

Pages 93-95 Deed of Trust
30 March 1825
Jesse Roberson, debtor
Joshua L. Martin
George Keys and Benjamin Dunkin, creditor

Jesse Roberson owes Keys and Dunkin \$102.95 to be paid on the 25 December 1825 as by a bond bearing date 30 March 1825. Roberson deeds in trust for \$1.00 to Joshua L. Martin a house and lot no. 72 in Athens, containing 4 acres. Roberson is to remain in possession of property until default be made in the payment after which time the property is to be sold at public auction and the debts be paid with any interest and the balance, if any is to be paid to Roberson. If Roberson pays the debt on or before 25 December 1825 then this deed is void.

Witnessed by Robert C. David, William T. Keys, [and William M. Cracken].

Acknowledged and recorded 29 September 1825.

Page 96 Deed of Conveyance
27 September 1825

Robert Beaty and John D. Carriel sell to Robert Beaty, assignee of William McLaue for \$100 lot no. 58 in the town of Athens, Limestone Co.

Acknowledged and delivered to be recorded 27 September 1825.

Recorded 3 October 1825.

Page 97 Deed of Conveyance

17 September 1825

Robert Beaty and John D. Carriel sell to John Hancock, assignee of John Anderson, for \$116, lot no. 5 in Athens, Limestone Co.

Acknowledged and delivered to be recorded 7 September 1825.

Recorded 3 October 1825.

Pages 98-99 Deed of Conveyance

8 September 1825

Joshua Hargrove and Lucrey/Lucretia, his wife sell to John Denty for \$250 50 acres of south end of E/2 of NE/4 of Section 12, Township 2, Range 3 West in Limestone Co.

Acknowledged and delivered to be recorded 8 September 1825.

Recorded 3 October 1825.

Pages 99-100 Deed of Conveyance

8 September 1825

Joshua Hargrove and Lucretia Hargrove sell to the heirs of Richard Roberson, deceased, for \$200 a certain lot in Limestone Co. containing 30 acres, being the north end of E/2 of NE/4 of Section 12, Township 2, Range 3 West.

Acknowledged and delivered to be recorded 8 September 1825.

Recorded 3 October 1825.

Pages 100-101 Bill of Sale

8 April 1825

Reuben R. Scott bought the following property from Joseph Colus:

one still at \$6.50

one black sow and four piggs, one spotted sow and five pigs at \$7.00

one pided heifer at \$5.50

one pided bull at \$4.00

one bed and furniture at \$7.00

two pots, one oven, one spider at \$3.50

Recorded 6 October 1825.

Pages 101-102 Deed of Conveyance

29 August 1825

John Allbright and Rachael, his wife sell to John H. Lucus for \$400 one half quarter Section of land in Limestone Co. being the W/2 of NE/4 of Section 25 of Township 4 of Range 5 West containing 80 acres and 3/100 of an acre.

Acknowledged and recorded 12 October 1825.

Pages 102-103 Deed of Conveyance

24 August 1825

John Allbright and Rachel, his wife sell to Ira E. Hobbs for \$4300 one quarter Section of land in Limestone Co. being the SW/4 of Section 13, Township 4, Range 5 West containing 159 acres and 90/100 of an acre of land.

Acknowledged and Recorded 12 October 1825.

Pages 103-107 Deed of Trust

13 April 1825

James Gordon, debtor

William Winston, creditor

Thomas H. Thatch and William T. Minor, [trustees]

James Gordon owes William Winston \$1700, \$1500 of which is to be paid on 25 December 1826 and the remaining \$200 on 25 December 1827 as by two bonds bearing the date 12 April 1825. James Gordon deeds to Thomas H. Thatch and William T. Minor in trust for \$1.00 one quarter Section of land in Limestone Co. containing one hundred and sixty 90/100 acres, east quarter Section no. 35 in Township no. 4 of Range no. 4 West at Huntsville.

Gordon is to remain in possession of property until default be made in the payments at which time the trustees are to sell the property at public auction and pay the debts. If Gordon pays the debts on or before the dates they become due then this deed is void.

Witnessed by James Inglis, T.P. Washington, and Joseph Campbell.

Acknowledged and recorded 12 October 1825.

Pages 107-110 Deed of Trust

3 September 1825

Ruffin Coleman and Daniel Coleman, debtors

Robert Beaty, creditor

James W. Hill, [trustee]

Ruffin Coleman and Daniel Coleman owe Robert Beaty \$4950, \$2200 of which is to be paid on 1 April 1827 and the remaining \$2750 on 1 April 1828 as by two bonds executed this day. Ruffin and Daniel Coleman deed in trust for \$1.00 to James W. Hill two quarter Sections of land in Limestone Co: SW/4 of Section 15 in Township 4 of Range 3 West in the District of Huntsville containing 160 acres and 40/100 of an acre and NW/4 of Section 22 in Township 4 of Range 3 West in the District of Huntsville containing 160 acres and 50/100 of an acre. Ruffin and Daniel Coleman are to remain in possession of property until default be made on the payments at which time James W. Hill is to sell the property at public auction and pay the debt and interest and the balance to Ruffin and Daniel Coleman. If Ruffin and Daniel Coleman pay the debts on or before the dates on which they are due, this deed is void.

