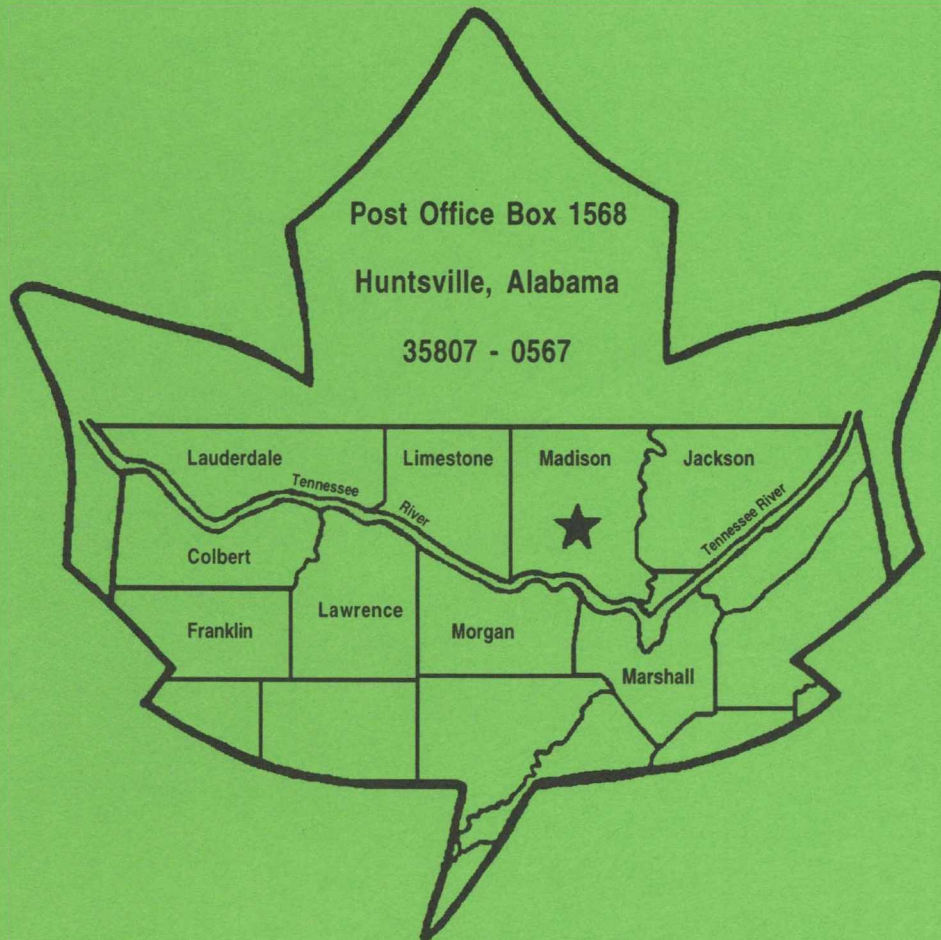


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Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society President's Message

Dear Members,

As we approach Spring our thoughts turn to our biggest Annual Event - The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar. This year our Seminar is shaping up to be one we will all enjoy. I am delighted that so many of you have volunteered to help us out, some with refreshments, some with setting up the hall. But no matter what we do, the main thing is that we are working together, as a team, to make this the best society around.

When you attend the Seminar this year keep one thing in mind - not everyone attending is a TVGS member. If you don't recognize someone, ask them if they are a member. If they are not, ask them to become one. Reach out and make those around you feel welcomed. Our membership is growing and it is because our members are excited about our society and what we do. Excitement is contagious, keep spreading it!

I am proud to report to you that we have sent our second order off for Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Application microfilms. The greatest news is this order is for forty reels, making it larger than the first!! Congratulations TVGS members, you are doing a wonderful job with those donations. Remember we are a non-profit educational organization so contributions are tax deductible.

We have been saddened by the death of some of our close members since the last quarterly. Lt. Colonel Jesse Henry, Charter Member, passed away in December. Shirley Greer and AnnWhite Fuller lost their mothers in January.

Members have asked us about making Memorial Contributions to buying Microfilm in someone's name. We welcome such contributions and will send a Memorial Card to the deceased's family, showing that a donation has been made to the Society for the purchase of the microfilm in the deceased's name. We also have Memorial Cards which may be used for "In Honor Of..." for those persons who wish to buy microfilms in memory of a loved one.

In honor of our 30th year of existence, we have TVGS lapel pins for sale for \$5.00. They are very pretty, top quality pins which we know you will be proud to wear. If you would like to buy one, see me or Sue Richter.

I will be looking forward to seeing you all, in March, at the Spring Seminar.

Sincerely,

Gay Cushing Campbell, President

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Our TVGS Internet Homepage address is:
<http://iquest.com/~rwhite/TVGS/tvgs.htm>

Corrections, Announcements & Comments

Two new books published by members of TVGS are reviewed:

Compton and Allied Families coauthored by **Dene Walls**, and
Marriages of Jackson County Alabama, coauthored by **Addie Shaver** and **Sybil Hinman**

A Request for Information

TVGS member Ms **Judy Wills** in the process of writing a book about the 45th Alabama Infantry Regiment. It was organized in May 1862 at Auburn Alabama. It was made up of companies from the counties of Barbour, Randolph, Lowndes, Macon, and Russell. It was immediately sent to Mississippi and at Tupelo suffered from camp diseases. Later it moved to Kentucky, fought at Perryville, then was assigned to General Wood's, Lowrey's, and Shelley's Brigade, Army of Tennessee. The 45th participated in the difficult campaigns of the army from Murfreesboro to Atlanta, was with Hood in Tennessee, and ended the war in North Carolina. It was organized with 750 men, reported 91 casualties at Murfreesboro and 117 at Chickamauga. In December, 1863, it reported a total of 366 men and 309 weapons. The regiment lost 27 killed, 72 wounded, and 32 missing at the Battle of Atlanta and was almost annihilated at Franklin Tennessee. Only a remnant surrendered on April 26, 1865. If you have any information on the regiment or persons who served in the regiment please contact: Ms Judy Wills; 4502 Rochelle Dr.; Huntsville AL 35810; 205-859-4967. or judywills@aol.com

Bibb County Alabama - Ancestors Swap Meet

The Bibb County Heritage Association and Friends of the Brent-Centreville Library are sponsoring this meet (the first one ever) on Saturday 9 August 1997 in the Fellowship Hall of the Centreville Baptist Church, 138 Court Square East; Centreville. Registration begins 11:30 AM. This will be an open genealogical discussion meeting plus there will be an auction of items to benefit the Library.

Send ancestor charts and for information contact Mrs. Liz Hicks; 746 Edgebrook Drive; Houston TX 77034-2030; 713-944-1118. Direct e-mail requests to Jacquelyn Otts at jacqueotts@aol.com

Sheldon Family Association Annual Meeting

The 58th annual meeting will held 12-14 October 1997 at the Fort Wayne Hilton; Fort Wayne Indiana. The association has collected records on about 60,000 descendants of the four original migrating Sheldons who came to America before 1660.

For further details contact: A. J. Hogan; 1221 Concord Avenue; Drexel Hill PA 19026; 610-449-7375

The TVGS's Web Page's address is: <http://iquest.com/~rwhite/TVGS/tvgs.htm>

A Request for Assistance

The attentive reader will note that there are still no articles for Colbert, Lauderdale or Limestone Counties in this Quarterly, for the third issue in a row. Again, this is not because the TVGS no longer supports information from these counties, but it is because we do not have any correspondents from these counties. If anyone would be willing to send us information; please let us know. Contact:

Richard A. Smallwood , Editor; Valley Leaves, Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society; P. O. Box 1568; Huntsville AL 35807-0567 or by e-mail smally@aol.com

The TVGS, 30th Anniversary lapel pins are now available for \$5.00. They will be sold at the Annual Spring Seminar, but if you should miss this workshop you may inquire at the front desk at the Heritage Room on the third floor of the Huntsville - Madison Co. Library. Those who may wish to order by mail, use the TVGS address and be sure to include an additional \$1.50 for postage and handling.

Special Feature

Halbert's Inc. - Publishers

*Editor's Note: This is a compilation of three articles which appeared in two genealogical periodicals concerning this company, its products and its marketing practises. Most items stated in the articles are self-explanatory; however, one needs to be stressed. There is no such thing as a "Family" Coat of Arms or "Family Shield." A legitimate coat of arms is awarded to an individual and after his death is usually inherited through the line of the oldest male child. The system is intentionally complex, time intensive to understand and can be very expensive (involving thousands of dollars). If in the future Halbert's should change the orientation of their products, genealogical neophytes will still have a need to know how the genealogical community felt about their earlier products
The following articles are reprinted with permission.*

HAVE YOU HEARD FROM HALBERT'S?

by Helen Hinchliff, Chair, NGS Ethics Committee

From: Federation of Genealogical Societies, *Forum*, Summer 1995, Volume 7, Number 2, Page 7

On 23 March 1995, the National Genealogical Society, in cooperation with the Federation of Genealogical Societies, submitted a report to the U.S. Postal Service. The report supports a request that the Postal Service investigate the mail order business known as Halbert's, Inc. Halbert's produces books whose main feature is a list of addresses for others who share the addressee's last name. It markets these books in ways that lead possible customers to assume they contain material about their own family histories.

The Products

Halbert's promotes six titles:

- (1) *The World Book of [Addressee's surname]* lists addresses and reports immigration records drawn from P. William Filby and Mary K. Meyer's *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*.
- (2) *Burke's Peerage World Book of [Addressee's surname]* is the same book; however, readers should know that, contrary to the advertising, the company once known as "Burke's Peerage" did not publish this book. That firm ceased business in 1987.
- (3) *[Addressee's surname] Since the Civil War* lists addresses and gives names and dates of deceased Social Security recipients. These come from the Social Security Death Index.
- (4) *[Addressee's surname] Since 1791* and
- (5) *[Addressee's surname] Since 1620* repeat chapters taken from *The World Book* and from *Since the Civil War*. They contain no new data.
- (6) *Who's Who of [Addressee's surname] in the United States* includes details drawn from questionnaires completed by addressees.

The report evaluates two books purchased for review: *The World Book of Hinchliffs* and *The Joslyns Since the Civil War*. It concludes that a customer cannot expect to learn anything about his or her own family from these books.

Halbert's also markets "clan reunion tours" of Scotland. Brochures show that tourists follow a standard route through Scotland no matter where their own ancestors might have lived.

Finally, Halbert's sells coats of arms. Although its literature calls them "ancestral," these arms are created by Halbert's own artists. They have nothing to do with the ancestry of those who purchase them.

Dr. Helen Hinchliff, chairman of the Ethics Committee, prepared the report. She was helped by committee members, Erma Miller Angevine, Birdie Monk Holsclaw, Anita Anderson Lustenberger, and Milton Rubincam. An eight-page summary of the report is available from the Federation of Genealogical Societies or the National Genealogical Society.

Sales Technique

Halbert's letters suggest to purchasers that a book on their name will give them facts about their roots. The name of a person who shares the addressee's last name is on the letterhead. The letter states that this person is the "director" of a project that resulted in the book on his or her name. The envelope includes a "family" snapshot and many addressees assume that this is the "director's" family. However, all envelopes contain the same photograph. Further, the so-called directors did not work on Halbert's books. Instead, they sold the use of their names to Halbert's in return for a two percent cut on book sales. This sales pitch works. Halbert's sold 500,000 surname books in 1993 and projected sales of over 780,000 for 1994.

Failure to Abide by Consent Order

Halbert's does business by mail order. Title 39 U.S.C. § 3005 forbids the conduct of schemes or devices for obtaining money through the mail by means of false representation. The U.S. Postal Service has investigated Halbert's before. In 1988, that firm's representatives signed a Consent Order promising to cease and desist from falsely representing their products. Nevertheless, the report concludes that Halbert's advertising disregards both the letter and the spirit of the 1988 Order.

Halbert's has return addresses at 3687 Ira Road, Bath, Ohio, and 611 Pennsylvania Ave., S.E. #1015, Washington D.C. Its business address is Old Portage Center, 1566 Akron-Peninsula Road, Akron, Ohio 44313.

What You Can Do!

Over the past year almost 100 genealogists have contributed comments and complaints about Halbert's books and/or its advertising methods. Dr. Hinchliff included them in the report. However, comments and complaints have continued to pour in. She has analyzed these and forwarded summaries to the postal authorities. Now, the time has come for you to write to the postal service directly. Please send your views about Halbert's products and/or advertising directly to the following address: Jennifer Angelo, Chief Counsel, Office of Consumer Protection, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington D.C. 20260-1100.

Halbert's Under Cease and Desist Order

From: National Genealogical Society, *Newsletter*, March/April 1996, Volume 22, Number 2, Pages 1 and 35

Halbert's, Inc., of Bath, Ohio, a mail order firm that markets surname products, has agreed to the provisions of a cease and desist order issued by the United States Postal Service (USPS) in November 1995. "Halbert's," "Family Book Offer," and "Historic Book Offer" are trade names used by Numa Corporation of Akron, Ohio.

On 23 March 1995, the National Genealogical Society (NGS), with the support of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), submitted to the United States Postal Service's Chief Counsel, Consumer Protection, a 120-page report on Halbert's marketing practices with the request that these practices be investigated.

NGS and FGS also launched a "grass roots" campaign to encourage the participation and cooperation of genealogists nationwide. A brochure and companion flyer entitled "PSSST! Wanna Buy Your Name?" were mailed to genealogical societies and libraries. Societies were asked to reprint the cartoon and brochure text in their newsletters. Librarians were asked to post the flyer on their bulletin boards. As a result, many people wrote to NGS and its Ethics Committee about the solicitation materials they had received from Halbert's, and others wrote directly to the US. Postal Inspection Service.

On 21 November 1995, the Postal Service issued a supplemental cease and desist order prohibiting Halbert's from further use of certain misleading marketing practices, which included a consent agreement signed by Halbert's. Previous cease and desist orders issued against Halbert's in 1985 and 1988 remain in effect.

The supplemental order issued in November 1995 includes the following provisions:

Halbert's was ordered to cease and desist from falsely representing "... that (1) a solicitation for a surname related product was sent by a relative of the solicitee; (2) a relative of a solicitee was involved in preparing a surname-related publication; or that (3) a relative of a solicitee endorses a surname-related product." The Postal Service contended that the company's solicitations, which advertised books such as *The World Book of [surname]* and *The [surname] Since the Civil War*, violated the 1988 consent agreement, because they appeared to be letters from relatives of the addressees urging them to purchase a recently completed book on their family.

Halbert's was ordered to begin displaying prominently the following disclaimer on any advertising for surname related publications: "No direct genealogical connection to your family or ancestry is implied or intended."

Halbert's was ordered to cease and desist from "... representing, directly or indirectly, that advertising has been approved by the United States Postal Service."

The consent agreement entered into by Halbert's in November 1995 contains several other provisions.

Halbert's may submit proposed advertising to the USPS General Counsel not more than three times per calendar year to obtain an opinion on whether the advertising violates cease and desist orders. Halbert's must pay \$2,000 for each submission to defray investigative, administrative, and legal costs incurred by the Postal Service.

For a period of one year from the date of execution of the consent agreement, Halbert's must, "... within ten (10) days after written request therefor, pay full and unconditional double cash refunds, including postage, handling, and deposits, to all consumers who have previously requested in writing to [Halbert's], and not received within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the written request therefor, refunds in connection with any and all surname-related solicitations in use prior to the date of [the consent agreement]." Halbert's must also accept and honor refund requests from the Better Business Bureau, the Postal Inspection Service, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and any other duly constituted governmental entity which has received complaints from consumers about its promotions.

Under the 1988 cease and desist order, the following conduct by Halbert's is prohibited:

- Representing that a book is principally about a particular family name and the history of this family name
- Representing that a book contains information about someone's forebears and their emigration

from Europe

- Representing that a book contains information about the heraldry and family crest of a particular family
- Representing that a book explains how a particular family got its surname
- Representing that a book explains why someone's forebears immigrated to the New World (the United States, Canada, and Australia)
- Representing that a book explains why persons with a particular surname immigrated to the New World
- Representing that a book is the result of research through numerous sources by themselves, or someone acting in their behalf, to compile information on persons with the addressee's surname who immigrated to the New World

The Postal Service has advised NGS that Halbert's is a member of the Direct Marketing Association and participates in the Mail Preference Service. Anyone who does not wish to receive future mailings from Halbert's can have their name deleted from the company's mailing lists by writing to: Direct Marketing Association, Mail Preference Service, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008.

NGS Consumer Protection Committee Update

From: National Genealogical Society, *Newsletter*, September/October 1996, Volume 22, Number 5, Page 128

Dozens of NGS members have written to ask whether Halbert's is violating a U.S. Postal Service Cease and Desist Order by continuing to solicit orders for its World Book series. Others have asked about the meeting that representatives of the NGS Council and the NGS Consumer Protection Committee held with a delegation from Halbert's, Inc. Here's an update!

On 21 November 1995 the US Postal Service and Halbert's signed a consent agreement under which Halbert's agreed to cease and desist from, among other things, falsely representing "... that (1) a solicitation for a surname related product was sent by a relative of the solicitee; (2) a relative of solicitee was involved in preparing a surname-related publication; or that (3) a relative of a solicitee endorses a surname-related product." The prohibitions of the 1988 cease and desist order were to remain in effect.

The Postal Service did not consult with NGS about whether its cease and desist order responded adequately to the complaints we made about Halbert's misleading advertising nor did the Postal Service inform NGS when the order was signed. We learned about it early in the new year when Halbert's initiated a new solicitation letter.

