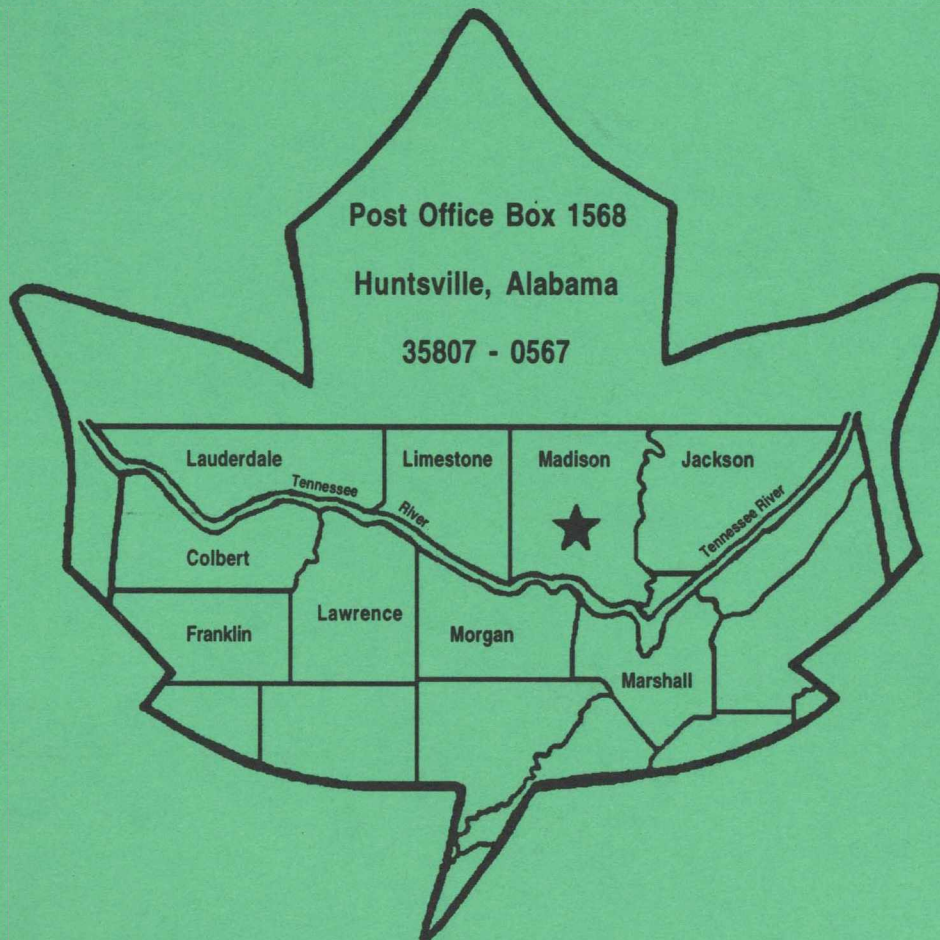


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Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society President's Message

Dear Members,

This is an exciting time as we prepare for our annual spring seminar. This year, our usual one topic/ one speaker Seminar will become a many topic/ many speaker Conference. The TVGS Executive Board and our Society's volunteers have worked very hard to arrange the very best genealogical lectures for you. Just think, what a learning opportunity! Learn to master the latest research techniques, learn new sources and develop new skills from the pros. Fulfill your dream of being the best you can be!

This conference's theme is, **Nineteenth Century Ancestors and the Records They Kept**. Often researchers become frustrated as records keeping changing with the formation of new counties and states. The programs in this conference focus on what you should look for as you travel through the Nineteenth Century.

On another subject: The donations for the *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Grant Applications Series #804* microfilms have slowed. We now have a total of 161 rolls of from this valuable microfilm series. If you have an ancestor living in the colonies during that time period, you owe it to yourself to use this research tool. If your direct ancestor did not fight for the colonials in the War, you may want to research whether any of his blood kin or in-laws fought. Often qualifying testimony reveals wonderful family information. Remember, the series covers the entire 13 British colonies. The price per roll is still only \$18. This can be such a great help in your research and for our library and it takes such a small investment.

A report is included showing the Certificates issued for First Families of the Tennessee Valley. As you can see, since our last report, we have received double the number of applications. Many members, who were asked if they would verify documentation may wonder why nothing have happened. The reason is simple, the overwhelming majority of the applications we received are of the highest quality. Very few have needed information to be verified. When there has been a question, the applicants have been able to provide the additional information. However, the program is still on-going, so we have no idea what the future holds.

The first Certificate Signing was held just before Christmas in the Heritage Room of the Huntsville Public Library. The turnout was wonderful. Raneè Pruitt did a great job [as usual!] with serving the hot cider and cookies. It was a momentous occasion for all. We are still accepting applications, and would welcome your application. You can visit our TVGS Website at <http://hiwaay.net/~white/TVGS/tvgs.html> and our First Family Website at <http://hiwaay.net/~white/TVGS/1stfam/html>.

Thanks goes to our great Webmaster, Richard White, we have had over 24,000 visits to our regular TVGS Web page in only 16 months!

Happy [Genealogical] Hunting Everyone !!

Sincerely,

Gay Cushing Campbell
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Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files Microfilm Purchase Scorecard

Rolls Purchased, Listed by First Letter of Surname.

A = 1 out of 98 = 1%
 B = 19 out of 346 = 5%
 C = 21 out of 283 = 7.4%
 D = 4 out of 155 = 2%
 E = 2 out of 65 = 3%
 F = 5 out of 91 = 5.5%
 G = 4 out of 111 = 3.6%
 H = 13 out of 239 = 5%
 I = 0 out of 8 = 0
 J = 1 out of 59 = 1.6%
 K = 6 out of 54 = 11%
 L = 2 out of 100 = 2%
 M = 14 out of 190 = 7.4%
 N = 1 out of 36 = 2%
 O = 1 out of 20 = 5%
 P = 12 out of 132 = 9%
 Q = 0 out of 4 = 0
 R = 5 out of 115 = 4%
 S = 21 out of 227 = 9.3%
 T = 2 out of 99 = 2%
 U = 0 out of 4 = 0
 V = 1 out of 27 = 4%
 W = 24 out of 191 = 12%
 X = no rolls listed
 Y = 0 out of 12 = 0
 Z = 0 out of 2 = 0
 Misc. = 1 out of 1 = 100%

Note:

This is the 2nd in a series of reports on the progress of the Society's project to purchase the entire National Archives #804 Series of microfilm.

The TVGS Board of Directors voted to allocate all profits derived from the First Families project, the Annual Spring Seminar and various mini- workshops towards purchasing these rolls of microfilm for the Huntsville Public Library.

Who purchased the Microfilms:

(as of February 15, 1998)

Huntsville Library = 3 rolls

TVGS Special funds = 65 rolls

From 60 individuals = 93 rolls

Individuals that gave:
 one roll each = 46 persons
 2 rolls each = 10 persons
 3 rolls each = 1 person
 4 rolls each = 1 person
 5 rolls each = 1 person
 15 rolls each = 1 person

Total Rolls Purchased = 161

Total Rolls in the Series = 2670

Percent of Series Purchased = 6.0

Number remaining to purchase = 2509

If Present Purchase Trend Continues

Averaged number rolls purchased per month = 27

Number of months needed to complete set = 92.9

Number in years to complete set = 7 2/3

Estimated Date of Completion = October 15, 2005

Corrections, Announcements & Comments

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TVGS Lapel Pins

The TVGS, 30th Anniversary lapel pins are still available for \$5.00. They can be bought at the front desk at the Heritage Room on the third floor of the Huntsville - Madison Co. Library or ordered by mail. Use the TVGS address and be sure to include an additional \$1.50 for postage and handling.

The 2nd List of Those Persons Who Have Qualified for First Families of the Tennessee Valley. Listed in the order the Applications were approved:

<u>Applicant's Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Ancestor's Name</u>	<u>County</u>
33 Evelyn Smith Rochelle	Huntsville	AL	Jonathan Tipton	Madison
34 John Robert Jones	Huntsville	AL	Mary Saunders Jones	Madison
35 John Rison Jones, Ph.D.	Huntsville	AL	Mary Sample Brandon	Madison
36 Mary Walton Johnson Dudley	Huntsville	AL	Levi Hinds	Madison
37 Joe T. Sims	Lady Lake	FL	Littlepage Sims	Madison
38 Charles Kenneth Powers	Portland	TN	Jessee Evans	Lauderdale
39 Dennis William Powers	Van Nuys	CA	William Simpson, MD	Madison
40 Richard Hanna Wall	Huntsville	AL	Robert Wright	Madison
41 Wayne N. Cox	Abilene	TX	James Cox	Limestone
42 Carolyn Eugenia Sowell	Midland	TX	Samuel McKinney	Madison
43 Oscar Lee Glover	Red Bay	AL	Richard Glover	Madison
44 Stephanie Leigh Smith	Toney	AL	Elizabeth Grande Sanderson	Madison
45 Dorothy Sandlin Blair	Huntsville	AL	Reuben Simmons	Madison
46 Dorothy Sandlin Blair	Huntsville	AL	William Street	Madison
47 Vernon Allen Jones	Cedar Rapids	IA	John Jones	Madison
48 John Matthews Ennis, MD	Huntsville	AL	Sarah Bledsoe Shelby Fearn	Madison
49 Edwin Dudley Burwell III	Huntsville	AL	Nathan Strong	Madison
50 June T. Shapiro	Huntsville	AL	Nancy Bynum Turner	Madison

If you have an ancestor who was in any of the nine (9) counties of North Alabama which are served by TVGS before 14 December 1819. You can send for an application at the Society's address: Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, Inc.; P. O. Box 1568; Huntsville, AL 35807 - 0567. Attention: First Families.

• Correction and Apology •

On page 52 of the December, 1997 issue of Valley Leaves, First Families of the Tennessee Valley Certificate #22 was shown as being issued to "Winona" Switzer, her name should have been written Wenona Jones Switzer. Our apologies to Ms. Switzer.

• Major Corrections and Additions • 1809 Madison County Census

On pages 76 and 77 of the December 1997 issue of Valley Leaves, the Census was listed. Unfortunately, 29 names were incorrect or were omitted. On the facing page, the corrections (marked with a bullet) are listed between leading and following names which did appear in the article. The applicable page and column numbers are listed as an additional finding aid.

Corrections, Announcements & Comments - continued

Correction & Additions to the 1809 Madison County Census - continued

There seems to be some disagreement as the correct spelling of some names. The source for names for this correction and the previous article was pages 684 through 692 of the *Territorial Papers, Mississippi Territory*, Volume 5. 1934 Clarence E. Carter. Published by the National Archives.

Leban Rice

- Aaron Rice - page 76, column 1
- Reubin Brock

Lettleton Felps

- Harman King - page 76, column 1
- James Moore
James Pybes
• John Murr - page 76, column 1
Thomas Speaks

Francis Shaw

- John Shaw - page 76, column 1
- James Walker

Issaiah Hamilton

- Alexander McCollom - page 76, column 1
 - James Hamilton - page 76, column 1
- John Gatlin

Mary Morrow

- John Ridenour - page 76, column 2
- Asahal Babb

George Bayzone

- Levi Hines - page 76, column 2
 - Benjamin Hines - page 76, column 2
- Absalem Colwell

James McGowen

- Henry Maxwell - page 76, column 2
- John Hester

Henry Forgusson

- Robert S. Qallient - page 76, column 3
- John Bason

Jacob Prewit

- Joseph York - page 76, column 3
 - William Prewit - page 76, column 3
- James Mahan

Peter Anderson

- Jacob Cannimore - page 76, column 3
- Erikus Anderson - page 76, column 3

Samuel Cannimore

- John Lamley - page 76, column 4
 - Levy Byram - page 76, column 4
 - Reubin Stone - page 76, column 4
 - Jessey Cannimore - page 76, column 4
- David Lindsey

Reddin Crisp

- Isaac Lee - page 76, column 4
 - William Prewit - page 76, column 4
 - John Bowren - page 76, column 4
 - William Crisp - page 76, column 4
- Henry Landers

James Christian

- Thomas Austin - page 76, column 4
 - Allen Christian - page 76, column 4
- Mathew Pendall

Richard Mardis

- Joseph Wofford - page 77, column 1
 - John Killingsworth - page 77, column 1
- Ebenazar Byram Jr.

William Hallmark

- Isaac Nesmith - page 77, column 1
- John May
Thomas Nismith
• John Nismith - page 77, column 2
Thomas Hewlet

Robert Liston

- Jessey French - page 77, column 2
- James Seton

Thomas John son

- Lewis Pew - page 77, column 3
- George Snodgrass

Alexander Baxter

- James Baxter - page 77, column 3
- Rowland Cornelius

Franklin County

The Franklin Times, Russellville, Alabama

Extracted by Oscar L. Glover

Editors Note: This is the eighth installment of extractions from this newspaper. The first installment appeared in Volume 30, Number 3 (March 1996) 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.

February 22, 1901 [Publication for this date missing.]

March 1, 1901 [Publication for this date missing.]

March 8, 1901

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Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Huntsville, Ala. March 6, 1901. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Russellville, Ala. on April 22, 1901, viz.: Robert Williams, H. E. No. 23,838 for the SW 1-4 SE 1-4 and S 1-2 SW 1-4 Sect 15 and NE 1-4 NE 14 Sect 22, T7 R 10 West. He Names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: Joshua Carpenter, Lee Carpenter and Mitchell Carpenter of Kirby, Ala., and James H. Kimbrough of Newburgh, Ala. John A. Steele, Register.

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Huntsville, Ala. March 6, 1901. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Russellville, Ala., on April 20, 1901, viz.: Leroy Carpenter, H. E. No. 24018 for the S 1-2 SW 1-4 Sect 24 & E 1-2 NW 1-4 Sect 25 T 7 R 10 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: William Platt, of Kirby, Ala., Robert Williams of Newbrough, Ala., Will Roberson of Mt. Hope, Ala., Ed R. Kirby, of Kirby, Ala. John A. Steele, Register.

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In Memoriam. On the 2nd day of February, 1901, the homes of Spruce Pine and community were saddened by the death of Christian Scharnagel, one of the oldest and most beloved citizens.

He was born in Germany on the 20th day March 1831 of intellectual parentage, and educated in one of the most renowned institutions in that country, famous for the ripe scholarship, where he graduated with honor. When twenty years he emigrated to the United States and settled in Chattanooga, Tenn., where he married on the 20th day of October, 1855, the wife he has left to mourn his departure. Two years later he moved to Franklin County, Alabama, and became one of the pioneer settlers of the community where he died. For forty-four years he has identified in every enterprise of interest and progress in this community as one of its most active, energetic, useful and honored citizens. Possessed by nature and indomitable courage, unimpeachable honesty and splendid mental faculties, his mind was well stored with varied information. Conversant with the German, American and English authors in history, art, science and literature, his liberality was abounded. He was the

friend of the poor and needy, to him it was a pleasure to give. He has left his name embalmed in the hearts of his host of friends on account of his kind and generous deeds. They loved him and can but speak of him to praise him. He was a kind husband and father, a faithful friend, and a most worthy citizen. These noble attributes of character will ever shed a consoling light upon his tomb. The silver chords of love that united him to his family and friends has been severed, never again to be reunited on this side of the dark valley of the shadow of death.

Farewell dear friend, no more will the light of thy countenance cheer the solitary hour. No more will joy, hope and good will be to all beam from thy face to cheer thy friends on earth. We can only love and cherish your memory; and contemplate that we too are ere long to follow thee and bow to inexorable fate. Yes we will not forget thee till life's last ray. In the dark night of death shall have faded away.

Bennie Jack.

Burleson Dots. Mr. E. J. Vinson and Willie have just arrived from Corsicana, Tex., where he has been for the past year. Mr. Vinson says Texas may be all right for some people, but it wasn't for him.

March 15, 1901

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Beat Meeting. The democrats of Russellville Precinct of Franklin county met in Beat Meeting last Saturday. W. H. Norris and Arthur Smith were elected Chairman and secretary respectively. After the object of the meeting had been stated, Hon. W. I. Bullock moved that the Chairman appoint a committee of 3 to select 13 delegates to the county which was called for the 14th March. The Chairman appointed Mess. W. I. Bullock, B. H. Sargent and C. R. Burgess members of the committee. The committee after deliberation placed in nomination the following gentlemen as delegates to the convention, all of whom were unanimously elected. W. H. Norris, Arthur Smith, J. A. Wilson, Henry Counts, Wm. East, Joe James, B. H. Sargent, C. H. Burgess, C. M. Sherrod, T. R. Williamson, W. I. Bullock, T. S. Hyde and A. C. Frederick. There Being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Trustees Sale. Whereas A. C. Davis and his wife Virginia I. Davis, executed their certain deed of trust bearing date of the 7th day of March 1893, by which they conveyed unto Joseph Martin, as Trustee, the tract of land hereinafter described, to secure the payment of an indebtedness therein recited to The Southern Building and Loan Association, a corporation organized under the laws of Alabama (said deed of trust is of record in the office of the Judge of Probate for the County of Franklin, state of Alabama, in Vol. M. R. No 3, Pages 271-272-273.)