Acknowledged 3 September 1825.

Delivered to be recorded 22 October 1825.

Recorded 25 October 1825.

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LAUDERDALE — cont'd from page 24:

waggonmaking and doth bind himself to him wherewith the said John S. Allen for and during the term aforsaid, his secrets keep, his lawful commands at all times and in all things readily and willingly obey, that he will not visit taverns and gaming houses, that he will not waste the goods of his said master nor knowingly suffer [such] to be done by others and that he will at all times and in all things readily and willingly, obey, cary and conduct himself as a good and faithful apprentice ought;

The said John S. Allen on his part doth bind himself to teach or cause the said apprentice to be taught in the art, trade or mistery of waggon making during the time aforsaid and to furnish the said apprentice in good and sufficient boarding, lodging, etc. [illegible] and convenient for such apprentice with one fur hat at the expiration of said term in testimony whereof the said parties have this day set their hands and seals.

/S/ Charles his
 X Mick [Seal]
 mark

/S/ John S. Allen [Seal]

Witness: W. W. Garrard, Clerk

Recorded: 10 March 1825

• • • to be continued in future issues • • •

Madison

The following material has been abstracted and contributed by Historian-Archivist Lois Robertson, descendant of Seaborn Jones through his son, Thomas.

U. S. CLAIMS COMMISSION

Claim No. 17,875

Seaborn Jones of Madison County, Alabama, was born 9 August 1800 and died 24 February 1867. He left a family of 18 children, seven were minors. His widow, [his second wife] Eleanor Yancey [Stogsdale] Jones, died in the same year. In the 1870 Madison Co Census the minor children were living with their brother, William Baldwin Jones; on 27 April 1867 he had been appointed Administrator of their father's estate. On 22 Jan 1869 the heirs had filed a petition with the court to keep the estate together for the benefit of the minor children. Apparently this was approved, although no final settlement of the estate has been found.

In January 1874, William B. Jones filed a claim for \$765.00 with the Southern Claims Commission to recover the cost for four horses, one mare and two mules taken by Federal troops camped around New Market.

In order to recover damages, Southerners were required to prove that they were Union sympathizers and that they did not support the Confederate Cause.

The claims for the seven minor children were approved for a total of \$233.33. Seaborn M. Jones filed a separate claim; it was approved. Sons, William B. and Morgan, both having served in the Rebel army, failed to convince the Commissioners of their loyalty to the Union and their claims were denied as well as those of the other older children.

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Claim No. 19,875

Wm B. Jones, Adm of Est of Seaborn Jones

SUMMARY REPORT

<u>Nature of Claim</u>	<u>Amount Claimed</u>	<u>Amount Allowed</u>	<u>Amount Disallowed</u>
4 Horses and one Mare	\$565.00	\$400.00	\$165.00
2 Mules	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>	
	\$765.00	\$600.00	\$165.00
Deduct 11 shares (11/18ths)		<u>-366.67</u>	<u>+366.67</u>
		<u>\$233 33</u>	<u>\$531.67</u>

Remarks

Seaborn Jones, the original owner of this property, when taken was a loyal man as heretofore found: in the case of Seaborn Jones, as his son heretofore reported to Congress, and as appears more fully from the testimony in this case. Seaborn M. Jones, one of the heirs established his loyalty and recovered his share in a separate claim in his own name. Wm. B. Jones, the administrator, and Morgan Jones were in the Confederate Army. Stephen W., Thos., John, George T., Sarah, Eliza, Nancy and Catherine fail to establish their loyalty in the evidence before us.

The value of the property taken is \$600. Deducting the above eleven shares for the eleven heirs mentioned leaves \$233.33 for the seven infant heirs, to wit, Deckerd, Allen, Martha, Susan, Trenton, Vinia, and Margaret Jones, which is allowed the Administrator for the benefit of these last mentioned seven heirs.

Signed:	A. J. Alden	}	Comms
	I. B. Howell	}	of
	O. Ferris	}	Claims

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William B. Jones Deposition*

[Dated 26 January 1874]

William B. Jones, age 43, states:

...he is a farmer, resides near New Market, Alabama and is the Administrator of the estate of Seaborn Jones. The loyalty of Seaborn Jones, Sr. would be established by testimony of Thomas McFarland of Flint Factory, Ala. and Robt. S. Norris of New Market, Ala. Witnesses who would prove the other facts were Stephen W. Jones, William H. Campbell, Thomas Jones, and Robert Criner, colored, all of New Market.