In January 1996, Halbert's ceased using letters signed by a so-called director when it solicited orders for its world Book; instead, the letters were signed by *Sharon Taylor* or *William Forman*. The letters were revised to eliminate the chummy, folksy language that formerly had suggested a relationship between the person who had supposedly directed the project and the addressee, both of whom had the same surname. The package included a revised order form with a disclaimer that "No direct genealogical connection to your family or ancestry is implied or intended."

The issue is whether the US Postal Service is properly enforcing the 1988 cease and desist order by allowing Halbert's to continue to send letters that appear to violate it directly.

On 10-11 May 1996 representatives of Halbert's registered for the NGS conference in Nashville and attended the banquet during which Consumer Protection Chair Helen Hinchliff gave a talk entitled "Scams, Suckers, and Megabucks: the Shady, Shaky Side of Genealogy." Among other things she addressed the subject of Halbert's sale of phony coats of arms. The following morning NGS representatives met with a delegation from Halbert's, at the latter's request.

The purpose of the meeting from Halbert's point of view was to inform us that they were making efforts to publish materials that would be useful to genealogists. The purpose of the meeting from the NGS point of view was to discuss our continuing concerns with Halbert's products and advertising. Mr. Ludwig A. Huck, Halbert's newly-appointed Vice Chairman and General Manager, chaired his delegation and Mr. Curt B. Witcher, then NGS First Vice President, and Manager of the Genealogical Library of Allen County (Fort Wayne), Indiana, chaired the NGS delegation.

Mr. Huck informed NGS that (1) Halbert's is considering dropping the promotion and sale of coats of arms, a practice that NGS has long shown as deceptive and false; (2) Halbert's has appointed an Advisory Board whose purpose is to provide advice on how to gain the approval of the genealogical community; (3) the firm has plans to bring out additional products; and (4) its representatives believe their products are useful for genealogists and they are proud of them.

The NGS delegation (1) expressed gratification that Halbert's is considering the elimination of coats of arms and gave additional examples of the falseness and deception involved in the promotion and sale of coats of arms for surnames, (2) held that Halbert's advertising materials continue to misrepresent and to mislead the public, and (3) argued that their products are not as useful to genealogists as they claim.

Mr. Witcher repeatedly asked, why, if Halbert's is proud of its products, do they not describe them accurately in their promotional materials. Mr. Huck invited NGS to provide detailed analyses of the ways in which its promotional materials mislead the public.

On 24 June 1996, the NGS Consumer Protection Committee prepared the first of several proposed analyses, showing line by line the many ways in which Halbert's new World Book Solicitation letter falsely represents the contents of the World Book and appears in several ways to violate the 1988 Consent Agreement. We directed this analysis to Mr. Ludwig Huck and to the members of Halbert's Advisory Board. We sent a copy to Mr. Daniel Bryant, Consumer Protection Lawyer, US. Postal Service. In the same packages, we sent a compilation of 30 complaints and queries that NGS members and other interested parties had submitted to the Committee about the new solicitation letter. Since then over a dozen new complaints and queries have come in.

Please lighten the burden of the Committee

If you feel strongly that Halbert's letters are misleading and deceptive, you should be writing your letters to Mr. Huck, to the members of his Advisory Board, and to the Postal Service. Here are their addresses:

Mr. Ludwig A. Huck
Vice Chairman, General Manager Halbert's
3687 Ira Road
Bath, OH 44210
FAX: 1-330-945-8209;
lhuck@Halbert's.com.

Dr. Ira Glazier
Member, Halbert's Advisory Board, and
Director, The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies
18 South Seventh Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106 (215) 925-8090

Mr. Kermit Pike
Chairperson, Halbert's Advisory Board, and
Director, Western Reserve Historical Society
10825 East Blvd.
Cleveland, OH 44106

Ron Bremer
Member, Halbert's Advisory Board
P.O. Box 16422
Salt Lake City, UT 84116-0422.

Send a copy of your letter to: Mr. Daniel Bryant
Consumer Protection Law
US. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza
Washington DC, 20260

Franklin County

Last will and testament of Thos Moss

Transcribed by Fern W. Taylor

Editor's Note: Because of space limitations the line lengths have been altered.

Transcriber's Note The original will was recorded, in 1851, in Franklin County AL, Will Book "B," pages 61, 62 and 63. Found in Columbia County, Arkansas, Will Book "A," Page 1. Thomas' widow, Peggy Moss, was the following Will in this book.

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The State of Alabama
Franklin County

I Thomas Moss of the county and state aforesaid do hereby make constitute and appoint this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others and former wills by me made via; I desire after my death to be decently buried and all my debts to be paid forthwith paid out of my money there on hand and then I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Peggy Moss all of the household and kitchen furniture which she may need or chose also a sufficiency of the stock for her support also the following Negro slave (to wit, Randol, a man Edmond and old Peggy and the little Negro girl Mary and as much of my land to cultivate during her life as she may need to support herself upon. And old Edmond and Peggy if they shall become helpless and if Randol shall outlive my beloved wife -I then desire him sold and the proceed divided equally amongst all my children the girl Mary to be disposed of as my beloved wife may see fit--I give and bequeath to my daughter, Polly Lewis to hold separate and apart from her husband and to her own sole use during her natural life and at her death to be divided equally amongst the heirs of her body the Negro woman Tilda and her child Sarah, by me valued at seven hundred dollars. I also in like manner give to my daughter Rachel Newby during her life and at her death to be equally divided amongst her bodily heirs the Negro woman Aney and her child Harriet and the Negro boy Andy also valued by me at seven hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath in like manner to my daughter Sarah Reed and her bodily heirs the Negro

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girls Margaret and Caroline, by me valued at seven hundred and seventy five dollars. I also give and bequeath in like manner to Richard Waldin the husband of my daughter Elizabeth Waldin the Negro boy Rufus valued by me at six hundred and fifty dollars. To enable the said Richard Waldin more fully to raise his children and at his death to be equally divided amongst the heirs of Elizabeth Walden. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Pheby McCullock and her bodily heirs the Negro man London by me valued at seven hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath to; my daughter Peggy Mil_??? for her sole use and then to her bodily heirs, the Negro woman Cinda and her child Adalin valued by me at seven hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath to Nancy Cook for her sole use at her death to her bodily heirs the Negro woman Eliza valued by me at six hundred dollars . I also give and bequeath unto my son Jackson a certain Negro boy Henry valued by me at three hundred dollars to pay a certain debt due by Samuel Cook to Elijah McCullock and for the Payment of which debt my son Jackson stands bound being nearly three hundred dollars now should Samud Cook will and truly pay the above debt to my son Jackson the boy Henry shall be the property of my daughter Nancy Cook and her heirs forever.

Also I desire the Negro boy Julius to be sold and the proceeds divided equally amongst my daughters --folly Lewis, Pheby McCullock, Peggy Milone???

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Sarah Peel, Nancy Cook, and the children of my daughter Elizabeth Waldin as to make their portion equal. Also I give and bequeath to my sons William and Jackson C. C. Moss all of my land to be divided as follows (to wit) to commence at a point on the north boundary line and running due South

to a Cherry tree in the _th??? of the line near whence the old water gin stood thence to the gate leading to the gin field thence with the cross fence to the south gate of said gin field at the old Barn, thence South west with the fence to the first corner thence due south to the South boundary line of my land

I also give and bequeath unto my son Jackson C. C. Moss all of my land being east of said line beginning and running as above described and all of my lands lying west of said line I give and bequeath to my son William Moss -the boot in the swap of the Negroes Ed and Randol I here by give to my son William Moss and he to destroy a note which he holds against me I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife ,my carriage during her life and then to become the property of my son William Moss I further desire that of the stock that my wife Margaret does not want shall be sold and the proceeds divided between my sons William Moss and Jackson C. C. Moss

I also give and bequeath unto my son-in-law Thomas Callicothe five dollars Also I give and bequeath to the children of my daughter, Lucy Callicothe the land on Cedar creek by me bought being a part of the ??7tenth section and the same land Thomas Callicothe now lives, said land to

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remain in the possession of Callicothe until the youngest of Lucy Callicothe's children become of age. Then my son Jackson C. C. Moss will sell the said land and divide the proceeds equally amongst the children of my daughter Lucy Callicothe . I further wish that at my death each of my children as their proper agents shall take the property by me willed to them free of cost or expense except the Negroes appointed to be sold which will be sold by my son Jackson C. C. Moss and the money divided without any cost or expense to the Legatees and I hereby name and appoint my son Jackson C. C. Moss my sole executor of this my last will and testament in Testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 23rd day of November A. D. 1849.

Signed sealed and published in presence of
I McCulloch
James Coun
Thos Sugg

Thos Moss

State of Alabama
Franklin County

I James H. Trimble
of the court of probate of said county and by virtues
then of clerk of said court do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of
the last will and testament of Thos Moss late of said county deceased, as
fully appears in record in my office found in will book lettered B pages 61 62 and 63.

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In Testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at office in the town of Russelville [sic] this the 19 day of July 1851.

James H Thimble Judge

State of Arkansas
County of Columbia

I Robert G. Harper Clerk of the
Circuit court and Ex officio
clerk of the court of Probate of the aforesaid county do hereby certify that the above and
forgoing last will and testament with certificate of record was filed for record on the 19
day of July A. D. 1853 and now duly recorded in will book A pages 1 2 3 4.

In testimony where of I have here unto set my hand and affixed my private seal the being in said of office this 13 day of October A. D. 1853

R. G. Harper Clerk

Franklin County

The Franklin Times, Russellville, Alabama

Extracted by Oscar L. Glover

Editors Note: This is the fifth installment of extractions from this newspaper. The first installment appeared in Volume 30, Number 3 (March 1966) and has appeared continuously since then. We have set aside our normal rule of not accepting 20th Century information because of the lack of 19th Century records for Franklin County - the results of a 1890 courthouse fire.

May 18, 1900

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Court Record. The second week of Circuit Court opened with a somewhat larger attendance than last week. The first case taken up was the State vs. Tim Rollins, charge with burning storehouse of Mr. W. R. Petree of Belgreen some years since. A large army of witnesses were lined up on each side. The state was represented by Solicitor Sawtelle and Mr. Bullock. The defense by W. C. Davis of Jasper and W. H. Key of Russellville.

Cases Called.

The State vs. Rollins argued verdict not rendered.

Jas. Ezell, Assault. Continued.

J. J. Hand, Carrying concealed weapon. Continued.

Jas. Tharpe, Illegal voting. Nolle prossed [prosequi].

Ed. Aycock. Carrying concealed weapon.

Jack Smith. Agreed to plead guilty next court. Same charge. Case continued.

Ed. Price. Forfeiting. Capias issued.

Wm. May. Public drunkenness. Nolle prossed [prosequi].

Wm. J. Davis. Selling liquor. Nolle prossed [prosequi].

Wm. Martin. Carrying concealed weapon. Nolle prossed [prosequi].

Reily [sic] Simpson. Three cases selling whisky. Found guilty in one, and two cases Nolle prosequi.

John Smith. Selling liquor. Continued.

Bill Bullington. Giving in false list of taxable property. Continued.

Ed. Aycock. Gaming. Continued. Same. Carrying concealed weapon.

John and Ed Briton. Two cases. Card playing on Sunday. Continued.

Newton Mink. Disturbing a woman. \$20.00 and cost in one, and cost only in another. Case was entered against him.

Bill Lorgan. Selling Liquor. Not Guilty.

G. B. Tetter. Shooting on Sunday. Two cases. \$10.00 and costs in one, and cost only in the other.

Sam Swain. Selling liquor.

Bob Roberson. Disturbing public worship. Not guilty.

Will Kerby. Grand larceny. Continued.

Jack Wright. Assault with a knife. Guilty--fined \$25.00.

John Cummins. Forfeiture for non appearance--two cases.

Richard and Henry Bobo. Public exposure. Fined \$5.00 each.

Lee Weatherford. Carrying concealed weapons. Not guilty.

Albert Willis. Assault. Fined \$5.00

Ed. Mitchell. Carrying concealed weapon. Continued.

Ed. Harris. Grand Larceny. Pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Wesley Miles. Obtaining money under false pretence. Guilty.

John Ingram. Selling whisky. Continued.

The Grand Jury adjourned on Wednesday after having docketing sixty-six cases and returning twenty-three true bills. They don't like the road law a little bit. In next weeks issue their report will appear.

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Travis Dots. [sic] Mr. James Keller died the 14th from relapse of measles. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his departure and many friends and relatives.

Mr. William J. Stone and Miss Sallie Hall were married on the 13th. They were married at the residence of the brides father near Spruce Pine. May their pathway be bright and shining is the desire of the writer.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. R. McCaig on the 13th a fine girl. This is not Mr. McCaigs first born by any means but one would conceive from hearing him talk that it was an angel at that.

The young Ladies of the Literary Club enjoyed a pleasant "outing" Tuesday evening of last week, the outing taking the shape of a moonlight hay ride to Good Springs followed by a moonlight picnic under the oaks. Those attended were: Miss Dona Anderson, Misses Lawler, Miss Susie Almon, Miss Fannie Banks, Miss Mattie Wilson, Miss Carrie Norris, Miss Ellis, John Orman, Dr. Gresham, Coffee Jones, Jas. Wilson, Ernest Lawler, Gorman Nance, Charley Wilson. Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Clarke chaperoned the party.

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Died. Mr. Lewis Hyde died at his home about 5 miles north of Russellville, Saturday morning from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Hyde was among the oldest men living in the vicinity of Russellville being in his 83rd year, had lived since 1858 on his farm where he died. He was respected and honored by all who knew him as a man who scrupulously attended to his own business, was a good neighbor. A loyal friend and a kindly honorable gentleman.

Court. Since our last report the following cases have been disposed of in Circuit. Tom Rollins arson jury verdict not guilty

Fly & Hobson vs H. E. and H. F. Plaxco, jury failed to agree on verdict.

The above two cases brought out probably the hardest legal fights during last term of court. Rollins was charged with burning storehouse of W. R. Petree at Belgreen three or four years ago. In the other case Fly & Hobson vs H. E. and H. F. Plaxco the fight turned on a effort of the plaintiffs to prove the existence of a partnership between the defendants. The case was strongly fought by Messrs. Carmichael and Sargent for plaintiffs, Almon and Bullock for the defense, resulting in a "dog fall."

Wesley Miles goes to the mines for 128 days for procuring money under false pretense.

Ed. Harris (col) Grand Larceny gets one year in the penitentiary. Both men will be carried off this week.

Passing of Annie Myrtle. Like the golden ray of a spring morning sun, suddenly obscured by a drifting cloud; like the hushing of the sweetest music, or like the plucking of the most fragrant rose, was the passing of little Annie Myrtle, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nance. She was born March 27, 1897. She died May 8, 1900. Annie Myrtle was an unusually bright little girl, too gentle and angel-like for an earthly possession.

Notice of Application to Sell Real Estate. The State of Alabama, Franklin County, Estate of W. B. Malone, deceased. Probate Court, May 22nd, 1900. This day came J. W. Hall, administrator of said Estate, and filled his application in due form and under oath, praying for an order of sale of

certain lands described therein, and belonging to said estate, for the purpose of paying debts, upon the ground that the personal property belonging to said estate is insufficient for that purpose.

It was ordered that the 9th day of July, 1900 be appointed a day for hearing such application, at which time all parties of interest can appear and contest the same, if they think proper.

R. J. Moody, Judge of Probate.

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Notice for publication. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Huntsville, May 21, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their claims and that said proofs will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Russellville, Ala., on June 30, 1900, viz: Sally Bass, widow of Stephen Bass deceased, H. E. No., 23095 for the SW 1-4 Sect 29 T 8 R 10 West.

She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land viz: Joe Martin, of Igoburg, Ala. Richard Bruer, of Igoburg, Ala. Bud Davis, of Bear Creek, Ala. Joe Davis, of Bear Creek, Ala.

Also Lee Bass, H. E. No., 22827 for the N 1-2 SE 1-4 Sect 29 T 8 R 10 West:

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land viz: Joe Martin, of Igoburg, Ala. Richard Bruer, of Igoburg, Ala., Bud Davis, Bear Creek, Ala., Jim Davis, Bear Creek, Ala.

John A. Steele, Register.

Order of Publication to Non-Resident or Unknown Defendant. The State of Alabama, Franklin County. D. H. Patton VS Easter A. Patton. In Chancery at Russellville, Ala. First District, Northern Chancery Division. In this case it is made to appear to the register, by the affidavit of D. H. Patton that the defendant Easter A. Patton is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that her particular place of residence is somewhere in the Indian Territory, and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendant Easter A. Patton is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in the "Franklin Times" a newspaper published in the County of Franklin once a week for four consecutive weeks requiring defendant, the said Easter A. Patton to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 15th day July, 1900, and failing to do so a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said case. Done at office, in Russellville, this 16th day of May, 1900.

W. H. Austin, Register.

June 1, 1900

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Died. Miss Ida Martin passed away Friday evening at her home in North Russellville. The interment was at Belgreen Saturday. Miss Ida was about 18 years old and had been ill for some time.

Mrs. Wm. Dement died Wednesday morning at her home in Russellville. The burial was Thursday at Gun Pond church in Lawrence Co., from which neighborhood the family moved to Russellville. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Morrison, Mt. Hope, heard with sincere sorrow of the shadow that has darkened their home, in the death of Price their bright little six year old baby boy who passed away May 17. "A little bud transplanted, ere sin had soiled its petals, to blossom into fragrance in the Garden of God.