And whereas the said Joseph Martin has departed this life, leaving said trust unexecuted, and the said C. L. Nolan has been appointed by said association as Trustee in the place and stead of said Joseph Martin, deceased, under and by virtue of the power in said deed of trust contained:

And whereas the said A. C. Davis has made default in the in the payment of said indebtedness at the maturity thereof, as stipulated in said deed of trust;

Now, therefore, the undersigned, as Substitute Trustee, under and by virtue of the power contained in said deed of trust, will offer for sale, at public outcry, within legal hours, for cash, in front of the county Court House door in the town of Russellville, County of Franklin, State of Alabama, on Monday, the 8th day of April 1901 to satisfy said defaulted indebtedness, the following described tract of land, situated in the town of Russellville, to-wit: Commencing at a stake on Gaines Street at a corner of Mrs. Willis A. Steadhams lot, running north with said Street 95 feet to Madison Street; thence west with said street 300 feet to a stake; thence south 78 feet to the lot of Mrs. Willis A. Steadham, thence east along said lot to the beginning. C. L. Nolan, Substitute Trustee. February 14th, 1901.

March 22, 1901 [Publication for this date unreadable.]

March 29, 1901**Page 1.****Obituary.**

While Fighting the battle of early life,
 The Master in mercy then ended earths Strife,
 She said in much wonder, I've only begun;
 He smiled back in answer, come faithful, well done.
 She looked for white harvest, the sheaves, yet unbound,
 She reached forth to gather, He gave her the crown.

The home and community of Mrs. Bell Atwoods was made sad and left in mourning, Feb. 16, 1901, by the death of her little niece, Alma Atwood, one of our most promising and beloved little girls. Born Sept. 30, 1888, near the place she died. Born of an intelligent and Christian family. Always being a kind and obedient child at home and at school, giving all of her spare time in reading good books or in studying her Sunday school lesson, and trying you do something to please her playmates and make them happy and cheerful. She possessed a great mental power, that many girls of her age did not. Her mind was able to solve all problems expected to be solved by one her age. Her death was very sudden and shocking, only being sick eight days. Was at school on Friday the 8th and took part in our Friday evening exercises, leaving school with a bright and lovely face, never to return again, leaving teacher and school mates to mourn her loss with her relatives, as her vacant seat can never be filled. If anything could have caused the community special pain it was the death of Alma. How we remember her dear face! Lovely, lively, intelligent and affectionate, ever displaying a thoughtfulness beyond her years. May God add his blessing upon her two little sisters and brother as it is his will not ours. J. J. Sibley.

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Huntsville, Ala., March 22, 1901. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Russellville, Ala., on May 4, 1901, viz William J. Creekmore, H. E. No. 24122 for the NW 1-4 NW 1-4 sect 6 T 8 R 12 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Henderson Todd, William Stone, Thomas Pounders, Arthur Pounders, all of Spruce Pine, Alabama. John A. Steele, Register.

April 5, 1901**Page 3 -**

The City Election. The city election passed off quietly last Monday with no disturbance of any kind. With the exception of W. A. Orman, the entire official family remains unchanged. R. O. Sibley is the new councilman who takes the place of W. A. Orman, he having defeated the latter gentleman by 71 votes. Mayor Allens majority was one that he can well be proud of, as it was hinted, that a chopping block was being prepared for his head, prior to the election. His majority was 75 votes. Below we give the vote in full:

For Mayor.

E. T. Allen, 175; J. D. Frederick, 90.

For Alderman of the 1st Ward.

N. T. Underwood, 209.

For Alderman of the 2nd Ward.

W. B. Hutchins, 106; J. T. Mansell, 138.

For Alderman of the 3rd Ward.

W. A. Orman, 79; R. O. Sibley, 150.

For Alderman of the 4th Ward.

W. A. Clark, 190.

For Marshall.

R. M. Berry, 100; J. H. Malone, 157.

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Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, Land Office at Huntsville, Ala. March 1, 1901. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Russellville, Ala. on April 13th, 1901, viz: James W. Harden, H. E. No. 23955 for the SW 1-4 NE 1-4 SE 1-4 NW 1-4 & W 1-2 NW 1-4 Sect 29 T 7 R 10 West. He names the following to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Jesse W. Spear, Porter Duboise, Aaron A. Murphee, Green B. Thomas, all of Eatonton, Alabama. John A. Steele, Register.

April 12, 1901 [Publication for this date missing.]

April 19, 1901**Page 2 -**

Jurors. The following constitute the Grand and Petit Juries for May term of the Circuit Court of Franklin County:

Grand Jury.

W. T. Reid, J. W. Skidmore, W. T. Nelson, R. F. Taylor, A. H. Powell, Ed A. Jones, A. J. Barnett, J. R. Weatherford, W. D. Bowen, T. W. Estes, W. M. Gaut, G. W. Sims, R. P. McDowell, W. I. Thompson, G. A. Britton, Sr., T. F. McCullouch, S. J. Bowen.

Petit Jury, 1st Week.

J. W. Fulton, G. R. Burgess, Wm. Rollins, R. M. Craig, J. W. Rigsby, Wesley Horton, W. H. Gates, L. C. Bendall, L. L. Jackson, C. C. Sparks, W. J. Bragwell, Polk Cleere, Jno. A. Benson, C. D. Britton, B. F. Barrett, Aleck McKinney, E. S. Grissom, D. K. Hindman, F. C. Norman, R. L. Bobo, W. T. Henley, J. M. Jordan, H. B. Wrenn, Joe Smith, J. W. Doss, G. W. Bobo, Aaron Bullen, R. F. Saint, A. R. Britton, Thomas Trapp.

Petit Jury, 2nd Week.

S. C. McClellan, S. A. Thompson, D. A. Malone, Abe Farned, J. C. Sibley, J. M. Sullivan, W. H. Thorn, Sr., P. L. O'Reily, Holly Ivey, J. F. Taylor, F. M. Bolton, L. J. Dennis, R. J. Fant, John A. Cain, D. N. Bobo, G. B. Haney, K. T. Silf, A. C. Jordan, C. J. Broderick, J. B. Harden, Pat Culligan, J. W. Smith, W. R. McCain, Wm. M. Dobbs, C. E. Hill, W. A. James, R. W. Sanders.

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Untitled. The Confederate veterans of Franklin County met at the court house at Russellville last Saturday for the purpose of effecting an organization to attend the Memphis reunion. The meeting was called to order by H. G. Sargent, who stated the purpose for which they had met. Capt. T. E. McCulloch was elected chairman and W. P. Jordan, secretary. Upon calls for enrollment the following 52 veterans of the late civil war stepped forward and had their names placed on the Roster. **16th Alabama.** Co. H. W. D. Bowen, A. B. Reed, H. G. Sargent, W. A. James, L. B. Bean, John Carter, W. H. Freeman, Russell Allen. **Co. E.** Wm. Rollins, D. A. Malone, R. D. Malone and J. M. Thorn. **Co. B.** Peter Clay. **Co. C.** J. J. Townsend. **27th Alabama.** Co. G. T. A. Hurst, T. E. McCulloch, C. F. Fleming, G. O. Bowen and J. E. Coan. **Co. I.** J. J. Burn. **4th Alabama.** Co. C. J. M. Orman, J. W. Wesson, Polk Cleere, G. D. Cleere. **Co. L.** J. Jordan, J. C. Nelson. **Co. E.** Wess Murphy. **Co. G.** Wm. Petree. **5th Alabama.** Co. E. E. J. Hale, J. R. Clarks, J. T. Mansell. **Co. A.** John R. Chilcoath. **34th Alabama.** Co. G. G. W. Franklin. **13th Alabama.** Co. C. Ed. S. Jones, Jasper Oliver, John Oliver. **Co. E.** J. E. Smith. **2nd Mississippi.** Co. K. John McIntosh, A. W. McIntosh. D. D. K. Smith, **Co. D.**, **2nd Ark. Bat.**; B. W. Jones, **Co. C.**, **1st GA.**; J. W. Horton, **Co. C.**, **1st Miss.**; Dave Box, **4th Miss.**; Aaron Murphy, John Barrett, **Co. A.**, **Morlands Regt.**; Gardner Willis, **Co. A.**, **9th Tenn.**; W. F. Taylor, **Co. F.**, **14th S.C.**

In honor of the late Col. Jno. W. Harris of this place the camp was named Camp Jno. W. Harris. Peter Clay was elected Capt., T. E. McCulloch, 1st. Lieut., J. A. McCulloch, 2nd. Lieut., J. M. Jordan, Adjutant and W. D. Bowen as color bearer. W. D. Bowen was color bearer in the old 16th Ala. and bears upon his body evidence of his bravery in the late war.

A committee composed J. H. Orman, Dr. J. K. Clarke and T. B. Lawler was appointed to select sponsor for the camp. The camp was adjourned to meet again on Saturday May the 11th at the Courthouse in Russellville. Camp Harris will attend the Memphis reunion as a body and these Old

Ex-Confeds will join in making that occasion a memorable one.

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COUNTY OFFICIALS. *Probate Judge*, R. J. Moody. *Sheriff*, Walter S. Wilson. *Circuit Clerk*, B. F. Britnell. *Tax Assessor*, Price Jordan. *Tax Collector*, S. R. Hester. *Treasurer*, J. N. Sibley.

BOARD OF REVENUE. W. J. Wesson, Thos. Nix, E. W. Richardson, Richard Winchester.

CITY OFFICIALS. *Mayor*, E. T. Allen. *Aldermen*, N. T. Underwood, J. T. Mansell, R. O. Sibley, W. H. Clarke. *Marshall*, J. H. Malone.

Court Directory.

CIRCUIT COURT. E. B. Almon, *Judge*. W. H. Sawtelle, *Solicitor*. W. S. Wilson, *Sheriff*. B. F. Britnell, *Clerk*. Convenes on the 1st Monday in May and November and continues 2 weeks.

CHANCERY COURT. W. H. Simpson, *Chancellor*. W. H. Austin, *Register*. Convenes on Thursday after the 1st. Monday in February and August and may hold 3 days at each term.

COUNTY COURT. R. J. Moody, *Judge*. W. J. James, *Solicitor*. Convenes on the 3rd. Monday in each month and may continue to next term.

BOARD OF REVENUE. (Commissioners Court). W. J. Wasson, *1st. District*. Thomas Nix, *2nd. District*. E. W. Richardson, *3rd. District*. Richard Winchester, *4th. District*. Convenes the First Mondays in April and November and the second Mondays in February and August.

April 26, 1901

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Burrous Hurst Dead. God calls another jewel to shine in his house. Burrous Hurst was born and raised near Russellville and died at his fathers home on the 22nd of March, aged 21 years and 13 days. Burrous was one of those unselfish souls with whom we seldom meet, who thought more of other peoples comfort than his own. For twelve long months the hand of affliction was laid heavily upon him, yet he was never known to murmur or complain, and his greatest anxiety to get well seemed to be that he might be the comfort, stay and support of his parents in their declining years. Burrous was not a member of the church, but in his last days he gave to his people the assurance of his soul being stayed upon Christ by faith, and that death, the king of terror had no power over him. He acknowledged the prayers of his people and friends in his behalf and assured them that their prayers had been answered in his salvation. At the last he bade his friends good bye and asked them to meet him in heaven. It seems so hard to give him up just in the bloom of his manhood, yet there is the hope of that blest immortality which is brought to light by the Gospel and we believe that all his powers of mind and soul will be matured and protected in the glorious Kingdom of our Lord. A dutiful and affectionate son and brother, an honest, true and faithful friend has gone to his final reward. Peace to his ashes! The comforts of Gods love to the bereaved. A Friend.

May 3, 1901

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Mortgage Sale. Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned on the 2nd day of Nov., 1897, by John M. Tubbs & his wife to secure certain notes therein described, and which is recorded in the Probate office of Franklin Co., Ala., in M. R. Book Vol 5 Pages 344 & 345 and also in the Probate office in Colbert Co., Ala., in Vol 19 of Mort. Record P-402. We will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Russellville, Ala. on Saturday May 28th 1901 the following described land in Colbert Co. Ala., to-wit: W 1-2 of SW 1-4 & W 1-2 of SW 1-4 of NW 1-4 Sect 25 T5 R12 also one forth undivided interest in the following land in Franklin Co. Ala. to-wit E 1-2 of NW 1-4 Sect 11 T6 R12 known as the Tubbs land. Sale within hours prescribed by law. Wilson & Co., Almon & Bulloch, Attys.

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Jackson County

Jackson County Will Book L, 1865-1866 Pages 20 to 45

Abstracted by Lois Robertson

Editor's Note: This is the second installment in a series of article abstracting this book. The first installment appeared in the December 1997 issue.

Abstractor's Note: The source material for this series, is housed in the Jackson County Heritage Center in Scottsboro. The original book is a very large, fragile, red, leather bound volume. It has been recently photocopied and reduced to a more manageable size. The copy is housed in the Probate Judge's Office in the County Courthouse in Scottsboro. Even though the volume is labeled a "Will Book," it is more correctly described as probate records.

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JOHN GRAY Estate

Before the Probate Judge, Lawson C. Coulson, William Gray is petitioning the Court to allow the nuncupative will of his son and heir, John Gray, be properly probated. William Gray says that in September or October 1862, John Gray made his will as he was entering the Confederate Army and that his family was present at the time. He died on the 2nd day of March 1864 at Cassville, GA. And, that while in the Army, he repeated to a friend, Pleasant Ledbetter, the disposition he had made of his property. John Gray was never married and died without issue, owned no real estate and was survived by his father, William Gray, his mother, Mary Gray, and brothers and sisters, James Isaac William Thomas J and Sarah Eliza Fannie and Mary Gray. [There is no punctuation between the names so that it is difficult to know how many siblings there are.] His property consisted of one sorrel mare and colt, one bay mare, "bought but not paid for at \$150.00 excepting fifty dollars paid by Testator in his life time," two cows and calves and one open account upon George Johnson for ten dollars due 25th December 1862 and three head of hogs. The property was bequeathed to William and Mary Gray during their lifetime and then to his surviving brothers and sisters if there should be any, if not to their offspring. At the time of the making of the will, John Gray was of sound mind and over twenty-one years old.

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Sworn to by William X Gray on November 13, 1865.

mark

W. H. Norwood is appointed and agrees to serve as Guardian ad litem for Thomas J. Gray, a minor under the age of twenty-one years and the brother of John Gray, decd. November 30, 1865.

Pleasant Ledbetter comes into open court to say that a short time prior to the death of John Gray, they were in the Confederate Army, stationed at Tullahoma, TN and had a conversation in which John Gray expressed his wishes in relation to his property in case he should not survive the war that it should go to his father and mother, "that they have been very kind to me and I do give the same to them that the said John expressed this to be his intention he spoke to me solemnly on the subject he was sick and we talked of death etc this was in the encampment of the soldiering and the said John was a Confederate soldier at the time he was of full age and sound mine and competent in the opinion of affiant to make a will." Signed P. Ledbetter, 30 November 1865.

JOHN GRAY - Estate (continued)

The nuncupative will of John Gray is entered in Will Book L, pages 22 and 23, by order of Lawson C. Coulson, Judge of the Probate Court, at Bellefonte, November 30, 1865. Signed by William and Sarah Gray both by marks. Witnessed by Daniel M. Martin and W. G. Stuart. [In three other places, the Mother of John Gray is listed as Mary, rather than Sarah.]

Pages 23-28**JESSE T. TRICE Estate**

Before Judge Lawson C. Coulson, Judge of the Probate Court, Jackson County, AL, Terrel[?] Gray, is filing a petition that he be issued Letters Testamentary, in order that he may settle the estate of Jesse T. Trice, who died in August 1863, seized and possessed of Real Estate amounting to perhaps \$120.00 and considerable personal property and some currency. In the will, made 12 December 1862, Terrel Gray was named as Executor and witnesses were Soloman G. Grimmett and Willis A. Langston. The Will distributes the real and personal property to Salley Ann Trice, his widow, Mary Ann, William, Laston and Susan Trice, the children who are minors under the age of 14 years and reside with their Mother in Jackson County.

Sworn and subscribed on 20 Sept 1865 and signed by Terrel Gray.

L. H. Brewer is appointed and agrees to serve as Guardian ad litem for Mary Trice, William Trice, Laston Trice, and Susan Trice. 2 October 1865.

Solomon G. Grimmett appears before Judge Coulson and testifies under oath that he was a witness to the Will of Jesse T. Trice, that Jesse Trice was of sound mind and disposing memory and in his opinion was fully capable of making his will and was of the full age of twenty one years and upwards. Signed October 2, 1865.

JESSE T. TRICE - Last Will and Testament

...considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and disposing memory ... 1st, to my beloved wife, Sally Ann, all of my whole estate, to all just debts first being paid, to hold during her widowhood, but in case she should marry, my whole estate to be sold and be equally divided between my children and my wife, Sally Ann. ...appoint my friend Terrel Gray my sole Executor. Signed 18 Dec 1862 by Jesse T. Trice. Witnessed by S. G. Grimmett and W. A. Langston.