...from the beginning to the end of the war he was at his Father's farm in Madison County, Alabama, northeast from New Market, six miles distant. His Father's farm contained about 400 acres – about 60 acres under cultivation, balance in timber land. William B. was farming and working at the stone mason business during that time and he did not change his residence. He took the oath of allegiance at Nashville, Tenn. in Jan 1864. He never received a pardon.

... he was a private soldier in Co. K of the 4th Ala. Cavalry commanded by Col. Russell for about ten months off and on from October 1862 to the following June...was stationed in Middle Tennessee in and about Shelbyville:

"I was not conscripted. I went in just before they commenced conscripting. Well, I knew I would have to go. I told my Father there was so many of us boys, the folks in the neighborhood were all talking about us all being at home. There was eight of us liable to go into the army. My father said I must not go, but to keep out of the way, that we could stay in the mountains. I told him my health was bad and going might improve it. And, I told him I thought it would save him from harm from the rebels if I would go. And, I do believe it saved him from be-

ing tore up by the rebels and his property from being taken. I did go but he never consented. He said it was foolishness for me to go for the north, would be sure to whip the south and that it was a might wrong thing from the start for the states to seceed."

William B. states that he never furnished the rebel army a thing, never gave them any information to aid them in any manner. In spring 1863 after coming home from the rebel army, a rebel soldier came to the house and arrested him and tried to take him back, but he wouldn't go. There were 4 or 5 soldiers, strangers to him, who kept him under arrest for 4 or 5 hours. I told them I was sick. I jawed with them, until they let me alone."

William B. was arrested by a Federals' company commanded by Capt. Kilbreath who said he'd be taken to Maysville, Ala., where he could take the oath and come home. At Maysville he was sent to Stevenson, Ala., with other prisoners. At Stevenson he was told he'd have to go to Nashville to take the oath. From Nashville he was sent with other rebel soldiers before Capt. Goodwin for examination. Jones told Goodwin he didn't want to go north as a prisoner since he was a deserter from the rebel army. Goodwin told him he could not take the oath unless he went north of the Ohio River. Jones was told to report to Barracks at Zollicoffer building where he was "put off from day to day" for 3 months. He was put on street parole and finally allowed to take allegiance oath and was sent home in Jan 1864.

William B. states none of his property was taken by Confederates except for a gun in 1863 and another one in 1865. He was never threatened in person, but heard of threats made against him.

William B.'s brother, Morgan, who now lives four miles north east of New Market served in the Confederate Army. William B. states he never gave Morgan any support while he was in the rebel army. William B. states that his sympathies always lay with the Union and that he exerted his influence in favor of Douglas and did not vote at all on the ratification of the ordinance of secession.

[Because of the genealogical information presented the following paragraph is transcribed in its entirety. LR]

"I am the administrator of Estate of Seborn Jones deceased. I was appointed administrator by the Probate Court of Madison County. I was appointed about April 1867. My father left eighteen children who are all alive at this time. I had one brother who died in December 1866, he was about twenty years of age when he died. He died without any family. He never was married. My father died on the 23rd day of February 1867. My oldest brother was born in 1827. His name is Stephen W. Jones. My next brother is named Thomas Jones and was born in 1828. I was next born in 1830. My next brother Seaborn M. Jones was born Jany 22nd 1832. The next my sister Sarah Jones now Sarah Campbell was born in 1834. The next was John Jones who was born in 1836, the next is Eliza Jones now Eliza Hambrick was born in 1838. The next was Nancy Jones now Nancy Hambrick was born in

1840. The next was Morgan Jones and was born in 1842. The next was Michael Jones the one who died and was born in 1843. The next was Geo. T. Jones who was born in 1845. The next was Catherine Jones, who is now Catherine Campbell and was born in 1846. The next was Dechard Jones who was born in 1852. He was the first child of my fathers second wife. The next is Allen Jones who was born in 1853. The next was Martha Jones, she was born c1856. The next was Susan Jones born in 1857. Trenton Jones was born in 1857. I think the next was Vina Jones, born in 1861. Last is Margaret Jones, born in 1863. Father was a native of Georgia."

In an additional interrogation William B. Jones states that his father's widow died in 1867 the same year as his father.

In regards to the taking of the property, William B. Jones states that he was present when the stock was taken by the U. S. soldiers. Three horses, a sorrel mare and one mule were taken by the Yankees at different times. He believes that they were with the 4th Michigan Cavalry, commanded by a Colonel Watkins. Other citizens who were present when some of the stock was taken were William Howard, James Davis and Crusan Snyder. [William B. Jones married the daughter of Crusan Snyder.]

Signed: William B. Jones

* A copy of an Application for Letters of Administration [dated 27 Apr 1867] showing bond of \$6000 with W. H. Campbell and J. M. Jones as Securities is attached to this Deposition.

