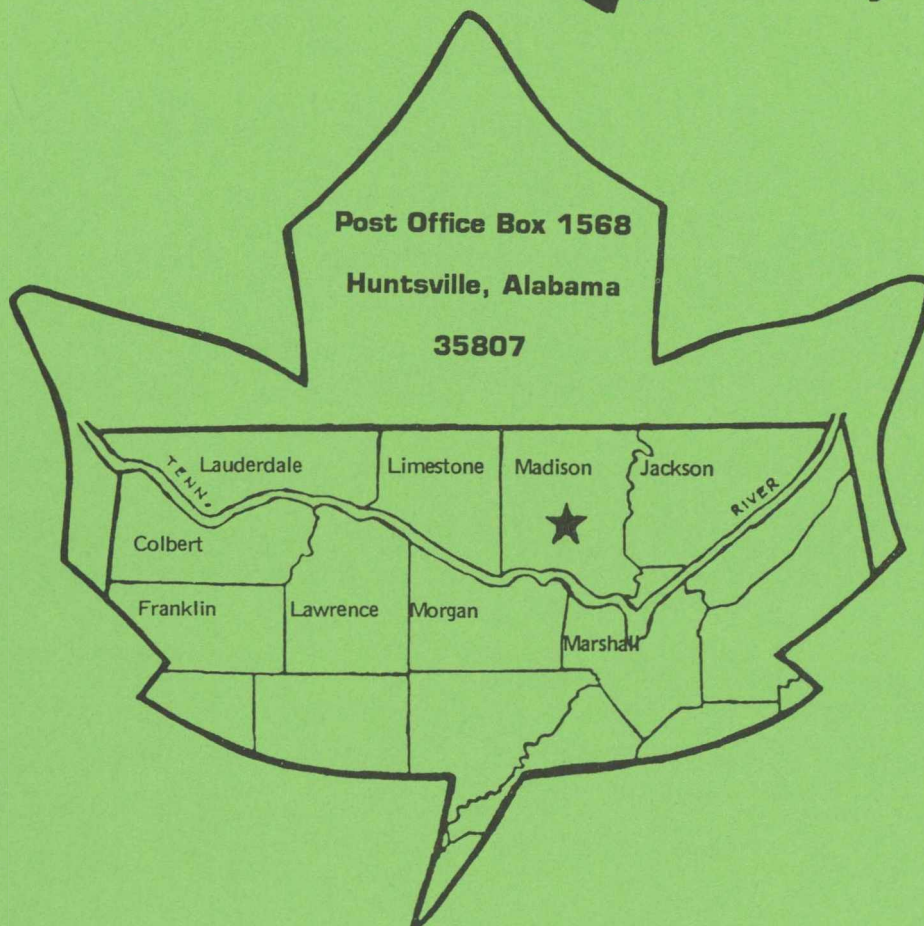


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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our annual all-day seminar to be held March 27, 1993 at the Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road will be an event you will want to attend. Helen F. M. Leary, well-known certified genealogist and certified genealogical fellow lecturer from Raleigh, NC, will be our speaker. [For further details see the flyer in this publication] Thanks to Eva Burger and Co-Chairman Evelyn Rochelle for chairing this seminar.


The Limestone County Commissioners are to be commended for their continued support of the Limestone County Archives located in the Limestone County Annex Building (Old Post Office Building). The Archives were established by Eulalia Wellden in an unselfish, unrelenting effort to give genealogist an avenue of research into Limestone County history. Since the retirement of Eulalia, Philip Reyer is enthusiastically continuing the work of preserving the materials and is very helpful in providing patrons with access to the old records of Limestone County. A computer index is available for a large number of individuals listed at the Archives.

Over the years we have had a strong relationship with the Limestone County Historical Society. Recently we have begun to advertise their publications, selling them through *Valley Leaves* [and by other means] while they are doing the same for us.

We have extended an invitation to other societies to exchange their quarterlies with *Valley Leaves*. Over one hundred societies have indicated their desire to participate in this exchange. Thanks to the efforts of our corresponding secretary, Sue Richter, the exchange is being made possible. This exchange material will be made available for use in the near future at the Huntsville Public Library Heritage Room.

Thanks also goes to our new board member, Patsy McFarlen, who has taken on with enthusiasm, the added work of mailing out a large number of back issues of *Valley Leaves* in this exchange project.

The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society is in the process of purchasing material for repairing books for the Heritage Room. Volunteers will receive instructions and participate in the refurbishing of the books.


Howell Louis Sims,
President

Book Reviews

Annewhite T. Fuller, Book Reviewer

The Sword of "Bushwhacker" Johnston. By Rev. Milus Eddings Johnston (1823–1915). Hardcover; 240 pages; full name index. \$19.95 + 4% Alabama Sales Tax and \$2.00 postage. Order from: Flint River Press, PO Box 49, New Hope, AL 35760.

Rev. Johnston's memoirs of the Civil War in North Alabama are now available for the first time in book form.

Originally printed in weekly installments in the Guntersville *Democrat* in 1902, Johnston's memoirs provide a fascinating first-hand account of the bitter partisan warfare behind the Union lines in Madison, Jackson and Marshall Counties of Alabama.

An introduction by Charles S. Rice sets the scene, and Johnston's memoirs have been fully annotated from diaries, letters, the U.S. Census reports, and the *Official Records* of the Union and Confederate Armies. Complete muster rolls of Mead's Cavalry Battalion, [25th Alabama Cavalry and 27th Tennessee Cavalry] listing hundreds of names, are included.

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Southern Queries, Volume 2, 1991-1992. 8½" x 11"; each issue indexed; published 6 times yearly. Subscriptions: \$24.00 per year. Order from: Perro Blanco Publications, 1115 Sundial Circle, Birmingham, AL 35215.

Southern Queries is a readable, easy-to-use publication including "how-to" articles and book reviews as well as southern queries. Articles describing genealogy collections in southern libraries are included throughout the volume. Some of the libraries featured in this volume are the McCain Library and Archives at the University of Southern Mississippi, the Filson Club, the SAR Headquarters Library, the Atlanta Branch of the National Archives, and the Chattanooga Public Library.

The queries, indexed by page and query number, are clearly presented with special "photo" and "feature" queries.

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White County, Tennessee Deed Abstracts 1801–1820. Volumes A, B, C, D, E AND F; abstracted by Joyce Martin Murray. Softbound; 8½" x 11"; 158 pages. Includes: full name index, place index and slave name index. \$22.50 plus \$2.50 postage. Order from: Mrs. Murray, 2921 Daniel St., Dallas, Texas 75205.

When formed, White County included the present Tennessee counties of VanBuren, DeKalb, Putnam and Cumberland. These counties were not separated until after 1836 and are included in the transactions abstracted by Mrs. Murray.

White County, Tennessee Deed Abstracts is a valuable tool for Tennessee research. Many of the Land Grants in White County were awarded "for relief of officers and soldiers in the Continental line" of North Carolina as payment for service during the Revolution. Wills, Powers of Attorney and other instruments were included in the deed books of White County.

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Michael D. Burger

..... Co. E., 9th Reg't Tennessee Cav.

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 35 years; height 6 feet 1 inches.

Complexion dark

Eyes black; hair black

Where born McMinn Co. Tenn.

Occupation blacksmith

Michael Derrick Burger was born 30 Jul 1829 in McMinn Co TN, second child of George Burger and Mary Magdalene [Maglin] Derrick. The Derrick family was prominent in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Michael volunteered for the Union on 28 Sep 1863 at Knoxville, serving as a blacksmith in Company E, 9th Regiment, Tennessee Cavalry. At time of enlistment Michael was 35 years old, and stood six feet one inch. In Sep 1865 being 'very feeble,' severely injured, and unable to ride horseback Michael was mustered out. He died 11 Mar 1905.

from: "Burger Branch" – see Review, pg 49 (September 1992 issue)

North Alabama

COMPANY B – 26th ALABAMA INFANTRY REGIMENT

Part 2

by Charles Rice

Well-known Civil War historian, Charles Rice, contributed the following article of inestimable value to anyone with northern Alabama ancestors. For introduction, commissioner officers, and first part of non-commissioned officers and privates, see September 1992 issue.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATES [cont'd]

- Coogler, E., Pvt. — no age given**
Admitted to Way Hospital, Meridian, Miss. ('wounded'). On 11 Jan 1865 he is listed as Pvt., Co. E, 50th Ala., and furloughed home; paroled 25 May 1865 at Selma as a straggler from Co. B, 50th Ala. (resided Dallas Co., Ala.).
- Coon, W. L., Pvt. — no age given**
In July 1862 he is listed at hospital in Mississippi; no further information.
- Crosby, R., Pvt. — no age given**
Admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, West Point, Miss. 12 Jan 1865 (resided 'Conaco' [Conecuh?] Co. Ala.). Admitted to Ocmulgee Hospital, Macon, Ga. 14 Apr 1865.
- Easter, M. J., Sgt. age 22**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861 as 2nd Sgt. Listed present through Dec 1861.
- Edmundson, John D., Sgt. age 19**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861 as 5th Sgt; admitted to Dalton, Ga. hospital 30 Nov 1862 ('Nostalgia'); returned to duty 1 Jan 1863; reported in Huntsville *Confederate* as severely wounded (right leg) 20 Sep 1863 at Chicamauga.
- Garner, George W., Pvt. age 21**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Sep-Oct 1861 as absent without leave. In Nov-Dec 1861 was absent with leave; sick at home since 1 Dec (wounded at Shiloh?) [Notation: 'Injured by ball.']. Discharged for disability 28 Jul 1862 at Saltillo, Miss. (Born in Limestone Co. Ala. age 21, 5'2" tall, fair complexion, black hair, blue eyes, occupation, farmer. 'Incapable of performing duties of a soldier because of debility and now he is suffering from typhoid pneumonia. It seems he is tested unfit for camp

life, having been on duty only about two months out of ten that he has been in service.' — Surgeon V. S. Gilbert.)

- Gilbert, Alonzo, Pvt. age 21**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Sep-Oct 1861 he was absent with leave; wounded 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh (thigh, badly) and sent home. Cut off by the enemy in Athens and dropped as a deserter 28 Jun 1862.
- Gilbert, David C., Pvt. age 34**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Nov-Dec 1861 he was shown as sick in quarters since 1 Dec. Discharged 2 Jan 1862 for epilepsy. (Born in Giles Co. Tn. age 35, 5'6" tall, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair sandy, occupation farmer. 'The said David C. Gilbert has been subject to fits for the last four or five years. Since enlisting into the service of the Confederate States of America as a soldier, they have increased to such a degree as to convince me that he is unable to discharge the duties of a soldier.' — Capt. Thos. Gilbert.)
- Gilbert, Hugh, Pvt. age 17**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Sep-Oct 1861 he was absent with leave; wounded slightly 31 Dec 1862 at Murfreesboro 'crossing first corn field.'
- Gray, Benjamin, Pvt. age 17**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Aug 1862 he was noted as an 'orderly at Regt. Hdqrs.' In Oct-Nov 1862 he was an 'Orderly for Col.' Deserted [or captured?] 17 Jan 1865. Took oath at Nashville 7 Feb 1865. (Resided Giles Co. Tn, complexion fair, hair brown, eyes grey, 5'7" tall, single.)
- Gray, James, Pvt. age 19**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Wounded 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh (shoulder, slightly) and sent home. Cut off by enemy in Athens and dropped as deserter 10 Jun 1862 (Resided Lincoln Co. Tn.)
- Gray, John, Pvt. — age not given**
Reported in Huntsville *Confederate* as slightly wounded (right foot) 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga.
- Green, Powel, Pvt. age 21**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Captured 20 Nov 1863 at Brown's Ferry, Tenn; sent to Rock Island prison, Ill; admitted to Rock Island hospital 5 Apr 1864; released from hospital 28 May 1864. ('Attendant. Barracks No. 12'); enlisted 'in the U.S. Army for frontier service 17 Oct 1864' to obtain release from prison.
- Green, Willis W., Pvt. age 25**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Assigned as teamster for regimental quartermaster 20 Jun 1862. Deserted in November 1862.