Miss Maggie Ramsey daughter of Mr. R. N. Ramsey died at her fathers home 3 miles north of Russellville Monday night and was buried Tuesday at the Family Burying ground near the residence. Miss Maggie was an attractive young lady just blooming into womanhood when the summons came. To our friend and his family we tender sincere condolences in this time.

Gone--But Gone to Glory. Mrs. Mary F. wife of R. H. Landers died at her home in Russellville at 3:30 p.m., on Friday 25th of May and was laid to rest Saturday at the Gorman grave yard, by the side of the mother who preceded her to the spirit land. Mrs. Landers was born three miles from Russellville about 54 years ago. Her father Wm. R. Hurst moved from this county to north western Arkansas some 20 years since. She was married to R. H. Landers Dec., 15, 1869. Joined the Missionary Baptist church at Evening Shade 35 years ago and to the day of her death showed truly her faith by her works. Through life and through her long wearying sickness the cross was the "rod and staff" on which she trustingly leaned and to the guidance of which she fearlessly surrendered herself when called to cross that "Dark Valley" through which passes the only road to Heaven. The knowledge that for her Death was only the opening of Heavens door to let the freed spirit enter is a consolation past all price to the husband, the seven sons and relatives of this good woman who has gone home.

Order of Publication to Non-Residents or Unknown Defendants. The State of Alabama, Franklin County. Rebecca A. Carol, VS. J. C. Carol. In Chancery at Russellville, Ala. First District, Northern Chancery division.

In this case it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of Rebecca A. Carrol that the defendant J. C. Carrol is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and that his particular place of residence is unknown and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendant J. C. Carrol is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in the Franklin Times a newspaper published in the county of Franklin once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring defendant the said J. C. Carrol to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 22nd day of June 1900, and failing to do so a decree pro confesso will be taken against him in said cause.

Done at office in Russellville, Ala., this 30th day of May 1900.

W. H. Austin, Register.

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Married. At the residence of the brides parents June 1st 1900, Rev. T. B. Johnston officiating, Mr. Rob't. E. Fuller and Miss Ida Hester. Congratulations.

June 8, 1900

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Obituary. Death has again visited our church and community, removing from our midst, our beloved sister, Sarah C. Tubb; who on the 14th of May, passed quietly from the sorrows of earth to the joys of Heaven. The subject of this notice was the daughter of Thomas and Lucy Childs. Born in Virginia Oct. 23, 1824. She was first married to Shelby Burruss in Aug. 4th, 1841. To them were born three children; only one survive her. Within six years she was left a widow. Was married the second time to W. B. Tubb, Aug. 18, 1890.* The result of this union was nine children; three of whom preceded her to the spirit land; the other six, together with their half sister, rise up to call her "blessed." She was the first to join the Baptist church at Macedonia, by experience and Baptism, immediately after its organization in 1843. For 56 years a devoted follower of Christ and one of the pillars of the church. Blessed of God with a strong practical kind and well defined conviction of right and wrong. She was a inestimable blessing to her children and grandchildren, and a power in the church and community for good. Pointing by her daily walk and conversation to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

(*) This date should probably have been about 1850 or 1860. Oscar L. Glover, extractor.

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Abstracted by Lois Robertson

*Editor's Note: This is a continuation from Volume 31, Number 2 (December 1996).
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JEREMIAH HESTER Estate

An appraisement of property belonging to the Estate of Jeremiah Hester, deceased, is brought to Judge Norwood by Elias Barker and Wm. M. Reynolds, Appraisers, on I 1 Feb 1859. The property consists of 1 mare & colt, 500 lbs pork, 2 red Cows, 1 red yearling, 8 stock hogs, 6 barrels of corn and 165 lbs cotton and is valued at \$100.80.

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A. J. HEMBREE Estate

An appraisement of property belonging to the Estate of A. J. Hembree, deceased, on January 31, 1859 is brought into Probate Court by W. H. Christian, Samuel James and C. C. R. Taylor, appraisers. The property consisted of Hogs, cattle, oxen, sheep, Bee hives, horses, colts, blacksmith tools, wagon and gear, farm equipment, household furniture, oats, and corn, valued at \$2,598.50. Certified on 1 Feb 1859.

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GEORGE BROYLES Estate

An inventory of the property of the estate is brought before Judge Norwood on Feb 1, 1859 by Sanford E. Poston, Administrator, consisting of the following: The W2 SW4 Sec 19 T2 R4E; the E2 SE4 Sec 24 T2 R3E; and the SW4 SE4 Sec 24 T2 R3E containing in all about 200 acres. "There is no personal property within Jackson County, Ala., that has as yet come to the knowledge or hands of the Administrator."

An appraisement of the property belonging to the Estate of George Broyles, decd, is brought before M. F. Graham, Justice of the Peace: W2 SW4 Sec 19, T3 R4E, \$700.00; E2 SE4 Sec 24 T2 R3E, \$500.00; SW4 SE4 Sec 24 T2 R3E, \$250.00. The appraisers were N. H. Bridges, Jas. B. Chorn and F. Rice.

JOHN QUEEN Estate

An inventory of the property belonging to the Estate of John Queen, decd., is brought before Judge Norwood by Minerva Queen, Administratrix, and swears "that there are no goods & chattel, money, books, papers and Evidency of Debt, belonging to said Estate, Except the personal property exempt under Chap. 6, Part 2, Title 4 of the New Code, in favor of widow &: children of said intestate, all of which is respectfully submitted." Signed Minerva [X] Queen, December 23, 1858.

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HANNAH REID Dower

The Commissioners appointed to lay off Dower to Hannah Reid are Thomas Hall, F. Rice, Samuel Butler, John Bowling, and Samuel Hall: The E2 SW2 Sec 5 T2 R4E; also a part of the W2 SW4 Sec 5 T2 R4E, beginning at a Gum Tree standing near a Rock pen on the Northern boundary line of said Eighty and running South to a poplar near the base of the mountain, thence West to a bush, thence South to a Bench, and from thence South to the Southern boundary line. Dec 29, 1858. Filed Jan 14, 1859.

POLLY ANN ANDERSON Dower

A report of Commissioners appointed to allot Dower to Polly Ann Anderson, formerly Polly Ann Prince is filed 10 Feb 1859: The NE4 SW4 Sec 1 T2 R4E, commencing at the West Corner turning South with a ditch to the creek crossing said Creek turning up a branch a little East of South to the upper [fives?] to a white oak, thence North East 24 Rods to a Poplar thence South to the line to have the same as dower for life. Signed by W. A. Hood, Moses Swaim, A. H. Reid, A. W. Collins and J. J. Holland, before J. C. Austin, Sheriff.

ELIZA VANN Estate

Nine Bushels of wheat at 40 cents per Bushel was bought by M. M. McCutchen on September 1, 1858, \$3.60.

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MALINDA McCLENDON Dower

The Commissioners appointed to allot dower to Malinda McClendon, in the lands of her late Husband, Joel McClendon, now deceased, do allot the SE4 SW4 Sec 8 T4 ROE except thirteen Rods off of the North end of said forty acres, the Dower including thirty two and 1/3 acres with all buildings thereon. Signed by J. M. Hudgins, John Whitfield, John T. Young and M. L. Swan, 7 January 1859. Filed 13 Jan 1859.

BARBARA HOLLAND Dower

The commissioners appointed to allot dower to Barbara Holland in the lands of her deceased Husband, do allot to said widow the S2 SW4 Sec 27, Also 12 Rods off of the South end of the N2 SW4 Sec 27 T3 R5E, so as to include the last residence of the said James Holland. If the above described land should not include the Residence it is the intention of the Commissioners that an offset shall be made so as to include the buildings. Signed 26 Feb 1859 by J. M. Hudgins, H. Caldwell, J. J. St. Clair, C. O. Harris and Jonathan Potter.

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ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM Dower

On 2 Oct 1858, T. R. Mattox, R. H. McCrary, Wm. McReynolds, and Thomas J. Scruggs, appear in Probate Court, as Commissioners ordered "to lay off by metes and bounds, the following lots situated in the Town of Bellefonte in said County, 'viz' 118, 119, 120, 121, 125, 126 & 128, all of said lots and their improvements belonging to the Estate of John G. Dixon, decd, late of said County - we have this day in obedience to said Commission valued the lands above described at Five hundred Dollars to the use of Elizabeth Cunningham, formerly Elizabeth Dixon, widow of the late John G. Dixon." Signed Oct 11, 1858.

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CHARLES L. ROACH Estate

A report of the sale of the land belonging to the Estate of Charles L. Roach, decd., is presented in Probate Court by Henry M. Roach, the Admr. of the Estate. On the 6th day of January 1859, after giving notice by publication, offered for sale the Realty of this estate upon a credit of one and two years, with interest added on the last payment. The sale was made at the "Hancock Place" on the premises. The "Home Tract" was sold to Mrs. Margaret W. Roach at the sum of \$18,700.00 and the purchase money has been secured by the bonds of the said purchaser with Matthew Washington

and John R. Coffey and the said securities are solvent for the amount. The following are the numbers or subdivisions of said tract: All of Section Six in T3 ROE containing Six hundred and forty acres; Also the Fract C of frac Sec 31 T3 R7E; NW4 SW4 Sec 5 T3 R7E; E2 SW4 fl? [*This may be bl instead of fl*] Sec 31 T2 R7E; SE part "D" fl Sec 1 T3 ROE; Lot "C" SE part N2 fl Sec 1 T3 ROE and South part "B" fl Sec 31 T2 R7E; SE4 and SW4 of NE4 Fract Sec 12 T3 ROE; NE4 NW4 fl Sec 12 T3 ROE; NE fl N Lot C N2, fl Sec 1 T3 ROE; SW part NE part Sec 7 T3 R7E; S2 SW4 and NW part Sec 7 T3 R7E; Lot or part C NW4 fl Sec 6 T3 R7E; N part NE part fl Sec 2 T3 ROE; NE part B Sec 1 T3 ROE; NE part of frac Sec 12 T3 ROE; NE part frac 7 T3 R7E.

John Rorex became the purchaser of the "Hancock Place" at the sum of \$6750.00 with William Rorex and James Rorex as his securities. The "Hancock Place" is described as the SW4 SW4 Sec 1 T3 ROE, the South part A of fl Sec 36 T2 ROE, part D of SW4 fl Sec 36 T2 ROE, The SW B fl Sec 36 T2 ROE, The NE part E of frac Sec 36 T2 ROE, and the North part A of fl Sec 1 T3 ROE containing in all about 600 acres.

William Wann and Preston Lewallen purchased the Lewallen Tract which is described as the W2 NE4 and NW4 and SW4 NW4 all in Sec [?] T3 R7E containing 200 acres at the sum of \$1050.00, and the said Preston Lewallen portion of said land came to the sum of \$420.00 which he secured payable at 12 months with Madison Lewallen and Elisha Stogsdale. Wann secured the residue by his bonds with P. Brown, M. Washington and William O. Haynes as his securities.

Ric'd A. Coffey purchased the W2 NW4 Sec 8 and the SE4 SW4 Sec 5 and SW4 SE4 Sec 5, also in T3 R7 and known as the Council Tract for \$500.00 secured by bonds with William A. Coffey and John R. Coffey as his securities.

Charles B. Roach purchased the NE4 NW4, SW4 NE4 and S2 NW4 Sec 17 R7 known as the "Poplar Knob" and SW4 SW4 Sec 7 R7E and known as the "Bill Wamack Place" for \$ 1025.00. Charles B. Roach is one of the heirs at law of C. L. Roach and his bone is sufficiently secured.

William McIntire purchased forty acres Iying all on the Stage Road in Sec 15 T3 R7E for \$100.00 with William O. Haynes and C. B. St. Clair as his security.

J. P. Timberlake purchased the "Mountain Tract" being the SE4 SE4 Sec 14 ROE and another 40 acres "the number of which are not known" for \$83.00, secured by bonds with Joseph Timberlake as his security.

H. M. Roach, Administrator, on 8 March 1859 before Judge Norwood and declares that the dower interest in the cause was strictly followed in all things and that a lien has been retained on said land for the securing the payments.

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WILLIAM HINSHAW Estate

An Inventory of Notes and Accounts belonging to the Estate of William Hinshaw, deceased, is presented. Amount of Cash on hand at the death is \$118.10. Notes on the following ranged in amounts from \$3.50 to \$555.00, totaling \$3,187.11:

S. G. Grimmett	R. W. Clay	W. H. Prince	Nuckles & Collins
M. T. Austill	A. H. Reid	Thomas Hale	G. W. Hinshaw
M. F. Graham	R. H. Ivey	A. H. Reid, Jr.	Thomas Prince
Thomas Hinshaw	J. M. Robertson	J. F. Graham	A. A. Ivey
Nathan Hinshaw	C. B. Yarbrough	O. H. McElyea	

An appraisal of the property belonging to the Estate is presented by A. W. Collins, S. G. Grimmett and A. H. Reid:

640 Acres of Land valued at \$7,200 [*not identified*] Joe, a Slave, \$300.00 George, a Slave,

\$1250.00 Jane and 4 children, Louisa, Isabella, Nathan & Ann, \$3000.00 Sheep, Mules, Horses, Steers, Cows, Pigs, Blacksmith tools, Bee Stands, 1 yoke of oxen. Total value of the Estate is \$13,474.13.

GEORGE BROYLES Estate

A report of the Rent of land belonging to the Estate of George Broyles, deceased, is presented by S. E. Poston, Admr. One hundred twenty acres comprising all the tillable land of said estate was rented to John Thompson on 26 February 1859 for the sum of \$15.00.

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SAMUEL WILLIAMS Estate

An appraisal of the property belonging to the Estate of Samuel Williams, deceased is presented March 15, 1859 by C. A. Staples, W. S. Mason and J. F. Martin. Included in the property was oxen, cattle, hogs, horses, mules, fodder, corn, cotton, wheat, bacon, lard, bee stands, farm implements, kitchen furniture, Household furniture, wool, and the following slaves:

Ned, \$666	Isaac, \$1500	Henry, \$1600	Frank, \$1566	Silas, \$1566
Charles, \$1600	Lewis, \$1400	John, \$1366	Bill, \$1033	James, \$933
Tom, \$916	Green, \$816	Dick, \$1133	Calvin, \$900	Celia & child, \$1300
Lydia & child, \$1450	Rosa & child, \$1483	Sarah, \$1000	Mary & child, \$1483	Ann, \$1133
Nancy, \$1183	Lizzie, \$766	Hannah, \$300	Martha, \$650	Pauline, \$450
Lucinda, \$383	Sookey, \$433	Olly, \$466	Willis, \$800	

450 Acres [not identified] @ \$15.00

The appraisal of the Estate of \$42,886.75 was reduced by Jesse Williams' interest in partnership of \$2677.50 for a total of \$40,209.25. Sworn to by the Appraisers before John Owen, Justice of the Peace, 4 March 1859.

Jesse Williams, Admr., of the Estate of Samuel Williams, comes before John H. Norwood, Judge of the Probate Court, on April 8, 1859. He testifies that the perishable property was sold on March 18, 1859 and included Farming implements, wheat, corn, fodder, sheep, cattle, cows & calves, hogs, household and kitchen furniture for a total of \$3685.47.

The Commissioners appointed by the Judge of Probate to divide the property of the Estate of Samuel Williams, appears before James Woosly, Justice of the Peace, to say that they have allotted off the Negro property to five of the heirs of Samuel Williams as follows:

To G. W. Williams:

Harry, about 29 years of age, Lydia, about 30, Silas, 19, Nancy, 15, Pauline, 5, Edward, 1, Willis, 52. The valuation of the above lot is \$7049.00.

To William G. Williams:

Hannah about 40, Frank, about 27, Lewis, 24, Green, 8, Lucinda, 3, Sarah, 18. The valuation of the above lot, \$5465.00.

To Charles Williams:

Sookey, about 53, Charles about 22, Rosa, 18, Emanuel, 1, Tom, about 11, John, about 15. The valuation of the above lot is \$5798.00.

To Jesse Williams:

Ned, 56, Olly, 50, Isaac 28, Dick, about 10, Calvin, 8, Ann, about 15. The valuation of the above lot is \$5792.00.

To Mary Brown, formerly Mary Williams:

Julia, about 32, Mary, 18, Bill, 12, Jim 10, Elizabeth, 9, Martha, 5, Betty, 1, Sarah, 1. The valuation of the above is \$6165.00.

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JOHN REDMON Estate

An appraisal of the property belonging to the Estate of John Redmon, Deceased, was made on 23 Feb 1859 and to H. H. Mead, Justice of the Peace on 28 Feb 1859. The appraisers were J. C. Camp, Hardy Keel, and John F. Clarke:

Tract of land, 297 acres, \$3000.00	Tract of land, 280 acres, \$1000.00
1 Boy, Sam, 45 years old, \$1000.00	1 Boy, Stephen, 18, \$1000.00
1 Boy, King, 12, \$ 1000.00	1 Girl, Anny, 45, \$600.00
1 Girl, Martha, 6, \$400.00	

Various numbers of cattle, horses, mules, hogs, farm implements, cotton, household furniture, bee stands, spinning wheels, bacon, lard, soap, grease, salt, oats, wheat, tobacco, hides, corn, and fodder.

One note on J. A. Boyd, dated March 12, 1856, \$50.00.

One Note on W. W. Peavey, Jan 8, 1858, \$21.95.

One Grace[?] Summons with Robt. Flippin as Surety, dated Dec 13, 1858, due March 13, 1859 for \$270.00.

One note on Wm. Perkins with J. Perkins as surety, dated March 28, 1858 for \$42.00.

One Court certificate by S. Mead, \$4.20 and

One court Certificate by S. Mead for \$5.70.