A performance Bond of \$6000.00 is signed by Terrel Gray, A. W. Collins and A. H. Reid on 22 September 1865 and approved by Judge Coulson on 2 October 1865. And Letters of Testamentary are granted to Terrel Gray.

An Inventory of the Estate of Jesse T. Trice is presented, totaling \$2537.77 and includes the following:

- One hundred dollars in Tennessee currency
- Martin Sisk note for \$73.80 dated Dec 25, 1863
- Milton Carter and J. D. Prince note for \$3.00, dated May 16, 1857
- John Miller note for \$5.00, dated Aug 31, 1859
- Leonideas Vinzant note for \$10.00 date 12 Dec 1862
- A. H. Reid note, \$5.00 dated 21 Dec 1861
- Rhoda Holland note, \$30.00 dated 30 Mar 1857
- Frazier & Hill note, \$5.00 dated 25 May 1860
- James Burke note, \$22.90 dated 10 Jul 1852
- Jno. Swafford note, \$12.00 dated 10 July 1852
- Frazier & Hill note \$24.00 dated March 5, 1861
- M. D. Bostic note, \$52.85 dated 28 Dec 1861
- J. H. Allen note, \$2.25 dated 16 Aug 1854

JESSE T. TRICE - Estate (continued)

John & Godfrey Matthews note, \$12.00 dated 13 Jan 1852
 Godfrey Matthews note, \$10.00 dated 27 Jun 1862
 Milton Carter note, \$3.95 dated 25 Jun 1854
 Louisa Bishop note, \$7.20 dated 4 Aug 1862, due \$7.00
 John Bishop note, \$5.00 dated 13 __ 1858
 S. Martin, note, \$152.70 dated 9 Nov 1860
 Holland & Proctor note, \$175.00 dated 20 __ 1860
 James B. Chorn note, \$25.00 dated 1 Aug 1862
 Charlie Austille note, \$2.10 dated 14 Aug 1854
 A. W. Collins note, \$11.20 dated 9 January 1858
 100 Acres land, \$600.00 [not described]

The above inventory was presented by Terrel Gray, 27 October 1865.

Pages 28-39**ELIZA COX Estate**

An inventory of the estate of Eliza Cox is presented in Court by J. W. Brown. [The Last Will and Testament of Eliza Cox appears on page 63-64, *VALLEY LEAVES*, Vol. 32, No. 2.]

Gold, \$2.00
 Silver, \$1.40
 Exchange Bank of Charleston, SC, \$5.00
 Bank of Chattanooga, \$5.00
 Bank of Fulton, Georgia, \$5.00
 City Treasury, \$1.00
 State Bank of Indiana, \$1.00
 Confederate Bonds, \$300.00
 U. S. Currency, \$2.00
 John Caulfield Note, \$151.88 dated Aug 11, 1860
 W. R. Cox Note, \$50.00 dated 22 July 1850
 Mary Page Note, \$100.00 dated March 14, 1857
 J. W. Brown Note, \$50.00 dated Feb 5, 1858
 Cr Feby 1, 1860, \$25.00
 Wm. Beene Note, \$132.45 dated Jan 20, 1857
 Cr Aug 30, 1859, \$100.00
 Sarah A. Long Note, \$100.00 dated Feb 1, 1862
 Mary Page Note, \$5.28 dated Jan 21, 1859
 J. W. Brown Note, \$170.00 dated Sept 22, 1856
 W. R. Cox Note, \$217.00 dated Jan 21, 1858
 Cr Feb 27, 1850, \$100.00
 Mary Hornbeak Note, \$453.25 dated Dec 10, 1861
 Mary Hornbeak Note, \$538.75 dated Dec 10, 1859
 W. R. Cox and Eliza Cox Note, Security, \$25.00, dated Jun 4, 1858
 Wesley Lamton? Note, \$4.83 payable to J. W. & A. L. Campbell & Co.
 Account on Sarah A. Long, Due 1862, Steers, \$30.00

1864 Gold \$2.50
 3 lbs Wool, \$1.50
 8 lbs Rice, \$.24
 1 Bush? Wool? \$1.50
 Rent of 9 acres of land, \$13.50 (not described)

1865 Rent of 16 acres of land, \$32.00
 Provision for self & family feeding stocks, 4 July 1863 to 4 July 1864, \$200.00

ELIZA COX - Estate (continued)

Mary Hornbeak, 4 lbs wool, \$2.00
 E. Brown, 1864, 10 lbs honey, \$1.24; 3 lbs sugar, \$.75; 1 lb wool, \$.50; 6 lbs rice, \$.18
 Rent of 3 acres, \$25.00
 T. T. Cotnam, Cash, \$5.25, Jan 8, 1863, 1 cow & calf

 1866 Wm. Mason, cash, \$15.00
 James Cox, Aug 1, 1859, 560 lbs bacon, \$56.00
 per order, 20 lbs bacon, \$2.00
 Wm. Wallace, Oct 12, 1859, Oct 12, 1859, 24 lbs bacon, \$3.00
 W. T. Gunter, Jun 1, 1860, 75 lbs bacon, side, \$9.14
 79 lbs bacon, shoulder, \$7.00
 due 12 Dec 1860, \$10.00
 1 pr shoes, \$1.00
 M. Freeman, 29 Oct 1861, 85 lbs beef, 3.82-1/2
 James Hornbeak, Feb 23, 1860, 116 lbs pork, \$8.12
 Nov 21, 1862, cash \$25.00
 1864, 1 horse, \$35.00
 Balance on Vouchers, \$50.55
 James Hamilton, 1861, 90 lbs flour, \$3.35
 Elijah Hornbeak, 1862, balance on horse, \$65.00
 W. R. Cox, 1849 paid to amount \$35.00
 Jan. 10, hogs, \$40.00
 Feb 1, amount paid \$5.50
 Lewis Cargile, Mar 20, apple grafts, \$2.00, 5 bu oats, \$1.25
 Apr 2, 2 bu corn, \$.50
 5 hogs bought, 5.00
 18-1/2 bu corn recd from A. Scott, \$18.50
 May , Corn \$7.50
 June 7, Corn, \$14.25
 25, Corn, \$1.00
 12, corn \$.60
 Aug, 1 bu wheat, \$1.00
 25, 2 bu wheat, \$.80
 Nov, cash, \$2.00
 December, \$110.00
 transferred, \$105.64
 316 lbs pork, \$7.90
 Amount paid 45?, 46?, 47?, \$20.90
 300 bands fodder, \$3.00
 135 lbs pork, \$3.57-1/2
 March 1857, R. H. Price, 50 apple grafts, \$5.00
 Receipt on George J. Dawkins, attorney, for collection of a note on Peter T. Rankin and Wm. Beene,
 for \$500.00.

The remaining 3 pages of inventory consist of the usual items, such as corn, wheat, stock, tables, chairs, bedsteads, feather beds, blankets, sheets, pillows, spinning wheels, mirrors, books, and candlesticks. The inventory is filed by J. W. Brown on 5 Nov 1865.

The appraisal of the above inventory is subscribed before Asa. W. Christian, J. P., by Milton Jenkins, James E. Vernon and J. L. D. Russell, Appraisers.

ELIZA COX - Estate (continued)

The account of sale of personal property belonging to the Estate of Eliza Cox was filed by J. W. Brown, 28 Oct 1865. Buyers included:

A. A. Grider	W. D. Warrington	Sarah Warrington	R. L. Gentry
Leanah C. Caulfield	Aaron McFarland	J. W. Brown	Spence Rice
Rev. Henderson Price	Jack Cox	J. H. Horbeak	J. G. Brown
J. O. Hawk	Melvina Cox	Mrs. H. Price	F. M. McMahan
W. P. Hornbeak	A. W. Christian	Milton Jenkins	J. L. D. Russell

The above lists and sale list of buyers is presented in Court by Jesse W. Brown before Judge Caulfield, saying that it is a true list and that the sale was fairly conducted on 23 and 24 of October 1865.

Pages 40-41**MEREDITH KING Estate**

An inventory and appraisal of the property belonging to the estate of Meredith King, deceased, is filed by John Whitfield, W. F. Thorp and Joel Arnold before Gideon Harris, Justice of the Peace. The inventory consists of about 237 acres of land valued at \$1500.00 [not described], about 21 bbls of corn, \$100.00, various pieces of farm equipment, stock, oats, fodder, seed cotton, 1 saddle and 1 bedstead.

W. G. Mitchell, one of the Administrators of the estate of Meredith King, deceased, comes before Judge Coulson with a list of money on hand and of affidavits of lost notes belonging to the estate:

\$382.50 in gold and silver

\$29.00 in Georgia and Tenn. Banks

1 voucher for \$90.00 in the hands of Wm. Austin for collection

1 Affidavit on N. Kyle for about \$40.00 given sometime in July or August 1860 and calls for gold with interest, a credit of three or four dollars.

1 on Ed Acklin given to Nelson Robinson in year 1861 for about \$41.00 in gold

1 on Adison White for \$600.00 given about 17 Feb 1860

1 on J. A. and W. T. Shelton for \$250.00, given about 17 Mar 1860 in gold, interest from date on credit for ten dollars, one for twenty five dollars in 1861 or 1862

Signed by W. C. Mitchell, Nov 20, 1865.

Pages 42-45**HARDY KEEL Estate**

On 11 November 1865, Mariah Keel, the widow of Hardy Keel, was represented before Judge Coulson by Parks & Robinson, Attys, to petition for her Dower to be set aside. The petition declares that Mariah and Hardy Keel were married in July 1858 and that he died 7 March 1862. Soon after, Vincent Kennemore was given the administration of Hardy Keel's Estate. At the time of his death, his property consisted of the following lands in Jackson County: the N2 NE4 Sec 32 T4 R3E; the SW4 NW4 Sec 32 T4 R3E, also the E2 NW4 Sec 32 T4 R3E, Huntsville Meridian, containing about 200 acres. Mariah is the Mother of one Child, Daniel N. Keel, a minor under the age of 14.

[See Shaver and Hinman, *Marriages of Jackson County, Alabama, 1851-1856 and 1859-1871*, page 45, Hardy Keel to Mariah Kirkpatrick, Lic: 21 Jul 1860, Sol: 2 Aug 1860 by E. C. Williams, JP]

W. H. Norwood accepts the appointment of Guardian ad litem for Daniel N. Keel, minor heir of Hardy Keel, Dec 11, 1865.

By order of Judge Coulson, H. D. Tipton, Sheriff of Jackson County, appointed S. E. Kennemore, Wm. Cochran, Samuel Cox, C. C. Tipton and A. S. Frazier, to allot and set off the dower of Mariah Keel, 20 Dec 1865.

On 20 Dec 1865, the above named freeholders, allotted the following described lands as the dower of Mariah Keel: the NE4 NE4 Sec 32 and the NW4 NE4 Sec 32 containing 40 acres more or less.

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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 32, Number 2; December 1997 issue.

The bold page numbers are added for clarity purposes only. This clerk had a distinctive writing style, he did not put periods after middle initials, when he began a sentence with the word "and," he did not capitalize the "a," and he abbreviated 22nd as 22d and 23rd as 23d. He habitually misspelled chattels as "chattle" and balance as "Ballance." He also used the spelling "publick" for public and "shew" for show.

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The persons interested in the lands Tennaments [sic] and heriditaments [sic] of John Butler late of said County Deceased having cited to appear and Sho[w] cause why the said lands &c should not be sold to pay the debts of said Deceased Reuben Rucker one of the persons supposed to be interested appeared and attempted to show Cause against the Sale. It is considered that he is not interested and that his cause is totally insufficient. And no person appearing to be interested or showing any cause against the Sale, except the Widow of said Butler Deceased Who it appears has a Dower Estate in said Lands &c. It is therefore considered by the Court that said Lands &c are subject to Sale to pay the said debts Subject to the said Widows Dower estate, and John Gregg Sheriff of said County Administrator of the estate of said deceased is hereby Ordered to Sell the said Lands &c lying in the Town of Moulton at the highest bidder giving a credit to the 25th of December next requiring Bond with Sufficient Security for the payment of the purchase money

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Saving to said Widow her right of Dower the said Administrator required and Ordered to make the purchaser a Deed conveying both interest in said Lands &c as existed in said Butler at the time of his Death on the payment of the purchase money

On the application of John Gregg and Andrew Smyth Administrators of all & singular the goods Chattles and credits of Martin B McMahan at the the [sic] time of his death Ordered that a citation issue to all persons interested in the Lands Tenements and hereditaments of the Deceased requiring them to appear at the ~~Town of Moulton Date~~ Court House in the Town of Moulton on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in August next to show cause if any they have why the said Lands &c should not be sold to pay the Debts of the deceased. And is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County set Within five days from this time three of the said citations in three of the most

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publick places in said County And that the Clerk of this Court have One of the said Citations inserted three times in the *Courtland Herald* giving thirty days notice

Notice having been given as heretofore required by a former Order of this Court, and cause not being shown to the contrary It is Ordered that the Executor of the last Will and testament of David Mason late of said County Deceased Sell the Lands that belong to the said Deceased at his Death at publick auction On a Credit of twelve Months taking bond and approved Security for the payment of the purchase money

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and it is further Ordered that said Executor on the Receipt of the purchase Money Convey to the purchaser such title as the said Deceased at the time of his Death held in said Lands. And it is further Ordered that the Sheriff of said County hand the Executor a Copy of said Order

Ordered that this Court do now adjourn [sic] till the next regular Term thereof

Peter W Taylor

On the app [sic]

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Orphans Court Special Term 1829
State of Alabama) County Court in vacation Special Term
Lawrence County) July 1st 1829

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the personal estate of Lewis Green late of said County deceased is insufficient to pay out for the land belonging to said estate, by certificate of further Credit. Therefore on the application of Nancy Green Administratrix of all and singular the goods &c which were of said deceased at the time of his death. Ordered that she sell and Transfer to the purchaser the certificate of further Credit of the South east quarter of section 21 Township 6 and Range 8 west of the Meredian [sic] of Huntsville and further that she give bond in double the sum the said land may sell for conditioned for the faithful administration of money arrising [sic] from said Sale.

Peter W. Taylor J.C.C.

State of Alabama) County Court in vacation Special Term
Lawrence County) July 3d 1829

on the application of Asa & William Hodges ~~Administrators~~
Executors of of [sic] the ~~Estate~~ last will & Testament of Flemon [sic]
Hodges late of said County deceased It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that it would be to the interest of said Estate to sell or relinquish the Certificate of the South east quarter of section No. 6. in Township No. 4. of Range No 2.

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West and also certificate of the North east quarter of section No 5. in Township No 8. of Range No. 5. West in the district of the lands office for Sale at Huntsville. Ordered that they be permitted to sell or relinquish said Certificate as they may think most advantageous to said Estate. Peter W. Taylor J.C.C.

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Orphans Court July Term 1829
 State of Alabama) County Court in vacation
 Lawrence County) return day July 22nd 1829

Present Peter W Taylor Esquire Judge of said Court.

On the representation of James Threlkilled [sic] father of Phillip Threlkild [sic] Ordered that a Writ issue directing the Sheriff of said County to Summon Twelve discreet and lawful men of the County and neighbourhood [sic] of said Phillip to make inquisition whether said Phillip be lunatick [sic] Or [sic] non compos mentis. and that said jurors Shall certify their judgements under their hands and seals to this court so soon as they shall ascertain ~~the con~~ whether said Phillip be Capable of taking care of himself.

Ordered that the time appointed for the final settlement of the Goods Chattles and credits of Richard A Poindexter Deceased, be continued till the next term of this Court.

The Jurors to wit James Hubbard John Simmons Dickson Spears William Furgason J. W. Thomas Edmund Parsons Ephraim Boyd Andrew Smyth Phillip Hall Josiah Wheat Charles Walker R. W. Montgomery who have been Summoned by Sheriff of said County under the Writ issued in Obedience to the above Order being first Sworn have made inquisition and have ascertained [sic] the condition of Phillip Threlkild [sic] of said County and have adjudged that he is Lunatick [sic] and is not capable of taking care of himself It is therefore considered by the Court On the Certificate of said jurors under

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their hands and seal that said Phillip is Lunatick [sic] and is not Capable of taking care of himself. and further that he is not capable of taking care of his property, Over which it is considered that he have no further command authority or contrroll [sic]

On the application of James Threlkild [sic] Ordered that he be appointed Guardian of the person and property of Phillip Threlkild a Lunatick [sic] and [sic] person incalpable [sic] of taking care of himself or property. and it is Ordered that Letters of Guardianship issue to him accordingly On his entering into bond with two securites [sic] in the sum of Ten thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law requires.