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Stephen W. Jones Deposition

Stephen W. Jones is 47 years old, and lives about 2½ miles north of New Market, Madison County, Alabama. Principally he is a farmer, but follows rock work some and is the son of the deceased Seaborn Jones. He lived about 3 miles north east of New Market in April 1861 and remained there until April 1863, when he moved to his fathers place and stayed there til the last year of the war when he moved to McFarlands Mills about three miles south west of New Market, where he stayed until the war was over. He was farming until he moved to McFarlands where he ran a saw mill for McFarland. His sympathies were always with the U. S. He was never threatened to his face but heard that his father and his boys were going to be hung on account of their Union sentiments.

Stephen W. Jones testified that he was present when the big sorrel mare ridden by his father was taken.

Signed: Stephen W. Jones

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Robert S. Norris Deposition

Robert S. Norris testified that he is 63 years old, a farmer and lives about five miles from New Market. He is not related to Seaborn Jones nor to any of the heirs. He talked with the Jones family often about the war and they were opposed to the rebellion.

Signed: R. S. Norris

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Morgan Jones Deposition

Morgan Jones testified that he is 32 years old, a farmer, and lives about 5 miles north east of New Market. He is the son of the deceased, Seaborn Jones. He lived on his father's place from the start of the war until it ended. He did not own any land and had no family. He did not change his business nor residence during that time.

He testified that he gave service to the Confederacy while he was a soldier. He joined because he believed that the rebels would not allow him to stay at home.

Signed: Morgan (X) Jones

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John Jones Deposition

John Jones states that he is 35 years old, a farmer, and lives six miles east of New Market. He lives on his own land. He is the son of the claimant Seaborn Jones. From 1 Apr 1861 to 1 June 1865, he lived on the same land where he now lives. He took the oath of allegiance about the middle of the war but doesn't remember when it was. He voluntarily took it at Brownsboro so he could vote.

He was threatened toward the first of the war. "Mr. Pete Baker, a citizen, told me that we would all be hung because we were a lot of damned Union men."

Signed: John Jones

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George T. Jones Deposition

George T. Jones states that he is 27 years old, and lives about 4 miles north east of New Market, where he is a farmer. He is the son of Seaborn Jones, deceased. During the War he lived on his father's place about 6 miles east of New Market and worked on his father's farm.

Nearing the end of the war, while on business in Shelbyville, Tenn. he took an oath of allegiance to the Union, voluntarily. He never was in the Confederate service, nor home guard, vigilance committee nor committee of safety. He never furnished any aid, supplies, stores or property of any kind for the confederate states.

Signed: George T. (X) Jones

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Thomas Jones Deposition

Thomas Jones states that he is 45 years old, lives 5 miles east of New Market on his father's old place and is a farmer. He is the son of Seaborn Jones, deceased. On the first of April 1861, he lived on his father's place, left there that fall and moved 1½ miles east of there to his brother-in-law's place. He lived there about two years. Then he moved about 1 mile this side of his father's place where he stayed until after the war was over. While there he was living on his own land – he owned 80 acres, six acres of it cleared land and the balance was timber land. In 1862 & 3 he did no work as he was sick all the time. During the rest of the time he worked on the farms when he was able.

He testified that he sympathised with the Union cause at the beginning of the war but did not have much to say about it. He was sickly and always stayed at home.

Signed: Thomas Jones

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Seaborn M. Jones Deposition

Seaborn M. Jones states that he is forty two years old, a farmer and lives about two miles north east of New Market. He is the son of Seaborn Jones, deceased. [THIS CHILDS INDIVIDUAL CLAIM WAS ALLOWED IN SEVENTH REP - CASE NO. 19876.]

Seaborn M. Jones states that on the 1st of April 1861, he was living in Marion County, Arkansas. He left there in the fall of 1862 [and removed] to the vicinity of New Market, Ala. where he lived until April 1864, when he went to St. Clair County, Ill. and stayed there nearly three years. While in Arkansas he lived on his own land. He owned 80 acres, 7 in cultivation and the rest in wood land, situated near Rolling Prarie, Marion County, Ark. While in Madison County, he lived on his father's plantation about six miles north east of New Market. His father owned about 400 acres of land, 60 acres in cultivation and the balance in mountain wood land. During the time he lived in Arkansas, he was farming for himself. While he was living on his father's place, he "was hiding out most of the time to keep out of the rebel army." In Illinois, he was hired out most of the time to work at the carpenter's trade.

"I left the Confederate States in the month of April 1864, the federal soldiers came and helped me to Brownsboro in this County and I got a train there and went to Nashville, Tenn. and I went to St. Clair County, Ill. by steamboat and rail way. I went to Ills, because I could not stay here the rebels were so bad I had to leave. I got out of provisions and could not get any here and had to lay out in the Mountains and could not raise anything here. I stayed in Illinois until the war was over and sometime afterwards. I was working at the carpenters trade and hiring out the time I was in Illinois. I did not come back to the south until 1867, when I came here to my father's place."