The total appraisal was \$9,349.10.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS Estate

A list of notes & accounts due the Estate of Samuel Williams, deceased, is presented by Jesse Williams, Admr.:

1 Note of James A. Boyd given one day after date Sept. 18, 1858, \$50.00
 1 Note of Davis & John Berry given one day after date, Aug. 7, 1858, \$ 100.00
 1 Note on G. W. Williams, given one day after date, July 25, 1858, \$45.00
 1 Note on Martin & Larkin, given one day after date June 15, 1858, \$100.00
 1 Note on William C. Maples due Jan 11th, 1857, \$45.00
 1 Note on William C. Maples due Jan 11th, 1859, \$40.00
 1 Note on Isaiah Durham due Jan 11th, 1859, \$47.00

Also 5 notes on the Citizens Bank Tennessee at Memphis in current Bank Bills, the sum of \$468.00.

Signed by Jesse William, Admr., April 19th 1859.

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SAMUEL W. DAVIDSON Estate

An Inventory of the personal property belonging to the Estate of Samuel W. Davidson, Deceased, late of Jackson County, is presented by H. C. Bradford, Admr., before Judge Norwood, May 20, 1859.

Real Estate

The SE4 of NW4 of Section 21 T5 R6E lying in said County in the Lebanon Land District.

One Store House & Lot lying in the Town of Larkinsville, the lot being known in the plan of said Town as lot 3 - on the East side of the River Street, containing 25 feet fronting on said street and running back 50 feet.

Cash on hand at decedents death, \$90.00.

Personal Property

1 Gold watch, Lot of Wearing Apparel, 1 Lounge & Bedding

Notes and Accounts:

1 Note on James H. Keith due the 25 Dec. 1852, \$19.49

1 Note on A. P. McElaney due Jan. 1854, \$2.14

1 Note on J. K. Childress due Nov. 1856, \$2.05

1 Note on William O. Haynes due July 1857, \$18.10

1 Note on James Washam due March 1854, made to William Dwyer and assigned, \$3.50

1 Note on H. Lee Custor? due March 1854, made to D. W. Woosley on which note

Decedent was surety and paid the same off, \$10.00

- 1 Note on W. D. Ward due Jan. 1, 1854, credited by \$70.00, \$85.00.
 - 1 Note on M. J. Crumpler made payable to Thomas V. Province due March 1856 & was assigned to S. W. Davidson and is Credited by \$5.40, \$62.40
 - 1 Note on E. W. & P. Young due Dec. 1849, \$35.00
 - 1 Note on A. J. Shelton credited by \$8.00 due Jan. 1854, \$9.00
 - 1 Note on T. V. Johnson due Dec. 1855, \$11.00
 - 1 Note on David Scarborough due Sept. 1858, \$16.00
 - 1 Note on John Swofford due Jan. 1854, \$13.56
 - 1 Note on Mary Williams due Jan. 1854, \$4.50
 - 1 Note on A. H. Morris due Jan. 1854, \$16.10
 - 1 Note on Robert Russell due May 1857, \$2.00
 - 1 Note on Alfred Vaughan due Dec. 1853, \$4.00
 - 1 Note on Isaac Young due Jan. 1854, \$1.75
 - 1 Note on Absalom Coffey due Jan. 1854, \$5.17
 - 1 Note on Edward Acklin due June 1857, \$9.00
 - 1 Note on John Owen due March 1, 1854 credited by \$2.75, \$7.83
 - 1 Note on John Owen due 1 Dec. 1854, \$8.00
 - 1 Note on John Swofford due 1 Dec. 1854, \$5.50
 - 1 Note on J. H. Walden due 1 Nov. 1853, \$6.90
 - 1 Note on W. H. Robinson due 1 Oct. 1857, \$20.00
 - 1 Account against the same due for costs collected in the case of G. W. Chapman vs Finley Cameron, \$1.95
 - 1 Note on John Sisk made payable to A. G. Clopton, \$20.90
 - 1 Note on A. G. Clopton due Jan. 1856, \$60.00, with the last mentioned credits by John Owen of \$8.94 and \$11.76
 - 1 Note of H. Lee Custor, due Dec. 1854, \$21.60
 - 1 Note on L. C. Coulson, due Jan. 1857, \$12.00
 - 1 Note on Jacob Miller, due Feb. 1857, \$2.00
 - 1 Note on M. M. Davidson, due Feb. 1858, \$9.00 and made payable to James G. Cundiff
 - 1 Note on John B. Cook, due Aug. 1858, \$15.00
 - 1 Note on John H. Keller, due Dec. 1853, \$8.60
 - 1 Note on Henry Miller, due Jan. 1858, \$7.00
 - 2 Notes on R. J. Williamson due Jan. 1858, \$3.75, the other one credited by \$3.00 and due Dec. 1854, \$3.00
 - 1 Note on d. H. Norwood, due Oct. 1857, \$10.00
 - 1 Note on James H. Keith, due Dec. 1854, \$27.00
 - 1 Note on A. Cobbitt, credited by \$1.00, due Feb. 1854, \$2.00
 - 1 Account on James Wright for cash lent, \$26.13
 - 1 Account on T. B. Griffin for cash lent, \$10.00
 - 1 Account on H. L. Parks for cash lent, \$10.00
 - 1 Account on M. M. Davidson for cash lent, \$ 10.00
 - 1 Account on J. H. Norwood for cash lent, \$9.00
 - 1 Account on William Dwyer for cash lent, \$448.00
 - 1 Account on Henry S. Higgins for cash lent, \$25.00
- Large number of Witness & Jury certificates, some of which appear to be County charges

Appended hereto is an Estimate of the costs due the Decedent as Clerk of the Circuit Court, a great many of the cases in which the Circuit Clerks Book show costs yet due, have been fully discharged but no Rect for costs in many of them have been entered of Record by him.

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Lawrence County

Lawrence County Orphans Court Minutes, 1825 - 1830

Transcribed by Judith Morgan Hetchler

Editor's Note: This is the continuation of the series from Valley Leaves, Volume 31, Number 2; December 1996 issue.

The bold page numbers are added for clarity purposes only. This clerk had a distinctive writing style, he habitually misspelled chattels as "chattles" (this is marked as [sic] in the first instance and then ignored thereafter). He also used the spelling "publick" for public and "shew" for show. When he began a sentence with the word "and," he did not capitalize the "a," and he abbreviated 23rd as 23d.

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Certified [sic] as aforesaid to the Office of the Clerk of this Court within six months from this time And if there be landen [sic] property they shall lay off each part by meets and bounds.

Ordered that this Court adjourn till tomorrow morning nine O'clock

Fryday [sic] morning nine O'clock Court met pursuant to adjournment.

Notice having been given for forty days as required by a former order of this Court John Gregg Sheriff of said County administrator de bonis non of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and debits which were of William Alsup deceased at the time of his death presents the following statement as a final settlement of the administration of said goods &c

There was sold by the former Administrators property amounting to the sum of	\$910.88 1/4
Interest thereon for Five years & ten months	425.06
Property sold at another time by former Administrators)	353.12 1/2
Interest thereon for four years & ten months	136.25
Amount of property sold at another time by former administrators)	217.07 1/4
Interest thereon for five Years	86.82
Money in hand at the time of the death of the Intestate)	60.00
Interest thereon for six years	<u>28.80</u>
Contra.	\$2218.02
Cotton sold to John Henderson which was lost on account of his insolvency. Judgement was rendered for the same in the Circuit Court of said County amount of Judgement including cost. Cost being paid by former Administrators	\$112.68 1/2
Interest thereon four years & four months	39.00
Amount of Corn lost by insolvency of)	

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John Johnson)	37.24
Interest thereon for five Years		<u>17.76</u>
	\$ 206.68 1/2	

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Sale Note of Robert Irwin insolvent due)		
December 6th 1822)	\$ 5.00
Interest thereon for Six years		2.40
Voucher		
No 1 Paid Bernard M Patterson's acct		1.65 1/2
Interest thereon for six years		0.75
No 2 paid Dr Jonathan Burford's for)		
Phisycians [sic] Bill)	11.50
Interest thereon for Six years		5.32
" 3 paid McClannahan & Prewitt Commissioners)		
of Sixteenth Section)	76.17 1/2
Interest thereon five years & nine months		34.96
" Costs paid Judge Moseley & former Clerk		7.00
Interest thereon for six years		3.36
" 4 paid Peter W Taylor attorney		5.00
Interest thereon for five years		2.00
" 5 paid Peter W Taylor attorney		5.00
Interest thereon	<u>160.69</u>	<u>0.37</u>
Paid Peter W Taylor attorney for advice)		
about the administration of said Estate,)		
previous to his being appointed Judge)		5.00
No 6 paid David Black		5.00
Interest thereon for Six years six months		.60
" 7 paid Alexr McClannahan		13.00
Interest thereon for Seven years		7.28
" 8 paid Joseph Wallace		6.50
Interest thereon for five years)		
& three months)	2.73
" 9 paid Michael Kelly		15.25
Interest thereon for Six years)		
& ten months)	8.32
" 10 paid Jesse Tyre		.75
Interest thereon		.39
" 11 paid Abner McLemore		66.50
Interest thereon for four years		21.00
Paid Jesse Alsup May 25, 1824		151.87 1/2
Interest thereon for four years)		
& six months)	54.63
paid Jesse Alsup June 9th 1824		36.75
Interest thereon		13.00
paid Jesse Alsup October 11th 1828		<u>3.25</u>
		\$403.82 1/2

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Paid Jesse Alsup July 13th 1823	\$132.00
Interest thereon	58.00
paid Jesse Alsup October 4th 1823	21.62 1/2
Interest thereon	9.00
paid Jesse Alsup a note on Grugetts) due Decr 7th 1822)	33.68 1/4
Interest thereon for six years	16.44
paid Jesse Alsup October 24th 1823	68.83 1/4
Interest thereon	28.75
paid Jesse Alsup May 14th 1824	20.75
Interest thereon	6.00
paid Jesse Alsup July 15th 1822	58.81
Interest thereon	29.32
paid Jesse Alsup March 7th 1825	7.00
Interest thereon	2.00
paid Jesse Alsup July 15th 1823	66.74
Interest thereon	27.00
paid Jesse Alsup April 10th 1824	25.25
Interest thereon	9.50
paid Jesse Alsup Note due December 1822	6.75
No 12 paid James Forbes	4.00
Interest thereon for five years) & three months)	1.68
paid Jesse Alsup note November 21st 1823	.38
Interest thereon	.12
paid Jesse Alsup	8.75
Interest thereon	2.00
paid Jesse Alsup	11.25
Interest thereon four years) & eight months)	4.25
paid Jesse Alsup May 11th 1824	6.00
Interest thereon	2.75
paid Allor	
Ordered that James Havens administrator &c be allowed	15.00
Allowed to Christina Alsup administratrix &c	50.00
Allowed to John Gregg present administrator	<u>35.00</u>
	\$186.68

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paid Willie Connor printer	\$ 04.00
paid Judge & Clerk for further cost on administration	<u>9.00</u>
	\$1529.53 1/2

Ordered that the time for making final settlement on the estate of William Alsup deceased be continued to the next term of this Court.

Ordered that that [sic] this Court do now adjourn.
Peter W Taylor J.C C.

State of Alabama) County Court in vacation

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Lawrence County) Special Term February 11th 1829
 present Peter W Taylor Judge of said Court

On the application of William McGaughy he having produced to this Court credentials of his being a regular Licensed Minister of the Gosple [sic] of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church he is hereby Authorised [sic] to Solemnise [sic] the rites of Matrimony according to the rules of said Church and the laws of the State of Alabama

Ordered that this Court do now adjourn.
 Peter W Taylor J.C.C.

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Orphans Court February Term 1829
 State of Alabama) County Court in vacation return day
 Lawrence County) February 18th 1829

Present Peter W Taylor Judge of said Court

An Instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of John Gilliam late of said County deceased was proven by Adamson T Shaw Forrest Gaether and Andrew O Horn three of the subscribing witnesses thereto they having deposed that said deceased acknowledged said Instrument in their presence and that they subscribed their names thereto as Witnesses at his request, and in his presence and they believed him to be of a sound mind and disposing memory upon which proof said Instrument of Writing is considered fully proven, as the last Will and Testament of said deceased. And the same is hereby Ordered to be recorded.

~~Ordered that Daniel Wright Adamson T Shaw Amos Jarman & Harvey Dillahunty and Forrest Gaither after being first duly sworn be appointed to appraise the personal property of John Gilliam Late of said County deceased~~

On the application of Manoah B Hampton and John T Abernathy Executors named in the last Will and Testament of John Gilliam deceased Ordered that they be appointed Executors of the last Will and testament of John Gilliam late of said County deceased and having here in Court taken the Oath prescribed by law and entered into bond in the sum of

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ten thousand dollars with Adamson T Shaw and Forrest Gaiter their Securities, and it is further Ordered that letters testamentary issue to them accordingly.

Ordered that Daniel Wright Adamson T Shaw Amos Jarman Harvey Dillahunty and Forrest Gaiter or any three of them after being duly sworn be appointed to appraise the personal property of John Gilliam late of said County deceased, and that they make return of their said appraisal [sic] within sixty days.

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~~Ordered that the Executors of the last Will and testament of John Gilliam late of said County deceased be permitted to sell as much of the personal property of said deceased, as they may think necessary to pay the debts of said deceased and that they make return of said sale within ninety days~~

Ordered that the Executors of the last Will and testament of John Gilliam late of said County deceased be permitted to sell a Negro woman Rhoda named in the Will and also her Child and Also Such personal property as the said Executors may deem expedient toward paying the debts of the said deceased, and that they make return of said sale under Oath within ninety days.

Ordered that the Inventory and appraisment [sic] of the personal property of Ely Etheridge late of said county deceased, as sworn to by said Administrator be received and Admitted to record.

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Ordered that the Sale bill of the personal property of Ely Etheridge late of said County ~~and~~ deceased as sworn to by the said Administrator be received and admitted to record.

Ordered that the Inventory and appraisment [sic] of the personal property of Ishmael Dunn late of said County deceased, as Sworn to and Subscribed by said Executor be received and admitted to record.

Bolling C Burnett Administrator of Richard Burnett late of said County deceased having been cited to appear at this Court and [show] cause why he should not make a final settlement of of [sic] his said Administration. Shows to the Court that a suit is appearing in Chancery in the Circuit Court of the County of Franklin, between himself and as Administrator and Robert Black in which he expects to recover five hundred dollars which probably will be determined at the next Term of the Franklin Circuit Court, and that further that the Negroes which belongs to the estate has been hired out for the present year, for which it appears that the said estate is not in a condition at this time for final settlement, whereupon it is Ordered that said Administrator be excused from further attendance under the said Citation and this further Ordered that the applicant for said citation pay the cost.

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Ordered that a citation issue requiring all person interested in the land tenements and hereditaments of Hance M Cunningham late of said County deceased to appear before the Judge of the County Court of said County at the Court House in said County on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in April next, and show cause if any they have why so much of said

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Lands &c Should not be sold as will be sufficient to pay the residue of the debts of said deceased. And it is Ordered that the Sheriff of said County immediately set up a copy of said citation in three of the most publick [sic] places in said County for the space of thirty days, and that further notice be given by three insertions of a copy of said Citation in the *Courtland Herald*, or some other newspaper, the first insertions to be thirty days before said Wednesday, and it is further ordered that the Clerk send a copy to the Editor, and that the Sheriff make return of the time and places of setting up said copies to this Court on said Wednesday

Ordered that this Court do now adjourn till tomorrow morning nine O'clock

Thursday Morning February 19th Court met pursuant adjournment

Notice having been given forty days as required by a former Order of the Court James B Wallace Administrator of all and Singular the goods and Chattles [sic] rights and credits which were of William Kile late of said County deceased at the time of his death presents the following statement as a final settlement of his said Administration.

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The amounts of Assets that has come into the hands of the Administrator

Amount of Judgement against William Wallace	\$603.37
Interest from 23d of January 1827 until the 23d of May 1828	<u>64.34</u>
	\$667.71

No	Contra	
1	To Christian & Findley note under seal	\$458.92 1/2
	Interest thereon for Seven Months	21.00
2	To Christian & Findley on Account	57.61 1/4
	Interest for 1 Year and 5 Months	6.40
3	Paid to David Hubbard	25.00
4	Cost of Administration	9.25
5	Paid to Argile Campbell	<u>62.00</u>
		640.19 1/4
6	Printing fee Wilie Conner	4.00
7	To James B Wallace Administrator	<u>23.52</u>
		<u>667.71</u>

Ordered that the above be received as a final settlement of James B Wallace as Administrator of William Kile and and [sic] that said Vouchers be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court

On the application of William and Asa Hodges Administrators de bonis non of all and Singular the goods Chattles and credits which were of James Crayton late of said

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County deceased at the time of his death it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the personal Estate of said deceased is insufficient to pay the United States the ballance [sic] due on two quarter Sections of land the South East quarter Section No 28 in Township No 11 of Range No 14 in the district of lands offered for

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Sale at Huntsville lying and being in the County of Marion Also one quarter Section of land being in the above named County North West quarter Section No 27 in Township no 11 of Range No 14 in the district of lands offered for Sale at Huntsville It is therefore Ordered that sd Administrators sell said quarter Section of land to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months taking bond with approved Security for the payment of the purchase money first giving thirty days notice of the time and places of sale by Advertisement set up at the door of the Court House in said County, and at three other places in said County.