The notice heretofore required having been omitted It is Ordered that Littleberry H Jones Guardian of Edward S Price appear in this court on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in September next and make a final Settlement of his said Guardianship and that forty days previous notice thereof be given

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in the *Courtland Herald* and that the clerk of this court send a copy of this Order to the Editor

Notice having been given forty days by a former Order of this court, John L Towns Executor of all and singular the goods Chattles and credits which were of William Felton late of said County Deceased presents the following as a partial settlement of his said Executorship

Estate of William Felton in act Currant with John L Towns Executor by his last Will ~~and~~ Commencing Decr 16th 1825

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1825	1	To pd Luke Hare for corn and fodder)	
Decr 16		& porke [sic] made on the plantation)	
		purchased by Mrs Felton from him)	\$100.00
1826			
Jnry 15	1	To paid J & J Swoope and for)	
		Merchandise 1825)	5.25
	30	To ferriage crossing Twice at)	
		Florrence to see Donalson [sic])	.50
	"	To expenses in Florrence at)	
		Same time)	1.00
Feb 1	2	To paid John Donnelson [sic] one)	
		installment for Land bought)	
		by Wm Felton credited [sic] 30 of)	
		January 1826 on Feltons Contract)	1500.00
		To paid difference in value of)	
		N Carolina & Tennessee money as)	
		the contract called for N C)	
		money 2 1/2)	30.00
	14	2 Pd for coffin to Poore)	
		transferred [sic] to Swoope)	43.00
July 18	3	Pd Robert Blacks of 2 1/2 p c)	
		on \$1600 advanced got to pay)	
		J Donalson for Land purchased)	
		by Wm Felton of him due 1 day)	
		of Febry 1826 and which if)	40.00
		not paid punctually Donalson)	
		threatened to retain the patents)	
		pd interest on the above \$1600 from)	
		Jany 28th to March 27 at which time)	
		50 bales of cotton on which the \$1600)	21.00
		was made and deposited with Rob Black)	
		was sold in New Orleans pr V Z)	220.00
Jun 13	4	pd J M. Banks act 1825)	
	22	5 pd Wm McGregor act for Smith work)	
		in 1825)	12.50
	27	6 Lewis B Lane part of a Bond given)	
		by Wm Felton)	100.00
	8	7 pd B A & Pattin Mercantile act in)	
		part 1825)	56.00

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[Jun]	28	8	pd Isaac Mullins act	40.00
	22	9	pd Wm Hemphill Overseer for 1825	136.56 1/2
	29	10	pd Haden for Glass for hauling timber for house)	21.00
July	3	11	paid P F Pearson act of an Order transfered to him by Wm Glass for hauling cotton to Florence)	27.30
	13	12	Pd W G Doyles Smith act year 1825	51.00
	27	13	pd amt of a bond Princ & Int given by Wm Felton T L Young & Transfered to T L McGonigall)	49.86
Agst	17	14	pd G & J Southerland and in part of a bond given by Wm Felton to Wm Richie and assiged)	

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			by him to Wilie Hudson & by him to G & J Sutherland)	40.00
	7	15	Pd Isaac Mullins act year 1825	11.00
Sept	7	16	Pd B. L. Lawson tuition of Thadeus Felton 1825)	17.11
		20	To this sum given to (Pollard Overseer for expences of waggon going to Trianna [sic]after gin)	5.00
Oct	11	16	Pd A Battles act 1825	12.00
1826			To amount Brt forward \$2540.	<u>\$2540.21 1/2</u>
Oct	16	17	Pd county and estate tax year 1826	60.45
Sept	20		To expenses when going in pursuit of 2 horses stolen from Feltons Est found one at Browns Ferry the other in winchester T.)	7.25
Decr	2	18	Pd. W. Conner newspaper subscription 1825)	4.00
Do.	11	18	Pd Mason & Banks Mercantile Act 1825	26.37 1/2
			18 Pd B. Cox for Keeping horse six weeks	9.00
	20	19	Pd Bond Executed by Wm Felton to Isahal Brunson on 30th Augt 1825 P. & Int.)	1326.00
	20		Pd. E. M. Eggleston for work done on Dwelling House)	237.29
			Total 1825 and 1826	<u>\$4210.60</u>
			By total amt. of credits 1826	<u>2780.72 1/2</u>
			Ballance due end of 1826	1429.88 1/2
			To Interest 30th Decr 1826 on \$1429.88 1/2	114.39
			Contra Cr	<u>1544.29 1/2</u>
1825			By cash given me by Mrs Felton at the time of Mr Feltons [sic] death)	20.00
1826			By 50 Bales of Cotton made in 1825 & sold the 19th day of May 1826 by Deeks Booker & Co in N. Orleans Weighing)	1959.15
			21180 lbs at 9 pr cts charges by Deeks Booker & Co)	<u>233.72</u>
				1725.43

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By 18 Bales sold by Mansel White of)			
Crop of 1825 on 5th May 1826 Weighing)			
7353 at 9 cents		\$661.77	
By 1 Bale sold by me 486)			
at 7 cts		<u>34.01</u>	
		695.79	
Whits charges		<u>83.71</u>	
		\$612.08	612.08

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By 13 Bales of Cotton sold by Mancel)			
White 8th of April 1825 weighing 5491)			
at 9 cts		\$494.19	
Whites Charges		<u>59.09</u>	
Nett proceeds of crop in)			
1825)	435.10	<u>435.10</u>
Sold in 1826			2772.60
By 53 lbs of Bacon sold)			
to Isaac Mullins at)			
13 1/2 cents	\$6.62 1/2)		
By 1 1/2 Bail)			
corn sold to)			
Wm Glass)	<u>1.50)</u>	8.12 1/2	<u>8.12 1/2</u>
			2780.72 1/2

1827	To amt Brot from 1826		
Jany 1	21 To Pd J & J. Swoopes act. 1826		40.19 1/2
	20 21 To Pd. D G. Ligon act		15.00
	22 22 Pd. Evan S. Wiley act for)		
	runing Gear for gin)		63.00
	To interest on this order given)		
	to J M Banks)		5.63
Feb 19	23 Pd J Curtis for painting Dwelling)		
	House)		26.88
Mar 4	24 Pd John Pollard Overseer for 1826		250.00
	10 25 Pd G. G. Williams Medical act 1825		43.00
	10 26 Pd G. G. Williams Medical act. 1826		33.00
	9 " Pd for groceries sent from Orleans)		
	year 1827 by J G. Banks)		35.97
	25 26 Pd W. G. Doyles Smith Act 1826		29.12 1/2
Apl 10	27 Pd Wm Glass for hauling cotton to)		
	S Florrence 1827)		19.50
May 28	Pd. N. Peaysars act. for carpenters)		
"	work done on Dwelling House)		202.90
	To Board Thadeus Felton at my house)		
	to go to Shool [sic] 10 months at)		
	4 per month)		40.00

• TO BE CONTINUED •

Madison County

William Petty Revolutionary War Pension File #7070

Transcribed by Richard A. Smallwood, CGRS

Editor's Note: The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society has an on-going project to provide the Huntsville Public Library with an complete set of the National Archives's microfilm Series #804 - "Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Grant Applications". TVGS intends to use profits derived from its "First Families of the Tennessee Valley" Certification program to purchase rolls of this microfilm. This article's purpose is to show, by example, what a powerful research tool these pension records can be to family researchers. Because of its length, only selected records will be used from the William Petty file.

The result of a successful application, but not the whole story.

WAR DEPARTMENT.	
Revolutionary Claim.	
I certify that in conformity with the Laws of the United States, of the 7th June, 1832, <i>William Petty</i>	
of the State of <i>Alabama</i>	
who was a <i>Private</i> in the war of	
the <i>Revolution</i>	
is entitled to receive	<i>Twenty</i> dollars and
<i>— — —</i>	<i>cents</i> per annum, during his natural life, commencing
on the 4th of <i>March</i> , 1834, and payable semi-annually, on the	
4th of <i>March</i> , and 4th of <i>September</i> , in every year.	
Given at the War Office of the United States, this	
<i>21st</i> day of <i>February</i>	
<i>one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three</i>	
<i>Lothrop</i>	
Secretary of War.	
Examined and Countersigned.	<i>J. S. Edwards</i>

As part of the Pension application system, the applicant was required to follow a set procedure and provide certain information:

1. Make a declaration in court or before a judge.
2. If the declaration was made before a judge, the judge was to comment on whether the applicant appeared to be disabled.
3. The applicant had to give his age.
4. The applicant had to state what his service was; giving the time period, duration of service, his rank, and names of General and Field Officers under whom he served; for each occasion that he served.
5. Name the battles where he fought.
6. State where he entered the service.
7. State what documentation was used to support the applicant's claim.
8. A court official was to certify that the correct form and procedure was followed.

In the case of William Petty, the following information was provided:

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State of Alabama }
 Madison County } ss
 On the 29th day of October 1832
 personally appeared in open court before this Judge of
 the Circuit Court now sitting William Petty a resident
 of the County of Madison and State of Alabama aged
 sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according
 to law, doth on his oath, make the following declara-
 tion, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congref
 pafed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the
 United States under Gen^l Rutherford, Colonel Armstrong
 and Captain Absolom Bostick who was his immediate comm-
 in he marched from Surry County N. Carolina as a drafted
 militiaman through Salisbury from there to Cheraw Hills
 and somewhere in the neighborhood of Rugby's Mills he joined
 Gen^l Gates' army with which he remained until a few
 days before the engagement in which Gates was defeated
 he was detached with about 300 men under the command
 of Major Elisha Isaacs to reinforce Gen^l Sumption who
 he joined in the neighborhood of Camden and remained
 until his defeat in this campaign he was in service about
 three months after the close of which he was engaged in
 scouting parties until he again entered the service as a sub-
 stitute for a man whose name he has entirely forgotten.

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he however recollects that he was commanded by Major
 Francis Hargrove and Capt. Pindleton [sic] Isbell after
 the close of the last campaign he was engaged in guarding
 [the] legislature of N. Carolina he was almost entirely engaged
 in scouting parties which at that time was considered as
 very (?) service - he served more than six months but
 how long he does not know - during the first campaign
 he thinks Major Micajah Lewis and Major John Armstrong
 were in the same town and in the regular service - he
 further states that he was frequently as ex -
 he has no documentary evidence of his service
 He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension
 or annuity except - the present , and declares that his name
 is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

sworn to and subscribed
the day and year aforesaid William ^{his} D ^{mark} Petty

Interrogation propounded to William Petty an appli-
cant for a pension for service in the War of the Revolution
Inty 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the County Fauquier or Stafford
State of Virginia I do not know which - on the 13th day
of March 1764 -

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?
I have a record in my family Bible which I made myself from
what my parents have told me -

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3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have
you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you live now?

Ans. I lived in Surry County N. Carolina when I entered the
service and continued to live there until the close of the
Revolutionary War - I then moved to Wilkes County N. C.
and lived there until the year 1817 when I moved to
Madison County Alabama Territory now State of Alabama
and have lived there ever since and still do -

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted,
did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if a
substitute for whom?

Ans. I was once drafted and once a substitute but have en-
tirely forgotten for whom - he was a stranger to me when
I engaged as his substitute - I knew him afterwards but cannot
recollect his name - I was at that time 16 years of age -

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were
with the troops where you served; such continental and
militia regiments as you can recollect , and the general
circumstances of your service -

Ans. I cannot state more particularly than I have done in my
declaration to which I refer in answer to this interrogatory.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by
whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Ans. I never did receive an discharge it was at that time
considered of no value -

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in
your present neighborhood, and who can testify

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to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services
as a soldier of the Revolution. Drury Allen & Sam^l
Chapman an present any others to whom I am known
I believe will do the same.

[signed] Wm Petty

State of Alabama }
Madison County } ss

This day personally appeared in open court
Daniel Wright who being duly sworn saith

that he is well acquainted with William Petty who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration that he believes the facts therein stated are true - that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood to have been a soldier of the revolution and this deponent concurs in that opinion - the deponent further states that - he resided in Surry County N. Carolina during the war of the revolution and knows that the said William Petty was frequently in service as a soldier in that war

Sworn to and subscribed
this 29th day of October 1832 [signed] Danl Wright

We Drury M. Allen & Sam^l Chapman
residing in the county
of Madison and Dan^l B. Turner - also residing
in said county hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Petty who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration that we

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believe him to be sixty eight years of age. That he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion

Sworn to and subscribed this twenty - ninth
day of October 1832

[signed] Drury M. Allen
[signed] D. B. Turner

I William Eddins a clergyman residing in the county of Madison & State of Alabama do hereby certify, that I am well acquainted with William Petty who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration. That I believe him to be sixty eight years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution & that I concur in that opinion

Sworn to & subscribed [signed] William Eddins Senior
the day and year aforesaid

The bottom part of this page and the top of the next contained the certification of a notary public, W. I. Adams, and the court clerk, L. Mead, that the witnesses were known to them and that their testimony were proper. The outside of the document had the signature of the judge, C. C. Clay.

Included in the File is another document which contains even more genealogical information. The top part of the page is a certification by the clerk of the County Court that a signature of a judge to preceding testimony on another page was that of the judge. In the middle of the page the following is written:

State of Alabama } Orphans Court of said county, May term thereof
Madison County } in continuation
held ^ at the Courthouse in Huntsville, in said County
on the first day of June 1835, before the Honorable John C. Thompson,
Judge of said court. "This day personally appeared in open court before the Judge thereof, Zacharah [sic] Petty, agent of Lucy Petty, whom he represents to be the widow of William Petty, late of said county, who was a Pensioner of the United States as appears by a certificate of Pension now introduced by the said Zacharah [sic] Petty

in behalf of the said Lucy Petty, bearing date at the War Office of the United [States] the 21st day of February 1833, numbered 7070, signed by Lew Cap, Secretary of War, entitling the said William Petty to receive Twenty Dollars per annum during his natural life, as a private in the Army of the Revolution and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court upon proof [unreadable] that the said Lucy Petty is the widow of the identical William Petty named in the said certificate and that the said William Petty departed this life in said county on the 26th day of September 1834, the same is ordered to be recorded on the minutes of said Court etc."

I Richard B. Purdom clerk of the County Court (which is also the Orphans Court) of Madison county in the State of Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and pregoing is a true copy and correct transcript from the records in my Office, made upon the application of Lucy Pettey [sic] to enable her to draw the arrears of Pension, due to her from the Government of the United States, in consequence of the Death of her husband the late William Petty deceased.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
affixed my seal of office and subscribed
my name this the 1st day of June
in the year of our Lord 1835

The information in the Revolutionary War Pension File of William Petty determined that his descendants would qualify for Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, and not only that, they would also qualify for TVGS's "First Families of the Tennessee Valley." Mr. Ernest W. Ritch, of Huntsville, qualified for Sons of the American Revolution and was a member of the first group of applicants to qualify for a First Families' Certificate - using his descendency from William Petty.

Research for his application uncovered the following information taken solely from sources located in Madison County.

- When this information is put into narrative form it reads:

William Petty was a Revolutionary War veteran born in Stafford or Fauquier County VA. During the War he lived in Surry County NC, but moved to Madison County from Wilkes County NC. On 29 October 1832, he successfully applied for a pension. In his application, he states that he served twice, as a private, in the North Carolina Militia. He stated that he was drafted the first time he served. The second time, he was a paid substitute for a man who had been drafted. He was also a guard for the North Carolina Legislature and took part in scouting parties to engage the British in limited attacks.

Madison County land records indicate that he bought land here in 1815, but his Revolutionary War Pension File states that he actually moved to Madison County in 1817. It also stated that he died here on 26 September 1834. His wife "Lucy" died on 16 August 1842. Their marked graves are in a private cemetery on property they owned east of Macon Lane north of Darwin Road (Section 14, Township 2, Range 1E).

William Pettey's [sic] Will (Probate Record 7, page 61) named the following children: Nancy (Hickerson), Eli, Lazarus, John Wright, Zachariah, William Thornton, James Williams, Thomas Meree, Benjamin Franklin, Eliza (Eastland), Amelia (Carlton), and Daniel Harrison (the youngest child).

Lazarus Pettey lived in Georgia and was known to have the following children: Amelia M., Margretta W. and Sarah L.

William Thornton Pettey married Abigail Bayless in 1821. He bought land in Madison County. Deed Records of Madison County indicate that he died before 1845.

Zachariah Pettey married Rebecca Shackelford in 1822. She was the daughter of Richard and Mary Ann Shackelford. He died in 1854, at 61 years of age. He is buried near Mint Springs Rd. His children were Rebecca A., Mary E. (Spragins), Nancy (Guynn), Richard and William L. Pettey.

Eliza W. Pettey married Alfred Eastland in 1825 and lived in Madison County.

Brothers Thomas Meree Pettey and James Williams Pettey married, respectively, Louisa Roberts

and Elizabeth Morgan in a double ceremony on 1 August 1825.

Daniel Harrison Pettey married Susan Stone in 1833. When his mother died, his father's farm passed to him. In 1847, he and his wife sold it to the husband of a niece, Thomas E. Spragins.