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- Griffin, Anthony, Pvt. age 31**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861; in Sep 1861 was noted as waiting on sick. In Nov-Dec 1861 was sick in hospital 'since 15 Dec.'
- Griffin, George, Pvt. age 18**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Sep-Oct he was absent with leave. Was wounded 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh (forehead, slightly); died at Newsom Hospital, Ga (no date given). Claim filed by Emily E. Griffin 17 Feb 1863.
- Griggs, Calvin, Cpl. age 23.**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861 as 1st Cpl. Listed present through Dec 1861.
- Haney, E. G., Pvt. age 17**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861; died of disease 22 Jul 1862 at Saltillo, Miss.
- Harwell, Richard, Pvt. age 21**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. On 3 Jul 1862 admitted to hospital in Miss. Deserted or captured 1 Mar 1865. Oath at Nashville 10 Apr 1865 (resided Limestone Co. Ala. complexion fair, hair light, eyes blue, 5'9" tall, unmarried.)
- Hathcock, James H., Pvt. age 25**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861 as drummer. In Sep-Oct 1861 was absent with leave; in Nov-Dec 1861 is listed as musician. Oath taken at Nashville 28 Apr 1865 (resided Limestone Co. Ala. complexion dark, hair dark, eyes hazel, 5"11½" tall, - has family).
- Holland, Reuben, Pvt. age 29**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Sep-Oct 1861 was absent with leave. Wounded 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh (leg, badly). In Jun 1862 he was sick in hospital. Discharged as disabled on 28 Jul 1862 at Saltillo, Miss. (Born Limestone Co. Ala. age 35, 5'11" tall, complexion fair, eyes blue, hair dark, occupation farmer.
- Hood, David, Pvt. age 30**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Sep-Oct 1861 was absent with leave. In Nov-Dec 1861 he 'deserted at camp near Huntsville on 17 Nov. Rejoined 21 Nov.' Was absent without leave 28 May 1862. Captured at Corinth, Miss 1 Jun 1862. Discharged on oath of allegiance 5 Sep 1862 from Alton prison, Illinois.
- Horton, Rodah, Pvt. age 30**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Nov 1861 he was 'acting commissary.' Nov-Dec 1861 was shown as 'absent with leave since 1 Dec.' Elected 1st Lt. in Co. C. 27 Aug 1862. Appointed acting commissary 25 Jul 1862 as Captain; court martial 13 Dec 1862 (G.O. No. 15/3 — Dept & Army of Tenn. - Bragg); 30 day furlough 24 Jan 1863.

- House, T. F., Pvt. — no age given
Wounded 26 Aug 1864 at Atlanta (slightly in leg). No further information.
- Jarrot, J. E., Pvt. — no age given
Nov-Dec was listed as 'recruit' at Huntsville. 26 Nov 1862 notation 'deserted' at Murfreesboro. Died in service (no date given). Mother was Meranda Jarrett who filed claim 24 Dec 1863.
- Jones, John M., Pvt. age 31
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Died 25 Apr 1863 at Atlanta, Ga, of an ulcer.
- Kennemer, James F., Pvt. — no age given
Nov-Dec 1861 listed as 'Recruit. Sick in Quarters since 14 Dec' — Hospital at Tompkinsville, Ky. 11 Sep 1862.
1907 Confederate Veteran Census, Limestone Co. Al. Jacob Leonard Kenemer, born 10 Jan 1844 near Minor Hill, Giles Co. Tn., 'entered service as a private in fall 1861 at Gilbertsboro, Ala. in Co. B. 26th Alabama (Gilbert's Company). Continued in this service until given a 30-day furlough at Atlanta, Ga. in spring 1863 owing to poor health; furlough renewed in Oct 1863. Re-enlisted as a private in Nov 1863 at Bainbridge, Ala. in Capt. Payne's Company, Co. A, Nixon's Regiment, Forrest's Cavalry. Continued in service until the surrender in 1865. Paroled at Gainesville, Ala. His 1907 residence was Mt. Rozell, Ala.
- Kennamer, Hill, Pvt. — no age given
Jul 1862 was sick in hospital. Discharged 1 Sep 1862 at Big Springs, Tenn (born Giles Co. Tn. age 21, 5'8" tall, hair black, dark complexion, eyes hazel, occupation farmer, 'incapable of performing duties of a soldier because of extreme debility, the result of a series of diseases — jaundice — remittent fever and dropsy.' — Surgeon V. B. Gilbert.
- Kennamer, P. A., Pvt. age 20
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Listed present through Dec 1861.
- Lanty, W. E., Pvt. — no age given
Died 14 Aug 1864 in hospital at Griffin, Ga. No other information.
- Legg, D. L., Sgt. age 25
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861 as 4th Sgt. Listed present through Dec 1861.
- Legg, Edward, Pvt. age 21
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Nov-Dec 1861 was 'sick in quarters since 1 Dec'; on 28 May 1862 he was absent without leave. On 2 Jun 1862 he was a 'voluntary prisoner' of 44th Indiana Regiment having surrendered without arms. On 10 Jun 1862 he was dropped as a deserter.

- Legg, James H., Cpl. age 24**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861 as 2nd Cpl. In Nov 1861 was listed as 'absent with leave in Limestone Co. Ala.' On 3 Jul 1862 was admitted to hospital at Enterprise, Miss. In Oct and Nov 1862 was listed sick at Enterprise.
- Legg, Lovell, Pvt. age 19**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Sep-Oct 1861 was absent with leave. Killed 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh ('head') at 8:00 a.m. Claim filed 26 Jan 1863 by father, Lovell Legg.
- Legg, W. H., Pvt. — no age given**
Clothing receipts for 19 Sep 1863 and 11 Nov 1863. No further information.
- Lentz, W. E., Pvt. — no age given**
Reported in Huntsville *Confederate* as slightly wounded (right leg) 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga. [Source: Huntsville *Confederate*]
- Long, James, Pvt. age 31**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Jun 1862 was sick in hospital. Discharged 28 Jul 1862 at Altילו, Miss. (Born Limestone Co. Ala. age 28, 5'10" tall, fair complexion, blue eyes, light hair, occupation farmer. 'Incapable of performing the duties of a soldier because of extreme emacipation and debility from protracted attack of Typhoid Fever. He is now suffering from chronic diarrhea.' — Surgeon V. B. Gilbert.
- McCafferty, Harrison, Pvt. age 20**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Sep-Oct was absent with leave. In Oct 1862 'left at Knoxville, Tenn.'
- McCafferty, James, Pvt. — no age given**
Reported in Huntsville *Confederate* as severely wounded (right thigh) 20 Sep 1862 at Chickamauga. [Source: Huntsville *Confederate*]
- McCafferty, Jonathon S., Pvt. — no age given**
Captured 26 Oct 1864 at Spring Creek near Gaylesville, Ala. ('Captured with arms near the Federal line while visiting a relative.');
- sent to Camp Douglas, Ill. prison. Released on oath 17 Jun 1865 (Resided Athens, Ala. complexion fair, hair dark, eyes grey, 5'9" tall).
- McCafferty, Sterling B., Pvt. age 25**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. On 25 Nov 1861 was 'sent to Holy Springs, Miss. to repair guns.' Nov-Dec 1861 'artificer at Holly Springs, Miss. by order of Brig. Gen. L. P. Walker. In Jul 1862 the report stated, 'Since 15 Nov 1861 at Gainesville, Ala.'
- McKefferty, D., Pvt. — no age given [McCafferty??]**
Died 23 Apr 1863 in hospital at Chattanooga of fever. No other information.

- McWilliams, W. A., Pvt. — no age given**
Reported in the Huntsville *Confederate* as slightly wounded in the right shoulder on 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga. [Source: Huntsville *Confederate*]
- Moss, Marion D., Pvt. age 22**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Reported sick at Tiners Station on 20 Aug 1862. Reported in Huntsville *Confederate* as killed 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga.
- Parker, John L., Pvt. age 17**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Reported sick in hospital in Jun 1862 report. Discharged for disability 26 Jul 1862 at Saltillo, Miss. [Born Limestone Co. Ala age 17, 5'7" tall, complexion fair, eyes grey, hair dark, occupation farmer.]
- Parker, Thomas L., Pvt. age 22**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. Died 3 Jul 1862 near Tupelo, Mississippi from disease.
- Patterson, Richard B., Sgt. age 31**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861 as Pvt. Pay voucher for Jul 1863 and clothing receipt for Nov 1863 show rank as Sgt. Reported in Huntsville *Confederate* as severely wounded in the right arm on 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga as a Sgt. Pay voucher for Jan 1864 was the last record in file.
- Perkins, John, Pvt. — no age given**
Wounded severely in head on 26 Aug 1864 near Atlanta. No other information.
- Perkins, S.P., Pvt. — no age given [same as above ?]**
Paroled 23 May 1865 at Talladega, Alabama.
- Pipes, George, Pvt. age 16**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In the Nov-Dec 1861 report he was listed as sick in quarters since 20 Dec. In Oct 1863 he was listed as 'orderly at Hdqrs.' In Nov 1862 he was shown as 'orderly for Col.' He was reported in the Huntsville *Confederate* as slightly wounded in the abdomen on 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga.
- Pipes, John, Pvt. age 19**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. On Nov-Dec 1861 report was listed as sick in Quarters since 1 Dec. In Jan 1862 he was on extra duty s a mechanic.
- Powers, J. H., Pvt. age 33**
Enlisted 3 Sep 1861. In Sep 1861 was waiting on sick. Was wounded slightly in breast on 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh. In Jul 1862 he was reported as

Colbert

MARRIAGE RECORDS, BOOK B, 1874-1887

Part 4

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.

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Groom	Bride	Sol.	By
PAGE 57			
c Ragland, Peter	Mason, Lizzie	29 Dec 1875	W. Northcross, MG
c Carloss, Harry	Thompson, Bettie	29 Dec 1875	W. Northcross, MG
c Felton, James	Shocboots, Lizzie (Shosboots?)	05 Jan 1876	Thos. Morris, MG
c Meredith, Green	Reed, Mattie	30 Dec 1875	Anderson Walker, MG
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Thorn, Richard L.	Malone, Sarah M. A.	23 Dec 1875	Solomon Smith, MG
c Houser, Lewis	Green, Suny (Seeny on return)	01 Jan 1876	Anderson Walker, MG
Walker, Moses	Ricks, Sarah	07 Jan 1876	W. Northcross, MG
King, Robert	Smith, Rosie	09 Jan 1876	Bolin King, MG
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Goins, William G. (William Goins on return)	Kilborn, Bettie	29 Dec 1875	F. M. Jackson, MG
Burnes, Wm. E.	Teeas, Louisa Ellen Tease on return)	26 Dec 1875	J. W. Leatherwood, MG
Boldin, J. C.	Todd, Mary Jane (Miss Mary Jane on return)	16 Dec 1875	J. W. Bishop, JP
Malone, J. W.	Crowell, Miss Mary	02 Jan 1876	J. W. Bishop, JP

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Groom	Bride	Sol.	By
PAGE 60			
Pearce, Samuel	King, Martha Jane (Miss Martha J. on return)	22 Aug 1875	John G. Whitlock, MG
c (illegible), Samuel	Riley, Harritt (Samuel Shelbun and Harriett Prewitt on return)	12 Jan 1876	W. Northcross, MG
Crittenden, Felix	Sledge, Miss Mary Frances	13 Jan 1876	P. N. G. Rand, JP
c King, Melton	Prewitt, Margaritt	14 Jan 1876	Berry Barnes, MG
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c Harris, John	Duncan, Milly (Milley on return)	12 Jan 1876	Abraham Goodloe, MG
c Hankins, Richard	King, Louisa	15 Jan 1876	Isaac Delaney, MG
c Randolph, Robert	Abernathy, Cintha	15 Jan 1876	Anderson Walker, MG
c Jackson, Osker	Johnson, Sallie	16 Jan 1876	Bolin King, MG
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Crosthwait, Buck H.	Eggleston, Miss Mary	18 Jan 1876	Wm. H. Bryan, MG
c Matlock, Frank	Dunn, Margaret (Frank Metlock on return)	20 Jan 1876	Sam'l M. Stenson, MG
Eggleston, William F.	Godley, Miss Emma (Miss Emma L. Godbey on return)	26 Jan 1876	Peter Wages, Rector, St. John's Epis. Ch.
Goodwin, Christopher C.	Pate, Miss Georgeann	26 Jan 1876	Alex Basden, JP
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Crittenden, Lafayette	Webb, Miss Octimee (Octimy on return)	03 Feb 1876	Wm. H. Bryan, MG
c Wilson, Lee	Vinson, Paralee	03 Feb 1876	Bolin King, MG
c King, William	Perkins, Rebecca	03 Feb 1876	Berry Barnes, MG
c Madden, Crome (Crom? on return)	Hurbard, Ellen (Hurburd? on return)	15 Jan 1876	Bolin King, MG
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Cashion, John H.	Whittiker, Miss Mollie (Whitaker on return)	13 Jan 1876	R. J. Williams, MG
c Hamilton, Jack	Green, Sarah	03 Feb 1876	Robert P. Martin, MG