On the application of William and Asa Hodges Administrators de bonis non of all and Singular the goods Chattles and Credits which were of James Crayton late of said County deceased at the time of his death. It is Ordered that they make a final Settlement of their said Administration at the Court House in the Town of Moulton on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in June next And it is further Ordered that forty days notice hereof be given by three successive insertions of a copy of this Order in the *Courtland Herald* or some other paper published in the northern part of this State, and that the Clerk of this Court send a copy of this Order to the Editor.

Ordered that this Court do now adjourn till to morrow morning nine Oclock.

Friday morning nine Oclock Court met pursuant to adjournment.

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Ordered that the inventory and appraisment [sic] of the personal property of William Harper and and [sic] of the debts due to the said Estate be received and admitted to record.

On the application of Sanley [sic] A Florence [sic] named Executrix in an Instrument of Writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Joseph J Florence [sic] late of said County deceased the said Instrument was proven by the testimony of Charles L Jones who testified that he had frequently Seen the said Florence [sic] in his lifetime write and was well acquainted with his hand writing and is satisfied that the name of Joseph J Florence [sic] subscribed to said Instrument is in the hand writing of said deceased on which testimony the said instrument of writing is considered fully proven to be the last Will and testament of

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said deceased, and is therefore considered fully proven and Ordered to be recorded as the last Will and testament of said deceased

On the application of Sanley [sic] A Florence [sic] who is named Executrix in an Instrument of writing which has been proven and Ordered to be recorded as the last Will and testament of Joseph J Florence [sic] late of said County deceased Ordered that she be appointed executrix of said last Will and testament She entering into bond with Charles L Jones and Jerimiah [sic] Hendrik her Securities in the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, and it is Ordered that letters testamentary issue to her accordingly.

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Ordered that Richard Burruss George Walton Berriman Harper Alexander Sale and William [sic] or any three of them after being first Sworn be appointed to appraise the personal property of Joseph J Florence [sic] late of said County deceased and that they make return under Oath in sixty days.

On the application of Abner Blocker Mariah Woofin and David A Smith said Maria being the Widdow [sic] of Jame [sic] Woofin late of said County deceased Ordered that they be appointed Administrators and Administratrix of all and Singular the Goods Chattles and credits which were of said James Woofin deceased, at the time of his death, they entering into bond with Security in the sum of \$20,000 and that they return an Inventory under oath of said Goods Chattles and Credits within ninety days, and that letters of Administration issue to the above Order of appointment

Ordered that Samuel Keats Robert Dandridge Francis Hall Freeman Grove and John Glass or and three of them being first Sworn be appointed appraisers to appraise the personal property of James Woodfin late of said County deceased and that they make return under Oath within sixty days of their said appraisalment

On the application of the Administrators and Administratrix of James Woofin late of said county deceased Ordered that they be permitted to Sell to the highest [bidder?] on giving a reasonable notice a crop of cotton of 1828 of the said deceased for ready money it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the condition

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of said estate requires such a Sale.

Nathan Gregg Patience Pearsall and Edward Pearsall three of the persons named Executors and executrix in an Instrument of Writing which has been proven and recorded as the last Will and testament of Jeremiah Pearsall late of said County deceased having renounced and now refuse to take upon themselves the executorship of the said last Will and testament therefore upon the application of James M Pearsall, the other person named

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executor in the last Will and testament Ordered he the said James M be appointed sole executor of the said last Will and testament he at this time entering into bond in the sum of eight thousand dollars, With Will Gregg and Nathan Gregg his Securities and it is Ordered that letters testamentary issue to him accordingly And is further ordered that he return an Inventory under Oath within ninety days of the Goods Chattles and credits of the said Jeremiah deceased so as they may come to the knowledge of him the said Executor

Ordered that Nathan Gregg William Gregg A M Degraffenried Edward Pearsall and William Ligon or any three of them after being duly qualified be appointed to appraise the personal property of Jerimiah Pearsall late of said county deceased, and that they make a return of their said appraisalment under Oath within Sixty days.

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On the application of Alexander McClannahan former Administrator of all and Singular the Goods &c which were of David Russel late of said County deceased at the time of his death Ordered that he make a final Settlement of his said Administration at the Court House in the Town of Moulton on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in July next, and that forty days notice hereof be given by the three insertions of a copy of this Order in the *Courtland Herald* or some other paper published in the northern part of this state and that the Clerk of this Court send a copy of this Order to the Editor

On the application of Alexander McClannahan former Administrator of all and Singular the Goods &c which were of Henry Nickols late of said County deceased at the time of his death Ordered that he make a final settlement of his said Administration at the Court House in the Town of Moulton on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in July next, and that forty days notice hereof be given by three insertions of a copy of this Order in the *Courtland Herald* or some other paper published in the northern part of this State and that the Clerk of this Court send a copy of this Order to the Editor.

Ordered that Robert C Handley ~~former~~ Administrator of the Goods &c of James Boyles late of said County deceased with his assent be removed from his said Administratorship, and that his letters of Administratorship be revoked.

Ordered that John Gregg Sheriff of said County be appointed Administrator of all and Singular the Goods Chattles and credits which

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Madison County

Madison County Will Book 1, 1852 - 1856, Pages 61 to 81

*Abstracted by Eulalia Yancey Wellden
Assisted by Carolyn Tribble Nogues*

Editor's Note: This is a continuation of the Second Series of Madison County Wills which began in Volume 15, Number 1 (September 1980) and is continued from Volume 31, Number 2 (December 1996).

For this series, Ms. Wellden, not only abstracted information from the Madison County Will Book, but has also included additional information, abstracted from other sources, which, she believes, pertains to the family involved in the estate. The reader is cautioned that such a connection may or may not prove to be correct after a more detailed search. For this reason, this information appears at the back of the article and is marked Supplemental Information (Endnotes).

Will of John P. Johnson
Will Book 1, Pages 61, 62 and 63
Dated: 1 December 1854

My body be buried in the burying ground near the Baptist Brick Church on Flint River by the side of my father and mother on the north side nearest the fence according to the rites of the Masonic Usage. My bay mare is to be sold at auction. To my sister Martha Byrn I give all my household furniture and a note I hold on W. B. Tabor for \$240.00 due 1 March 1854. To my two sisters Sarah Sibley and Elizabeth Sibley I give three Negroes, a boy, Lewis, and two women, Delila and Finely Ann, and \$300.00 to be divided between them as follows. The boy Lewis and \$350.00 is to be lot number one. Delila and Fenely Ann are both to be lot number two. My two sisters Sarah and Elizabeth Sibley are to draw lots. In case any or one of the Negroes may object or refuse to go then he is to be sold and the money is to go to the one who may have drawn that Negro. Also to my two sisters Sarah and Elizabeth my two colts to be divided in like manner as the Negroes. And after all expenses are paid the balance of money to be divided equally between my three sisters Martha Byrne, Sarah and Elizabeth Sibley. I appoint my friend John W. Weaver as executor.

Witnesses: William Stuart

John Thompson ¹

Signed: John P. Johnson

Acknowledge: 12 March 1855
Recorded in P.M. Book 2

Will of Maranda C. Willis
Will Book 1, Pages 64 and 65
Dated: 10 July 1857

To my Husband, John P. Willis my two Negroes, Minney and Liney, and after his death to my infant son John Richard Willis. Should my son die first then the Negroes are to be the property of my husband John P. Willis.

Witnesses: John Kirkland
J. H. Humphrey

Signed: Maranda C. Willis ²

Acknowledged: 9 April 1855

Will of William R. Hunt
Will Book 1, Pages 65 and 66
Dated: 19 March 1855

My servants Jim and Polly to be hired out until my youngest child reaches the age of 21 years and the proceeds thereof and all the money due me at the time be used to support and educate my three minor children; Ann E.

Hunt, Cornelia W. Hunt and John A. Hunt. At the time if the Negroes cannot be equally divided to be sold and the proceeds be equally divided between my three minor children. The money now on hand to be placed at the deposition of my daughter Mary J. Skeggs and by her used for the benefit of my three minor children. My two sons Fedella and Rufus are to receive \$5.00 each and no more. My daughter Ann E. Hunt to have my set of Silver Table and Teaspoons. To my grandson William H. Skeggs to have my gold watch and rigging and in the event of his death to his brother Henry Skeggs and in succession so as to keep it in the family. H. A. Skeggs to be executor and guardian for my three minor children.

Witnesses: W. H. Wilson
John H. Swift

Signed: W. R. Hunt ³

Acknowledged: 15 May 1855

Recorded: Probate Court Minute Book 3

Will of James J. McClellan
Will Book 1, Pages 67, 68 and 69
Dated: 18 December 1854

My executor and executrix keep all my estate, real and personal together and manage it to their best judgment for the support and comfort of my wife and children and education of my children. My executor and executrix may sell any portion of the estate. My interest in McClellan Scruggs Mercantile Establishment in St. Louis, Missouri remain the same as now as long as it seems advisable. If any of my slaves [not named] should be sold they shall be careful not to separate families and select for them comfortable homes and humane owners. Although they may not sell for them for as much money as they otherwise could. My executor and executrix shall manage my estate until my youngest child arrives at the age of 21 years and my daughter May should have reached the age of 21 or married. Then my estate shall be divided equally between my wife Eliza and my children May Irwin and William Spencer or the survivors of either of them die and leave children then the children

take their father or mothers share. My wife Eliza McClellan and my brother Matthew V. L. McClellan Executor and Executrix without giving bond.

Witnesses: W. H. Moore
A. J. Irwin
A. L. Wilkinson

Signed: James J. McClellan ⁴

Acknowledged: 16 May 1855

Will of George Steele
Will Book 1, Pages 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73
Dated: 8 June 1855

My estate kept together until my debts are paid. I empower my executors to sell my property real or personal except those specifically stated herein. Keep the Brick Building Business as a continuing business until the division of the estate. My wife Eliza Ann and daughters Ellen and Susan continue in our present residence until the estate is divided. My daughters be given liberal and comfortable support as Susan's education completed. My son Angelo given a liberal allowance until the division of the estate. My son John F. should he desire, be given any financial assistance, executors pay heirs annually, \$600.00, until the division of the estate and the sum be charged against him. John C. M. Glover, nephew of my wife, shall continue at school and be supported until he has acquired sufficient education to fit him for business an allowance for this purpose be made out of the estate. When debts are paid, the estate must be divided. To my wife Eliza Ann my plantation known as "Oak Place" containing 320 acres together with the Mountain Tract known as the Fagan Place 200 acres, also 20 acres lying on the N. E. Corner of the Fagan Place, during her natural life. At her death the land be equally divided between my heirs at law. Also to my wife Eliza Ann one-fifth part of the slaves except a family to be specifically dispose of. Eliza Ann to select Richmond as her one-fifth share. To her all my household and kitchen furniture, also the carriage and horses. All the stock and farming equipment necessary to cultivate the farm. All other property not disposed of be devised to

my children equally divided between them. In making the division equal the portions which either of them have received is to be charged to them. My son Matthew W. Allowed the interest on \$5,000.00 from 1st September 1850 until the division of the estate, in addition to his general share in the estate. For any old and decrepit servants proper provision for their care and comfort. A family of Negroes to be set free, viz: Bet or Elizabeth aged 23 a mulatto woman, a mulatto boy Ellis, a mulatto boy John Brahan, a boy Charley, a mulatto girl Emma, children of Bet or Elizabeth. These servants are to be removed to a free State either Ohio, Illinois or Michigan. Settle them on a small farm and be stocked as necessary. To Bet or Elizabeth and her children \$1,500.00 and invested in land and stock. The expense of moving them to a free state be taken from my estate. Additional \$120.00 to be for a year of provisions for the family after they arrive in the free state. Until Bet or Elizabeth and the children are removed they are to continue to live at the Fagan Place where they now are and be well treated. My son Matthew W. Steele executor without giving bond.

Witnesses: James Donegan
Robert Fearn

Signed: George Steele⁵

Acknowledge: 29 Nov 1855
Recorded 14 December 1855

Will of James F. Nimmo
Will Book 1, Pages 74, 75, 76, and 77
Dated: 31 October 1855

All debts and funeral expenses be paid. To my son Amos M. Nimmo a Negro boy age 15 or 15 and \$300.00. His share estimated at \$1,000.00. To my son James P. Nimmo a Negro woman aged 18 years, my gold watch, one yoke of oxen, also \$35.00. His share estimated \$1,000.00. To my daughter America N. Watkins wife of Isham Watkins a Negro woman 22 or 23 years of age and her son 13 months. Also one feather bed, her share estimated \$1,000.00. To my son William H. Nimmo a Negro woman 18 years of age and \$150.00, his share estimated at \$1,000.00. To be paid to him when he reaches the age of 21 years. To my wife Ann M. Nimmo

in trust for my youngest son Clement N. Nimmo five slaves and from the hire and profits of the same to be used to rear and educate my youngest son. When he reaches the ages of 21 he is to have the slave Minerva and as many of the other slaves to make his share \$1,000.00. After taking out my youngest sons share the other slaves be returned to the bulk of my estate and divided as follows: To my wife Ann W. Nimmo during her natural life five slaves and at her death returned to the bulk of my estate. Also to my executors in trust for the use and benefit of my wife Ann W. Nimmo \$1,000.00 to be put out at interest and the interest be paid to her annually and to cease at her death. The \$1,000.00 be returned to my estate for distribution. Also to my wife Ann N. Nimmo two of my horses, three good cows and calves and all my household and kitchen furniture. At the death of my wife Ann M. Nimmo all the properties and monies in her possession be divided among my children and the Lineal heirs equally share and share alike. When my youngest son reaches the age of 21, all the slaves bequeathed to my wife in trust and which are not taken to make his share of \$1,000.00 be equally divided as above stated to my children and lineal heirs. If any of my children should die without children then their share be equally divided among my children and lineal heirs. My sons Amos N. and James P. Nimmo executors.

Witnesses: John J. Coleman
Robert W. Coltart

Signed: James F. Nimmo

Acknowledged: 5 May 1856
Recorded: 27 May 1856

Will of Susan E. Irby
Will Book 1, Page 78
Dated: 25 Feb 1856

To my husband Pickney whatever interest I have or may become entitled to receive from the estate and under the will of grandfather John Hamblin deceased and also whatever interest I have or may be entitled to in the estate of my brother Lafayette Hamblin deceased including the share of William M. Hamblin in the estate of Lafayette Hamblin

which has been assigned to my husband by William for my use and benefit.

Also I give to my husband all my other estate of every kind and description real, personal and mixed where ever the same maybe.

Witnesses: Britton Franke
J. W. Hobbs

Signed: Susan E. Irby⁶

Acknowledged: 12 May 1856
Recorded: 27 May 1856

Will of Naomia Lesslie
Will Book 1, Pages 80 and 81
Dated: 4 January 1856

To my daughter Mary Ann Dorch. All my land (to wit) the plantation on which I reside together with all stock of every kin, plantation tools, household and kitchen furniture and at her death be equally divided between her lawful heirs.

The present crop of cotton to be retained to meet my debts or liabilities.

To my daughter Mary Ann a girl Susan and a girl Julia Ann during her life and at her death to be equally divided between her lawful heirs.

To my son James a Negro woman (no name listed) and at his death to be divided between his lawful heirs.

To my son William a Negro man named Turner and at the death of William to be Equally divided between his lawful heirs.

All the property be kept together during the present year and the cotton crop when gathered be applied to my debts.

To my children James L, Mary Ann and William N. B. Lesslie my slaves (not herein loaned) to be equally divided and at their death equally divided among their lawful heirs.

After all debts are paid and the estate settled I give to my niece Adeline Harridan \$500.00.

To the Methodist Episcopal Church South \$100.00

My Negro man named Burwell to choose which one of my children he will belong and his choice of owners I leave the man provided for as hereto after stated.

My son William N. B. Lesslie sole executor without giving security.

Witnesses: J. B. Lockhart

C. B. Cordell
John P. Fletcher

Signed: Naomi Lesslie⁷

Acknowledged: 9 June 1856
Recorded: 13 June 1856

Supplemental Information

(Endnotes)

*Abstracted by Eulalia Yancey Wellden
Assisted by Carolyn Tribble Nogues*

¹ 1850 Census Madison County AL

John Burnes (Byrn (e) 53	VA	House
Carpenter \$1,400, 1812 Veteran		
Martha	49	VA
William	22	AL farmer
Martha	15	AL
Caroline	18	AL
Andrew J.	11	AL
Octavia W.	8	AL
George Ann W.	6	AL
John P. Johnston	55	VA House
Carpenter		

*From Marriages, Death and Legal Notices
From Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893
by Pauline Jones Gandrud. Sarah married
William Sibly listed in 1850 Census as 49 born
in VA.*

*Elizabeth married John Sibly listed in 1850
Census as 59 born in VA.*

² 1850 Census Madison County AL

John P. Willis 33	VA	Farmer
Miranda C 20	AL	
Lucy W. 63	VA	

³ *From Madison County, Alabama
Marriages Records, 1843-1853 by Johnson:
Mary J. Hunt to Henry A. Skeggs 14
November 1848.*

From *Marriages, Death and Legal Notices From Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893* by Pauline Jones Gandrud. Page 527. Probate Court Madison County, Alabama March 1853, Elizabeth Hunt wife of William R. Hunt resides in Panola County, Mississippi.