John Wright Pettey and his wife, Anna, appear to have been married in North Carolina. After he moved to Madison County, his mother-in-law gave him a gift and she was living in Montgomery County NC, at the time. In 1822, he bought property in the same general area where his father, William, and his brother, Zachariah, lived. John was a Medical Doctor and was occasionally listed as a Justice of the Peace in Madison County Deed Books.

William Pettey, the father, and his two sons, John Wright and Zachariah, show an unusual pattern of buying and selling land. They do not buy land to be closer to each other or other family members and they do not sell their lands just to buy larger farms. Each time they buy land, they buy better land, even if it means moving further away from other family members.

This was a moneyed family (the pension notwithstanding), the males were literate and most owned slaves. In the 1830 Census Return, William owned 4 slaves, John W. owned 4 slaves and Zachariah owned 16 slaves. In the 1840 Census Return, William's widow, Lucretia, had 2 slaves, John W. owned 6 slaves and Zachariah owned 22 slaves.

Dr. John W. Pettey's estate papers (Probate Record 35, pages 393 & 394) name the following children: Sarah A., Anna E., Clinton R., William W., Albert G., William H., John Jr., Nancy, Richard P., Annie M., Daniel B., Cornelia A., Lucretia, and Newton E. (Yes, there were two brothers with the first name of "William.")

Sarah A. Petty first married Eli Mitchell in 1841, by whom she had a daughter, Amelia. She next married W. Damron (or Dawson) by whom she had a son named William. Her third marriage was to a Branaugh. She is shown in the John's estate settlement as living in the Town of Madison in 1876.

Anna E. Petty married William Howard in 1852. They lived near New Market.

Clinton R. Petty married Eliza Ann Palmer in 1850. They moved to Blanche, Lincoln County, Tennessee. They are buried in Blanche Cemetery.

If William W. Petty married, he did not marry in Madison County. He first moved to Blanche, Lincoln County, Tennessee and opened a store. When a post office was established, he was its first postmaster. In 1855, he sold all his property, including store stock, lands, wagons, slaves, and store building, and left the area. In 1896, he was living in Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee.

Albert G. Petty moved to Scott County, Mississippi where he married Luvenia Brewer in 1845. He appears to have remained in Mississippi.

William Howard Petty married Sarah Power in 1845. They moved to Madison County, Texas where they remained.

John W. Petty, Jr. married Matilda Power in 1856 and also moved to Madison County, Texas.

Richard P. Petty married Margaret Norris in 1869. He owned the Petty House Hotel in Fayetteville, Lincoln County, TN. His Will named four children, Gertrude, Annie C., Burton, and Mabel. He died in Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Annie M. Petty married William A. Love and remained in Madison County.

Lucretia Petty married Thomas O. Love in 1856. They moved to Cluttsville (now Harvest) on the West side of Madison County, Alabama.

If Newton E. Petty married, he did so in Lincoln County Tennessee. He lived first in Fayetteville and later near Cane Creek TN.

Nancy, Cornelia A. and Daniel B. Petty never married.

Dr. John W. Petty died near New Market Alabama in 1876. His grave is not marked. Since only *The Huntsville Democrat* newspaper carried his death announcement, it appears that he was a Democrat. (The newspapers in Madison County, at that time, were politically partisan.) His wife, Anna Pettey, died in 1869 and is buried in a marked grave in Foster Cemetery on J. B. Walker Rd.

• There is, of course, more information available for this family, including the ancestry of William and Lucy. However the purpose of this article is to show what a boost the Revolutionary War Pension Files can be to genealogical research.

Madison County

Madison County Will Book 1, 1852 - 1856, Pages 122 to 150

Abstracted by Eulalia Yancey Wellden
Assisted by Carolyn Tribble Nogues

Editor's Note: This is the final installment of the Second Series of Madison County Wills which began in Volume 15, Number 1 (September 1980). This article is continued from Volume 32, Number 2 (December 1997).

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 Evelina B. Coyle
Will Book 1, Pages 122 through 124
Dated: 6 June 1854

To my daughter Evelina Arabella Coyle a negro girl named Caroline. All of my estate to be equally divided between my four younger children; Walker Jones Coyle, Evelina Arabella Coyle, Ben Lee Coyle and Denverne Sanders Coyle share and share alike. In making the division Arabella must pay for the negro girl.

To my 3 older children: Mary W. Clopton wife of Robert J. Clopton, James Monroe Jones, and Agnes T. Kinkle, I give nothing because they have already had their respective share of their Father's and Brother's estate.

All debts and funeral expenses be paid before division.

William Davis Humphrey my brother-in-law executor.

Witnesses: J. B. Trotman
John J. Coleman

Signed: Evelina B. Coyle¹

Acknowledged: 13 July 1857
(See Probate Court Minute Book 5, Page 62)

Will of Jane Hall
Will Book 1, Pages 124 and 125
Dated: 31 Oct 1855

To my brother Adam Hall 10 of my negroes

named Nancy a woman age 50-60, James 20-21 yrs, William Henry 19 yrs, Mary Ann 17 yrs, Virginia 15 yrs, William Henry 10 yrs (note William Henry listed 19 and 10 yrs.), Daisy 9 yrs, George about 7 yrs, Ann 8 yrs, John Wesley 7 yrs of age (note all were listed as of yellow complexion)

My small house and lot be rented and the proceeds go to my sisters Betsey Jones and Margaret Jones as long as they live. The lot joins D. Farris lot. At the death of my sister Betsey Jones I give the same to Nancy Sadler daughter of William Sadler. To Mary Margaret Sadler daughter of William Sadler my house and lot joining James H. Mastins lot. To Ibbey, Margaret Moore, James Hall, James Moore, Adam Hall and Ibbey Harris \$10.00 each.

My brother Adam Hall my executor.

Witnesses: William H. T. Brown
H. McAnelly
J. C. Henricks

Signed: Jane Hall²

Codicil:

Dated: 29 Jan 1857

I revoke my request that my 2 negroes a woman named Betsey and her child Julia be sold and now give them to my brother Adam Hall.

Witnesses: H. McAnelly
William H. T. Brown
James Strong

Signed: Jane Hall

Acknowledged: 13 July 1857
(See Probate Court Minute Book 5, Page 63)

Will of George Cary
Will Book 1, Pages 126 and 127
Dated: 22 Aug 1856

All debts paid. To my daughter Chancey McHaffey one dollar. To my daughter Nancy George 5 dollars. To my grandson Samuel P. George my gun. To my wife Polly Cary have all my real estate and perishable property to do with as she pleases. My friend Allen Walls executor with no security demanded of him.

Witnesses: Allen N. Walls
Noah Sullivan
Littleberry Sullivan

Signed: George Cary³

Acknowledged 10 Aug 1857

Will of Thomas A. Ronalds
Will Book 1, Pages 128 through 135

To my brother James Ronalds unfit to be trusted with money and providing and supporting his family by my executor John David Wolfe and my wife Maria D. L. Ronalds an annuity of yearly sum of \$300.00 from my rents, profits, and income of my store and lot #203 Pearl Street in New York City. As long as my brother shall reside remain, and continue at least one hundred miles from the city of N.Y. but if he shall come within one hundred miles of the city of New York the trustees are to withhold absolutely all and every payment.

To my sister-in-law Tamar Ronalds \$300.00 independent of her husband for her separate use. In case she should marry again then this annuity to be utterly void.

To my wife Maria D. L. Ronalds and John David Wolfe \$400.00 a yearly annuity to be paid every year from the profits, rents and income from store and lot of land.

To my nephew William R. Ronalds son of my brother James Ronalds to be paid the same at such time my executors think proper and expedient.

To Maria D. L. Ronalds and John David Wolfe

one other annuity or clear yearly sum of \$500.00 by equally quarterly payments.

To my niece Mary Ronalds daughter of my brother James Ronalds a yearly sum as my executors think expedient independent of any husband she may choose.

These annuities are granted upon express conditions, they not to be liable for any debt contracted or entered into by them and they shall not have the right or power of selling or in any manner alienating or disposing of the annuity. The annuity to begin 12 months after my death and not before.

If at anytime the store and lot of land shall be insufficient for issuing all the four annuities and an abatement becomes necessary; no such abatement shall be in respect to the first two annuities but the same shall be paid in full and all deficiencies shall fall equally on the third and fourth annuities and upon them only. In case all or any of the annuities are behind or unpaid for thirty days, it shall be lawful to levy a distress upon the store and lot of land for the annuities and distress shall keep and destrain until such annuities are fully paid.

It is my express wish that all persons and Devisee claiming the store and lot of land at all times while the annuities are paid out of the store and lot of land then at the expense out of the store all taxes and assessment or any sum of money taxed are to be paid. No part thereof shall be paid by the annuitants. And they shall keep the store in good and sufficient repair also they shall insure and keep insured the store in a competent amount from some company in the city of New York.

All the residue of my estate real and personal estate is devised to my wife Maria D. Lorillard. Executors to be my wife Maria D. L. Ronalds and my brother-in-law John David Wolfe.

Witnesses: John W. Francis of New York
Broadway N. Dean of New York
Broadway C. Lorillard of New York

Signed: Thomas A. Ronalds

Proved: 6 April 1835 James Campbell Surrogate of New York County

Signed: by John D. Wolfe

Nicholas Dean and John W. Francis swore and signed in New York County before James W. Campbell May 1835.

C. Lorillard swore and signed in New York County before James W. Campbell Surrogate 6 May 1835.

Administration of the will granted to Maria D. L. Ronalds as Executrix and John D. Wolfe as executor 18 June 1835.

Letters testamentary granted by Charles McNear Surrogate of County and City of New York 4 Jan 1848.

Certified by James H. Trimble Judge P. C. in Frankfort, Alabama 30 Oct 1852.

Registered in Madison County, Alabama 7 Aug 1857 by F. L. Hammond, Judge P.C.

Sarah Moore's Letters of Guardianship of Mary A. J. Adams, et,al.
Will Book 1, Page 135

Limestone County, Alabama Probate Court 30 May 1857 Sarah Moore was appointed guardian of Mary A. J. Adams, Sarah Ann Adams and Louisa E. Adams the minor children of Daniel Adams dec'd.

Signed: Thomas G. Tyus, Judge

Registered in Madison County, Alabama 1 Sept 1857

Will of Alexander Erskine
Will Book 1, Pages 135 through 140
Dated: 15 June 1857

I appoint my wife Susan Catherine Executrix, my son Albert R. and my son-in-law James H. Mastin executors and are not required to give any security or inventory. My brother Michael Erskine of Texas to pay for certain slaves named Dinah Winfrey and her increase in money or good Texas land. I release him from payment on a note or bond I hold.

Certain slaves named Frankey, Sarah and her six children are to be conveyed to Mrs. Ann Pickett when she pays for advances and expenses incurred to her amounting to between twenty-five hundred to three thousand dollars. I have given certain slaves named Nancy and her five children, Celia and her five children, Harriet and her child to my daughter Mary Jane Mastin valued at \$6,500.00.

To my son Albert R. V. Certain slaves named Alley, Elvira, Phebe and child, Fanny valued at \$2,500.00.

To my daughter Laura Wilkensen I have given

certain slave named Sarah valued at \$1,000.00. In the division my children are to be charged for the slaves at the valuation given as part of their share of my estate.

To my wife Susan Catherine I give the house and lot in Huntsville which I reside with household and kitchen furniture, 5 slaves named Madison, David, Frederick, Frances and Susan, and carriage and horses during her lifetime and at her death divided equally among my children. Also to my wife one fifth part of my estate real and personal.

The remainder of my estate of every description wherever situated in the U.S. to my children: Mary Jane Mastin, Laura Wilkinson, Albert R. Fearn, Alexander, John Henry, James Catherine and William to be equally divided among them share and share alike. Each one to receive one ninth portion in value but Mary Jane Mastin, Laura Wilkerson and Albert R. each to receive one ninth portion in value less amount already advanced to them.

That portion of my estate intended for my daughter Mary Jane Mastin I give to James H. Mastin in trust to sell for the separate use of my daughter and her children. Should she die without children then to such person as she may choose to bequeath the same. For my daughter Laura Wilkinson I give to my son-in-law A. L. Wilkenson in trust for the separate use of my daughter and her children, then to such person as she may choose. To my wife Susan Catherine in trust for my daughter Catherine in trust for the separate use of my daughter and her children. Then to such person as she may choose. To my wife Susan Catherine in trust for the sole use of my son James Arthur and his children.

Slaves given to Mary Jane Mastin, Albert R. Erskine and Laura Wilkenson and nothing to the rest of my children. No interest charged to Mary Jane Mastin on the afore mentioned sixty five hundred dollars but after my death that interest be allowed to my son Albert R. on \$4,000.00, to my daughter Laura on \$5,500.00 and to each of the rest of my children on \$6,500.00, until such times each shall receive out of my estate property to the amount of \$6,500.00. From the same period my be allowed interest on \$14,625.00 until such time as she shall receive that amount of property out of my estate, in addition to the bequest already

given. After the interests are equalized then the remainder of my estate is to be divided 1/5 to my wife and 1/9 of the remainder to each of my children. Keep my estate together as long as it is beneficial to my devisor.

If at any time it is advisable to sell my dwelling house and lot in Huntsville the proceeds shall be paid to my wife annually and at her death the principal be equally divide among my children. My executors are empowered to sell or buy such real or personal any portion thereof for the benefit of my estate.

Witnesses: Thomas Fearn
L. B. Sheffey
George P. Beirne

Signed: Alexander Erskine ⁴

Codicil: Divide my Medical Books between my sons Alexander and John Henry. Pay out of my estate the expenses of my sons Alexander and John Henry in attending the Medical Course during the coming winter and the debts of my sons Fearn, Alexander, John, James up to this time for their support and maintenance. My watch to Alexander and my executor to purchase for each of sons John, James, William and my daughter Catherine a watch not to exceed cost of \$100.00 each. Slaves named Jinney, Bob children of Rose to my daughter Catherine at a fair valuation as part of her portion of my estate if she so desires.

Witnesses: Thomas Fearn
L. B. Sheffey
George P. Beirne

Signed: Alexander Erskine

Second Codicil: Increase the valuation of the slaves given to my son Albert R. one thousand dollars. In the division of my estate Albert R. to be charged with the slaves at \$3,500.00. Interest be allowed my son Albert R. on \$3,000.00 instead of \$4,000.00 until he has received \$6,500.00 worth of property including what he has already been given, now charges in this Codicil at \$3,500.00. Albert F. is to have the privilege of taking as a portion of my estate given him, a negro man named Charles Russell at valuation. My wife if she so desires shall have the privilege of taking as a portion of my estate given her a negro man named Lewis

son of Susan at valuation.

Witnesses: George P. Beirne
Thomas Fearn
L. B. Sheffey

Signed: Alexander Erskine

Acknowledged by: George P. Beirne, Thomas Fearn and L. B. Sheffey 17 Oct 1857

Will of Abram Bransford
Will Book 1, Pages 141 and 142
Dated: 21 March 1857

All debts to be paid and the remainder of my property be distributed between my children as follows. To my son Joseph F. Bransford my interest in store of McBroom and Bransford which was originally \$1,000.00. I have paid a great deal of security money for my son Jacob H. Bransford and a great deal of expense on his account. It is my will that he have no part of my estate but I give to his wife Sallie Bransford the following tract of land, the 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 15 T3 R2W containing 80 acres during her natural life and at her death to the child or children she may have by my son Jacob H. Bransford. However if Jacob H. should die and his widow Sallie Bransford should marry again then when the youngest child which she may have by Jacob becomes of age the land goes to the child or children of Sallie Bransford and Jacob Bransford. I release my son Jacob from any and all liability to my estate or any debt coming to me. I give to the eldest daughter of Mrs. Nancy Grantland fifty dollars stock in the Memphis and Charleston Railroad provided she has not received that amount from her father. What ever stock she has received from her father must be deducted from the said \$50.00 so as to make her share equal to the amount which her sister Elizabeth has received from her father. To the children of my daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Ward a negro woman Polly and her children. The balance of my estate must be sold and divided into four shares and to my son Joseph F. Bransford and my daughter Mrs. Frances Jamar one share each, to the children of my daughter Mrs. Sallie James one share, to the children of Mrs. Nancy Grantland one share. I request that my son Joseph F. Bransford purchase the negro woman

Giny and to treat her well.

I appoint R. M. Nannoy and Joseph H. Bransford my executors and request that they be released from giving bond.

Witnesses: W. J. Windham

John O. Noble

James W. Bolling

Signed: Abram Bransford

Acknowledged: 11 Nov 1857

Will of Martha Stewart

Will Book 1, Pages 143 and 144

Dated: 16 April 1857

Buried in plain and decent manner in "my family burying ground."

To my daughter Mary Thompson during her life and then to her children all my undivided interest that I hold jointly with John Thompson Esquire purchased from William J. Veazy described: from a line to commence at Thompson's spring branch where the spring branch crosses the Deposit Road, all of the land north of Deposit Road and north of the spring branch to the emptying of the branch into Flint River near the Baptist Church, also \$2,000.00 to be paid from sales of collections of my personal estate. To my grand daughter Ann Eliza Hereford the house and lot in Maysville that I now live on and the remaining portion of my Veazy land that lies South of Thompson's spring branch not already disposed of. To my granddaughter Mary Louiza Scott a note made payable to me by William Stewart with interest from date and dated 12 June 1854 for \$549.38. To my grandson William Simmons the hire a woman slave Matilda given him by his grandfather which I had a life estate in.