c= colored

Groom	Bride	Sol.	By
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c Dukey, Charles (Drekey on return)	Carloss, Mary	04 Feb 1876	Robert Martin, MG
Parr, William	McBride, Lavernee A. V. (Levenia? on return)	09 Feb 1876	Wm. H. Bryan, MG
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Smallwood, Berry	Duncan, Ann	11 Feb 1876	Alex Basden, JP
c Orr, Benjamin	Givin, Ann	17 Feb 1876	W. Northcross, MG
Gibbs, John E.	Hamilton, Miss Emma C.	15 Feb 1876	John B. Stevenson MG
Haywood, Empeor	Hooks, Maudey	05 Feb 1875	W. R. Newsom, JP
(Empear and Maudy on return; application also dated 05 Feb 1875)			
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c Shannon, Jery (Jerry on return)	Bankhead, Mary	20 Jan 1876	Wm. R. Thompson, JP
Tharp, Jas. O.	Mattock, P. E.	17 Feb 1876	John G. Whitlock, MG
Jeffers, Solman R.	Cannes, Eliza A.	23 Jan 1876	Z. D. Lawless, MG
(Soloman Jeffers on return)			
c Deloney, Merideth	Bell, Emley	20 Feb 1876	Bolin King, MG
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Carter, Charles W.	Rutland, Mrs. Amanda L.	29 Feb 1876	Jno. B. Stevenson MG
Hearn, William B.	Webb, Mary Josephine (Nancy J. on return)	12 Mar 1876	Wm. H. Bryan, MG
c Brandon, Jefferson	Lee, Julia	15 Mar 1876	Horace P. Smith, MG
Vaden, Smith	Mize, Miss Jane	05 Mar 1876	W. B. Bayless
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Cockburn, G. L., Jr.	McKoy, Delia (McCoy on return)	28 Mar 1876	Horace P. Smith, MG
Trimble, Joseph	Comb, Mrs. Callie	13 Dec 1874	P. S. Wood, MG (Applied 12 Dec 1874)
c Grantley, Willice (Willis on return)	Shaw, Mary	05 Apr 1876	Bolin King, (MG)
Brown, Eli	Wilson, Emaline	26 Mar 1876	J. C. Blanton, MG

c= colored

Groom	Bride	Sol.	By
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Davis, Frank	James, Louisa	04 Jan 1876	W. R. Newsom, JP
(Frank Davis indicated as colored on the return)			
Hamilton, W. M.	Dickson, Miss S. A	01 Feb 1876	W. R. Newsom, JP
Herman, George	Blount, Miss Lilley	21 Jan 1876	W. R. Newsom, JP
(Lilly on return)			
Little, C. H.	Davis, Miss Mollie G.	07 Mar 1876	Wm. R. Thompson, JP
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Creamer, George W.	Sinks, Malenda L. C.	07 Mar 1876	A. W. Ligon, Judge & Clerk, Probate Court
Harlow, Joseph	Mason, Miss Fannie	12 Apr 1876	Sam M. Steenson, MG
c Simmons, James	Buller, Fannie	15 Apr 1876	A. W. Ligon, Judge of Probate
Scott, Aaron C.	Greenhill, Miss Lovie L.	20 Apr 1876	S. A. Norwood, MG
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c Bayley, Bowlin	Dickson, Ann M.	30 May 1876	Bolin King, MG
Gibson, William N.	Taylor, Miss Julia E.	23 Apr 1876	G. D. Dailey, JP
c Harris, Thomas	Hamilton, Mariah	29 Apr 1876	J. N. Green, JP
(Maria on return)			
c Rush, Charles	Johnson, Caroline	29 Apr 1876	Thomas Morris, MG
(Adaline Johnson on return)			
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c Sargent, Isaac	Mullins, Huldy	20 Apr 1876	John Askew, JP
c Clean, Thomas	Sargent, Sallie	08 Apr 1876	John Askew, JP
(Cleas?, Clear? on return)			
Bruten, M. M.	Jones, Nancy E.	23 Apr 1876	John Askew, JP
Sawyers, John B.	Wilks, Miss Eliza J.	01 May 18__	Thos. B. Gookin, JP
(Eliza A. on return)		(Applied 01 May 1876)	
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c Bailey, Benjamin	Cross, Louisa	25 Dec 1875	Jack Alsobrook, DD
(Ben and Laura on return)			

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Franklin

THE FRANKLIN NEWS

Part 2

In September 1992 *Valley Leaves* provided a complete introduction to these legal notices published in Belgreen's *Franklin News*. We are beholden to Jeanne Hand Henry for the collection and reproduction of these newspaper clippings.

8 Sep 1882 – p. 3

In Franklin Co Probate Court Regular August Term 1881. Came this day James I. James administrator of the estate of Lucinda James deceased and filed his account and vouchers for the final settlement of said estate, and the 2nd Monday in September next to-wit, the 11th 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 14th day of August A.D. 1882.

Amos L. Moody, Judge of Probate

In Franklin Co 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, as they think proper.

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

Amos L. Moody, Judge of Probate

In Franklin County Probate Court, Regular Aug. Term 1882. Came this day, Louis Hill, Guardian of Beauregard Hill, and filed his account and vouchers for the final settlement of said Guardianship, and the 2nd Monday in September next, to-wit, the 11th 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 14th, day of August, A.D. 1882.

Amos L. Moody, Judge of Probate

[NOTE: Notation at end of each of these notices states, 'pr's fee \$6.']

27 Oct 1882 – p. 3

Land Office, Huntsville, Ala., October 18th, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler, Joseph Willis 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 2nd of December 1882: Hd No 5468 for S half of SE qr, S 28, T6, R12 west and names the following as his witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract viz:

Wm A James, Thad Pilgrim, Robert Hester, William McNutt, of Russellville, Franklin county, Alabama.

Jno. M. Cross, Register

Estate of John Hollane, dec'd, Probate Court.

Letters of Administration on the Estate of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of October A.D. 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 within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Francis V. Holland, Adm'r.

In Franklin County Probate Court, Special Term 1882.

In matter of Petition of Martha A. McCord for Sale of Land for Division.

Came Martha A. McCord and files her petition praying a Decree for the sale of the land described in said petition for Division among the heirs, and distributees of Ambrose McCord deceased. It is ordered by the Court that the 6th day of November, 1882 be set as the time to hear said petition, and that publication be made for three successive weeks, requiring Henry McCord who resides in the city of Memphis, State of Tennessee, and all of the parties interested to appear before the Probate Court of said County, in the town of Belgreen, on said day and subject if they think proper. October the 4th, 1882.

Amos L. Moody, Judge of Probate

[NOTE: The 'pr's fee' for these legal notices respectively was \$10, \$5.25, and \$8.00.]

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Jackson

BELLEFONTE TOWN MINUTES

The First Twenty Pages — Part 2

Recently a member of the Page family found the missing first twenty pages of Bellefonte Town Meetings prior to 1854, and sent a copy to *Valley Leaves*. The following minutes were abstracted and contributed by Evelyn Rochelle.

Page 3 cont'd ...and to enforce all the ordinances of said corporation for the _____ and to arrest and bring all offenders _____ for which purpose he is authorized to summons any bystander to his aid and whoever shall refuse to obey such summons shall be fined in a sum of not exceeding five dollars. He shall for a failure to perform any or either of the duties required of him, be fined and pay for the use of the Board a sum not exceeding Forty dollars for each and every offence. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Board may think proper to allow; and for like services he shall be allowed to charge and take the same fees as are, by law, allowed to Constable.

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.

Bonds of Officers

Sec 6. The clerk, Treasurer and Marshall shall each before entering upon the discharge of their respective duties take and subscribe an oath (to be administered by the Intendant) will _____ and faithfully discharge all the duties of his office to the best of his ability and shall enter into bond and security (to be approved by the Board) in such sum as said Board may direct, made payable to the corporate authorities of the Town of Bellefonte and their successor in office.

March 15, 1854

Test. N. Robinson, Intendant

An Ordinance

concerning the Retailing of Spiritous Liquors

- Sec 1.** Be it ordained by the Corporate authorities of the Town of Bellefonte that the tax for license to retain spiritous _____ liquors within the Corporate limits of the Town of Bellefonte shall be Five Hundred dollars for the term of twelve months and fee to the Clerk for issuing the same one dollar.
- Sec 2.** Be it further ordained that license to retail spiritous liquors shall not be granted for a shorter term than one year.
- Sec 3.** Be it further ordained: That any person or persons desirous of obtaining a license to retail spiritous liquors in quantities less than one quart within the limits of the corporation of said town of Bellefonte shall first produce to the Intendant of the corporation, the recommendation of six _____ freeholders or householders residing within the corporate limits of said town and enter into bond and security to be approved by the Intendant in like manner and bonds executed for retailing under the laws of Alabama and shall pay the sum of Five Hundred dollars to the use of the corporation when the said license shall be issued and one dollar to the clerk for issuing the same and shall also take and subscribe the oath required by the state of persons who obtain licence from the Probate Court to retail in the County.
- Sec 4** Be it further ordered that if the applicant for license to retail spiritous or fermented liquor shall be dissatisfied with the decision of the Intendant he may appeal to the Board of Counsellors.
- Sec 5.** Be it further ordained: that if any person shall _____ or attempt to _____ the provision of this ordinance by selling any articles of little or no value and giving the purchaser spiritous or intoxicating liquor _____ shall in any like manner evade this law and the _____ they shall forfeit and pay the sum of Ten dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered by warrant before the Intendant as in other cases provided that this law shall not apply to Druggists who in good faith sell ardent spirits or fermented liquors as medicine.
- Sec 6.** Be it further ordained that if any person or persons without a license shall sell or give ardent spirits or intoxicating liquors in any quantity and permit the same to be drunk on or about his her or their premises he she or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of Ten dollars for each and every offence.

Sec 7. Be it further ordained: That if any person or persons within the limits of said corporation of Bellefonte shall sell give barter or traffic to any slave any spiritous or intoxicating liquor, in quantities either greater or smaller than one quart without the permission of the owner or overseer of said slave and whether the said liquors shall be drunk on the premises or not of the person so dispensing of the liquor the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding Forty dollars for each and every such offence to be recovered as in other cases - and it shall be sufficient circumstantial evidence of the offence aforesaid, to be judged of by the Intendant, that negroes and slaves frequent the premises of the person or persons so offending. That he admits free negroes or slaves into his or her or their premises by indirect ways and that he, she or they have ardent spirits or intoxicating drinks on his her or their premises in such quantities or under such circumstances as warrant the conclusion that he she or they traffic in them and it shall devolve upon the person or persons, so charged with selling or giving to slaves to show that the owner or overseer of such slave or slaves gave permission to said slave or slaves to buy receive or traffic for said liquors.

March 15, 1854

Test. N. Robinson, Intendant

An Ordinance

to prevent the use of Ten Pin Alleys

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the corporate authorities of the Town of Bellefonte that it shall not be lawful hereafter for any person or persons to keep or maintain within the corporate limits of said Town of Bellefonte any alley, building or enclosed construction or used for the purpose of playing thereon on thesuch, at the game called or known by the name of Ten pins or any other game of like kind by whatever named called or with any greater or less number of pins for gain, hire or reward of any kind or in any amount whatever and every person or persons who shall have in his or their possession or under his her or their control either as occupant, agent or owner any such alley, building or enclosure constructed or used for the purpose aforesaid within the corporate limits of said town and shall suffer or permit any person to use the same or let play thereon, for any stake or wager, bet or chance or who shall directly, or indirectly receive or bargain to receive any gain, hire reward or involvement or valuable consideration for such use or play shall forfeit and pay the sum of Forty dollars for each and every twenty four hours or

any part thereof such alley, building or enclosure may be so used or occupied to be received as in other cases.

March 15, 1854

Test. N. Robinson, Intendant

An Ordinance

In relation to Stallions and Jacks

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the corporate authorities of the Town of Bellefonte that if any person or persons shall exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, on the public Square or any of the streets of said town of Bellefonte any stallion or Jack the person, or persons, so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for each and every offence.

Sec 2 Be it further ordained that if any person or persons shall make or cause to be made, any stand in the Corporation of said town of Bellefonte for any stallion or jack for the season or any less time, he she or they so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of Forty dollars.

March 15, 1854

Test. N. Robinson, Intendant

An Ordinance

to prevent and punish breaches of the peace,
disturbances, and disorderly conduct

Sec 1 Be it ordained by the Corporate authorities of the town of Bellefonte, that if any person, or persons, shall be found quarreling wrestling fighting or otherwise _____ behaving in a disorderly manner, within the limits of this corporation he she or they on conviction thereof if a free person shall be fined in any sum not exceeding forty dollars and if a slave, shall receive on his or her bare back, any number of lashes not exceeding Thirty nine well laid on by the Marshall.