Signed: Sebern M. Jones

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Alfred G. Hambrick Deposition

Alfred G. Hambrick states that he lives near New Market, is a farmer. He married the daughter of the deceased in 1868. He states that he was present when a mule was taken from the deceased. She was taken from Miller's quarters, where William B. Jones was living in 1864. The Yankees took the mule out of the lot and carried it from there up to the house and the "sister of Wm. B. Jones, the daughter of the deceased tried to keep the mule but the soldier jerked the bridle out of her hands and went on."

Signed: Alfred G. (X) Hambrick

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— Marshall —

THE GUNTERSVILLE DEMOCRAT

The *Guntersville Democrat* was a weekly newspaper published in the town of Guntersville, Marshall County, Alabama. Few newspapers prior to 1900 have survived in this county; some are housed in the office of the Probate Judge, some are in the Circuit Court office, and some are in the basement storage room. The bound newspapers of 1909–1910 are in the basement and are crumbling with time since the covers of the binding are missing. Since these newspapers appeared to be in danger of destruction Dorothy Scott Johnson abstracted from them as much as time allowed. She started contributing these abstractions in Volume 24 [December 1989].

Thursday – 18 March 1908

*Cryer Baby Dies...*The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cryer and took from their loving embrace their little babe.

Thursday – 25 March 1909

*Skeleton Found...*Clem Walls of Grant found a skeleton in a crevice in the rocks on the mountain near Grant when getting building stones. Walls, a deputy sheriff, states a man named Bob Chapman disappeared about nine years ago and the remains are believed to be that of Chapman.

Thursday – 1 April 1909

A. H. McGee, Sr., has returned from New Mexico and now thinks the end of the rainbow must rest in Marshall County.

Thursday – 15 April 1909

*Homestead Notice...*John Bowers of Guntersville, Alabama applied for the SE/4 NW/4 of Section 13-8-2E on 26 March 1904 with Preston H. Alexander, William B. Alexander, Baxter Weatherly and Allen Howl, all of Guntersville, as witnesses.

*Homestead Notice...*William A. Kennemer of Woodville, Alabama on 22 March 1904 applied for the N/2 NW/4 of Section 29-5-4E. Witnesses were Claude L. Hodges, Rufus Hodges, Samuel H. Kennemer, and John S. Kennemer, all of Woodville.

Thursday – 6 May 1909

Commissioners Sale for Division: Lou E. Rodgers, etal [legal ad]

The following property to be offered for sale to the highest bidder on Monday, May 31, 1909: N/2 SW/4 less one acre, and SW/4 SW/4 less 10 acres off south end on Little Paint Rock Creek in Section 36-6-2E in Marshall County.

Lands to be sold for division among the several owners: Lou E. Rodgers, Mexico Davis, Bettie Davis, Clarence Davis, Thomas Davis, Willie May Davis, Viola Davis, Shirley Davis, Zuly Davis and Connie Davis.

Thursday – 13 May 1909

Letter to Editor from Bardwell, Texas [Bardwell is in Navarro Co Texas, south of Dallas]

Please permit me to call to the attention of the subscribers of this paper who live between Town Creek and the Jackson County line to the fact that we would like to hear from them.

This community has 53 families from that part of your county. I find that only six take the paper. They say it is no use as those people will not send in the news and the country is too rough for the publisher to gether it.

When we came to this place twenty years ago there was only one other family here from Marshall County but now we count 53...Marshall County and its people are as dear to us as ever and I regret we are drifting apart.

Signed J. J. Johnson

Thursday – 20 May 1909

Russellville, Alabama...Jim Ezzell murdered by M. P. Motes...Mrs. Nora Ezzell, widow, and Mrs. Christina Waltrip, mother-in-law of Jim Ezzell, testified against M. P. Motes for the murder of Ezzell. Motes was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. Murder charges to be filed against the widow and mother-in-law for aiding Motes in the gun slaying of Ezzell.

Thursday – 17 June 1909

Isham A. Wright, Old Soldier: Isham A. Wright of Swearengin was in town Friday. By careful pumping, the fact may be drawn from Mr. Wright that he saw service in some of the hottest battles of the Civil War. At Seven Pines, Sharpsburg, Malvern Hill, and Gettysburg he was with troops who only showed their front to the enemy. At Gettysburg he saw his only brother killed within a few feet of him, and a pathetic feature is that the boy who met his death on Pennsylvania soil was not yet 19 years old. Mr. Wright bears upon his body five marks to remind him of his service under the St. Andrews Cross.

Morgan

The following material was abstracted and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Edmondson Murder Mystery Solved

[SOURCE: The Guntersville *Democrat*, 4 Feb 1909]

The solution of the mysterious murder and cremation of Tom Edmondson and his family in Morgan County shows how wide the mark may be in the opinion of the wisest detective or the most expert police officer.