To my granddaughters Mary Dean Boyd and Martha Lansden one dollar each. I give to my son William Stewart the remaining part of my estate after paying off of the above legacies.

Appoint my son-in-law John Thompson executor.

Witnesses: B. B. Nunnally

J.H. Rutherford

William M. Derrick

Signed: Martha x her mark Stewart ⁵

Acknowledged: 14 Dec 1857

Will of William Rogers

Will Book 1, Pages 144, 145, 146

Dated: 22 Feb 1856

All my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of personal property and the remainder of my property both real and personal to be kept together and the incoming arising. Therefrom I give to my wife Sarah W. Rogers to support her and such of her children that remain with her provided she remain a widow until her youngest son George M..D. Rogers reaches eighteen years of age. Then I desire a horse worth sixty dollars be given my son George M. D. Rogers and the remainder of property both real and personal to be divided into (19) nineteen equal shares, I give to my son and daughters. My sons Joseph Rogers, Benjamin Rogers and my daughters Elizabeth B. Rountree, Mary Evans, Mildred Rogers, Frances S. Rogers, Alosey G. Norris, sons William B. Rogers, Stephen H. Rogers and John H. Rogers, Martha Ann Rogers, Thomas J. Rogers, Annette N. Rogers, Thaddeus S. Rogers, George M.D. Rogers I give one share. To my granddaughter Mary Melvina Rogers before her marriage Mary Melvina Hamilton daughter of Sarah Hamilton one share. To my grandchildren, the children of Ruben Rogers one share to be equally divided between them. To my great grandchildren of Jonah Rogers and the children of his Benjamin Rogers one share to be equally divided between them.

Appoint my son Benjamin B. Rogers Executor.

Witnesses: John W. Irby

William C. Hill

Signed: William Rogers ⁶

Acknowledged: 14 Dec 1857

Will of Rebekah M. Steger

Will Book 1, Pages 146, 147, 148, and 149

Dated: 14 January 1851

To my son Benjamin Steger \$250.00, to my son Allen Stegar \$500.00 with what they have received from the will of their father makes their portions equal to the other children. To my sons Kennon H. Steger, Francis E. H. Steger

a tract of land described as the SE 1/4 of Sec. 13, T3 R1E and also another tract described as the NE 1/4 of Sec. 24 T3 R1E being the North part of the quarter section conveyed by Mitchell and wife to Benjamin Steger containing 160 acres it being the place I now reside and be equally divided between them and be payment in full of all and every claim against my estate. The same applies to my son Francis E. H. Steger being all and every claim which he may have set up against my estate on account of the sale of the tract of land given him by his father John P. Stegar and sold by me as executor of the will of J. P. Steger. William R. Patton appointed trustee on behalf of my daughter Sally Cawthon. My granddaughter Martha Sophie Nash the child of my daughter Martha Nash, and my three grandchildren by my daughter Mary P. Roach dec'd to take charge of the legacies named in this will, I William R. Patton hold in trust 3 negroes Betsy about 27 yrs, Mat a boy about 19 yrs. and Lucy about 18 yrs of age for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Sally R. Cawthon and her children and upon the death of Sally R. Cawthon to be equally divided among her children. Two slaves Sam about 50 yrs of age and Joe about 48 yrs of age to be sold and the proceeds received therefrom to be paid to William R. Patton, Trustee for the sole use and benefit of my granddaughter Martha Sophia Nash and event of her death to be equally divided between all my children, share and share alike, 3 slaves Charity a girl about 25 yrs of age, Matilda a girl 9 yrs of age, Henry a boy 5 yrs of age, to be sold and paid to William R. Patton, Trustee fore sale use and benefit of my grandchildren the children of my daughter Mary P. Roach held until they become of age or marry and then be equally divided between them. To the children of my daughter Permelia Scruggs 4 slaves, Lucy a girl about 10 yrs of age, Nany a woman about 48 yrs of age, Albert a boy about 8 yrs of age, Bob a boy about 5 yrs of age to be equally divided among them if practical otherwise to be sold and the money divided equally among them.

To my daughter Ann M. Stevenson 2 female slaves and their children named a girl Charlotte and her children, a woman Mahala and her children being those left her by her father subject to be retained in my possession during

my life. Sell my two male slaves Peter and Daniel and from the proceeds pay my son Benjamin Steger \$250.00. Pay William R. Nash as trustee \$100.00 for the use and benefit of my granddaughter Martha Sophia Nash and \$150.00 paid to William R. Nash as trustee, for use and benefit of my daughter Sally R. Cawthon and the balance of the proceeds of the sale of the two male slaves to be applied to pay all my debts

Sell all my perishable property not already given away except my linen and bed clothes which are to be divided among my daughters and the proceeds to be equally divided between my daughter Sally R. Cawthon and my three grandchildren, children of my deceased daughter Mary P. Roach to be paid to William R. Patton, Trustee to be held by him as heretofore directed as regards their other legacies.

In the event of the death of William R. Patton appoint his brother John Patton and William Acklen to act in his stead.

Appoint William R. Patton and William Acklen my executors.

Witnesses: G. L. Mastin
John Patton

Signed: Rebekah M. Steger⁷

Acknowledged: 14 Dec 1857

Guardianship of the minor heirs of John T. Hardin dec'd. State of Arkansas, Jackson County.

Will Book 1, Page 150

Dated: 1 Dec 1857

Susan E. Williamson Mother of Martha J. Hardin, Ann E. Hardin and Mary T. Hardin under 14 and children of John T. Hardin dec'd represents that they are entitled to an interest in their father's estate in Alabama and asks that Matthew Davis be appointed as their guardian with Alvin McDonald and John Robinson as his securities and letters of guardianship were issued accordingly. His bond was \$6,000.00

Signed: Matthew Davis⁸

Alvin McDonald
John Robinson

Approved by R. Reynolds, Judge

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Supplemental Information

(Endnotes)

Abstracted by Eulalia Yancey Wellden
Assisted by Carolyn Tribble Nogues

¹ From *Marriages, Death and Legal Notices From Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893* by Pauline Jones Gandrud:
Page 361: Mrs. Agnes T. Kinkle of Arkansas died 21 Feb 1860 aged about 30 years of age.

In the 1850 Census: Lafayette Kinkle, age 26 and his wife Agnes T. age 20 were living at the Inn of Robert M. Kinkle age 26. Robert Humphrey age 39 b. VA and Susannah age 36 b. VA with 6 children in the 1850 census.

² Chancery Book D Page 219
Adam Harris married the daughter of Margaret Hall in the year 1823.
Chancery Book P. Page 227
Margaret Hall died June 1848 age 70 yrs b. Ireland left 6 children Adam Hall, James Hall, Jane Hall, John W. Jones and Betsey his wife, Adam Harris and Ibbey his wife, Charles Jones and Margaret his wife, William Sadler and Ibbey his wife, James H. Moore.
John P. Hall died between 12 Oct 1840 and Dec 1845.

From *Marriages, Death and Legal Notices From Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893* by Pauline Jones Gandrud:
Page 334: James H. Moore of Winchester, Tenn to Mary E. Carter daughter of Stephen Carter Esquire of Bellefonte, Ala.
Margaret Hall left the following children and grandchildren:
Children: Adam Hall, James Hall to Letha Moore 7-30-1848, Jane Hall unmarried, Betsey now wife of John W. Jones, Ibbey now wife of Adam Harris,

Grandchildren: Margaret wife of Charles Jones, Ibbey wife of William Sadler, James H. Moore living in Texas these are of Polly Moore dec'd a daughter of Margaret Hall.

From *Marriages of Madison County, Alabama, 1853-1863*, by Dorothy Scott Johnson
Isabella Hall to Adam Harris 20 June 1824
Adam Hall to Sally Munroe 24 Dec 1829

1850 Madison County, Alabama Census

William Sadler	41	VA
Isabella	28	AL
Mary M.	10	AL
Nancy A.	4	AL
James A.	1	AL

Adam Harris	50	Ireland
Ibbey	47	AL
Archy	23	AL
Ibbey	21	AL
Jane Hall	59	VA
Adam Hall	58	VA

³ From *Marriages of Madison County, Alabama, 1853-1863*, by Dorothy Scott Johnson
Gustavius A. McHaffey to Frances Ann Higgenbotham 8-13-1850
Charles L. George to Eliza H. Higginbotham 12-23-1851

1850 Madison County, Alabama Census

George Cary	76	MD
Polly	74	MD
Nancy George	47	MD
Charles	18	AL
Samuel	12	AL

John B. McHaffey	57	SC
Chaney	57	NC
William	26	AL
Gustavus	20	AL
Ann Higgingbotham	17	AL
Justine	15	AL
Eliza	14	AL
Robert	11	AL
Mary	10	AL
James	6	AL
John	2	AL

⁴ From *Marriages, Death and Legal Notices From Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893* by Pauline Jones Gandrud:

Page 547: Dr. Albert R. Erskine to Maria D. Matthews daughter of Luke Matthews Esquire 5 Oct 1854.

Page 377: Dr. John Henry Erskine (son of Alex) died in Memphis 17 Sept 1878 of yellow fever.

Page 417: Mrs. Susan R. Erskine aged 88 b. VA d. 17 April 1892 (note: more genealogical info in this obit).

Page 230: William M. Erskine to Sue Ragland 2 Dec 1868.

From *Marriages of Madison County, Alabama, 1853-1863*, by Dorothy Scott Johnson
 Laura E. Erskine to Algernon L. Wilkerson 5-18-1852

Mary Jane Erskine to James H. Mastin 11-8-1843.

1850 Madison County, Alabama Census

Alexander Erskine	49	VA	M.D.
Susan C. (atherine)	45	VA	
Albert R.	22	AL	Medical Student
Laura E.	20	AL	
Thomas F.	19	AL	
Alexander	18	AL	
John H.	16	AL	
James A.	14	AL	
Catherine A.	10	AL	
William M.	3	AL	
Russell Erskine	22	AL	Law Student

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1850 Madison County, Alabama Census

Martha Stewart	60	VA	living alone
John Thompson	58	TN	
Mary	46	VA	
Martha A. Lawler	15	AL	
Sarah	14	AL	
Mary F.	11	AL	
Manervy	8	AL	
Mary Simmons	35	unknown	
William	9	AL	

John

7 AL

⁶ From *Marriages, Death and Legal Notices From Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893*, by Pauline Jones Gandrud:

William Rogers aged 89 yrs died 15 April 1857. Moved to Madison County in 1832 from VA. He was descendant of Joseph and Elizabeth Rogers. His second wife was Sarah Salmon of Pittsylvania County, VA.

Page 583: Benjamin B. Rogers to Margaret S. Thompson 6 August 1857

Page 260: John B. Rogers to Cornelia Pickens 19 Sept. 1872

Page 585: Mildred Rogers to Thomas Wilson of Jackson County 20 Oct 1857

Page 490: Reuben Rogers died 15 July 1847 leaving his wife and 4 small children.

Page 577: Mrs. Oney M. Rogers aged 62 yrs 9 mos. 2 days born 14 June 1791 in Pittsylvania County, VA wife of B. B. Rogers and the daughter of Allen and Martisha Stokes.

Page 438: Thomas W. Green to Miss Martisha Rogers daughter of B. B. Rogers Esquire 19 Dec 1844.

From *Marriages of Madison County, Alabama, 1853-1863*, by Dorothy Scott Johnson

Benjamin B. Rogers to Elizabeth Power 24 Dec 1861

Volume 4: Benjamin B. Rogers to Matilda Lowns Lewis 12-29-1842

Elizabeth Rogers to Seaborn J. Rountree 6-6-1834

Martha Rogers to William Rountree 7-4-1839

Mary Rogers to Samuel Evans 10-18-1839

Reubin Rogers to Eliza M. Lynes 1-5-1837

William Rogers to Nancy C. Gordon 8-15-1838

Madison County Deed Books:

Book D, Page 316 Benjamin B. Rogers

Book E, Page 243 William Rogers

Book K, Page 430 Seaborn J. Rountree

1850 Madison County, Alabama Census

William Rogers	82	VA
Sarah	50	VA
Milly (Mildred)	39	VA
Frances	26	VA
Alcey	34	VA

S. H.	22	VA	Thomas Cochien	43	TN
Martha	17	VA	Sarah R.	42	VA
Thomas	15	AL	Mary E.	14	TN
Thad	13	AL	Martha	11	TN
Annette	11	AL	Rebecca M. Roach	11	AL
George	6	AL			
B. B. Rogers	58	VA	Saddler		
Oney	56	VA	Benjamin Steger	52	VA
Nancy	20	AL	Mary H.	42	VA
			John C. W.	14	AL
William Rountree	32	AL	School Teacher		
Martha	32	AL	Judith F.	12	AL
Henry	10	AL	Benjamin F.	10	AL
Seaborn	8	AL			
Marticia	7	AL	F. E. H. Steger	36	AL
Benjamin	5	AL	Physician		
Mary	4	AL	Mary E. M.	26	TN
Fannie	3	AL	Thomas	7	AL
William	5/12	AL	Sarah F.	2	AL
			Francis	15	AL
Edmond Terry	43	VA	Merchant		
Mary	26	PENN	Mary E. Cochein	14	TN
Mary B.	9	AL	Marthy A. Roach	15	AL
Harris	7	AL	Francis K. Roach	16	AL
Edmonia (F.)	4	AL	Student		
Adaline Rogers	48	PENN			
James M. B. Rogers	20	PENN	James P. Seger	29	AL
John E. Rogers	23	PENN	Frances A.	19	GA

⁷ John P. Steger entered land in Madison County, Alabama as early as 1809 in Section 13 T3 R1E, 159 acres.

From *Marriages of Madison County, Alabama, 1853-1863* by Dorothy Scott Johnson

Mary P. Steger to John H. Roach 12-27-1833

Martha H. Steger to John C. Nash 7-16-1842

Ann M. Segor to John Stephenson 12-14-1843

From *Marriages, Death and Legal Notices From Early Alabama Newspapers, 1819-1893* by Pauline Jones Gandrud:

Page 583: Rebecca M. Steger daughter of Francis Epps Harris and Ann Macon of Virginia died 18 August 1857 widow of the late John P. Steger. She was 79 years of age and a Methodist.

1850 Madison County, Alabama Census

Rebecca M. Steger 71 VA

⁸ From *Marriages of Madison County, Alabama, 1853-1863* by Dorothy Scott Johnson
Susan E. Harden to William T. Williamson 17 Sept 1857
Deed Book P. Page 183, April 1836 John Hardin from Milton Block and wife.

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Marshall County

Indigent Fund Record Book, 1863 - 1864

Transcribed by Gay Cushing Campbell

Editor's Note: This is the eighth 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. It appears there is a missing section in the page numbers from the last installment. This installment of the book begins with Jay Bird Precinct #5 then continues into Wakefield Precinct #6.