Sec 2 Be it further ordained: That if any person or persons shall hereafter by guilty of any other manner of disorderly or indecent conduct, within the limits of this corporation, eh, she or they, so offending shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Ten dollars for each and every such offence.

March 15, 1854

Test. N. Robinson, Intendant

An Ordinance

to prevent violations of the Sabbath

Sec 1 Be it ordained by the Corporate authorities of the Town of Bellefonte that if any merchant, shop keeper, confectioner or retailer of spiritous liquors shall keep open his her or their doors or windows, for the purpose of vending any goods, wares, merchandize or spiritous liquors on the Sabbath day, or shall in any way sell or vend any goods, wares merchandize or spiritous liquors on the Sabbath day, he she or they, so offending shall forfeit any pay the sum of Five dollars for each and ever offence. Provided nothing herein contained shall prevent the selling or giving any medicines for the sick or any goods or merchandize necessary for burial purposes.

Sec 2 Be it further ordained: That if any person shall load or unload any wagon cart or dray within the corporation on the Sabbath day or cause the same to be done, he she or they so offending shall for every such offence forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one dollar and such wagon cart or dray shall be held bound for the fine.

March 15, 1854

Test. N. Robinson, Intendant

An Ordinance

concerning Free Negroes

Sec 1 Be it ordained by the Corporate authorities of the Town of Bellefonte that if any free person of colour shall entertain or permit any slave to visit, or remain in his, or her house during the Sabbath day or between sunset and sun rise, without special permission from his or her owner or overseer, he or she so offending shall for each and every offence forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar.

Sec 2 Be it further ordained: if any free person of colour shall sell barter or give to any slave spirits or intoxicating drink or shall be seen gambling with any slave in the limits of said corporation, the person so offending shall be fined and pay the sum of Ten dollars for the first offence and Forty dollars for each subsequent offence.

March 15, 1854

Test. N. Robinson, Intendant

An Ordinance

To prevent and remove Nuisances

Sec 1 Be it ordained by the corporate authorities of the Town of Bellefonte: That if any person or persons shall place or cause to be placed in the streets, or on the public square of said town, or any of the fork (?) ways thereof, any obstruction of whatever character, and shall suffer the same to remain there longer than two days, he she or they shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five dollars for each and every day such nuisance shall remain, and it shall moreover be the duty of the Marshall to remove the same at the expense of him or them causing such nuisance.

Sec 2 Be it further ordained, that when any animal shall die within said Corporation, the owner thereof shall within twenty four hours thereafter remove the carcass thereof beyond the limits of the corporation under a penalty of not exceeding Five dollars for every subsequent twelve hours he she or they shall suffer such carcass to remain and moreover the Marshall shall cause the same to be removed at the expense of the owner.

March 15, 1854

Test. N. Robinson, Intendant

An Ordinance

concerning corporation property

Sec 1 Be it ordained by the corporate authorities of the town of Bellefonte that if any person shall willfully cut break or otherwise injure or destroy any shade tree on the public square or any street or wilfully injure or defaced any part of the public or private property within the limits of this corporation he she or they so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for the first offence and a sum not exceeding Ten dollars for each subsequent offence.

Sec 2 Be it further ordained: That hereafter it shall not be lawful for any person to hitch or fasten or cause to be hitched or fastened any horse or other animal or animals to the shade trees on the public square, or in the public streets in this corporation ed he she or they so offending shall be fined in the sum not exceeding one dollar for each and every such offence.

March 15, 1854

Test. N. Robinson, Intendant

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Lauderdale

DEED RECORD A-1

Part 10

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]. Photocopies of this information were contributed by Jeanne S. Smith; abstraction was made by Kelli Allison, [with a great amount of assistance by Jeanne Hand Henry]. Part 1 was published in *Valley Leaves* in Volume 19, and Parts 2 through 9 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 311-313 Indenture

Recorded 10 of March 1825

Hugh McVay to Henry McVay

This indenture made this 7th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty four. Between Hugh McVay of the County of Lauderdale and State of Alabama of the one part, and Henry W. McVay of the state and county aforesaid of the other part.

Witnessed that the said Hugh McVay in consideration of the affection for his daughter Averilla V. Manly and to provide and care for his said daughter and her child or children a suitable and comfortable maintainance or inheritance under the uses with limitations and conditions herein expressed and for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar now paid by the said Henry W. McVay to the said Hugh McVay, he the said Hugh McVay doth hereby give grant, aline and confirm unto the said Henry W. McVay his heirs the following property (viz) one negro Girl named Caroline about fifteen years. To have and to hold said negro and her the said negro's offspring should she ever have any to the said Henry W. McVay and his heirs to the uses upon trust and the interest touching the same here now expressed used declared as follows —

All the said personality to the absolute possession enjoyment use behoof and control of the said Averilla V. and her lawful issue and the lawful heirs of such present child or future children of hers the said Averilla V. and the said property is limited and appointed to the possession use and behoof and her present child and future children during the natural life of the said Averilla V. and her present child and future children during the natural life of the said Averilla V. and at her death or decrease therein remainder to the possession use and behoof of the said present child and future children and his heirs or their heirs forever.

And the said Hugh McVay doth hereby covenant and agreed with the said Henry W. McVay and his heirs & etc. that the said property hereby conveyed to the said Henry N. McVay as aforesaid for the enjoyment behoof and control as aforesaid shall and may at all times hereafter remain continue and be to the uses upon the trust and for the interest and purposes and under and subject to the limitations and conditions herein before expressed and declared concerning the same and shall and may be peaceably used quietly held and enjoyed accordingly without any hindrance or molestation unless

the said Hugh McVay should make some other distribution of the before mentioned negro and her issue (if she should have any) which he the said Hugh McVay reserve to himself forever to do, and to revoke this deed at his pleasure at any time during his natural life.

Given under my hand and seal this day and date above written.

/S/ Hugh McVay [Seal]

Test.

E. W. Lynch

Elizabeth Lynch

The State of Alabama)

Lauderdale County)

Be it known that Hugh McVay whose name is signed to the forgoing instrument came this day personally before me W. W. Garrard, Clerk of Lauderdale County Court and acknowledged the signing, sealing and delivering of the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and private seal there being as Seal of Office as yet provided at office this 14th day of March 1825.

/S/ Wm. W. Garrard, Clk. [Seal]

Pages 314-316 Indenture — Morris to Deed Coffee

This indenture made this 25th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, between Dabney Morris of the State of Virginia of the one part, and John Coffee of Lauderdale County in the State of Alabama of the other part.

Witnesseth this said Dabney Morris for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and nine dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given, granted, consigned, sold, conveyed & confirmed unto the said John Coffee his heirs & assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the County of Lauderdale and on the waters of Cypress Creek, known and designated as the Southwest quarter of Section numbered twenty eight in Township Number two on range number eleven west containing one hundred and fifty nine acres be the sum more or less.

Which said tract of land was granted by the United States to the said Dabney Morris by patent Number 606 and dated the first day of May in the year one thousand & eight hundred and twenty four, to have and to hold the aforesaid land and bargained premises, with all the appurtenances thereto belonging. To the only proper use and behoof of the said John Coffee his heirs and assignees forever and the said Dabney Morris for himself his heirs, executors and administrators doth covenant & agree to with the said John Coffee and his heirs that the before record bound and bargained premises he will warrant and defend forever defend against the right to the claim & interest of all and every person or persons.

In witness whereof, the said Dabney Morris hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this day above written.

/S/ Dabney Morris [Seal]

Delivered to John Coffee 28 March 1825

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of:

/S/ Moss White

/S/ William Price

his

/S/ William C. X Whitworth
mark

The State of Alabama)

Lauderdale County)

Be it known that William C. Whitworth and William Price whose names are signed to the forgoing deed of conveyance as witnesses thereto came this day personally before me William W. Garrard,

Clerk of Lauderdale County Court and made oath that in any form of law that they heard Dabney Morris whose name is signed to the forgoing deed of conveyance acknowledged the signing, sealing and delivering of the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained and that they in the presence of each other & with the other subscribing witnesses he came subscribing.

Witnesseth thereto given at office of Clerk of the County Court for said County this 27th day of March 1825.

/S/ W., W. Garrard, Clerk
of Lauderdale County Court

Recorded 27th of March 1825

Pages 316-319 Edgar to Power of Atty. Stmt. ...1825

Know all men by these presents that I James Edgar of the County of Lauderdale and State of Alabama am seized of a certain tract or parcel of land near the Town of Florence containing two acres and twelve hundredths of an acre.

Lying north of Jeremiah Burnes land and east of John Ashen, east of the spring road as laid down in the plan of the Town of Florence and Land adjoining sold by the Cypress Land Company except the north end of said tract sold by me to certain John Henry (quarter of an acre) containing the specified in a bond to make title to said land which I have executed to said John Henry & lying and bounded as in said land described for the conveyance of the whole of said two acres and twelve hundredths in fee simple.

In hold and bond executed to me by John Coffee & John McKinly for the trustees of said company. Now know ye that I the said James Edgar have made, constituted, and appointed and by the those present do make, constitute and appointed and by appoint Platt Stauld of this County and I take of a said my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name and for my proper use and benefit to ask, demand and obtain a good and sufficient deed in fee simple to said tract of land from the trustees of said Cypress Land Company.

According to the conditions of their bond and to lease, let or sell said land with appurtenances (except the north end sold to John Henry as aforesaid) to such person or persons and for such number of years and as and under such yearly or other rate as he shall think fit or otherwise to sell or dispose thereof. either for life or lives or to sell, grant & convey the sum absolute in fee simple for such price or sum of money and such person or persons as he shall think fit & covenant and ask for me and in my name to seal execute and deliver such deeds, conveyances, bargains and sales for the absolute sale or disposal thereof or any part thereof with such closes,

covenant and agreements to be therein contained, as my said attorney shall think fit and expeditious hereby ratifying & confirming all such case or cases, or leases, deeds, conveyances, bargains or sales which shall at any time hereafter be sealed & executed by such attorney of concerning the premises

And also to ask, demand, sue for recover and receive all such sum or sums or sums of money debts and demands, whatever which hereafter may be due & owing unto me in pursuances of the before enumerated powers of & concerning the said tract of land the appurtenances & to take all lawful ways and means for the recovery thereof by such as otherwise & to give acquaintances & other sufficient discharges where the same shall have been discharged and to do all other lawfull ack. and things whatsoever concerning the premises aforesaid, as full in every respect as I might [illegible] do ever I personally present.

Given under my hand and seal this 15 day of April A.D. 1825

/S/ James Edgar [Seal]

The State of Alabama)

Lauderdale County)

Be it known that James Edgar whose name is signed to the forgoing power of attorney, came this day personally before me William W. Garrard, Clerk of Lauderdale County Court, and acknowledged the signing, sealing and delivering of the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Given at office of Clerk of the County aforsaid being this 20th day of April 1825.

/S/ W. W. Garrard, Clerk
Lauderdale County Court

Recorded 20 day of April 1825

Pages 319-321 Indenture — Morris to Deed...Harwell

Delivered to Samuel Harwell 4 April 1825

This indenture made this 28th day March 1825. Between Dabney Morris of the State of Virginia of the one part and Samuel Harwell of Lauderdale County in the State of Alabama of the other part.

Witnesseth then the said Dabney Morris for and in consideration of the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty six dollars & ninety two cents to him in hand paid or secured to be paid by the said Samuel Harwell, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained and sold to the said Samuel Harwell, his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcell of land situated, lying & being in the County of Lauderdale and on the East

fork of Cypress Creek. The same being all that part of the South East quarter of Section Number Eight in Township N. Number two in the Eleventh Range west that lies on the west side of the aforsaid Creek, together with the South quarter of the same section, Township & Range, containing altogether two hundred and forty two acres and eighty two hundredths, which tract of land was granted by the United States to the said Dabney Morris by patent N. 603 & N. 605 & bearing date the 1st of May 1824.

To have and to hold the aforsaid Land with all singular the rights, profits, emoluments and appurtenances, thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. To the only proper use & behoof of him the said Samuel Harwell his heirs & assigns forever and the said Dabney Morris for himself & his heirs doth covenant and agree to and with the said Samuel Harwell and his heirs that the before elected land and bargained premises he will warrant and forever defend against the right title, intern or claim of all and every person or persons whosoever.