The crime in which six persons lost their lives occurred in November 1908, and many theories were advanced as to the criminal, many people holding to the opinion that Edmondson himself was the guilty man.

Now it develops that Bob Clements, who is a tenent on Edmondson's place, is guilty of this most heinous crime. The discovery of Clements' guilt was almost, if not purely, accidental.

Clements was arrested in Valhermosa Friday on minor charges and his wife, hearing of his arrest, and knowing he was guilty, concluded at once that the murder charge was the cause and proceeded at once to unburden her conscience of all she knew.

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[SOURCE: The Guntersville *Democrat*, 18 Feb 1909]

Bob Clement was indicted for having murdered Tom Edmondson, wife, mother, ten-year-old daughter and two year old son. Clements also burned their house and barn near Woodland Mills in Morgan County in November, 1908.

Clements' sister, Mrs. Rufus Luker and her eight-year-old son are the most damaging witnesses against Clements.

Tom Edmondson caught Clements and Mrs. Edmondson in the barn together. Clements drew his knife and with one stroke severed Edmondson's head from his body. Mrs. Edmondson screamed and Clements killed her. Edmondson's mother heard the noise and ran into the yard whereupon Clements killed her. He then went into the house and killed the two-year-old boy. The girl ran from the house but Clements caught her in a broomsage field, and killed her there carrying her body to the house and placed it inside the building. [Editor: The daughter's name was Nettie.]

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[SOURCE: The Guntersville Democrat, 18 March 1909]

...charred remains found in the house of Nettie Edmondson and little two-year-old brother and partial remains of two others which could not be identified...leaves one person missing believed to be Tom Edmondson, the father. Tom alledged to be simple minded but a good farmer...strange white man believed to be Edmondson seen living on Mason's Island in Tennessee River below Decatur with negro family. He gave his name as Jim Rose...Rose left and later was at a place called Haddock near Mississippi line and is believed to be Edmondson.

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J. D. Ball dies

[SOURCE: The Guntersville Democrat, 15 April 1909]

While plowing in his field yesterday near Priceville in Morgan County, J. D. Ball, a well-known farmer of that locality, fell dead between the plow handles. Another man saw Mr. Ball when he fell and rushed to his side but death had already come.

For several days Mr. Ball had not been feeling very well, but yesterday he was feeling better and went to the field to plow. Heart disease is said to have been the cause of his death.

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Thomas White Deposition

Thomas White testifies that he is 38 years old, a farmer and has resided in Madison County all of his life. He is not related to the claimant and has no interest in the claim. He lived near the deceased during the war and knew him intimately up to the time of his death. They often conversed about the war and Jones was opposed to it. He was generally known as a union man. Col. William P. Witherow, W. G. Laxson, Dr. George D. Norris and Robert Norris, who were his neighbors could testify as to his loyalty.

Prominent Union people in the neighborhood were William Smithey, Bradford Smithey, William Campbell, John Hardser(?), William Norris and Daniel Laxson. They could testify as to his loyalty.

Seaborn Jones, Jr. was threatened. The rebel soldiers went to his house and threatened to kill him. He refused to be taken, saying that they would have to kill him there, before they could taken him away. The rebels took sheep and hogs from him. He could not prevent it.

Signed: Thomas (X) White

Witness: Lawrence Cooper

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MORGAN COUNTY DEATH RECORDS, BOOK A, 1893-1896

Part 10

This series started in Vol. 23, No. 4, and is continued from last issue. Copied and contributed by Dene Walls and Sue Marine. For introduction, see December 1991 issue.