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		Precinct No 5 Jay Bird		
1863	David Parkinsin	(1	Cr	De
	1 _@salt 7 _@salt mat of 4th Instal		5.00	
	paid Wm Henderson			5.00
	5' Instal pd Henderson		5.00	
1863	F.M. Potter	(2	Cr	De
	8@salt 40cnts 1 _@salt amt of 4th Instal		5.00	
	paid Wm Henderson			5.00
	5'inst pd Henderson		5.00	
	Jany 21/64 8@salt			
1863	John Roe	(5	Cr	De
	3@salt 15cnts amt of 4th Instal		15.00	
1863	Chesley Sisk	(5	Cr	De
	15@salt 15cnt Amt of 4th Instal		25.00	
	Paid Jas F. Bentley			25.00
	5'instal paid Bentley		25.00	
1863	John Tiffin	(5	Cr	De
	amt of 4th Instalment		25.00	
#	Mrs Patterson	(4		
Aug 11/63	Cash \$20 pd by May 4th Instal		20.00	\$20.00
	5' Instal pd Bentley		20.00	

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		Precinct No 5 Jay Bird		
1863	John Morgan	(2		
Aug	3@salt 15 amt 4th Instal		10.00	
1863	Amanda Ellenburg	(2		
	amt of 4th Instal		10.00	
	paid Jas F. Bentley			10.00
	5' Instal paid Bentley		10.00	

Aug 28 Rec'd of WT May Three Hundred Dollars and Fifty Cents for Precinct 5
William H. Henderson

Aug 28 Rec'd of WT May One Hundred and Twenty Two Dollars and seventy five cents
for Precinct 5

Janes F. Bentley

Sept WS Parker (Susan)	(3		
amt of 4th Instal		15.00	
Swpt 7 Rec'd fifteen Dollars Wm H. Henderson			15.00
4 @salt Wm Henderson			
5' Instal pd Henderson		15.00	

1863 Joseph Anderson	(2	Cr	De
# Amt of 4th Instalment		10.00	

Aug 31 Rec'd Ten Dollars Amanda[X] Anderson (her mark) 3@salt

Nov 5 Rec'd cash \$10.00 Amanda [X]Anderson (her mark)

Jany 20/64 Rec'd twenty dollars Amanda[X]Anderson (her mark)

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Precinct No 5 Jay Bird

1863 Dow Armstrong	(6	Cr	De
12@salt 60cnts amt due 4th Instal		30.00	60
Cash paid M Hodge			29.40
1863 Luther Ables	(1	Cr	De
amt due for 4th Instal		5.00	
cash paid M Hodges			5.00
1863 John Bearden	(4	Cr	De
4@salt 20cnts amt due 4'Inst		20.00	20
cash paid M Hodges			19.80
1863 Luther Ables	(1	Cr	De
amt due for 4th Instal		5.00	
cash paid M Hodges			5.00
1863 John Bearden	(4	Cr	De
4@salt 20cnts amt due 4th Instal		20.00	20
cash paid M Hodges			19.80
Oct 76@salt			
1863 Mrs Beam	(6	Cr	De
# 18@salt 90cnts1/20 cards			
\$9.00 amt due 4th Instal		30.00	9.90
Cash paid M Hodges			21.10
Sept 15 5@salt			

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Precinct No 6 Wakefield

1863 William Blakeley	(1	Cr	De
Salt3. Amt 4th Instal		5.00	
cash paid M Hodges			4.95
Sept 11 3salt for Gilbreath			
1863 Wesley Bain	(2	Cr	De
amt due 4th Instal		10.00	

1863	cash paid M Hodges James Cox 2@salt 10cnts Amt of 4th Instal cash paid M Hodges Sept 8 6@salt	(2	Cr	De	10.00 10.00 10 9.90
1863	James Cooper 2@salt 30cnt Aug 19/63 cash 5.00 4'inst cash paid M Hodges	(2	Cr	De	10.00 4.70
1863	Mrs Colbert 5@salt 25cnt Amt of 4th Instal cash paid M Hodges	(5	Cr	De	25.00 25 24.75
1863	John C Coleman 3@salt 15cnt 4th Instal 5'instal rec'd Thirty Dollars J Coleman Jany 19/64 Rec'd Thirty Dollars J Coleman	(3x	Cr	De	15.00 15.00

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Precinct No 6 Wakefield

1863	Thomas Davis 10 _ @salt 52 _ cnts amt 4th Instal cash paid M Hodges	(4	Cr	De	20.00 52 _ 19.45
1863	Thomas Evans 9 _ salt 47 _ amt of 4th Instal cash paid M Hodges	(3	Cr	De	15.00 47 _ 14.50
1863	AJ Evans 3@salt 15cnts amt 4 th Instal cash paid M Hodges	(4	Cr	De	20.00 19.85
1863	Nancy Evans 1 _ @salt 7 _ cnt	(4x	Cr	De	
1863	John Grammer 4@salt 20. Amt 4th Instal cash paid M Hodges	(2x	Cr	De	10.00 20 9.80
1863	William Goforth 3@salt 15cnt	(2x	Cr	De	
1863	Laborn Grammer 4@salt 20cn amt 4th Instal cash paid M Hodges Sept 10 4@salt paid T Conneley	(2	Cr	De	10.00 20 9.80

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Precinct No 6 Wakefield

1863	Alfred Geron Amt of 4th Instalment cash paid M Hodges Swpt 10 8@salt Pct 11 cash paid Jos M Carter for _____	(2	Cr	De	10.00 10.00 20.00
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Morgan County

Yellow Fever In Decatur

Researched and Written by Dene Walls

Editor's Note: Ms Walls was not able to continue with her transcriptions of 20th Century Morgan County Death Records for this issue of Valley Leaves. This is a one time article.

In 1888, Decatur was a hustling town of almost 8,000 people, and it seemed that nothing could stop the town taking its rightful place as a major center of industry and trade in North Alabama, when yellow fever threatened to wipe out the bright future for the second time in ten years.

The 1880's saw a doubling and tripling of the population and major improvements in the streets, parks, sewage system, water works, school, street cars, installation of electrical lights and many new industries. Most of the improvements were made within the space of a few years. In 1880, the population of the town was only 400.

Very little was known about yellow fever in the 1880's. Walter Reed did not prove that the disease was carried and transmitted by mosquitoes until 1900 and William Crawford Gorgas did not develop effective methods of wiping out mosquito breeding grounds until a few years later, in time for the building of the Panama Canal, but too late to help Decatur.

When the disease struck in 1878 and again in 1888, it was thought to be transmitted from contact with someone who had the disease or through touching his belongings. Decatur was surrounded by swamps in the low lying areas around the river, ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

In 1878, there were 187 cases and 51 deaths. In a letter dated Sep 24, 1878, addressed to the editor of the Moulton Advertiser newspaper, Eli Jennings, a doctor from Lawrence County states, "The town is as silent as a grave; the few people remaining are sad, and the question most asked is 'are there any new cases?' " The doctor wrote, "walking the streets, one sees the black spots... where bedding, removed immediately after death, was burned."

Dr Jennings's letter states that almost all of the white people had left town and gone into the country and that all the business houses were closed, except two, Scott's and Stewart's. "The latter one is kept open by Capt. Smith, who has orders from Capt. John Stewart to let those that remain in Decatur have what they need, with or without the money."

Dr Jennings singled out a few brave citizens worthy of special praise. Among them were A. C. Fry, the telegraph operator, Mr. Brown, the undertaker, W. W. Littlejohn of the Polk House, Doctors Cross, Wise, Young, and Collins, J. Henry, Postmaster, Capt. H. G. Thomas, Todd, Jones McDerment, Carter Thomas of the Telegraph Office, Gus McCan, and Bob Chardavoy.

The 1888 epidemic which struck in late August, was generally attributed to a stranger by the name of Livingston, who came into town on the August 17th train from Jacksonville FL. He had been put off the train the night before on his way to Birmingham. In those days, Inspectors were on every train enforcing quarantine on people coming from towns where there was disease. He eluded inspectors on the train by making part of the trip by coach. When he came into Decatur on the L & N train, he eluded the inspectors by slipping out a back window and escaping.

When in Decatur, Livingston stayed for several days with the A. D. Spencer family, who were slight acquaintances. Mr. Spencer was a fruit dealer and his wife a milliner. On the first night Livingston became sick with a chill followed by fever and a headache.

Livingston left Decatur on the 19th and went to Florence, still sick. When he left for Hot Springs, Arkansas he traveled through Memphis. It was seventeen days after his arrival in Decatur, that Mr. Spencer finally showed fatal symptoms. His temperature rose to 104 1/4. He complained of severe frontal headache and pain in the abdomen from vomiting. He started vomiting the dread "vomita negra," (black vomit) 10 to 15 minutes before he died. Mr. Spencer died on Sep 11

On Sep 12, 1888, the Morgan County Health Officer, Dr B. F. Cross, sent a telegram to Dr. Jerome Cochran, Alabama's first state health officer, "I fear we have yellow fever, come at once." Dr. Cochran arrived that same afternoon. He performed a post-mortem with a committee of sixteen doctors, most of them local doctors.

Although Dr. Cochran decided Spencer had died of yellow fever, the doctors decided to take a vote on a verdict, apparently realizing the implications the diagnosis could have. Nine doctors voted against ruling yellow fever, six voted for a yellow fever ruling and one did not vote.

In spite of the vote, Dr. Cochran went ahead and issued a statement that Spencer had died of yellow fever, and as a result, was made the brunt of a severe community reaction and was almost run out of town.

The good people of Decatur held an indignation meeting and decided to seek another expert opinion from the Surgeon General's office. But before the expert could arrive, a telegraph operator, Mr. O. S. Kibby, died on Sep 17th, six days after the death of Mr. Spencer.

The people finally accepted the yellow fever verdict, when four days later, on the 21st, two more deaths followed, Dr. R. C. Bowman, one of the local physicians who had issued the vote saying there was no yellow fever in Decatur, and Mr. W. L. Prince. The people became convinced that Dr. Cochran was right.

Towns folk began a mass exodus out of town, going to Somerville and Hartselle, and the town was quarantined. The town had once been an important railroad center, but now the trains roared through with all the windows up and the fumigators blowing. All business in the town halted.

Others who died in the epidemic were Fred Falkenburg, on Sep 23, S. L. Weakly on Sep 24, J. H. Weakly on Sep 25, Nannie Jones on Sep 26, C. L. Chafin, Robert Inman and Mrs. R. Inman on Sep 29.

William Jones, Dr W. B. Black, Andy Orr and Martin Hooker on Oct 2, Ed Booker on Oct 5, Dr W. G. Gill on Oct 6, Dr R. V. Williams on Oct 8, Ed Morris and G. H. Killian on Oct 9, Lizzie Jackson on Oct 10, E. L. DeAnde on Oct 12.

Others include Annie McDonald on Oct 14, Jas. Woolridge on Oct 15, George Hable on Oct 16, Isaac M. Ford on Oct 18, E. K. Young and Mrs. J. Woolridge on Oct 21, B. C. Lanier on Oct 22, H. C. Jones on Oct 23, Lee Litton on Oct 25, Dr W. J. Young on Oct 30, J. B. Chafin on Nov 5, Mrs. S. F. Drake on Nov 6, and George Black on Nov 9.

The epidemic lasted through the first two weeks of November and was abated with the first heavy frost of 1888. The epidemic set back the town's economic and industrial development severely. The Decatur Land Development and Furnace Company had been organized only two years before and had been the impetus needed to get the town going. It was bankrupted by the exodus from the town. Major E. C. Gordon had organized the company with two local men, C. C. Young and W. W. Littlejohn.

The Company advertised Decatur across the country in pamphlets, newspapers and circulars and as a result of its efforts, brought 41 businesses to town. Between January and December of 1887, the population increased by approximately 5,000 people and estimates of the 1888 population placed it as high as 8,000.

Major Gordon left town and never returned. Two of the company's board members died in the epidemic and another had the disease and survived.

Dr. Cochran's statistics show that 110 people contracted the disease between Sep 6 and Nov 3, 1888, 35 had died. This was lesser rate than the epidemic of 1878, but hurt the town more. Five doctors died during this epidemic, including several who had survived the first one.

The 1878 epidemic did not cause as much panic as did the 1888 epidemic. Perhaps, part of the reason was that the epidemic of 1878 was part of a widespread flare-up which stretched from New Orleans to Memphis and did not focus on just Decatur. It was the 1878 epidemic that was responsible for a small population of 400 in 1880.

In 1888, Decatur had a lot more to lose, as reflected by the early attempts to deny that the disease had caused the first two deaths. At one point, morale in the town was so low, and so much excitement and uneasiness prevailed throughout the South that Congress placed at the disposal of President Grover Cleveland \$5 million dollars for the purpose of preventing the reappearance of the disease. The townspeople petitioned the President to burn the entire town and literally rebuild it from the ground up. President Cleveland consulted Alabama Governor Thomas Seay. Governor Seay, in turn, contacted Dr. Cochran, the State Health Officer.

Dr. Cochran reviewed the history of every invasion by the yellow fever virus. He concluded his remarks by saying: "Mr. Governor, you may have my resignation whenever you wish it, but so long as I am Health Officer, I shall not advise you to squander the money which would be unnecessarily and unwisely expended in burning and rebuilding Decatur." The President's offer was declined by the Governor. Decatur was not burned and there has not been any case of yellow fever in Decatur since 1888.

Nov 13, 1888 was a joyous day for Decatur, because it was the day the train once again stopped at the town's station. Many of the survivors assembled at the station to watch the event. The trains had been halted for exactly 60 days.

After the epidemic, the town went into a long period of decline. Many who left in the exodus never returned, the population in 1890 was 6,903, as compared to the estimated 8,000 in 1888.^{1 2}

The Doctors Who Fell from the 1888 Yellow Fever Scourge in Decatur

In memory of the heroes of the yellow fever epidemic, the five physicians of Decatur, who died during the yellow fever epidemic in 1888.

Dr. R. C. Bowman was the first to fall. He came to Decatur from Florida, to practice dentistry. Being also a doctor of medicine, and the personal friend of A. D. Spencer, the first victim of the scourge, he was at once called to his bedside and treated the case until he saw the treacherous symptoms of yellow fever, when he immediately called in consultation Drs. Cross and Gill. Four days after the death of Spencer, Dr. Bowman fell sick of the same disease and died on Sep 21st. He was a gentleman of culture and refinement, chaste in speech, polished in manners and pure in life and character. He left a wife and child.

Dr. W. B. Black was taken sick on the 28th day of September and died on the second day of October. He was long a citizen of Morgan County and for several years practiced his profession in Decatur. He was not engaged in the epidemic of 1878; his home being then several miles in the country; but when the disease broke out this year, he was seen throughout the town treating the sick. As a physician, he honored his profession. As a physician, he was no respecter of persons. He was well known throughout the County. Dr. Black was a member of the Methodist church and died in the triumph of a living faith. He left a wife and a large family of sons and daughters.

Dr William Gardner Gill attended Dr. Black during his illness, in connection with other physicians, and on the 3rd of October, was stricken down, and died on the 6th. Dr. Gill was the oldest physician of the city, and one of the oldest in the state, having been actively engaged in the profession for more than fifty years. He had been advised to leave the city, as he was in feeble health and too weak "for the arduous duties of the struggle," but he preferred to fall at the post of duty which he had never deserted as a physician nor as a man. He seemed to know that he would die of the fever. On the day he was taken sick, he said: "I have the fever. There is no hope for me. I have an organic trouble which makes it impossible for me to recover. Do not come to see me. You are in the prime of life and the zenith of usefulness. Live to do good and may God bless you. Tell the church and the world I die right - without a cloud, without a doubt. Yes, I shall go home rejoicing. Meet me there." He was a Christian physician, and was a member of the M. E. Church South for more than half a century. He had lost his first wife to the disease in 1878. He was survived by his second wife, Elizabeth Evans Gill.

Dr. R. V. Williams was stricken on the 3rd of October and died on October 8th. His struggle was long and stubborn. He battled the terrible monster, with alternate hope and despair, but the monster won out and Dr. Williams succumbed. He left a wife and child.

Dr. W. J. Young was the last of the noble heroes to die. He was taken ill on the 26th of October and died on the 30th.

The doctors who died in the yellow fever were buried, hurriedly, in the yellow fever's victims' mass graves section of Decatur City Cemetery. No markers were ever erected for them. Over 100 years later, on Jul 8, 1991, a monument was dedicated to the victims of yellow fever in Decatur and to the physicians who treated the epidemics, as well as the druggists, clergy, gravediggers, undertakers, and Dr. Jerome Cochran, former Alabama State Health Officer, who saved Decatur from being burned to the ground. The memorial was privately funded by the great-grandchildren of Dr. W. G. Gill, a granddaughter of Dr. R. V. Williams, and the Col. John Robins Chapter, DAR.³

¹ NOTE: Death dates were different in several articles. The death dates used were those recorded in *The Report of the Board of Health of the State of Alabama for the Year 1888*.

² Sources: *The Valley Journal*, Sep 30, 1990, *Shopping Bag*, Aug 10, 1988, *Decatur Daily*, Mar 5, 1967, Jul 4, 1976, Jul 8, 1991, *The Report of the Board of Health of the State of Alabama for the Year 1888*.

³ Sources: *The Decatur Sunday Dispatch*, Nov 25, 1888, *The Decatur News*, 1888, *The Decatur Daily*, Feb 24, 1955, Jul 8, 1991, *The Report of the Board of Health of the State of Alabama for the Year 1888*.

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Book Reviews

Civilization Comes to the Big Spring: Huntsville, Alabama 1823

Written by: Sarah Huff Fisk
 Published by: the author
 Price: \$16.95 plus \$3.00 shipping and handling
 Pages: 5 1/2" x 8 1/2", 178 pages, including a 11 page full index. Soft cover. Printed on clay paper.

May be ordered from:
 Pinhook Publishing Company
 P. O. Box 1545
 Huntsville AL 35807

What a beautiful and delightful book! This book offers the reader the opportunity to enjoy hours of pleasurable reading as you take a look at the formation of the city of Huntsville, Alabama. The author begins to entice the reader before the book is even opened. The refreshing cover is an illustration drawn from the results of many years of research into what buildings were located in the downtown area of the new city.

While not a genealogical book as such (there is no attempt to give family lineages), Mrs. Fisk includes a tremendous amount of detail about the persons mentioned in her book. She has made an extra effort to ensure that the reader has the documentation necessary to conduct further research. Information is footnoted and there is a Bibliography though much of her research was done over a period of 30 years with original documents.

The author has included sketches of the town as a guide to help the reader visualize the town's layout, while reading the story. This is unusual but very effective.

Sarah Huff Fisk has accomplished what many others only tried, documented facts that are presented in a coherent story that is also interesting and informative.

This book contains many facts of the type that could be of interest and use to a person investigating a Madison County "First Family."