In testimony whereof the said Dabney Morris hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seale the day and date above written.

/S/ Dabney Morris [Seal]

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in presence of us:

his
/S/ Solomon X Moses
mark

/S/ Chas. Cook

The State of Alabama)

Lauderdale County)

Be it known that Dabney Morris whose name is signed to the forgoing deed of conveyance came this day personally before me, William W. Garrard, Clerk of Lauderdale County Court and acknowledged the signing, sealing and delivering of the same, to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Given at office of Clerk of the County Court of said County this 29th day of March 1825.

/S/ W. W. Garrard, Clerk
Lauderdale County Court

Recorded: 2 of April 1825.

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- Elected Fellow – 1988

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Huntsville Public Library Auditorium

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, 26 March 1993

Registration
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Admission includes
Lunch and handouts

Registrations MUST be received by Friday, 20 March 1993

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Lawrence

MISCELLANEOUS COURT RECORDS

Part 2

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

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State of Alabama)
Lawrence County)

We the jurors summon[e]d and charged by the Sheriff of said County a[c]cording to law to inquire into the damage that Benjamin Jones sustains by reason of a road that was ordered by the county court of said county to be cut throug[h] said Jones land run[n]ing from the town of Moulton to intersect Boylers turnpike road do say that said Jone[s] is damaged five dollars a[c]cording to our judgments.

Given under our hands and seals November the 28 1823.

James Montgomery [Seal]

James Hany [Seal]

R. W. Montgomery [Seal]

Samuel Brown [Seal]

James C. Noonan [Seal]

• 2 •

To the honorable the Judge of the County Court of Lawrence
County State of Alabama

The undersigned Commissioners appointed to examine that portion of Bylers Turnpike Road situated in said County, would respectfully represent to your honor that pursuant to the duties assigned to them in the premises, they attended on said Road on

the 15th day of December Instant and beg leave to report said Road in good order and in such repair as is required by the conditions of the Charter granting the same. Given our hands this 16th day of December 1848.

P. H. Hefley

on reverse side:

Commissioners Court

Brief for Feby Term 1849

Report recorded in Book D, page 401, May 21st 1849,

Wiley Gallaway, Clk

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Test.

Daniel W. Wright C. C. C.

State of Alabama)

County Court [illegible]

Lawrence County)

October Term 1821

By order of said court Robert Bransford, John Murphy & William Fears were appointed to commissioners to designate the hands to work on the resp clear road in the Eastern Battalion of the 8th Regiment. Then are therefore to command the said commissioners to proceed to act accordingly. Given at the office of the clerk of said Court at office this 13th day of October 1821.

Test.

Daniel W. Wright C. C. C.

on reverse side:

Order to Commissioners
to designate hands to
work on roads, etc.

Eastern Battalion
Eighth Regiment

Recd the 27th of
November 1821

H. M. Cunningham, Shff

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State of Alabama)

Commissioners Court)

Lawrence County)

August Term 1823

Ordered that George W. McGaughy, Joseph Ross, William Stovall, John Lackey, William McGaughey, George Landery, Alexander Caruth be and are hereby appointed a jury to view and mark out a road to lead from at or near Elledges on the Russellville Road to or near Martins Gap in said County and from thence to Bylers Road.

a true copy test.

John Gallagher, C. C.C.

on reverse side:

We the jury have viewed and marked the road from Elagers to Martins way of Rosses Gap agreeable to the order the first division and to cut the road from Elagers to the bridge on town creek and make the bridge, the 2 division and cut to the Burnt mill and 3 division an cut the balance running near the creek rodd - the 1 division Alexander Barnlin and Benjamin Williams for overseers. The 2 - Andrew M. Lackey and George W. McGaughy. The 3 Division Moses Martin, John W. Blackwell.

November 22^d, 1823

William McGaughy	George W. McCaughey
Geo. Landery	Wm. Stovall
Alexander Caruth	John T. Lackey
	Joseph Ross

Jury

Rec'd the 28th of August 1823

Wm. Reneau, Shff

I do certify that the within jurrors met and took the oath agreeable to order November the 15th 1823.

Wm. Reneau, Shff

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State of Alabama)

Commissioners Court)

Lawrence County S.S.*) May Term 1823

* NOTE: (supra scriptum) - "as written above" - a legal phrase to avoid repetition in a long document. - Editor

Ordered that John L. White, Alexander W. Lanaham, Jacob Boren, David Smith, Larry Brooke, Mitchell McFarland and Nathaniel Aldridge be appointed a jury to view and mark out a road from the Town of Moulton to the Poplar Log Cove in said County, and make a report thereof to this Court at its next term.

a true copy. Test.

John Gallagher, C.C.C.

on reverse side:

I do certify that James Brooks, David Smith, Alex. McClanahan, Nathaniel Aldridge, Jacob Boren met on the 7th of July 1823 & took the oath according to law.

Wm. Reneau, Shff

-- John S. White & others --

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State of Alabama)
 County Court S.S.)
 Lawrence County) May Term 1820

By order of said Court, Daniel Lee was appointed the overseer of the second division of the road leading from the town of Bainbridge in Franklin County in the direction to Tuskalooosa. These are therefore to authorise you the summons and cause all persons liable by law to work on roads to assist in running and clearing out said part of the road who lies within four miles on each side of said roads.

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

Danl W. Wright, Clk, C.C.

on reverse side:

I recommend James Lemond and William Bryant as overseers for said road in the Division the order calls for.

Daniel Lee

 Daniel Lee
 Drawn for Overseer of Road

 I have receive the within order and have cut out said road agreeable to this within order.

Daniel Lee

 acted upon

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State of Alabama)
 County Court S.S.)
 Lawrence County) May Term 1820

By order of said Court, Joshua Croom, Claybourn W. Landau, David Hall, Abraham Walker, Alexander Hale, Thomas Ashford, & Enoch Carpenter were appointed to view and mark out a road to run from the west end of Town Creek on the road heading from the Town of Courtland towards the Big Spring in Franklin County the nearest and best route to strike the county line in station number eighteen.

These are therefore to command you and each of you to meet at the house of Obadiah Waller on the 4th day of August next to act accordingly -

Given at the office of the clerk of said Court at office this 8th day of May 1820.

Test.

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

on reverse side:

We the jurors have met and marked out the within described road agreeable to the order. Commencing on the west side of town creek and running north to the NE corner of section 27 thence south to the half mile stake thence diagonally through the SE quarter of the same, thence diagonally through section thirty four & thirty three in township four, and through section four five eight and seven in township five so as to include section eighteen near the northwest corner on the county line.

given under our hands this 4th day Aug 1820.

wavish Jerias Bunker, overseer

 Lease of Road
 from Town Creek to the County Line

 Executed this 4th day of August 1820
 all the reverse met and were sworne.

H. M. Cunningham, Shff

 C. W. Saunders

Alexander Sale
Eanock Carpenter
David Hall
Joshua Croom
OBldj Waller
Thos. Ashford

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State of Alabama)
Commissioners Court)
Lawrence County) August Term 1823

Ordered that Jesse H. Croom, David Abernathy, John Gillian, Aaron B.Owens, William Fulton, Allen Smith, and John B. Cobb be and they are hereby appointed a jury to view and mark out a road to lead from the West Corner of Jesse Crooms farm on the Bainbridge Road in the direction to Tuscumbia in Franklin County on the section line to the County Line.

a true copy test.

John Gallagher CCC

on reverse side:

We the within named jury after being duly sworn doth say that we have viewed and marked out the road to run on the sectional line due west from the west corner of Jesse H. Crooms farme to the county line.
This 21st of October 1823.

J. H. Croom
Allen Smith
John Gillian
Jno. B. Cobb
David Abernathy

We the jury recommend Adamson T. Shaw as a proper person for overseer of the road.

on the 21 of October

The jury met on the 27 of October 1823 and was duly sworn by me.
W. W. Reneau, Shff by his deputy E. H. Penrope

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Limestone

THE LIMESTONE REBELS

Part 4

by Charles Rice

Well-known Civil War historian, Charles Rice, contributed the following article. For introduction, commissioner officers, and first part of non-commissioned officers and privates, see December 1991, March 1992 and June 1992 issues.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND PRIVATES [cont'd]

- Slaughter, John J., Pvt. — no age given**
'Received as recruit 1 Oct 1861.' Wounded 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh ('arm seriously') and sent home; Jun 62 dropped as deserter by order Gen. Beauregard; Nov 1862 'supposed to be in Huntsville.'
- Smith, James, Pvt. age 23**
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens. Nov-Dec 1861 reported present. No further information.
- Smith, Lewis, Pvt. age 21**
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens. Discharged for disability 12 Jul 1862 at Saltillo, Miss. (born in Limestone Co. Ala., age 21, 5'6" tall, complexion fair, eyes grey, hair light, occupation farmer). Took oath at Nashville 7 Feb 1865; listed as residing in Giles Co. Tenn. complexion fair, hair light, eyes grey, 5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, 'conscript' 10 Mar 1863, 'deserted' [?] 3 Feb 1865, 'has family.'
- Sowell, Ben M., Pvt. — no age given**
'Enlisted in Company 12 Dec 1861;' absent Jun 1862 as 'Steward to Surgeon;' Aug 1862 listed as 'sick at Thomkinsville, Ky.' In hospital in Oct 1862; listed Nov 1862 as 'sutler clerk' [reported slightly wounded 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga (arm) in the Huntsville *Confederate*.]
1907 Confederate Veteran Census, Limestone Co. Al. Benjamin McLin Sowell, born 12 Aug 1844 at Athens, Ala. 'entered service as a Pvt. in Aug 1861 at Athens in Co. E, 26th Regt., afterwards the 50th Regt., & continued until the surrender in Greensboro, North Carolina.'
- Sowell, James F., Pvt. age 20**
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens; 'appointed captain (Co. I) by order Gen. Bragg (S.O. 42) 22 Apr 1862.'

- Stockton, Thomas J., Pvt. age 18**
Enlisted 17 Sep 1862 at Athens; Nov-Dec 1861 'sick in Qrs'; killed 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh (shot in neck).
- Surginer, John P., Pvt. — no age given**
Slightly wounded 31 Dec 1862 at Murfreesboro 'in a cedar thicket' captured 20 May 1864 at Cassville, Ga.; 20 Mar 1865 sent from Rock Island, Ill. for exchange.
- Taylor, Andrew Jackson, Pvt. — no age given**
Captured 15 Dec 1864 at Nashville; sent to Camp Douglas, Ill.; enlisted in 6th U.S. Volunteers, 26 Mar 1865.
- Thomas, A. L. Sgt. — no age given**
On pay register from 1 Mar 1862 to 31 Aug 1862; on rolls for Aug and Nov 1862 as Sgt. Listed on 20 Aug 1862 as 'sick Tinners, Tenn.' Oct-Nov 1862 at Cleveland, Tenn. [reported slightly wounded 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga (shoulder) in Huntsville *Confederate* 'wounded severely in foot' 26 Aug 1864 near Atlanta.
- Thomas, Lindsay, Sgt. age 32 [same as above ?]**
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens as Pvt. Promoted to 5th Sgt. on 17 Sep 1861; Sep-Oct 1861 'sick in quarters'; Jun 1862 as 'color bearer.' No further information.
- Thompson, James D., Pvt. age 21**
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens; wounded 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh 'lungs seriously' sent home; dropped as deserter Jun 1862 by order Gen. Beauregard.
- Trotman, Elkanah J., Pvt. — no age given**
Captured 20 Sep 1863 at Chickamauga; sent to Camp Douglas, Ill.; ordered to Point Lookout, Md. for exchange 20 Feb 1865.
- Tucker, Thomas, Pvt. age 19**
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861; died ? (claim filed 9 Jul 1862 says born in Spartanburg, S. C.)
- Venable, James, Pvt. age 46**
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens; Jun 1862 'nursing sick;' Aug 1862 'sick at Thomkinsville, Ky.' Oct-Nov 1862 in Limestone Co. Ala. Assigned to Atlanta Arsenal 10 Jul 1863 (S.O. #182/5) '...deserted his command on or about 29 Jun 1863, and is now in Limestone Co. Ala.' (letter of 16 Aug 1863 from Cpt. Douglas West, A.A. Insp. Gen.)
- Ward, Robert A., Pvt. age 27**
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens; Jun 1862 sick in hospital; Oct 1862 at Cleveland, Tenn. Nov 1862 in Limestone Co. Ala. Killed 26 Aug 1864 near Atlanta.