Morgan County Death Records

c = colored

MS = Marital Status

O = Occupation

Decedent	Date of Death	Birth Place	Sex	MS*	O*	[Y-M-D] Age	Place of Death	Cause of Death	Burial Place/Official
<u>1896</u>									
Emma Neabring	Jan 26	AL	M	—	—	2-2-0	Decatur	pneumonia	Decatur/W M Murray MD
Elsie Copeland	Jan 1	AL	F	—	—	21 days	do	measles	Morgan Co/W M Murray MD
Fannie Berry	Jan 14	AL	F	—	—	1-2-0	do	croup	Decatur/W M Murray MD
Infant	Jan. 3	AL	F	—	—	—	do	croup	Decatur/W M Murray MD
Lorrence Raney	Jan 10	NY	M	W	—	80 yrs	do	paralysis	GA/W M Murray MD
c Lewis Pruett	Jan 19	AL	M	—	—	2-0-0	do	measles	AL/W L Dinsmore MD
Jessie Sherman	Jan 18	do	M	—	—	1-1-0	do	pneumonia	Decatur/W C Buckley MD
Infant	Jan 13	Decatur	M	—	—	1-0-0	do	pneumonia	Decatur/G R Sullivan MD
Infant	Jan 29	do	M	—	—	0-4-0	do	mengitis	Decatur/W M Murray MD
Eva Denton	Jan 19	do	F	—	—	5-0-0	do	pneumonia	Decatur/W C Buckley MD
F. H. Oglesby	Jan 23	do	M	—	—	65 yrs	do	paralysis	Athens/E J Carrington MD
B. Napp	Feb 27	—	M	M	Farmer	60 yrs	Beat #2	liver infl.	Napps Cem /S D Strickland MD
Earest Swindle	Feb 14	—	F	—	—	0-0-4	Beat #3	pneumonia	R L Stephenson MD
James Farley	Feb 20	—	M	—	—	10-0-0	do	pneumonia	Lwc Co/R L Stephenson MD
Elizabeth Swindle	Feb 13	—	F	—	—	36 yrs	do	pneumonia	R L Stephenson MD
Sarah Powell	Feb 17	—	F	—	—	1-4-10	Beat #5	bowel infl.	Powell Cem/W H Cook MD
Infant	Feb 10	—	F	—	—	0-7-2	Beat #6	pneumonia	W M Stringer MD
Infant	Feb 23	—	F	—	—	0-8-0	Beat #8	bowel infl.	Blue Spr/C F Peck MD
Infant	Feb 4	—	F	—	—	2-1-20	do	pneumonia	D M Winton MD
Mary Visant	Feb 10	—	F	—	—	2-0-0	Beat #9	bowel infl.	Somerville/C F Peck MD

Morgan County Death Records – cont'd

c = colored

MS = Marital Status

O = Occupation

Decedent	Date of Death	Birth Place	Sex	MS*	O*	[Y-M-D] Age	Place of Death	Cause of Death	Burial Place/Official
<u>1896</u>									
Marthan Syberts	Feb 29	---	F	M	---	35 yrs	Beat #16	ac. metritis	Bashams Chpl/G R Lane MD
Frank M Hinds	Feb 25	---	M	M	---	---	Decatur	Brights dis.	Decatur/W L Dinsmore MD
Gertrude Mitchell	Feb 6	---	F	M	---	---	do	bowel cons.	Decatur/WL Dinsmore MD
c Matilda Points	Feb 29	---	F	—	---	---	do	worms	Decatur/WL Dinsmore MD
c Perl Linnns	Feb 13	---	F	—	---	---	do	measles	Decatur/S E Cross MD
c Rebeca Moles	Feb 5	---	F	M	---	---	do	bronchitis	Decatur/S E Cross MD
c Minnie Bryant	Feb 7	A1a	F	—	---	5-0-0	do	scrofula	Decatur/W E Steers
c Infant	Feb 21	do	F	—	---	0-1-0	do	brain infl.	Decatur/W E Steers MD
Myrtle Blackman	Feb 21	do	F	—	---	0-0-4	do	croup	Decatur/Gillespie MD
Bertha Erwin	Mar 10	do	F	—	---	1-3-8	Beat #4	pneumonia	Lebanon, Ala/S M Wilhite MD
Lush Davis	Mar 30	do	M		Farming	40 yrs	do	consumption	McCeindras Chapel /S M Wilhite MD
Mary Jenkins	Mar 27	do	F	M	Hsekpr	49 yrs	Beat #5	rheumatism	Lebanon Ch/F B Hunter MD
Charlie W. Mitchell	Mar 26	do	M	M	Farmer	41-10-5	do	heart disease	Mt Tabor/F B Hunter
Infant	Mar 27	do	M	—	---	1-0-0	do	croup	Jones Graveyd/W H Cook MD
Mollie Robinson	Mar 10	do	F	M	---	33-4-4	do	pneumonia	Anderson Chapel /S M Wilhite MD
Infant	Mar 31	do	F	—	---	1-3-27	Beat #6	mengitis	Eva/W M Stringer
c Jefferson Jennings	Mar 8	do	M	M	Farmer	40 yrs	Beat #8	blown out of wall	Jennings Farm/Hogeboon
Nancy Wilson	Mar 13	do	F	—	---	16-7-3	do	pneumonia	— /S C Smith
Nath Malone	Mar 14	do	M	—	---	66-2-7	do	do	— /S C Smith
c A. J. Wilson	Mar 5	do	M	—	---	20-2-1	do	measles	Wilson Cem/S C Smith
William Alford	Mar 10	SC	M		Farmer	82 yrs	do	facial cancer	— /S L Rountree
Lewis Valequett	Mar 3	Ohio	M	W	---	80-0-0	Decatur	heart disease	Springfield, Ohio /W C Buckley MD

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Book Reviews

Evelyn S. Rochelle, Book Reviewer

The Burger Branch. By Eva S. Burger and Clarence Melvin Burger. Hardcover; 6" x 9"; 200+ pages; illustrations; over 1800 full-name index. \$37.50 postpaid. Order from: Eva S. Burger, 1708 Day Road, Huntsville, AL 35801.