1850 Census Madison County AL			
Henry A. Skeggs	32	MD	Tailor
Mary Jane	21	TN	
William R. Hunt	48	TN	
			no occupation
Anna	13	AL	
Cornelia P.	11	AL	
Phidel (male),	21	AL	
John	9	AL	

⁴ 1850 Census Madison County AL			
James J. McClellan	35	PA	
		Merchant	\$4,000
Eliza L.	35	Ireland	
William	3	AL	
Mary	5	MO [?]	
Thomas Martin	24	AL	
		Merchant Clerk	
William H. Martin	20	AL	
		Merchant Clerk	
Richard H. Martin	22	AL	
		Merchant Clerk	
A. I. Irwin	46	PA	
		Merchant	

From *Marriages, Death and Legal Notices From Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893* by Pauline Jones Gandrud. Page 554 James J. McClellan died 12 May 1855 of consumption age 39 years born in Pennsylvania 23 September 1816 moved to Huntsville in 1839.

⁵ Author's Note: See *Cease Not to Think of Me, The Steele Family Letters*, Edited by Patricia H. Ryan. Contains letters, Genealogy and Steele Family History.

⁶ From *Marriages, Death and Legal Notices From Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893* by Pauline Jones Gandrud. Page 545: Martha Reedy Hamblin daughter-in-law of John Hamblin died 23 Aug. 1854.

Page 546: Pinckney M. Irby married Susan E. Hamblin 28 Sept. 1854.

From *Marriages Madison County, Alabama Vol. 2-3* by Ann Cochran. Page 63: John Hamblin to m. Marth Reedy 23 April 1825.

1850 Madison County, Alabama Census, Page 432B

Martha Hamblin	49	TN
Susan	7	AL
Sarah M.	15	AL
Mary Brooks	17	NC
Neal M.	16	TN
Calvin H.	14	TN
Edwin H.	12	TN

(Note: This census was also published in TVGS Volume 31, Number 2, Page 77)

⁷ From *Marriages of Madison County, Alabama* by Ann Cochran, Page 91: Mary Ann Leslie m. Robert Dortch 10 July 1827.

From *Marriages, Death and Legal Notices From Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893* by Pauline Jones Gandrud. All from Page 561:

- Mrs. Naomi Lesslie wife of Capt. William Lesslie died 7 January 1856, aged 75. She was born in Brunswick County, Virginia.
- 5 Feb 1801 William Lashley to Naomi Harrison.
- Mary Ann Lesslie Dortch wife of Robert Dortch died 14 Jan 1856 aged about 49 born SC daughter of William and Naomi Lesslie.

Marshall County

Indigent Fund Record Book, 1863 - 1864

Transcribed by Gay Cushing Campbell

Editor's Note: This is the fourth installment of the transcription of this book. The first installment appeared in Volume 30, Number 4 (June 1996).

Researcher's Note: The first part of this book was used as a pre-Civil War Circuit Court Docket Book. The remainder was used for indigent records. It is an accounting book to record people paying their way out of debt through their labors, their children's labors, or with money or salt payments made by friends or family members. This book was restored by C. C. Porch, Probate Judge in 1966. The book's page numbers are made bold for clarity.

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		Precinct No. 3 Big Spring		
1863	Madison Austin	(3)	Cr	De
Aug 1	4 1/2 salt 22 1/2 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		15.00	
	Paid N Morgan			15.00
1863	AB Buckhannon	(6)	Cr	De
Aug 1	6@Salt Amt of 4 th Instal		30.00	
	Paid N Morgan			30.00
Aug 31	9@salt			
1863	#John Bain	(6)	Cr	De
Aug 1	9@salt 45 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		30.00	
Sep 3	Rec'd Thirty dollars Richard Bain (His mark)			
1863	William Buckhannon	(2)	Cr	De
Aug 1	3@Salt 15 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		15.00	
	Paid N Morgan			15.00
	4 1/2 @salt			
1863	James Corbin	(6)	Cr	De
Aug 1	12@salt 60. Amt of 4 th Instal		30.00	
	#Amt pd Seborn Mitchel See pg 24			8.20
	Amt. paid N Morgan			<u>21.80</u>
				30.00

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		Precinct No. 3 Big Spring		
1863	Thomas Campbell	(3)	Cr	De
Aug	12@Salt 60 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		15.00	
	Paid N Morgan			15.00
1863	Wm Clapp	(2)	Cr	De
Aug	3@salt 15 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	

	Paid N Morgan			10.00
1863	Alsey Conn	(5	Cr	De
Aug	12 1/2@Salt 62 1/2 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		25.00	
	Paid N Morgan			25.00
1863	Malinda Corbin	(2	Cr	De
Aug2	@salt 10 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	
1863	Lewis Dunn	(7	Cr	De
Aug 17	1/2@Salt 87 1/2 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		35.00	
	paid N Morgan			35.00

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Precinct No. 3 Big Spring

1863	BH Fields	(7	Cr	De
Aug	20 1/2@salt 1.02 amt of 4 th Instal		35.00	
	Paid N Morgan			35.00
1863	William Gilbert	(2	Cr	De
Aug	6@Salt 30 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	
	Paid N Morgan			10.00
	3@salt pd Miss Tom Stewart			
1863	Samuel Goodwin	(5	Cr	De
Aug	15@Salt 75 ^{cts} Amt. of 4 th Instal		25.00	
	Paid N Morgan			25.00
1863	Simeon Garrett	(2	Cr	De
Aug	8 1/2 @Salt 42 1/2 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Inst		10.00	
	paid N Morgan			10.00
1863	William Hyatt	(3	Cr	De
Aug	12@salt 60 ^{cts} 50-Amt of 4 th Instal		15.00	
	Paid N Morgan			15.00

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Precinct No. 3 Big Spring

1863	William Hughes	(2	Cr	De
Aug	8@Salt 15 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal.		10.00	
	Paid N Morgan			10.00
	3@salt pd Mrs Jno Stewart			
1863	J.A.W. Hughes	(3	Cr	De
Aug	12@salt 60 ^{cts}			
1863	William Jackson	(2	Cr	De
Aug	6@salt 30 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	
	Paid N. Morgan			10.00

1863	John W. Jones	(3	Cr	De
Aug	9@salt 45 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		15.00	
	Paid N.Morgan			15.00
Sept 11	3@salt for Mrs J. Smith			
1863	William S. Lewis	(3	Cr	De
Aug	9@salt 45 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		15.00	
	Paid N. Morgan			15.00

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Precinct No. 3 Big Spring

1863	James Lang	(2	Cr	De
Aug	8@Salt 40 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	
	Paid N.Morgan			10.00
1863	John S. Goodwin	(1	Cr	De
Aug	3@salt 15 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		5.00	
	Paid N Morgan			5.00
	1 1/2 @salt for Mrs. Jno Stewart			
1863	William Lang	(1	Cr	De
Aug	3@salt 15 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		5.00	
	Paid N Morgan			5.00
Sep 15	2 1/2@salt for B Martin			
1863	William Long	(2	Cr	De
Aug	7@Salt 35 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	
	Paid N. Morgan			10.00
1863	Matthew Lisle	(4	Cr	De
	6 1/2 @Salt 32 1/2 ct Amt of 4 th Instal		20.00	
	Paid N Morgan			20.00

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Precinct No. 3 Big Spring

1863	Robert Lang	(3	Cr	De
Aug	6@salt 30 ^{cts} Amt for 4 th Install		15.00	
	Paid N Morgan			15.00
Sep 15	6@Salt for Martin			
1863	Hebron Mitchell	(8	Cr	De
Aug	24@Salt \$120. to Bal__ fund \$47.00 4 th Instal		\$40.00	\$48.20
Sep 5	Rec'd of WT May twenty seven dollars, see other book John S Corns			
1863	James Henry Martin	(3	Cr	De
Aug	7 1/2@Salt 37 1/2 ^{cts} 4 1/2 salt Amt of 4 th Install		15.00	
	Paid N. Morgan			15.00
Sep 15	4 1/2 @salt for B Martin			
1863	Morgan Mitchell	(3	Cr	De
Aug	3@Salt 15 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	

	Paid N Morgan			10.00
1863	Miles Martin	(2	Cr	De
Aug	6@Salt 30 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	10.00
Sep 15	Paid N Morgan			10.00
	2@Salt for B Martin			

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					Precinct No. 3 Big Spring
1863	Wm H. Mitchell	(6	Cr	De	
Aug	7@Salt 35 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		30.00	30.00	
	Paid N Morgan				
1863	J.B. McCleskey	(4	Cr	De	
Aug	13@salt 65 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		20.00	20.00	
	Paid N Morgan				
1863	Sarah McIntire	(4	Cr	De	
Aug	4@salt 20 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		20.00	20.00	
Aug 31	Paid N Morgan				
	6@salt				
1863	A.W. Morgan	(3	Cr	De	
Aug	6@Salt 30 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		15.00	15.00	
	Paid N Morgan				
1863	Jo Noles	(5	Cr	De	
Aug	15@Salt 75 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		25.00	25.00	
	Paid N Morgan				

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					Precinct No. 3 Big Spring
1863	James Nixon	(2	Cr	De	
Aug	10 1/2@salt 52 1/2 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	10.00	
	Paid N Morgan				
1863	Thomas Romines	(4	Cr	De	
Aug	12@Salt 60 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		20.00	20.00	
Sept 8	Paid N Morgan				
	6@ salt				
1863	John Rogers	(2	Cr	De	
Aug	3@Salt 15 ^{cts} Amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	10.00	
	Paid N Morgan				
1863	William Roberts	(7	Cr	De	
Aug	5 1/2@salt 42 1/2 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		35.00	35.00	
Sep 14	Paid N Morgan				
	19 1/2 @salt				
1863	Nancy Jane Roden	(4	Cr	De	

Aug	8@Salt 40 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Install	20.00	
	Paid N Morgan		20.00
	4@salt for Wm Buckhannon		

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Precinct No. 3 Big Spring

1863	John Stewart	(6)	Cr	De
Aug	18@Salt 90 ^{cts} order to farm for 4 bu corn			
	order to farm for 2 bu wheat, amt of 4 th Install		30.00	
Sep 8	Rec'd Ten Dollars Arvjam Stewart (his mark)			
Sep 8	9@salt			
Sep 11	Recd Twenty dollars John S. Carns			
1863	Alexander Simms	(2)	Cr	De
Aug	#24@salt \$1.20. 1 pr Butterbeans \$9.00 4 th Instal		10.00	
	Amt paid N Morgan			30.00
1863	James Sampson	(5)	Cr	De
Aug	15@salt 75 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		25.00	
	Paid N Morgan			25.00
1863	John A. Smith	(6)	Cr	De
Aug	18@Salt 90 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instal		30.00	
	Paid N Morgan			30.00
1863	John B. Smith	(4)	Cr	De
Aug	2@salt 10 ^{cts} amt of 4 th Instalmt		20.00	
	Paid N Morgan			20.00

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Precinct No. 3 Big Spring

1863	William Sampson	(2)	Cr	De
Aug 4 ^{lbs}	Salt 20 Amt of 4 th Instal		10.00	
	Paid N. Morgan			10.00
1863	George Smith	(3)	Cr	De
Aug	9lbs Salt @45Amts of 4 th Instal		15.00	
	Paid N Morgan			15.00
1863	J.W. Simpson	(4)	Cr	De
Aug	2lbs Salt 10. Amt of 4 th Instal		20.00	
1863	James Harbin	(3)	Cr.	De
Aug	9lbs Salt 45 Amt. Of 4 th Instal		15.00	
	Paid N Morgan			15.00
1863	T. May Seven Hundred & Sixty Dollars			
	and Eighty-cents for Branch 3			
	Nathan Morgan			

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Morgan County

Morgan County Death Records, Book "C,"

From June 1903

Transcribed by Dene Walls

Editor's Note: This is a continuation of the article in Volume 31, Number 2 (December 1996) which ended on the last day of May, 1903.

Author's Note: Following December 1903, the book then begins with 1900 Decatur.

The chart's code, starting from left to right: Name of Deceased/ Month and Day of Death/ Birthplace/ Sex/ Race/ Marital Status at time of Death/ Occupation/ Age, if under one year, age in months and days/ Residence at time of Death/ Cause of Death/ Where Death Occurred/ Person Reporting the Death.

Year 1903 (beginning in June)

Maggie Martin	Jun 2	TN	F	W	-	--	0-5-0	Beat #1	Malarial Fever	Ala	S. S. Sykes, Und
Clarissa Hough	Jun 5	Ala	F	W	-	--	13 yrs	Beat #8	Dysentery	Ala	Dr Chas Hogeboon
Wilber Hough	Jun 16	Ala	M	W	-	--	1 yr	Beat #8	Dysentery	Ala	Dr Chas Hogeboon
Ben Quattlebaum?	Jun 1	Ala	M	W	-	Farmer	26 yrs	Beat #10	Malarial Fever	Ala	Dr R. B. Sherrill
Ed Lenley	Jun 21	Ala	M	W	-	--	0-11-0	Beat #10	Gastro Eulero Colitis	Ala	Dr H. C. McRee
Will Griffin	Jun 26	Ala	M	B	-	Laborer	33 yrs	Beat #10	Unknown	Ala	----
Infant Johnson	Jun 29	Ala	M	W	-	--	----	Beat #11	Premature Birth	Ala	Dr Frank Emens
Infant Glass	Jun 26	Ala	M	W	-	--	----	Beat #12	Premature Birth	Ala	Dr J. E. Price
Ruby Mays	Jun 28	Ala	F	W	-	--	10 yrs	Beat #12	Congestion	Ala	Dr S. L. Rountree
Mrs Emma Oden	Jun 18	Ala	F	W	-	--	20 yrs	Beat #14	Dysentery	Ala	Dr C. F. Peck
Bessie Harris	Jul 26	Ala	F	W	-	--	16 yrs	Beat #4	Meningitis		Dr S. M. Wilhite
Infant Puckett	Jul 19	Ala	M	W	-	--	2 yrs	Beat #10	Dysentery		Dr F. B. Brindley
Emma Hampton	Jul 30	Ala	F	B	-	--	23 yrs	Beat #10	Typhoid Fever		-----
Jack Holt	Jul 22	Ala	M	W	-	--	14 yrs	Beat #10	Killed by train		-----
Silas M. White	Jul 15	Ala	M	W	-	--	2 yrs	Beat #11	Cong of Stom & bowel		Dr J. B. Shelton
Mrs. S. J. Askew	Jul 6	Ala	F	W	-	--	97 yrs	Beat #11	Senility		-----
Minnie Hamaker	Jul 17	Ala	F	W	-	--	1 yrs	Beat #13	Tonsillitis		Dr R. B. Sherrill
Jos. A. McCall	Jul 30	Ala	M	W	-	--	2 yrs	Beat #13	Cong of stom & bowel		Dr R. B. Sherrill
Infant White	Jul 12	Ala	F	W	-	--	0-0-4	Beat #13	Cong of stom & bowel		Dr Harris
Rena Alexander	Aug 26	VA	F	B	-	--	110 yrs	Beat #1	Senility		S. S. Sykes, Und
Mabel Fennell	Aug 24	TN	F	B	-	-	0-1-0	Beat #1	Slow fever		S. S. Sykes, Und
Susan Black	Aug 17	Ala	F	B	-	--	5 yrs	Beat #1	Whooping Cough		S. S. Sykes, Und

Infant Price	Aug 20	Ala M W - --	1 yr	Beat #3	Enteritis	Dr S. M. Wilhite
Annie Townsend	Aug 31	GA F W - --	4 yrs	Beat #3	Cong of bowels	Dr W. H. Lovelady
Josie Nevels	Aug 25	Ala F B - --	12 yrs	Beat #5	Malarial Fever	S. S. Sykes, Und
Infant Boon	Aug 8	Ala F W - --	1 yr	Beat #7	Entero Colitis	Dr H. C. McCullogh
Esley Ryan	Aug 31	Ala F W - --	7 yrs	Beat #7	Malarial fever	Dr H. C. McCullogh
Millie Dobbs	Aug 5	Ala M W - --	1 yr	Beat #9	Dysentery	Dr. C. F. Peck
Infant Jackson	Aug 20	Ala M B - --	0-10-0	Beat #10	Cholera Infant	Dr W. A. Barclift
Jack Furguson	Aug 4	Ala M B - --	84 yrs	Beat #10	Senility	-----
-----Childers	Aug 4	Ala M W - Painter	80 yrs	Beat #10	Senility	-----
Sallie Martin	Aug 30	Ala F B - --	22 yrs	Beat #10	Malarial Fever	Dr J. S. Turney
Infant Smallwood	Aug 2	Ala M W - --	--	Beat #10	Inerisen	Dr J. S. Turney
Mariah Thompson	Aug 4	Ala F B - --	45 yrs	Beat #12	Disease of womb	Dr S. L. Rountree
Frank Kitch	Aug 27	Ala M W - --	25 yrs	Beat #12	Consumption	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Henry Bone	Sep 12	--- M B - Farmer	76 yrs	Beat #8	Heart Disease	Dr C. E. Hogeboom
Noel Lee	Sep 7	--- M W - Farmer	40 yrs	Beat #9	Genl Congestion	Dr Peter Binford
Jos. Ratliff	Sep 16	--- M B - Farmer	30 yrs	Beat #9	Pneumonia & Fever	Dr C. F. Peck
B. Russell	Sep 15	--- M B - Farmer	20 yrs	Beat #9	Phthistic?	Dr C. F. Peck
Mrs P. Lawrence	Sep 10	--- F W - --	78 yrs	Beat #10	Apoplexy	-----
Mrs J. Alexandria	Sep 20	--- F W - --	78 yrs	Beat #10	Apoplexy	Dr R. B. Sherrill
Jno. L. Light	Sep 15	--- M W - --	0-8-0	Beat #19	Menigitis	Dr M. L. Dinsmore
S. W. Orr	Oct 11	Ala M W - Farmer	61 yrs	Beat #3	Consumption	Dr W. H. Lovelady
Beulah Roberts	Oct 26	Ala F W - --	3 yrs	Beat #3	Typhoid Fever	Dr W. H. Lovelady
John Boyd	Oct 20	Ala M W - --	53 yrs	Beat #3	Typhoid Fever	Dr W. H. Lovelady
Jack Salter	Oct 27	Ala M W - --	39 yrs	Beat #10	Structure of bowels	Dr W. A. Barclift
Louis Gunn	Oct 4	Ala M B - --	3 yrs	Beat #10	Entero Colitis	Dr H. C. McRee
Mrs ---- Fletcher	Oct 20	Ala F W - --	40 yrs	Beat #10	Suicide	-----
Alvin Sykes	Oct 25	Ala M B - --	0-2-0	Beat #12	Inf Bowels	Dr S. L. Rountree
Cleburn Lane	Oct 8	Ala M W - --	72 yrs	Beat #13	Paralysis	C. Brown & Son
Lu Lipscomb	Oct 31	Ala F B - --	33 yrs	Beat #13	Heart Failure	S. S. Sykes, Und
Mrs Lonnie Beasley	Nov 20	Ala F W - --	40 yrs	Beat #3	Cancer of stomach	Dr S. M. Wilhite
Mrs Mollie McKey	Nov 29	Ala F W - --	65 yrs	Beat #9	Pneumonia	Dr J. B. Brindley
Mrs ---- Fletcher	Nov 25	Ala F W - --	35 yrs	Beat #10	Suicide	Dr J. B. Brindley
Mrs Mary Leaman	Nov 1	Ala F W - --	20 yrs	Beat #12	Typhoid Fever	Drs Price & Rountree
Infant Garth	Nov 29	Ala F B - --	0-0-3	Beat #12	Inurisen	-----