- Ware, A. M., Pvt. age 18
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens; died 12 Dec 1861 at Corinth, Miss.
- Ware, William, Pvt. — no age given
Pay receipts from 26 Feb 1862; admitted to Ocmulgee Hospital, Macon, Ga. on 22 May 1864 (diarrhoea); returned to duty 27 Aug 1864; admitted to Ocmulgee Hospital on 12 Nov 1864 (deafness); returned to duty 19 Nov 1864; admitted to Way Hospital, Meridian, Miss. on 17 Mar 1865 (wounded); furloughed home.
- Weeks, J.A., Cpl. — no age given
Discharged 17 Jan 1863. No further information.
- Wood, Fortune S., Pvt. — no age given
'Enlisted in Company 12 Dec 1861' wounded 6 Apr 1862 at Shiloh and sent home; dropped Jun 1862 as deserter by order Gen. Beauregard; 'joined from desertion' 1 Nov 1862; assigned to brigade commissary department in Nov 1862.
1907 Confederate Veteran Census, Limestone Co. Ala. Fortunatus Shackelford Wood, born 26 Jan 1838 at Athens Ala. 'entered service as a private in fall 1862 at Athens, Ala. in Company E (Jim Henry Malone, Capt.) 1st Battalion of Alabama Volunteers commanded by W. D. Chadick. Continued service until the surrender of the 22nd Alabama Regiment at Greensboro, N.C. on 1 May 1865. Served as Brigade commissary twelve months and surrendered as a private.' His 1907 residence was Athens.
- Yarbrough, Archibald N., Pvt. — no age given
Enlisted 1 Nov 1862 at Knoxville, Tenn. Died 16 Nov 1862 at Tullahoma, Tenn. Claim (#19,973) filed by father, David H. Yarbrough of Athens, Ala. on 24 Feb 1863. (born Giles Co. Tenn.; age 21, 5' 10" tall, red complexion, blue eyes, light hair, occupation farmer.)
- Yarbrough, James S., Cpl. age 23
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens as 2d Cpl. Sep-Oct 1861 'sick in quarters' Discharged for disability 15 Jun 1862 at Tupelo, Miss.
- Yarbrough, L. M., Pvt. age 18
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens; present during Nov-Dec 1861; no further information.
- Yarbrough, William H., Cpl. age 25.
Enlisted 17 Sep 1861 at Athens as Pvt. 'Wounded severely in side' 26 Aug 1864 at Atlanta as Cpl.

Limestone County . . .

DEED BOOK 2, 1825

Part 6

The following deeds, from the Limestone County Archives in Athens, were gathered by Howell Sims and abstracted by Deborah Sims Stettler. This series began in Vol. 24 and is continued from previous issues of *Valley Leaves*.

Pages 68-70 Deed of Trust

22 January 1825

Charles King, debtor

Washington Keyes/Keys and William Dewoody, trustees

James English, creditor

Charles King owes James English \$5662.65 to be paid in three equal and annual instalments. The first instalment is due 1 April 1826 and the second and third on the two years thereafter respectively. Charles King and Elizabeth, his wife, deed in trust for \$1.00 to Washington Keys and William Dewoody the following tracts of land in Limestone County: the SE/4 of Section 21 in Township 4, Range 4 West containing 159 acres and a half, with two half quarters of the same section containing each 79 acres and three fourths, the eastern half of the NE/4 and the eastern half of the SW/4. King also sells to Keyes and Dewoody the following negro slaves: three boys named Jesse, Bryant, and Burrill, a girl named Cherry, and a woman named Becca. King remains in possession of the land and slaves until failure to pay the debt after which time the trustees are to sell the property at a public sale and pay the debt. The surplus is to be given to King.

Witnessed by Lucian Minor, L. Edmondson, and N.R. Bond.

Delivered to be recorded 19 July 1825.

Recorded 22 August 1825.

Pages 70-73 Deed of Trust

14 February 1825

Alexander A. McCartney, debtor

William K. Adams, trustee

William Dewoody, creditor

Alexander McCartney owes William Dewoody \$907.43 to be paid by 1 January 1826 as by a bond bearing the date 17 January 1825. McCartney deeds in trust for \$1.00 to William K. Adams the following personal property: one printing press, all the type and other implements appertaining to the office of the Alabama Gazette, one horse saddle and bridle, one bureau, one table, one candle stand, one set of china ware, one dozen Liverpool plates, three dishes, one coffee pot, one stand of castors, one set of Windsor chairs, one set of split bottom chairs, three trunks, one looking glass, two beds bedsteads and furniture, two glass lamps, two candlesticks, one pair silver sugar tongs, one sauce spoon, one set of knives and forks, one dozen china plates, one dozen Delph[?] plates, four china and Liverpool Bowls and tea canister, one salt sellors [saltcellar], one fire screen, one pair shovel and tongs, one pair andirons, one pair smothing [sic] irons, and all the kitchen furniture consisting of pots, kettles, one thousand pounds of bacon, one hundred pounds of lard, and two hundred pounds of beef, and also all debts due to McCartney at this time, and all the estate right title and interest of McCartney. McCartney is to remain in possession of all personal property until default be made in payment of the debt after which time the trustee is to sell all of the personal property at public auction and pay the debt. The balance shall be paid to Alexander A. McCartney. If the debt is paid on or before 1 January 1826, then this deed is void.

Delivered to be recorded 20 July 1825.

Recorded 22 August 1825.

Pages 73-75

Deed of Trust

1 February 1825

James Falls, debtor

William K. Adams, trustee

William Dewoody, creditor

James Falls owes William Dewoody \$74.11 to be paid by 1 February 1826. James Falls deeds to William K. Adams for \$1.00 in trust the following personal property: three head of cows, three yearlings, four sows and four pigs, one horse colt one year old, one cupboard, one coffee mill, one tea kettle, one folding leaf table, one dressing glass, one beauro [bureau?] and one pair fire dogs, one crib of six barrels of corn, and all my interest in the crop of corn and cotton now by me pitching for the present year, and all the estate right title and interest of Falls. Falls is to remain in possession of all the personal property until default be made after which time the

trustee is to sell all of the personal property at public auction and pay the debt. The balance is to be paid to Falls. If Falls pays the debt on or before 1 February 1826, this deed is void.

Witnessed by William Fitch, Thomas Churchman, and David Huddleston.

Acknowledged 20 July 1825.

Delivered to be recorded 20 July 1825.

Recorded 23 August 1825.

Pages 76-77 Deed of Conveyance

17 August 1825

Robert Elliott and Elizabeth/Elisabeth Elliott, his wife, sell to John R. Evans for \$200 a lot in Athens, Limestone County containing 13 ft. in front on the public square and running back 21 ft. one south side of the N 1/2 of lot 39.

Acknowledged 17 August 1825.

Delivered to be recorded 17 August 1825.

Recorded 23 August 1825.

Pages 77-78 Deed of Conveyance

6 June 1825

George Davis of Madison County sell to Nathaniel Davis for \$118 land in Limestone County being a part of Section 36, Township 3, Range 4 West of the Basis Meridian beginning at the NE corner of Section 36 running south 160 poles to a stake thence west 70 poles to a stake thence north 160 poles to a stake thence east to the beginning containing 70 acres more or less.

Acknowledged 24 August 1825.

Delivered and recorded 24 August 1825.

Page 79 Deed of Conveyance

25 July 1825

Robert Beaty and John D. Carriel sell to Alexander Montgomery for \$201 lot no. 143 in Athens, Limestone County.

Acknowledged

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Madison

The following material has been abstracted and contributed by Historian-Archivist Lois Robertson, descendant of Seaborn Jones through his son, Thomas. Seaborn M. Jones, Jr. was the son of Seaborn Jones of Madison County whose estate filed Claim No. 19875. [published in September 1992 issue of Valley Leaves]

U. S. CLAIMS COMMISSION

Claim No. 19,876

Seaborn M. Jones, Jr.

Petition of Seaborn M. Jones, Jr., Madison Co., Alabama, resident of New Market, Ala. — Claim for 1 black mare: \$100.00

SUMMARY

Claimant was in Arkansas when the War broke out, but went back to Alabama early in the War. Attempts were made to conscript him but he escaped. In 1863, a small squad of Union troops took his mare from him and stopped at a neighbors near by the mill where claimant was at the time. Jones intercepted a messenger sent to inform a detachment of Rebel Cavalry of the location of this Union squad.

Early in 1864 claimant went to Illinois and remained in Illinois until 1867. The commission found claimant to be loyal to the Union. The mare was taken by Union soldiers in 1863. The court allowed \$100.00 damages.

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

On 10 Feb 1873 Seaborn M. Jones appeared before Wm. A. Walker, J.P., to make deposition that he was the owner of a black mare, worth \$100 taken by General Stanley's Command and removed in the direction of New Market, Ala., in Sep 1863. Witnesses were W. B. Jones*, S.W. Jones* and Robert S. Norris*. His loyalty would be proved by Robert S. Norris*, Wilson Jones, and Thomas White.*

* *Depositions of these witnesses were not included in the claim.*

Seaborn M. Jones Deposition

Seaborn M. Jones states that he is 42 years old, a farmer and lives 10 miles NE of New Market, Alabama. He resided in Marion Co. Arkansas [near Rolling Prairie] until fall 1861. At that time he came to his father's place near New Market. He stayed there until Spring 1864. He then went to St. Clair Co. Illinois and remained there until 1867.

He owned 80 acres in Arkansas but left it because he was threatened with hanging. Several Union men were hung at Yellville. [county seat of Marion Co.] Someone burned the fence around his property. He did not sell this property until a year ago. He did not do much work while in Alabama, but tried to stay out of the way of Confederate troops. During the time of the Federal occupation of Huntsville, he made one crop.

While living in Alabama, claimant was arrested by rebel cavalry and taken to Huntsville, where he was kept under arrest for one night. He told them he did not want to go into the army for a month or so and they gave him two months leave. They never caught him again. The Rebels took corn from him and never paid for it.

Claimant was threatened by Rebels because he opposed their cause. Only once was he threatened to his face. A neighbor, Colonel Hambrick, [who commanded a company] came to his house and said that he had orders to "leave the heads of all Union men on this side of the Tennessee River...that he had heard I was a Union man, but he was in hopes I wasn't." I said words to the effect that I was a Union man and if he or any of his men wanted to shoot me to pop away. He and I quarreled right sharp for a little bit. I told him if he didn't leave there with his men I'd have them taken away. The Yankees were at Brownsboro at that time. He turned around and gave his men orders to saddle up. I had my pistol in my hand and was backed up against my house. Colonel Hambrick's father lived in our neighborhood and owned a large property. He was afraid my friends would have the Yankees get after him if he killed me.

Claimant states he took two oaths, one at Shelbyville [Tenn.] but doesn't remember the date; the second one was at Brownsboro in 1864 as he started to relocate in Illinois with his family. In January 1864, the Federals helped him to move his things to Brownsboro and then he went to Nashville by train. From Nashville he continued on to St. Clair County, Illinois where he remained until 1867. He worked as a carpenter and 'hired out' at anything he could to make a living.

"I sympathized with the Union cause at the beginning and throughout the time of the rebellion. Well, I felt the South was doing mighty wrong in seceding. All my general talk was for the Union and the Constitution. I exerted my influence on the Union side. I did not vote in the election of 1860. I was in favor of Lincoln and voted for him in Illinois. I did not take part in any election after the excitement of the war began. I left Arkansas after it seceded, and came to my father's place in Alabama, but I still remained a Union man."

In describing the taking of the property, Seaborn Jones testified that the mare was taken from George T. Jones' mill [this is *not* the George T. Jones who was the brother

of the claimant] located up on Mountain Fork of Flint River, about three miles from where he lived. He had taken some corn to the mill for grinding and the Federal troops came and took the mare. He warned them that a young Negro had been sent to tell Captain Robinson where he could find six Yankees. The Yankees left before the rebel troops got there but told Jones if he would go with them to their Headquarters they would give him a voucher for the mare. They left another horse at the mill, but it died in about two weeks.

Signed: William B. Jones

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Wilson Jones Deposition

Wilson Jones testifies to the loyalty of Seaborn Jones to the Union as follows:

"My name is Wilson Jones. My residence is here in New Market, [I] am a cabinet maker and miller. My age is sixty four years. I was a slave at the beginning of the war. I belonged to George T. Jones. I never belonged to the claimant. No interest in this claim. The claimant Seaborne M. Jones and my old master, George T. Jones, was no kin at all."

He has known the claimant ever since he was a baby in his mother's arms. They lived within three miles of each other during the war and saw each other every mill day [once a week] if not more often. After his horse was taken he left the neighborhood and he doesn't know how long he stayed away. While Wilson Jones never heard him make any direct comments about the cause of the war, he knew that Seaborn Jones was as strong a Union man as anyone he knew.