Long-time TVGS member, Eva Burger, just recently completed her genealogy of the Burger family. This book is dedicated to the memory of her husband, Mel, who always shared in and supported her research.

This genealogy traces the Burger family from the arrival of the immigrant in Pennsylvania in 1754, to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, to their settlement on the Burger Branch in East Tennessee, and on to the present generations.

Many years of research went into this book with an introduction of the conditions in Germany and America that influenced the many German immigrations during America's Colonial Period.

The first three chapters cover the immigrant, Francis Burger, his son, Michael Burger, who settled in the Shenandoah Valley and Michael's son, John George Burger. The remaining nine chapters are devoted to each of John George Burger's nine children, and their descendants.

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The Life and Times of Rev. John G. Landrum. By H. P. Griffith. This is a reprint edition of the original 1885 edition; an every name index has been added. Hardcover; 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "; 298 pages; \$25.00 plus \$2.00 mailing. SC residents add 5% sales tax. Order from: SCMAR, Box 21766, Columbia, SC 29221.

Rev. John Gill Landrum [1810-1882], a Baptist minister, was born in Rutherford Co TN but moved in early life to South Carolina to live with relatives.

The first chapter concerns the Landrum family; the remainder of this book is primarily a history of the Baptist Church in upper South Carolina. Events and places of John Landrum's life are recorded. Rev. Landrum married into the Montgomery family of the Nazareth Presbyterian Church near Spartanburg [SC]. Some information is also included about Spartanburg-area Presbyterians.

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The New Slaton Family Index. Edited by Clinton Slayton, from the book **Slaton Family Ab Antiques** by Arthur Jackson Slaton. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11"; 100% acid-free paper; 110 pages. Book will be drilled for binder mounting if desired. \$30.00. Order from Clinton Slayton, 1641-C Valley Avenue, Homewood, AL 35209.

This book is a condensation of **Slaton Family Ab Antiques**, by Arthur Jackson Slaton, now out of print. Editor Clinton Slayton has made "corrections, disagreements and additions," plus adding general, geographic and Slaton indexing.

Arthur Jackson Slaton [d 1985] worked his line back to Arthur and Rachel Slayden; they first appeared in New Kent/Goochland Co VA c1730. Editor Clinton

Slayton – descended from one of the unconnected Slayton lines – began the *Slaton-Slatton-Slayden Family Project* newsletter in 1989 to publish these unconnected lines and to supplement Arthur Jackson Slaton's work.

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Hall Heritage [Newsletter]. Compiled and Edited by Mike Landwehr. Order from: Mike Landwehr, Ed., 725 39th St., West Des Moines, Iowa 50265. Free to descendants of early Hall families and available to anyone else for an annual subscription price of \$6.00.

This is a new family newsletter published for the descendants of William and Mary [Reed] Hall who migrated to Oregon Co MO in 1843 from Paint Rock Valley in Jackson Co AL. Mike has been researching this family for the past seventeen years.

We were given the first four issues to review. Mike plans to publish an 8-page quarterly. His goals are: to share information, to serve as a focal point for collection of additional Hall information, and to unite Hall cousins who've never met or who've been separated by years. **Hall Heritage** is good reading even if one isn't a Hall.

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Grier of San Francisco, Builder in the West and His Family, 1878-1988. By William M. Grier, Jr. Hard bound 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ "; 320 pages; many family photos; full-name index. Order from: Grier & Co., 825 E. Speer Blvd., Denver, CO 80218. Price not given.

Grier of San Francisco is primarily the story of William M. Grier, Sr., and his family. In addition, excellent genealogical charts are included.

This interesting and well-written narrative and accompanying late nineteenth and early twentieth century snapshots depict life as it was in San Francisco during that era.

Section One gives the chronology of William M. Grier, Sr.; Section Two gives the chronology of his widow, Elo Grier; and Section Three gives chronologies of William and Elo's two sons, William M. Grier, Jr., and Eloyd John Grier. Surnames of allied families documented in the last section are: Patterson, Lannon, Knapps, McDermott, Flanagan and Grafmueller.

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1889-1895 Reconstructed Census of Marshall County, Alabama. Compiled by Margene Hemrick Black and Betty Jean Taylor. 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 10"; 75 pages; chapter index. \$16.00 + 4% Alabama Residents Tax and \$2.00 for postage and handling. Order from: Past and Present Publications, 2201 Loveless St., Guntersville, AL 35976.

For anyone researching Marshall County Alabama from 1889 to 1895 this is an important work! The names in this book, compiled from tax and newspaper records, are unlikely to be found in any other compiled printed material.

Notable inclusions are: Tax Assessors Records of from 1889 to 1893, and 1895; six chapters of names abstracted from county newspapers; a chapter of deaths from 1889 to 1895 taken from Marshall County Estate Tax Records and the Guntersville *Democrat*; and a chapter on marriages abstracted from county newspapers 1889-1895. This book is well organized and very easy to use.

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