Mrs Susan Norwood	Nov 4	Ala F W - --	65 yrs	Beat #19	Senility		Dr W. L. Dinsmore
Burtchie Cornelius	Nov 19	Ala F W - --	1 yr	Beat #19	Cholera Infantum		Dr J. B. Shelton
Infant Turney	Dec 29	Ala F W -		Beat #5	Inurisen		Dr F. B. Hunter
Archie Brown	Dec 18	Ala M W - --	9 yrs	Beat #5	Accident		Dr F. B. Hunter
Geo Harris	Dec 26	Ala M B - --	28 yrs	Beat #5	Phthisic		Dr F. B. Hunter
Mrs Freda Hampton	Dec 16	Ala F W - --	22 yrs	Beat #6	Rheumatism		Dr J. T. Young
Joseph Echols	Dec 10	Ala M W - --	60 yrs	Beat #8	La Grippe		Dr C. E. Hogeboom
Sofia Shaver	Dec 20	Ala F B - --	62 yrs	Beat #9	Dropsy	-----	
America Draper	Dec 27	Ala F B - --	9 yrs	Beat #9	Typhoid Fever		Dr P. Binford
Mary Stephenson	Dec 20	Ala F B - --	30 yrs	Beat #10	Consumption		Dr S. L. Rountree
L. P. Thompson	Dec 1	Ala M W - --	32 yrs	Beat #10	Typhoid fever	-----	
Archie Robinson	Dec 17	Ala M W - --	24 yrs	Beat #11	Typhoid fever		Dr M. W. Murray
W. B. Garth	Dec 20	Ala M B - --	0-0-6	Beat #12	Inurisen	-----	
Lydia Hambleton	Dec 12	Ala F W - --	18 yrs	Beat #13	Burned		Dr Frank Emmens

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Mattie J. Scharfenburg	Jan 30	Ala F W M --	33 yrs	Decatur	Inf of bowels	Decatur	Dr M. W. Murry
Jno F. Langston	Jan 30	TN M W S -	3 yrs	Decatur	Membranous Croup	Decatur	Dr J. C. Gillespie
Calera Martin	Jan 28	Ala M W S --	3 yrs	Beat #1	Dropsy	Trinity	Dr Sullivan
Lasey Calmand	Jan 7	Ala M B S --	5 yrs	N Decatur	Inf of bowels	Decatur	S. S. Sykes, Und
Mary Clark	Feb 7	Ala F B S --	1-3-0	N Decatur	Flux	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und
Merrit Jones	Feb 17	VA M B M Farmer	75 yrs	N Decatur	La Grippe	Decatur	S. S. Sykes, Und
Jas. P. Rognm	Feb 22	OH M W M Moulder	60 yrs	N Decatur	Heart Disease	Decatur	Dr W. C. Buckly
Georgia Lyons	Feb 26	Ala F B S --	0-0-3	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	Dr W. E. Sterrs
Nancy L. Thompson	Feb 17	Ala F W W --	60 yrs	N Decatur	Paralysis	Decatur	Dr W. C. Buckly
Jno Taylor Banks	Feb 20	Ala M W M --	62 yrs	Decatur	Con of bowels	Decatur	Dr W. L. Dinsmore
Fred Moore	Feb 5	Ala M W S --	0-11-0	Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	Dr M. W. Murry
Pompy Hodge	Feb 6	Ala M B M Drayman	25 yrs	Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und
Jesse Shearde	Feb 13	---- F B M HKeeper	24 yrs	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und
Mattie Basham	Feb 12	---- F B M HKeeper	22 yrs	N Decatur	Dropsy	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und
Moses Fitzgerald	Feb 24	Ala M B M Farmer	25 yrs	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Town Creek	S. S. Sykes Und
Adella Frazier	Mar 9	OH F B M HWife	55 yrs	N Decatur	Consumption	Decatur	Dr W. C. Buckly
Infant	Mar 13	Ala F W S --	0-11-0	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	Dr W. L. Dinsmore
Forest N. Eaton	Mar 26	Ala M W S --	3 yrs	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	Dr W. L. Dinsmore

Sallie E. Robinson	Mar 9	Ala	F	W	M	HWife	50 yrs	N Decatur	Inf of bowels	Decatur	Dr E. J. Conyngton
J. R. Adams	Mar 7	Ala	M	B	S	Laborer	33 yrs	N Decatur	Consumption	Decatur	Dr M. W. Murry
Bessie Johnson	Mar 7	TN	F	W	S	----	5 yrs	N Decatur	Drowning	Pulaski, TN	Calvin Brown
Becky Orr	Mar 11	Ala	F	B	M	HKeeper	40 yrs	N Decatur	Female complaint	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und
Sarah Orr	Mar 7	Ala	F	B	W	HKeeper	35 yrs	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Danville	S. S. Sykes Und
Randall Harris	Mar 8	Ala	M	B	M	Laborer	28 yrs	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Limestone	S. S. Sykes Und
Caladonia Jackson	Apr 5	Ala	F	B	S	--	7-4-0	N Decatur	La Grippe	Limestone	S. S. Sykes Und
Laura Lewis	Apr 27	S.C.	F	B	W	Laborer	51 yrs	N Decatur	Phthisis	Rowland	S. S. Sykes Und
B. L. Rogers	Apr 14	Ala	M	B	S	--	0-10-4	N Decatur	Flux	Minor Hill	S. S. Sykes Und
Lon Mack	Apr 27	Ala	M	B	S	--	1-8-0	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und
Robert R. Sykes	Apr 25	Ala	M	B	S	--	0-1-0	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	S. S. Sykes
Margaret Milligan	Apr 28	Ala	F	W	W	--	85 yrs	N Decatur	Bowel disease	Coleman Place	Dr J. T. Pitts
-----	Apr 26	Ala	M	W	S	--	4 yrs	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	Dr W. L. Dinsmore
William Barker	Apr 28	Ala	F	B	S	--	3 yrs	N Decatur	La Grippe	Decatur	Dr Chas Williams
R. Jackson	Apr 30	Ala	F	B	S	--	0-3-0	N Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	Dr Chas Williams
F. W. Bumgerth	Apr 27	OH	M	W	S	Laborer	30 yrs	N Decatur	Typhoid Malaria	Decatur	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Hattie Johnson	Apr 13	TN	F	W	M		27 yrs	N Decatur	Inf of bowels	TN	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Will Grigsby	Apr 29	TN	M	B	M	Laborer	33 yrs	N Decatur	Bilious Colic	TN	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Kelly Fennell	May 23	KY	M	B	W	Farmer	65 yrs	N Decatur	La Grippe	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Henry Jackson	May 17	Ala	M	B	S	Farmer	15-7-0	N Decatur	La Grippe	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Roberta Sherrard	May 30	Ala	F	B	S	--	13-9-0	N Decatur	Slow Fever	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Richard Cash	May 5	Ala	M	B	S	Laborer	26 yrs	N Decatur	Abscess of Brain	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Joe Hitching	May 8	Ala	M	B	W	Farmer	59 yrs	N Decatur	La Grippe	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Ella Boid	May 29	TN	F	B	M	HWife	23 yrs	N Decatur	Consumption	Ala	Dr Chas Williams
Nina Mitchel	Jun 4	Ala	F	B	S	HGirl	23 yrs	N Decatur	Consumption	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Clyde Mosley	Jun 3	Ala	M	B	S	--	0-5-0	N Decatur	Inf of bowels	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Fulton Moore	Jun 24	Ala	M	B	S	--	1-5-0	N Decatur	Malarial Fever	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Trnesial Sims	Jun 28	Ala	F	B	S	--	1-6-0	N Decatur	Teething	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
George F. Orr	Jun 22	Ala	M	B	S	--	7-9-0	N Decatur	Malarial Fever	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Henry Jackson	Jun 18	Ala	M	B	S	--	0-8-0	N Decatur	La Grippe	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Maley Jackson	Jun 3	Ala	F	B	S	--	8-11-0	N Decatur	La Grippe	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Luther Garth	Jun 19	Ala	M	B	S	--	0-0-19	N Decatur	Convulsions	Ala	S. S. Sykes Und
Louis I. Fromholdt	Jun 17	OH	F	W	S	--	38 yrs	N Decatur	Consumption	Ala	Dr G. R. Sullivan
Mary H. Horton	Jun 16	Ala	F	W	W	HKeeper	76 yrs	N Decatur	Senility	Ala	Dr Shelton

-----Wells	Jun 23	Ala	M W S --	1-3-0	N Decatur	Hives	Ala	Calvin Brown Und
Wm J. Chandler	Jun 17	Ala	M W W --	63 yrs	N Decatur	Brain Fever	Ala	W. C. Buckley
-----Echols	Jun 9	Ala	M W S --	0-0-7	N Decatur	Hives	Ala	J. C. Gillespie
Mary A. Motherwell	Jun 3	OH	F W W HKeeper	51 yrs	N Decatur	Heart Failure	Ala	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Dora Cummings	Jun 19	Ala	F B S --	25 yrs	N Decatur	Puerperal fever	Ala	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Nancy Love	Jun 4	Ala	F W W HKeeper	75 yrs	N Decatur	Paralysis	Ala	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Edmond Collier Jr	Jun 9	Ala	M W S --	3-3-0	Decatur	Bowel Trouble	Decatur	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Mrs M. C. McCutcheon	Jun 20	Ala	F W S --	69 yrs	Decatur	Inf of bowels	Decatur	Dr P. C. Gaston
----Rooks	Jun 18	Ala	F W S --	0-7-0	Decatur	Bowel Disease	Decatur	Dr W. M. Murry
Tony Cameron	Jun 19	Ala	M W S --	0-4-21	Decatur	Cholera Infantum	Decatur	Dr R. L. Stephenson
Guss Pattin	Jun 22	TN	M B S Laborer	21 yrs	Decatur	Pneumonia	Decatur	Dr Chas Williams
Infant	Jun 1	Ala	F B S --	0-0-2	Decatur	Anemia	Decatur	Dr Chas Williams
Carrie White	Jun 28	Ala	F B W HKeeper	33 yrs	Decatur	Consumption	Decatur	Dr Chas Williams
Brown Colmon	Jun 28	Ala	M B S Laborer	23 yrs	Decatur	Consumption	Decatur	Dr Chas Williams
----White	Jun 16	Ala	M B S --	3 yrs	Decatur	Whooping Cough	Decatur	Dr Chas Williams
Infant	Jun 2	Ala	M B S --	0-0-10	Decatur	Anemia	Decatur	Dr Chas Williams
Philip Karcher	Jul 19	Ala	M W M Capitalist	47 yrs	Decatur	Dropsy	Decatur	Dr W. L. Dinsmore
Carl A. English	Jul 8	Ala	M W S --	2-3-0	Decatur	Congestion	Decatur	Dr W. L. Dinsmore
Julia D. Vick	Jul 25	Eng	F W M HWife	59 yrs	Decatur	Meningitis	Decatur	Dr W. L. Dinsmore
Teeman Winseth	Jul 30	Ala	F W S --	2 yrs	Decatur	Inf of bowels	Decatur	Dr G. R. Sullivan
Myrtle Dodd	Jul 15	Ala	F W S --	1-3-0	Decatur	Cholera Infantum	Decatur	Dr G. R. Sullivan
Mary Orr	Jul 28	Ala	F W S --	4 yrs	Decatur	Malarial Fever	Decatur	Dr G. R. Sullivan
E. E. Camper	Jul 2	Ala	F W S --	21 yrs	Decatur	Malarial Fever	Decatur	Dr G. R. Sullivan
Ella T. Springsteal	Jul 11	TN	F W S --	0-3-0	Decatur	Malarial Fever	Decatur	Dr G. R. Sullivan
Wm Fowler	Jul 19	Ala	M W S Laborer	44 yrs	Decatur	Stomach & bowel	Somerville	Dr M. W. Murry
Italyne Townsend	Jul 30	Ala	F W W Clerk	38 yrs	Decatur	Typhoid Fever	Decatur	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Beulah Banks	Jul 7	Ala	F W M HWife	23 yrs	Decatur	Cong of bowels	Decatur	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Martha E. Drake	Jul 17	Ala	F W M HWife	40 yrs	Decatur	Typhoid Fever	Birmingham	Dr E. J. Conyngton
Henry Gilbert	Jul 25	Ala	M B S --	1 yr	Decatur	Teething	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und
Sarah Troupe	Jul 22	Ala	F B S --	0-8-0	Decatur	Teething	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und
Mack Williams	Jul 2	Ala	F B S School boy	11-3-22	Decatur	Indigestion	Bell Mina	S. S. Sykes Und
Luke Moore	Jul 13	Ala	M B W Minister	53 yrs	Decatur	Indigestion	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und
Sue Wilson	Jul 11	Ala	M B S --	0-3-0	Decatur	Inf of bowels	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und
Joe Mitchel	Jul 6	Ala	F B S --	4 yrs	Decatur	Malarial Fever	Decatur	S. S. Sykes Und

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Book Reviews

COMPTON AND ALLIED FAMILIES

Authors: Freda Compton Adams and Ivydene
Simpson Walls

Published by the authors, 1996

Price: \$50.00 plus \$5.00 postage.

Pages: 8 1/2" x 11", 462 pages, plus a 53 page
full-name index. Hardcover.

May be ordered from:

Walls Historical Publications
1809 Walls Lane NE
Hartselle AL 35640
205-773-6688

The principal author of this book is Ms Freda Adams who was assisted by TVGS member and *Valley Leaves*' Morgan County Correspondent, "Dene" Walls.

The book identifies the descendants of Aquilla Compton and wife Elizabeth Norris who entered Frederick County Maryland from England about 1724. They then link the Comptons to Orange County, North Carolina in the 1780's.

The book traces the descendants of each of the Compton's fourteen children, some into the fourth generation, but its main emphasis is on the descendants of their sixth child, Norris.

Norris was born in 1773 in Orange County, North Carolina and moved to Spartanburg and Greenville Counties, South Carolina. Norris had three wives and it was his immediate descendants who moved into Marshall County, Alabama around 1852. While the authors have covered most of Norris's children, they spent their greatest effort on his thirteenth child, Monroe, and his immediate descendants. This book also covers the Flack and Hughes families who intermarried with the Compton family in Marshall and Morgan Counties Alabama.

This is a very serious, well researched, and well laid out book. There are well written narratives on the history of the family, the meanings of various items of documentation as well as a brief history of migration movements in the United States.

The authors appear to use first and second hand information for biographies of the

most recent generations. One author stated that "over 650 letters were mailed out in the February" [preceding publication] to update information and correct errors and omissions. The biographies for recent generations contain the person's name (in bold upper case letters); date and place of birth; marriage date, location and spouse's name; date and place of death and place of burial. Children's names and birth dates are also listed. Occasionally cause of death may be listed.

In addition to the brief biographical information for recent generations there are identified good quality photographs and photocopies of obituaries. Unfortunately, none of these are dated nor are sources or locations identified, but since this is a family genealogy, this may be considered a minor defect since persons and dates can be identified by a detailed search through the text.

The information on the earlier generations is well documented with sources identified. The authors have included transcribed text of wills, deeds, church minutes, estate records, military records and census information. There is a photocopy of a very old Family Bible and throughout the book there are photocopies of various legal documents which are connected with the family. In addition to this "hard information" there are copies of family members' letters, most of which date from the late 1800's to very early 1900's. These letters contain information about family members and traditions.

The only puzzling item in this book is a Compton Coat of Arms, which is referenced as taken from *Burke's Peerage*. There then follows a detailed description as to whom the arms were awarded. The description makes it very clear that the arms could not have been awarded to a direct ancestor of this line. Since coats of arms are not awarded to families, but to specific individuals, I am puzzled as to why this coat-of-arms appears in this otherwise fine book.

- Reviewed by Richard A. Smallwood

**FLINT RIVER PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Author: Charles R. Wells.

Published by the author, 1996

Price: \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling

Pages: 8 1/2" x 11", 34 pages, no index. Soft cover. Spiral Binding.