As to the taking of the property, he was grinding Jones's corn when the Yankee troops came and took the mare as well as three or four sacks of meal from the mill. He doesn't know where they went after leaving the mill.

Signed: his
Wilson X. Jones
mark

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Thomas U. Green Deposition

Thomas U. Green of Huntsville, Alabama testifies to the loyalty of Seaborn M. Jones. He is a business man, fifty-six years old and is not related to claimant. He has known him for the past twenty years or more. He has been intimate with the whole Jones family, having lived in the immediate neighborhood before the war. During 1863 and 1864, he was in the Federal lines at Brownsboro and saw Jones frequently during the time. They conversed often and both Jones and his father used stronger language against the Confederacy than any other men in their neighborhood.

Signed: Thos. U. Green

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Jordan A. White Deposition

Jordan A. White testifies to the taking of the property by saying that he is twenty-eight years old and resides near New Market. He is a farmer and was present when the property was taken by the Yankees. He did not know where they took the mare, nor how much she was worth.

Signed: his
Jordan A. X. White
mark

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[SOURCE: The *Southern Advocate*, 26 Jul 1865]

"The Records for Madison county, have been brought back. We hope that the various county offices: Probate Judge, Chancery and Circuit Court Clerks, Treasurer, Sheriff, etc. will soon be open and ready for civil business."

This valuable information provided by Historian Raneé G. Pruitt, who believes the 'records were probably taken across the river for safekeeping from the Feds.'

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c Jackson, Taylor	Carloss, Annie	05 May 1876	W. Northcross, MG
East, James	Burton, Miss Sallie	03 May 1876	W. H. Armstrong, MG
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Reynolds, Marshal	Griffin, Malilda	11 May 1876	Wm. Messenger, MG
(Martial Reynolds and Maseenia Griffin on return)			
c East, Edmond	Underwood, Lucy	11 May 1876	W. Northcross, MG
c Mullens, Benjamin	Underwood, Frances	13 May 1876	Anderson Walker, MG
c Waltrip, Beverly	Thompson, Amand (Amanda on return)	15 May 1876	W. Northcross, MG
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Holt, Charles E.	Foote, Miss Anna H.	17 May 1876	John A. Thompson, MG
c Davis, Calvin	Armistead, Harriett	18 May 1876	W. Northcross, MG
Harris, G. B.	Jackson, Miss Mary	09 May 1876	R. A. Speer, MG
Pounders, Joseph	Jackson, Miss Nancy Ann	16 May 1876	Jas. H. Srygley, JP

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Marshall

[NOTE: The source for the information in the following article is a clipping from the *Arab Tribune*, dated November 30, 1978. If anyone with roots in Marshall County has any information about this cemetery and can send me an update, *Valley Leaves* will publish the information in a future issue. — Kelli Marlow Allison, Editor]

SKIDMORE'S CHAPEL CEMETERY

The Skidmore's Chapel Cemetery is located approximately ten miles northwest of Arab in Cotaco Valley, about one-quarter mile from the main road leading from the Oleander community.

No record survives of the date that Skidmore's Chapel Cemetery received its first interment. However, the oldest legible gravestone, dated 12 Sep 1877, is for Virginia E. Briscoe, age ten years. Older residents of Marshall County told the *Tribune* that this burial ground was used before that date but that the grave markers no longer exist.

The church, Skidmore's Chapel, was in its heyday in the late 1800s [the exact erection date is unknown]. At that time the Cotaco Valley was a bustling community.

Skidmore's Chapel and Cemetery occupied land donated by Richard M. (Dick) Skidmore. [He was buried here in 1901]. The building was two stories tall. The church's auditorium occupied the first floor. During the week, the auditorium was used by a literary school. The two rooms upstairs were used for meeting halls by the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

A nearby watermill provided power for the saw mill that made the sturdy walls of this church. In 1915 after the Methodist Conference sold the building, the building was torn down for scrap and carted off. The cemetery was abandoned. Nearby residents interviewed knew of no surviving record of the occupants of this cemetery, other than the gravestones still standing.

Some of the names on the markers were still legible in 1978. Those surnames were: Briscoe, Galloway, Goodson, Henson, Holmes, Light, McAnally, Sanders, Wheeler, Winfrey and Lemons. There also remained a gravestone for Williamson B. Goodson, of the 23rd Georgia Infantry, Company H, of the Confederate States of America.

A legendary hero of the Civil War, Dallas Polk Briscoe, was buried here in 1898. Local legend tells of a handsome black horse he rode throughout the Civil War and brought home to Cotaco Valley at war's end.

Dashing Dallas Polk, owned a quarter section, established Marshall County's Ruth Post Office and donated the land for Ruth School, later used as Ruth Church. His wife, Sallie, is buried beside him. [EDITOR NOTE: was 'Ruth' a beloved daughter, who died young???)

Two other post offices operated in communities near the cemetery. The oldest, Apple Grove, was two miles west of the cemetery; Mr. J. P. Julian was postmaster at Auston, located approximately 4 miles east of the cemetery. Both these post offices remained open until the rural free delivery program went into effect.

A beloved local resident buried at Skidmore's Cemetery is Huel Briscoe, who died in 1939. The newspaper article carried a picture of his children taken when they attended his funeral. They were: Thomas Richard Briscoe, Sarah Elizabeth Briscoe, Shelton Briscoe, Melinda Briscoe Wheeler, Walter Briscoe and Billy Briscoe.

The newspaper article also carried a picture of Dallas Polk Briscoe, and his grave as well as pictures of the gravestones of Virginia E. Briscoe and the eight Wheeler children.

Mrs. Melinda Briscoe Wheeler has eight children buried in Skidmore's Chapel Cemetery. They are: a baby daughter, age one day, died in 1880; Minnie, age four months, died in 1881; Cranford, age seven months, died in 1886; Nettie, age six days, died in 1887; Ethel age eight months, died in 1888, May, age eight months, died in 1890; Eunice, age two years, died in 1897, and Albert, age three weeks, died in 1898.

Mrs. Wheeler's son, Henry Grady Wheeler, survived to adulthood and taught at Skidmore's Chapel school, later becoming a minister.

Longtime residents of Cotaco Valley still remember when Skidmore's Chapel Cemetery Clean-Off Day was a well-known annual occasion for the entire family. People came from miles around – from Center Grove Pines, Hartselle, Somerville, Decatur, Huntsville, Ryan's Crossroads, Cullman, Oleander, Arab, Ruth, and Union Grove – riding horses, mules or oxen. The event was a working holiday. The families would spread a picnic dinner on the ground, and have a song fest after they finished the chore of cleaning up the grave yard. The children too young to include in the work party played hide-and-seek among the markers as their parents clipped the grass around the markers and decorated the tombs with wildflowers.

In 1978 when this article was published, John Skidmore, son of the man who gave the land for Skidmore's Chapel and Cemetery was alive and still remembered when the church was active.

The information and photographs carried in the newspaper article were provided to the *Tribune* by Noah Otlice Weaver of Birmingham, who grew up in Ruth community.

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Morgan

5th ALABAMA CAVALRY

by

Norman Shapiro

This regiment, commanded by Colonel Josiah Patterson of Morgan County, Alabama, was organized at Tusculumbia in December 1862. Early in January, 1863, the regiment was ordered into Middle Tennessee and skirmished at Chapel Hill – the extreme left of General Bragg's army.

When the army fell back to Chattanooga, the regiment was ordered back to North Alabama and Mississippi where it raided and successfully destroyed the Mobile & Ohio Railroad. The regiment remained in North Alabama in the summer of 1863, occasionally being engaged with the outposts of the enemy around Corinth.

In the fall of 1863, just after the battle of Chickamauga, the regiment crossed the Tennessee River near Larkinsville in Jackson County and made a daylight attack on a force of between four and five hundred Federal troops stationed at Hunt's Mill on the Memphis & Charleston Railroad who were engaged in gathering all the grain in that section and grinding it up for Rosecran's army which was then penned in at Chattanooga. The Federals were completely surprised and routed, many were captured, and the mill was destroyed.

A few days later, General Bragg ordered Colonel Patterson to take a force, composed of 300 picked men from his own regiment and 300 men from the Fourth Alabama Cavalry, and make a forced march to the tunnel running through the Cumberland mountains at Cowan on the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad and obstruct it to prevent trains passing through to supply the Federal troops cooped up at Chattanooga. The Federal troops guarding the tunnel were routed in a sundown attack and the tunnel was blocked with stones and boulders. Returning to North Alabama, after hot pursuit on the part of a large body of Federal cavalry, the regiment next participated in repelling Sherman's attempt to reinforce Grant by passing through North Alabama over the Memphis & Charleston Railroad.

In May of 1864, the regiment and Stuart's battalion attacked the Thirteenth Illinois infantry at Madison Station, capturing over a hundred prisoners and many stands of arms, wagons and supplies. Colonel Patterson's command was with General Forrest at Athens, Sulphur Trestle and Pulaski, in the fall of 1864, and took an active part in that expedition. The regiment skirmished with Steedman when he marched into the Tennessee Valley and was in front of Wilson's Corps from Montevallo to Selma. The regiment took part in the defense of Selma, and were

mostly captured there. The remainder surrendered at Danville, in Morgan County, in May 1865.

Colonel Josiah Patterson was born in Morgan County, Alabama, and practiced law in Somerville before and after the war. He moved to Florence, Alabama in 1867 and then to Memphis in 1872 where he was elected to three terms in Congress starting in 1891. His son, Malcolm Rice Patterson, who was born in his grandparents house in Somerville (the Green P. Rice house which is still standing and is being restored) also served three terms in Congress and two terms as Governor of Tennessee.

The rosters were copied from Microcopy No. 311, Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Alabama, Rolls 19 and 20, Fifth Cavalry. The microfilm is a part of the Archival Collection of Civil War Records of the Heritage Room, Huntsville Public Library. All of the men listed were Privates, except as noted, and the ages listed were as of 1862. Physical characteristics and/or prisoner of war histories of many of the men may be found in the service records.

The regiment was comprised of four companies from Morgan County, two from Lawrence County, two from Marion County, one from Marion/Franklin County, one from Fayette County, and one from Tuscaloosa County. The rosters of Morgan County's Company D, and Company G are listed below. The other companies from Morgan County were Companies I and L. Their rosters will be published in future issues.

Field and Staff Officers

Abernathy, R. T.	Med. Of.	Barnes, J. W.
Curry, J. L. M.	Lt. Col.	Barnes, W. F.
Gibson, R. F.	Maj.	Barnes, S. W.
Griggs, G. W.	Surg.	Black, John
Jenkins, Thomas F.	Maj.	Brogden, Alexander
McGaughey, W. L.	st Lt. Adj.	Brown, J. J.
Patterson, Josiah	Col.	Burnes, H. L.
Peguis, C. J.	1st Lt. Adj.	Burns, W. C.
Rice, E. B.	Capt. A.A.A.G.	Carpenter, John R.
Swope, C. C.	Capt. A.QM.	Carpenter, G. W.
Warren, James M.	Lt. Col(R)	Carter, W. B.

Company D - Morgan County

Barkley, James	
Barklift, Robert W.	
Barnes, H. F.	
Barnes, J. J.	
	Collins, J. T.
	Collins, Archable
	Cook, Columbus
	Croskey, James M. 2nd Lt.
	Dinsmore, W. L.
	Dotson, W. H.

Company D - Morgan County [cont'd]

Drake, J. J.		Rather, George T.	
Edward, W. L.		Rice, G. P. Jr.	1st Lt.
England, W. M.		Roberts, Oliver C.	
Falk, M. L.		Sandlin, J. S.	
Farmington, N. H.		Scoggins, J. H.	
Farmington, S. N.		Shook, William D.	Cpl.
Flack, William		Speigle, Samuel	
Francis, S. G.		Stanton, J. Y.	
Francis, J.		Strickle, W. W.	
Freeman, A. M.		Tabscot, J. D.	
Grantham, Daniel		Tabscot, James T.	
Guthry, J. P.		Tabscot, Jonathan	
Hayes, J. C.		Tapscot, A.	
Herring, J. G.		Tapscott, R. L.	
Herring, H. T.		Tate, W. K.	
Hubbard, J. C.		Thompson, Cicero	
Hudson, Charles H.		Thompson, W. H. H.	
Hughes, W. D.		Thompson, J. J.	
Hughes, R. W.	Sgt.	Thompson, J. N.	
Hughes, G. H.	2nd Lt.	Trotman, S.	
Humphreys, S. B.		Walling, Thomas, J.	
Isham, Charles		Walling, W. T.	
Johnson, R. W.		Walling, B. R.	
Keen, W. E.		Watts, R. E.	
Key, Martin		Welch, Thomas C.	
Lynn, E. O.		Wilhit, J. J.	
McCroskey, William		Wilhite, J. C.	
McDavid, J. M.		Wilhite, S. J.	
Morrow, S. S.		Wilson, William R.	
Morrow, H. S.		Woods, Hanson E.	21 yrs.
Morrow, H. C.		Wright, H. B.	
Morrow, A. B.		Wright, L. B.	
Mulligan, William P.		Wright, John G.	
Nunn, S. W.	Capt.		
Patterson, Daniel		Company G - Morgan County	
Poteet, E. D.	2nd Lt.	Allen, Eli;	41 yrs.