May be ordered from:

Mr. Hulen Chambers
2300 Winchester Road
Huntsville AL 35811

This book is in three sections, or chapters. The first chapter deals with the physical history of the church. Researcher Charles R. Wells traces the evolution of the church from 1808 when the congregation met in the home of a member. The final deed was dated September 1884 and the final mortgage was satisfied in 1943.

There has long been confusion about the names and locations of the very early churches in the northeastern part of Madison County.

Mr. Wells has traced the evolution of this church through the minutes and recorded deeds and even included maps to aid the reader in pinpointing the location[s] of the church through the years. He adeptly clarifies and explains the differences between the early Baptist churches, especially Enon Baptist Church of Christ which was organized a year after the Flint River Primitive Baptist Church. He also shows when and where other Baptist churches were organized.

The second section, or chapter, of this book is entitled, "Early entries from the church minute book," and begins in 1808. There is no notation made that the "minutes" consist of selected entries and are very incomplete. For instance, they jump from February 1810 to August 1821 omitting all entries in between. Subsequent entries, through 1868, are so few in number that they were either selected at random or were intentionally confined to those dealing, solely, with Negro membership. The author does not state what his criteria was.

This reviewer has a complete copy of these minutes and feels a great opportunity was lost in not publishing them in their entirety thus making a major genealogical and historical contribution. There are names in the original

minutes that appear nowhere else in Madison County records, and had they been included they would have been a great genealogical resource tool.

The third section is a "partial listing of the Constituting Members and other early members." Again, no introduction was given and no basis was shown for selecting some names and omitting others. There are approximately 375 persons listed in the original minutes (with some duplication of names) but the author of this book chose to use only 152 names. At least the names they chose to use are listed in alphabetical order.

The fact that this book was done as a history for present church members as opposed to developing it as a genealogical tool is probably a factor in why various items were omitted.

Despite the book's shortcomings, the material included in its first section justifies the price of the book.

- Reviewed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

**THE GIPSON FAMILY of
FRANKLIN COUNTY,
TENNESSEE, THEIR
ANCESTORS AND
DESCENDANTS**

Compiled by: Judy Henley Phillips

Published by the compiler, 1996

Price: \$35.00.

Pages: 8 1/2" x 11", 304 pages, full-name index. Softcover.

May be ordered from:

Judy Henley Phillips
P. O. Box 853
1000 Westside Drive
Tullahoma TN 37388

This book describes the descendants of Allen Gipson who, at age 10, came to Franklin County, Tennessee from Laurens County, South Carolina with his father. Mrs. Phillips has been unable to positively identify the father of Allen from among the other Gipson/Gibson men living in Franklin County.

There is a wealth of information in this book and seldom have I seen as much good documentation in a family history.

No numbering system is used. This is probably due to the fact that the author has

been unable to find the immigrant ancestor. However, the lack of a numbering system makes it extremely difficult to follow lineages, even though, parents' names are supplied within each person's historical sketch.

Each Gipson/Gibson is listed in alphabetical order. If parents, are known, they are enclosed within parenthesis and then the subject's vital information is given. If a spouse or spouses are known, their name, vital information and parentage are listed. Any children are identified along with their date of birth and their spouses' names. Documentation and sources are identified at the end of each individual's biography.

In the prologue to this work the author discussed her extensive research in Laurens County, SC to prove the father of her Allen Gipson. Brief biographies of all located Gipson/Gibsons are included even though they may not be in her direct line.

- Reviewed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

**AN INDEX TO
ALABAMA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION
MEMBERS
AND
THEIR ANCESTORS
1903-1996**

Compiler: Clifford D. Black

Published by: National Society Sons of
the American Revolution, 1996

Price: not given

Pages: 8 1/2" x 11", 165 pages, plus a 98 page
full-name index. Hardcover.

May be ordered from:

National Society Sons of
the American Revolution
1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville KY 40203
502-589-1776

The book identifies the descendants of Revolutionary War soldier and patriots who were members of the Alabama Society of the SAR. Entries are listed according to the membership number assigned by the Alabama Society. Therefore the full name Index is very important. Since this book is essentially nothing

but a list of names, the Index is 98 pages thick. There are two important omissions in this book.

The first omission - in 38 out of the 44 earliest submissions dates are given only for the Revolutionary ancestor and the Alabama Society member. This was unavoidable as the early membership applications did not contain this information.

The second omission - for all entries, there are no birth or death locations listed for anyone between the Revolutionary Ancestor and the Alabama Society member. This was an unfortunate editorial decision as it reduces the research potential of the book. Still, this book is valuable, it just means that other sources will have to be used to confirm lineages.

- Reviewed by Richard A. Smallwood

**JOHN MORRIS (D 1762) OF
WORCHESTER COUNTY, MD AND
HIS DESCENDANTS**

Author: James Morris Patterson

Published by the author, 1996

Price: \$27.00 plus \$3.00 postage.

Pages: 8 1/2" x 11", 207 pages, plus a 23 page
full-name index. Hardcover.

May be ordered from:

James M. Patterson
3007 Brunswick Avenue
Owens Crossroads AL 35763

The book identifies the descendants of John Morris of Worchester County Maryland who later migrated to Missouri.

The author appears to have spent a great deal of time in research, but the book suffers from uneven presentation.

One the best and notable feature of this book is that all proper names are shown in bold upper and lower case letters.

The author appeared to use first and second hand information for biographies of the most recent generations and sources are given. Unfortunately, the sources' identifications are usually so vague that a researcher would have trouble trying to verify or continue research. The biographies, for recent generations, contain the minimum of; the person's name, their spouse's name and their children's names. Pass this point, there is so much variation as to what else is included that no other general

remarks can be made.

In addition to the brief biographical information for recent generations there are 79 identified photographs of widely varying quality. Many of these photographs are dated and some have location and sources listed. There is a separate Table listing photographic subjects in the order that they appear in the book.

There are testimonials, anecdotes, and poems written by and about various family members scattered throughout the book which adds a personal touch.

The author uses a Modified Register System to show generations and family groupings. He discusses the different systems and explains, in detail, how his system works. This is a nice touch.

The documentation on the earlier generations consists primarily of brief abstracts of wills and, to a lesser degree, from the book *They Lived in Somerset* (author's name not given). I am surprised by the use of single sources as proof of relationships between generations.

The author's notation of sources deserves comment. The Maryland sources show the County's name followed by letters and numbers and then letters, none of which are explained. A case in point is the reference to "Worcester County MD, Will book JW4 17691783 F249 Dryden." If you are familiar with Maryland records then you will have little problem. If you are not familiar with these records, you will be lost. The code is explained as follows; The "JW" are the initials of the name of the Orphan's Court Clerk. The "4" means that the book (Libra) is the fourth book he recorded since beginning his term of office. "17691783" should have been written as 1769-1783, the years that the book covers. "F249" is Folio (page) number 249. I have no idea what "Dryden" refers to.

There is a "Morris Family Shield" included in the book and on its front cover the author credits its existence to a previous work on the Morris family and includes a definition of "Heraldry" from the Columbia Encyclopedia. The author, correctly, states that many books display such family shields and he expresses confusion that there are so many different designs for the surname "Morris." Flatly stated,

people need to be made aware of the fact that there is no such thing as a "Family Coat of Arms" or "Family Shield." Coats of Arms were and are still awarded to specific individuals, with a proven right to display or "bear coat armor." In most cases, this right is then passed through the male line.

In summation, this is not a "bad" book. It is, in fact, a good first effort. The book reads well and there appears to be information in this book which has probably not ever been recorded before. However, technical errors and lapses (such as faulty proofreading) do detract from its overall worth. Further, the lack of firm and complete information for recent generations will limit its usefulness for future generations to make their family connection.

- Reviewed by Richard A. Smallwood

**MARRIAGES OF JACKSON
COUNTY, ALABAMA, 1871-1876
and 1876-1881**

Compiled by: Addie K. Stovall Shaver and Sybil Hinman

Published by the compilers, 1996

Price: \$20.00 plus \$3.00 postage and handling
Pages: 8 1/2" x 11", 261 pages, with Full name index

May be ordered from:

Mrs. Shaver
2105 Maysville Road NE
Huntsville AL 35811

This is the second volume of marriage records of Jackson County Alabama produced by these two members of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society. The marriage record information was meticulously copied and proofread to aid genealogists and historians researching in that county.

The page number of the original book on which each marriage is found is included which aids a researcher when requesting copies from the courthouse. All information in each entry has been included such as the name of the bride and groom, bondsman, officiating officer along with the date the license was issued and date of solemnization.

The Probate Office, where marriage records are housed, caused the original marriage books to be photocopied and reduced in size. Unfortunately, they did not photocopy

the parental permission slips or information on places of marriage which were attached to the original books. Once the photocopying was completed, the large original marriage books were then "retired" leaving only the smaller easily handled photocopies available for public use. Ms Shaver and Ms Hinman copied the marriage information from the old original books so all permissions and places of marriage are retained in this published work.

The first volume of Jackson County Alabama Marriage Records (1851-1856 and 1859-1871) is still in print and sells for \$15 plus \$3 postage and handling from the same compiler at the same address.

- Reviewed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

PEACEFIELD GENEALOGY FORMS

Author: Kirk Vredevelt

Published by the author, 1996

Price: \$15.00 per copy plus \$5.00 postage and handling.

Pages: 8 1/2" x 11". 55 pages.

May be ordered from:

Kirk Vredevelt

1128 Calvin Avenue

Grand Rapids MI 49506

This book contains one each of 55 different genealogical forms along with instructions on how to use them for maximum benefit. Mr. Vredevelt generously allows you to photocopy or reproduce any or all of these master forms as many times as you like provided it is for YOUR USE ONLY. They are not to be reproduced and sold or even given away - a reasonable request.

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- Reviewed by Dorothy Scott Johnson

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31-61

***COLE*HARLESS*ARNOLD*
*PRICE***

Who were the parents and children of John Cole who is on the 1840 census of Marshall Co. AL? John Cole married Susannah Harless in Madison Co. AL in 1819. Who were Susannah's parents? What was her relationship to Thomas Harless who married Nancy Arnold in Madison Co. in 1818, and to Rebecca Harless who married John Price in Madison Co. in 1818? John and Susannah Cole moved to Lavaca Co. TX about 1853 near Hyrum Harless. What was the relationship between Susannah and Hyrum?

*Andrew J. Tidwell, 54 Hampton Drive,
Seguin TX 78155 (210) 372-2595*

31-62

BOWLING*SHADDIX*BARRETT

Seeking info on my grandfather William Robert Bowling b. Ashland, AL 1874; and his parents, Samuel Bowling b. ca 1851 AL and Pennina Shaddix b. ca 1851 AL, dau. of Robert Shaddix; and Samuel's parents, Nathaniel Bowling b. ca 1823 TN and Hannah Missouri Barrett b. ca 1827 SC. Would like to correspond with anyone connected to the Bowlings in AL.

*Betty J. Fryrear, 602 W. Ute Ave.,
Stillwater OK 74075*

31-63

***ROGERS/RODGERS*
*MAYFIELD*ELLISON***

Researching the family of John A. Rogers born about 1823 in AL. Middle name is thought to be Allison. Married Eliza J. Mayfield, dau of Isaac Mayfield, in Monroe Co. MS in 1847. Had family of 13 in MS and TN where the family migrated between 1870 and 1880. Need parents of John A. who were born in TN. Is the Robert Rogers who married Jane Ellison of Madison Co. in 1815 the same Robert and Jane who appear in the 1850 census in Monroe Co. MS? Wish to make contact with others researching the Rogers/Rodgers of northern Alabama and northeastern Mississippi.

*Richard Adams Stokes, 3800 Glacier
Highway, Juneau, Alaska 99801
E-mail: stokes@alaska.net*

31-64

BELL*LATHAM*BROWN*HOLT

Searching for info on Francis Bell, early resident of Madison Co. AL, who died prior to 8 Mar 1856. One known granddaughter was Rebecca (Bell ?) who married James Latham. The Latham children were: Martin S., Charles H., Martha Jane (b. 1851 d. 1910 Haskell Co. OK) m. Joseph L. "Bud" Brown,

Susannah Mary and Cassandra, all residents of Marshall Co. AL as shown on the 1860 census. Also request info on Joseph L. Brown's parents, Joseph b. 1800 in NC and Mary Holt Brown (a Cherokee, d. ca 1885 GA). Joseph and his children moved to Blount Co. AL. We will share extensive descendant records with responding family members.

Freeman and Pat Eary, 2510 Cockburn Drive, Austin TX 78745-4339 (210) 645-6690

31-65

CARSON*BATES*CURTIS

Seeking info on the Carson family who were in AL from 1810 to about 1848. They came from GA moving then to MS. John C. Carson b. 1786 Abbeville, SC married Sarah Bates. Their children were: Nathan Franklin (do not confuse with Nathaniel Carson), b. 1813 in SC, Thomas H., Sarah, Emily, and unknown others. Nathan Franklin Carson's wife was Amanda Roe Curtis b. AL. Their son, Alfred Roe Carson was b. 1847 in Franklin Co. They were in Baldwin, Blount, and Franklin Cos. Anyone furnishing info will receive a packet of Texas Bluebonnet seeds. If it is really good info, I will include a nice Texas flag.

Alan B. Carson, 8504 Appalachian Dr., Austin TX 78759-7928

31-66

****CAMPBELL****

Seeking parents of my ggrandfather, John B. Campbell b. Dec 1820 in Madison Co. AL. He moved to northern Louisiana in the mid 1840s, possibly in connection with the Campbellite movement. In 1848 he married Ruth Elizabeth Cavett b. ca 1820 in Hazel Green, AL. William B. Campbell who

lived in Madison Co. from 1820 until his death in 1850 may have been related, but neither his son, John B. Campbell, nor the John B. Campbell who owned property in Madison Co. was my ggrandfather. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

James B. Campbell, Jr., 16615 Brenton Oaks Dr., Spring TX 77379 (281) 370-4298

31-67

TURNER*TRAMMEL*PIERCE

Seek parents of Zachariah Bennette Turner, Sr. (b. 1820 Bedford Co. TN, d. 14 Sep 1891 Morgan Co.). Lived in Marshall Co. AL, Lafayette Co. MS, and Morgan Co. AL. He married Nancy Jane Trammel. Also seeking parents of Sarah Jane Pierce, b. 4 Mar 1858, possibly in Franklin Co. AL and died 1896. She was of Choctaw/Chickasaw descent and the first wife of Zach Turner, Jr.

*David G. Turner, 1702 Crow Valley NW #1011, Dalton GA 30720 (706) 279-3031
E-mail: dturner@alltel.net*

31-68

JONES*SMITH

Seeking info on George Washington Jones of Marshall Co. AL. He was born there and was listed in the 1850 census living in the 23rd subdivision (where is this located?). He moved that same year at Arkansas. He married 15 Dec 1846 Mary Anne Smith also of Marshall Co. Their children were Martha E., William G., and Nancy D. J. W. Jones may have had brothers named John and C. C. (perhaps Clement or Calvin).

*Lynn Bates, 15306 N. Trenton Ave., Skiatook OK 74070 (918) 396-3858
E-mail: RBates3174@aol.com*

31-69***LARGEN*LARGIN*LARGENT***

There was a Thomas Larger cited in the 1830 Alabama census in Limestone Co. When the microfilm of the original copy of the census was examined, the second "r" of Larger was very unclear, and could very easily be an "n". The census lists an unmarried male between the ages of 20-30 years which matches up with the age we would expect our Thomas Largen to be at that time. In addition, the proximity of Limestone Co. in northern AL places this "Largen" very close to where our ancestors eventually settled in Marshall and Lincoln Cos. of southern TN and Madison Co. AL. Does anyone have any evidence of Thomas Largen/Largin/Largent being in Limestone Co. possibly between 1825 and 1831?

Linda Largin Carroll, 18206 Navajo Trail, Spring TX 77388-9007

31-70***CRYER*RAINS*
*MISENHEIMER***

Searching for information on the families of William and Louisa Rains Cryer of Morgan Co. Louisa was born 1837 to Wyatt and Sarah Rains. William Cryer was born 1836 and died prior to 1877 when Louisa and her daughter, Sarah Frances Cryer (Misenheimer), born 1863 in Morgan Co. moved to Tipton Co. TN. The Misenheimer family located in Limestone Co. until 1877, when they also moved to Tipton Co. TN.

David Misenheimer, 119 Kelsie Court, Georgetown KY 40324 (502) 868-9961

31-71***HONEYCUTT***

Searching for information on any Honeycutt in Cherokee County between 1830 and 1845, including any cemetery markers.
Ed Hunnicutt; Rt. 1 Box 127B; Durant OK 74701.

31-72***STOCKTON***

Searching for the parents of Andrew J. Stockton b. 1 April 1845, possibly in Jackson Co. He married Mary Lucinda Malloy, possibly in Wayne Co. MO, and shows up in Dunklin County MO betw. 1880-90. There is an A. J. Stockton living with John Shell in the 1860 Jackson Co. census, is it he?
Brenda Nikirk; 9115 Talcott; Houston TX 77049.

31-73***MORTON*MANLIEF***

Searching for information on the families of William Morton and Mary Manlief. Family tradition has it that both families moved from Northern Alabama or South Tennessee to Dearborn County Indiana where they married - 16 November 1826.
Bernadine Drake Tatman, 4284 Orchard Lane; Cincinnati OH 4523

NOTE: Will the persons requesting information on the

BELLER*WILBURN***CAMPBELL*HUNT***

and

SUMPTER*TODD

families please resubmit their queries along with their names and addresses?

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