Company G - Morgan County [cont'd]

Atkinson, J. R.		Maples, Tom	
Bell, Davis		McCall, E. D.	
Blackwell, Samuel		McEarren, L. D.	
Bowdin, J. W.		Moon, G. F.	20 yrs.
Brown, Joseph		Morgan, J. H.	
Brown, Daniel		Morris, Z. M.	
Cain, Frank		Morris, J. H.	
Campbell, George W.	Sgt.	Morris, Charles	
Campbell, White M.		Morrow, John C.	
Chinn, M. T.		Morrow, S. A.	Sgt.
Clark, W. T.		Morrow, W. L.	
Cobb, Thomas		Murrell, George, B.	
Ditto, John		Niell, John O.	
Dunn, W. L.		Oldacre, A. B.	30 yrs./2nd Lt.
Epperson, William		Parnell, W. M	
Exum, E. M.		Red, W. T.	
Ferguson, Scott		Red, T. F.	
Gladden, R. W.		Reeves, S. E.	
Gladen, G. W.		Rice, A. H.	Capt.
Hampton, John T.		Robinson, Madison B.	1st Lt.
Haney, D. A.		Roebuck, A. W.	
Hardin, Peter B.		Rutledge, Andrew J.	Sgt.
Harvey, N.		Sharp, Jonathan	
Hubard, John		Shaw, Robert M.	
Huckaba, T. J.		Stinson, John	
Humphreys, H.		Stinson, Miles	
Kent, W. M.		Terrell, Madrid	
Kief, J. O.	Sgt.	Ting, John H.	
Kline, L. E.		Turner, H. B.	
Lawson, Henry T.		Turney, Henry	
Lee, James		Waddell, S. D.	
Lemmond, W. C.	2nd Lt.	Ward, Preston	
Love, B. A.		Watkins, R. G.	
Maples, J. W.		Woodall, Joseph	

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Sue Bright Richter, Queries Editor

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1692 ELLIS

Seek information on date and place of death of Adolphus Ellis b 1851 son of James B & Nancy Sullivan Ellis. Did he leave descendants? Who did Laura Ellis, the daughter of Benjamin R. Ellis of Madison County AL marry?

Mrs. Sam W. Stovall, 2718 King James Court, Webster, TX 77598

1792 RANDOLPH • SULLIVAN

Need parents of Mary Jane Randolph m Harrison Sullivan 1771; b 28 Feb 1752 VA. Two sons: Randolph b Laurens County SC, moved to Madison Co AL in 1816. Harrison Sullivan b 1788 Laurens Co SC married Miss Vaughn need contact with any descendants.

Mrs. Sam W. Stovall, 2718 King James Court, Webster, TX 77598

1892 STARNES/STEARNS • RODEN • TIDWELL • WILLBORN

Looking for father of Peter & John Starnes b 1781 & 1787 in SC; came from Roane and Warren Co TN and settled in Marshall Co AL c1818, raised large families there connected to Roden, Tidwell and Willborn families. Will exchange Starnes/Stearns history.

Jessie Ruth Starnes Russell, 5581 Forbes Ave., San Diego, C 92120

1992 MACHEN

Seeking to trace Cherokee blood line of Machen family from Alabama to Oklahoma then to Texas. Desire correspondence with anyone connected to or researching Machen.

Andrew Machen, P. O. Box 6722, San Bernardino, CA 92412

2092 KENNEDY/CANADA • HOLENSHEAD • WILSON • LAM/LAMB • METHVIN

James N. Kenady b 1833 KY d 1891 AL m Nancy Holenshed b 1840 AL d 1929 AL. James' parents were John (son of Stephen b NC 1773 d 1857 AL and

Elizabeth Hall Canada b 1807 KY d 1863). Nancy, part Indian dau/of George Holenshed in Cherokee Co AL 1840-1850; 3 daughters lived w/Cruise, Mathews & Scott families. What happened to George & wife? Where were they from?

Elizabeth Lam/Lamb b 1833 AL d 1926 OK [dau of Hiram Hivalley Lam b 1796 NC & Anna Methvin b 1802 NC] m Washington C. Wilson b 1817/20 KY d 1861 AL. Washington Wilson in Jackson Co in 1850-1860 & Madison Co in 1840. Mexican War pension files say he died 28 Dec 1861 Jackson Co. Family says death result of Civil War. Looking for CSA info. Was he son of George W. Wilson b 1793 VA and Rebecca?

Hiram Lam's mother was Martha Pennington. Who was his father? Is Hiram/Herman Cherokee Indian? Anna Methvin, dau of Levi Methvin b 1768 d 1847 and Anna(?) Need any info on Levi.

Mary Griggs, 5731 Harwich Ct., #A, Alexandria, VA 22311 (703)-671-0387

2192 JARRETT • WESSON

Seek death place and date for Freeman N. Jarrett b c1799 VA & his wife Sarah (Sallie) Wesson b c1793 VA. They married 4 May 1820 Madison Co AL; ch: James F.; Edward; Zachariah; and Thomas all b AL. James F. b 1822 AL d 14 Mar 1879 Phillips Co AR m Mary Ann McMillen d 3 Oct 1906 Phillips Co AR. Where and when did they marry?

Lois Ann von Boeckmann Willis, 300 W. 4th St., Tuscumbia, AL 35674

2292 VON PODEWILS • VON BOECKMANN

In 1879, in Sand Springs (Limestone Co AL) Countess Sophia von Podewils gave welcoming party for her 3 brothers named von Boeckmann. Newspaper described event and von Podewils estate as an octagonal house. Clipping is only proof found of the existence of the von Podewils in AL. Wish to correspond with any person with or researching this name.

Lois Ann von Boeckmann Willis, 300 W. 4th St., Tuscumbia, AL 35674

2392 GRISSOM /GRISHAM/ GRESHAM

Information wanted on the wife, children, parents of Robert Grisham b NC c1767 (where)? He lived Jefferson Co TN before moving to Limestone Co AL in 1808, lived there until 1843 when he removed to Hardin Co TN (widower) to live with an unnamed son-in-law. Robert was pensioner from 1791 Indian War; d 1850, age 83, Hardin Co TN.

Jenny Nichols, 3600 Minot, Fort Worth, TX 76133-3023

2492 LEWALLEN • JONES

Seek parents of William Preston Lewallen b 7 Jan 1832 in Flacker, Jackson Co AL m Mary Frances ___?___ b 4 Sept 1829 in AL. Also seek parents and any information on Howell Jones b 1849 GA/AL m May 1870 Jackson Co AL,

Nancy Jane Lewallen. All moved to AR in 1870s. Would like correspondence with anyone researching these families.

Earlene Peak, 1306 Galla Rock Rd, Atkins, AR 72823

2592 ROBERTSON • BEAVERS

Seeking information on Warring Peter Robertson b c1800 m Francis Homes Calloway b 1803. Son Thomas Jefferson Robertson b 1 Aug 1837, m Millie Rose Beavers, b 29 May 1850. Need their marriage record. In 1880 Millie, age 28 in Paint Rock, Jackson Co AL [E. D. 96] with Watson, Della, Doney (Mollie) Beavers. Millie had a brother James and sister Alice. Need any information please help. Will share information.

Elizabeth Beavers, 2128 Lake James Drive, Waco, TX 76710

2692 NICHOLS • PATTON • PAYTON

Need parents/ancestors of Willis Brown Nichols. Bought land 6 Sep 1830 near Flacker, Jackson Co AL. William Patton bought adjoining land same day. Both from Franklin Co TN. What was their relationship? Would like correspondence with anyone with Patton connections in Jackson or DeKalb Co AL 1830-1880. Need biographical information on Maj Daniel Payton, b 1763, d 1826 Jackson Co AL.

Fay F. Hoodock, 2182 Dairy Farm Rd, Gambrills, MD 21054

2792 RHODES • ARRINGTON

Seek parents/ancestors, any information on Malachi Green Rhodes b 1811 GA d 1885 AL m Mary Ann Arrington b 1814 NC d AL. Children: William J. b 1832 AL; Sarah b 1835 AL; Thomas b 1842 AL; John b 1844 AL; Malachi b 1846 AL; Mary b 1848 AL; Harvey b 1851 AL; and Rebecca b 1853 AL.

Craig D Rhodes, 133 Montclair Loop, Daphne, AL 36526

2892 HAYS • GAINES

Seek information on Elizabeth Hays d bef 1845 m 22 Dec 1824 Ira M. Gaines Lauderdale Co AL. Her parents & siblings? Ira Gaines b Jan 1801 NC? d 29 Nov 1861, Henning, Lauderdale Co TN.

Billie Jontz, 447 Vanderbilt Rd, Ashville, NC 28803

2992 DAVIS • WINN/WYNN

Looking for parents of Larkin B. Davis and Mary Ann Elizabeth Winn/Wynn m 21 Mar 1844 Madison Co AL. May have lived in Limestone Co AL before. Larkin B. listed on 1860 census, Morehouse Parrish, LA. Children in household: Charlotte; Jane; Stephen C; Margaret W; and John T. We believe Mary Ann d 1858/1859 Morehouse Co LA.

Francis & Milta Carter Lindell, 7324 Clemson, Dallas, TX 75214

3092 McDONALD • CARLOCK • FERRELL • MEANS • JOHNSON • HILL • BROMLEY

Need information on James McDonald d Limestone Co AL c1818. Power of Attorney filed by heirs in Overton Co TN records list Thomas K. McDonald as attorney to recover legacies in Limestone Co AL left to heirs by "our brother and Uncle". Surnames involved are: Carlock, McDonald, Ferrell, Means, Johnson, and Hill.

Also seek information on James Bromley who lived in Lauderdale Co AL before moving to Itawamba Co MS. James m Elizabeth [either a Whiteside or a Hargis]. Brothers James & Samuel Bromley along with brother-in-laws John Hargis and William Fannin in AL 1830. By 1840 James was in Mississippi, Samuel Bromley and William Fannin moved to Texas sometime in the 1840s. John Hargis may have stayed in AL.

Betty Ann Hagen, 2441 Vaughn Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502-2627

3192 RIGGS • YOUNG

Need information on the son of Betsy Riggs Young and James W. Young m 12 April 1864, Morgan Co AL. Young died before war's end. Betsy m 2nd Henry T. Lawson 23 May 1869, Morgan Co AL. What happened to the child?

June A. Hooper, P. O. Box 365, Cotulla, TX 78014

3292 DENTON • BLASINGEM/BLASINGAME • BURFORD

Like to correspond/exchange data with anyone having knowledge about Edward Denton m Catherine Blasingem/Blasingame. Lived Colbert Co AL 1840. Need names of parents and children. One known dau. Nancy Denton m Daniel Burford 1828 Lauderdale Co AL. Please help!!

N. Graham Denton, POB 1067, Laurie, MO 65038

3392 BIRDWELL • FALKINDON/VOLKINGTON

Need information on spouse and children of Moses Birdwell who lived in Jackson and Marshall Co AL 1810-1840s. One known child: Joseph Birdwell, b 2 May 1843, in AL; Joseph moved to Johnson Co IL in 1850 and Bell Co TX in 1877; d 8 Jul 1887, Bell Co TX. May be the Moses m Hannah FALKINDON?/Volkington? 8 Aug 1816, Madison Co AL and lived in Limestone Co AL in 1820. NEED PROOF! Will share information.

Betty Jo Birdwell, 2311 Allendale, Big Spring, TX 79720

3492 THOMAS • FISH

Searching for information on where in AL Wiley A. Thomas and wife Hadassah Fish were between 1842 and 1847. They were m 24 Jan 1828 in Newton Co GA. Dau Samantha Ellen b 15 Jun 1842, AL; son, James Knox Polk b 25 Jul 1845 AL. Hadassah m 2nd Dissoura V. Moore in Arkansas. I will exchange information.

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

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