This local history book, is well worth the price of \$16.95, and will be found at the TVGS

sale table during TVGS's, 1998 Spring Conference, April 3 and 4.

If you like the illustrations in the book a 18" x 24 1/2" frameable print of the full downtown scene may be ordered from the author.

Reviewed by Gay Cushing Campbell

Descendants of Amos and Rachel Webb McCurry Volume J Early 1800's - 1992

Compiled by: Edward Peele Williams
 Published by: the compiler, 1992

Price: not stated

Pages: 8 1/2" x 11", 76 pages plus 2 indexes, a 15 page Descendancy Chart and close to 260 pages of Family Group Records (the pages are not numbered). Soft cover, plastic spline binding.

May be ordered from:
 Edward Peele Williams
 109 Chris Hoover Circle
 Harvest AL 35749
 256-830-0131

This book appears to be photocopied from a computer printout. The print is clear and the narrative is readable. It is awkwardly organized and with both indexes inaccurate, it is a very frustrating book to use.

The book also suffers from little documentation of sources. There are no footnotes, no Bibliography, and few references to sources in the narrative. Most of the few references that do appear do not carry complete citation information.

There are four photographs, all sharp low resolution scans.

The author's foreword states that this book is an extension of a previous book and contains information which was submitted by others, which has not been verified. The author has kept their identity a secret. The family is described as starting out in Augusta County VA in the early 1700's and then moving into North Carolina and Georgia.

It is my recommendation, that if you are considering buying a copy you might want to wait for a revised edition to be produced.

Reviewed by Richard A. Smallwood

***McDowell County North Carolina
Marriages
1894 - 1912***

Compiler: Edward P. Williams

Published by: the compiler, 1996

Price: not stated

Pages: 8 1/2" x 11", 172 pages, Soft cover.

Plastic comb binding.

May be ordered from:

Edward Peele Williams
109 Chris Hoover Circle
Harvest AL 35749
256-830-0131

This book lists marriages from two books. The first book covers the years 1894 to 1904.

This transcription lists:

- the names of grooms
- the names of brides
- the names of the fathers of the grooms and brides
- the maiden names of the mothers of the grooms and brides
- the place where the marriage ceremony was performed
- date of marriage
- name of whom conducted the ceremony.

The information is first shown alphabetically by the bride's maiden surname and then alphabetically by the groom's surname

The last two sections cover the years 1901 to 1912. There is overlapping information for the 1901 to 1904 years. This is not a quirk of the author, but a reflection as to how marriages were recorded in the source documents.

The transcription of this information lists:

- date license issued.
- the names & residence of grooms
- the names & residence of brides
- date of marriage
- the place where the marriage ceremony was performed
- name of whom conducted the ceremony.
- names of witnesses to the ceremony

The information is first shown

alphabetically by the groom's surname and then alphabetically by the bride's maiden surname.

This is a continuation of the compiler's previous book of 1870-1894 marriages, which was, in turn, the continuation of 1851-1870 marriages compiled by Francis T. Ingmire in 1984.

The information is clearly presented in an effective format and contains the type of information which should be adequate for most researchers' needs.

Reviewed by Richard A. Smallwood

***Our Nunnally/Nunley Family
including connecting branches;
Ferrill and Briggs
Welker and Niswonger***

Written by: Jean Nunley Dennison

Published by: the author, 1997

Price: \$32.00 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling

Pages: 7 1/4" x 10 1/4", 472 pages including a 37 page Full name Index and a 10 page Bibliography. (There is no place name index.)

Hard bound.

May be ordered from:

Jean Nunley Dennison
919 Waterswood Drive
Nashville TN 37220

This is one of the three best family genealogies I have read and reviewed. The author has taken the time and trouble to explain her method behind her research, placed the results in a coherent form and, if necessary, explain the significance of what she found.

The book is presented on, at least, two levels. One level was as that of an experienced researcher. The other level was that of a teacher explaining the subject to an ignorant, but intelligent and interested student. As you can no doubt tell by my tone, I believe it to be a good mix. An example of this instructional effort is at the back of the book, where there is a sketch of every county where research was conducted. The information for Virginian counties includes a sequence of how the county was created, what counties may have been created from the parent county, a short history of the county, a history of the courthouse and

a history of its records.

Items which are unsubstantiated tradition are designated as such, some being footnoted, all facts are footnoted.

Most family members are simply notated with dates and locations of birth, marriage and death, but when other information is known it is included.

Transcribed documents appear to be accurate and are well presented. The photographs are sharp, but appear to be low resolution scans. Illustrations are sharp. The charts are sharp and well executed. The two best are the Family lineage chart at the front of the book and the progression of Southern Virginia counties at the back of the book.

The family has but slight contact with Alabama being mainly settled in Virginia, North Carolina, Missouri and Tennessee, but the book worth reviewing if for no other reason than its great presentation of information.

Reviewed by Richard A. Smallwood

***The Valiant Survivors -
The United Confederate Veterans
of Madison County.
A Record of Their Services***

Written by: Charles R. Wells

Published by: the author, 1998, 2nd Edition

Price: \$25.00 plus \$2.00 shipping and
handling

Pages: 8 1/2" x 11", 124 pages. Indexed. Soft
cover.

May be ordered from:

Charles R. Wells
119 Flowerwood Drive
Meridianville, AL 35759
256-828-3317

TVGS member Charles Wells has undertaken a worthy effort by attempting to locate the resting places of all the Confederate veterans buried in Madison County, Alabama. By his own count, he has identified approximately 2,000 soldiers who wore the grey in America's most tragic war.

Wells lists the veterans first by the more prominent cemeteries, and then in a miscellaneous section for the smaller burial grounds. Finally, all veterans in the county

are listed alphabetically. Each veteran is identified by name, rank, unit, and place of interment. Quite often the dates of the soldier's birth and death are also included. This attractive volume promises to be a best seller, and Wells has already printed a second edition.

Whether or not Wells realizes it, he has embarked on an almost never ending task. Family researchers and various historians are constantly running across additional Confederate veterans whose remains rest beneath Madison County's soil. Looking through this volume, I failed to find two that I personally know of: Private Fleming J. Middleton and 2nd Lieutenant Solomon B. Debow, both 49th Alabama Infantry Regiment, who rest in obscure graves in the Beason-Debow Cemetery. I also failed to find 1st Lieutenant Nathaniel Millard of Company E ("Bushwhacker" Johnston's company) of Mead's Partisan Cavalry Battalion, who rests near them. These three soldiers lie in an overgrown and unused section of this very old burial ground, which also contains dozens of unmarked graves -- and is now a grazing ground for cattle.

Furthermore, not long ago I corresponded with Deborah Rayfield of Midlothian, Texas, whose great great grandfather Nathan D. Yarborough was in Company G, Mead's Cavalry Battalion. She informed me that Nathan Yarborough lies in an unmarked grave in the Smith Cemetery near Harvest.

I mention the previous simply to point out the difficulty in locating the graves of veterans of our past wars. By way of comparison, serious inquiry into the Revolutionary War veterans buried in Madison County has turned up about three times as many as there were thought to be here. Those who know of veterans who have been missed should send that information to Mr. Wells. The way his book appears to be selling, he will probably be doing at least one more edition.

Besides the difficulty of finding all of the many soldiers of Madison County, there also is the problem of conflicting records or incomplete information. Many Southern units refused to turn over their records to the victorious Yankees, and no doubt some veterans will remain forever unknown because of it. Many veterans also served in more than one

unit, which complicates matters even more. For example, the Madison Rifle's Captain John G. Coltart, listed as resting in Maple Hill Cemetery, was also a lieutenant colonel and colonel of the 7th Alabama Infantry Regiment, and finally colonel of the 26th/50th Alabama Infantry, commanding a brigade late in the war. Likewise, Wells's book does not attempt to record promotions, such as that of 2nd Lieutenant Samuel R. Cruse of Ward's Battery, who became captain after John J. Ward was killed in July 1864, and by the war's end was an acting major. A difficulty also rests in relying on the natural sources of information -- the Confederate Veteran's Camp records, the 1907 Alabama Confederate Veteran census, and the Alabama Confederate Veteran Pension applications.

The veterans census asked for the rank "at enlistment," which (almost always) was a private. Thus a man listed as a private may later have become a corporal, sergeant or commissioned officer. In addition, the pension applications and the records of the Egbert Jones United Confederate Veterans Camp sometimes contain information provided by the widow or children of the veterans. For example, Wells has "Col. David H. Todd, 21st Battalion Alabama Artillery" listed in Maple Hill Cemetery. David Humphreys Todd was a fascinating individual -- a Confederate soldier who was half-brother of Mary Todd Lincoln and therefore brother-in-law of Abraham Lincoln. All the biographies of Mary Lincoln will tell you that David Todd was killed at Vicksburg in 1863, despite the fact that the Confederate Army records show him alive at the war's end and the 1870 census shows him living in Huntsville. Yet Todd's military information -- sent to the veterans' camp by his daughter -- is incorrect. David Todd was a captain in a Louisiana infantry regiment that was assigned as heavy artillery in the defense of Vicksburg. (Norman Shapiro has done a great deal of research into Todd and his Huntsville connections.) The fault here is clearly not Wells's, but the rank and unit listed are wrong nonetheless.

All things considered, Wells has done a very good job at a sizeable task that no one else was willing to undertake. His volume is a natural addition to the shelves of genealogy

libraries across the South and West.

The proper way to use it is as a guideline to help you find more information on the veteran you are seeking. Once you have identified your man, you can then go about locating the military or pension records that will provide you what you want. Let us hope that Charles Wells continues updating his book as new information is discovered. Whether you are seeking to join an descendant's organization such as the Sons of Confederate Veterans or the United Daughters of the Confederacy or simply trying to round out the story of your ancestors' lives, this book is one that persons with Madison County roots will not want to overlook. I've found a number of mistakes in it, but overall its very good. In fact, its the best book on dead Confederates in Madison County that's ever been written.

Reviewed by Charles Rice

Wilkes County, Georgia Will Index 1777-1921

Compiler: Ted O. Brooke

Published by: the author, 1997

Price: \$8.00 including postage. If a GA resident add 7% sales tax.

Pages: 5 1/2" x 8 1/2", 31 pages, Soft cover.

May be ordered from:

Ted Brooke

2055 Foster Drive

Cumming GA 30040-3549

This booklet simply lists the Testators, the year and the volume and page number of the record of all recorded and original wills. The author does not make it clear whether the date is when a will was signed or when it was proven.

The author does make it clear that those wills filed between 1778-1864 are filed alphabetically at the Georgia Department of Archives and History in Record Group 257, subgroup 2, Series 2.

The book does what it is supposed to do, but I do wish that the author had included the names of the Executors, Witnesses and heirs for each estate. This makes finding the maiden surname of married women so much easier.

Reviewed by Richard A. Smallwood

Queries

Susan Parker Gender, Queries Editor

Editor's Note: Queries are free to members. A maximum of 75 words each is allowed. All queries are edited and published at the discretion of the editor. We reserve the right to refuse to publish any query submitted. At least one full name, date and location should be included in each query. No "surname only" queries will be accepted. Please capitalize surnames, double space and type or print clearly; do not abbreviate.

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MILLER*DODD*WORD

Need parents, ancestors and siblings of John P. Miller b. ca. 1824 SC, m. ca. 1861 Campbell Co., GA Nancy Jane Dodd d/o John Sample and Eliz. Harriet (Word) Dodd, b. 24 Aug 1840 Fayette Co., GA. Children all b. GA: Thomas b. 1859; Jon D. b. ca. 1860; Luther b. 23 Nov 1866; Lonnie b. 23 Nov 1866; Samuel b. ca. 1870; James b. ca. 1873.
MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Road, Anniston, AL 36207-7004

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LANGSTON*MANGUM *BENNETT*

Need children of Absolom Langston s/o John and Ann Agnes (Mangum) Langston, b. ca. 1731 Isle of Wight Co., VA, d. 1783 Newberry Co., SC, m. Christian Bennett b. 1733, d. 1803 SC.
MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Road, Anniston, AL 36207-7004

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ROGERS*COPE*SADLER WOODLEE*McGREGOR CROUCH*EASLEY CLARK*LOCKHART *DODSON* *STUBBLEFIELD*

Will exchange info on children of Levi Rogers b. 1775 Chatham Co., NC, d. Jun 1850 Warren Co., TN, m. Sarah Cope: Josiah Q. b. 1799 NC, m. Jane Sadler; Mary "Polly" b. 1798 NC, m. Jacob Woodlee; Quincy Jane b. 1800 NC, m. Josiah Rogers; John b. 1803 NC, m. Polly McGregor; Enoch b. 1806 TN, m. Nancy Crouch; Elijah b. 1808 TN, m. #1 Eliz. Easley and #2 Gracey Clark; Reece b. 1810 TN, m. Mary Lockhart; Levi b. 1816 TN; Celia b. 1818 TN, m. Sampson Dodson; Cyrena b. 1819 TN, m. Geo. Stubblefield; Jacob b. 1821 TN, m. Frances Stubblefield.
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***ROGERS*BOOTH* *CARTWRIGHT* *ORCHARD*ELLIS* BENNETT*PROCTOR FARGASON*WILLIAMS**

Will exchange info on William Rogers s/o John and Mary (Booth) Rogers, m. #2 Elizabeth Cartwright d/o Robert and Elizabeth (Orchard) Cartwright. Children all b. Surry Co. VA: Benjamin b. 1687; Robert b. 1690; Elizabeth b. 1692, m. Benj. Ellis; Mary b. 1694, m. James Bennett; Sarah b. 1696, m. James Bennett; Priscilla b. 1698, m. Nicholas Proctor; Joseph b. ca. 1700, m. Mary Fargason; Jane b. 1702, m.

John Williams; William b. 1704, m.
Catherine ____?
*Marilee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Road,
Anniston, AL 36207-7004*

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***REED*MADDOX*
MARTIN*HAMILTON**

Need ancestors, parents and siblings
of George V. Reed b. ca. 1836 MS, d.
28 Apr 1863 AR, m. 8 Apr 1860
Lafayette Co., AR Clementa C. Maddox.
Son William Franklin b. 22 Dec 1859
Lafayette Co., AR, d. 18 Jan 1935
Vernon Parish, LA, m. 13 Feb 1879
Rapides Parish, LA Lydia Martin d/o
Zachariah and Caroline Eliz.
(Hamilton) Martin.
*MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Road,
Anniston, AL 36207-7004*

32-59

MOORE

Seeking info on Benjamin F. Moore who
served as the United States Marshal
for the southern and northern districts
of Alabama by presidential
appointment on 20 Apr 1829.
Attempting to locate biography and
photograph if available. His name
appears on a petition against removal
from lands of Double Head Reserve and
also on a list of attorneys qualified to
practice law in the United States
District Court at Huntsville 1830. He
was named as the Clerk of the Court.
*Franck Shelby, DUSM Room 113, 413
St. Joseph Street, Mobile, AL 36602
(334) 690-2771
E-mail: FShelby@worldnet.att.net*

32-60

***KING*HESTER*
THOMPSON*BROWN
RICHARDSON*CROW**

Seeking information on William Robert
King b. 15 Jan 1861 Franklin Co., AL,
m. 18 Aug 1891 Mollie Joe Hester b.
11 Mar 1870 Franklin Co., AL. Parents
of William Robert: father, William
Epperson King, b. ca. 1831 SC and,
mother, Marite Evaline Brown b. ca.
1837 GA. Parents of
Mollie Joe: father, Wiley Robertson
Hester, b. 25 Jul 1844 s/o Roling Hester
and Lucendy Richardson: mother,
Mourn Christiny Thompson, b. 4 Mar
1845 AL, d/o William J. Thompson and
Eliner Almirah Crow. Have
considerable Hester info, but will
exchange info on any of the above lines.
*Jo Ann King Simmons, 13381 Marie
Drive, Manassas, VA 20112-4723
E-mail:
RonJo.Simmons@pressroom.com*

32-61

**ALLEN*COLLINS
*WALKER***

Request info on Valentine Allen, b. Aug
1777 SC, d. about 1860 while visiting
Jackson Co., AL, m. Frances Collins
1804 in SC. Valentine and Frances were
the parents of five children born in SC
and Bedford Co., TN: Philip J.;
Valentine, Jr.; Thomas Alexander; John
Deering; and Agnes Allen Smart. Philip
J. m. Jane Walker d/o James and Sarah
Walker of Madison Co., AL in 1831. I'll
share information that I have on all
families with anyone related to these
families.
*Gayle Grantham, 15919 Brookvilla Dr.,
Houston, TX 77059 (281) 488-4634*

32-62

**BURLESON*THORNE
NEWBERRY*ROBBINS**

Need name of first wife of Joshua M. Burleson b. 1807 TN who operated a mercantile store 1837-42 in Marion Co., AL and represented Marion Co. in the State Legislature in 1841. Five children born to first wife: David Green b. 1827, m. Elizabeth H. Thorne; Hopson H. b. 1833, m. Mary Newberry; William S. b. 1835; Sarah Elizabeth b. 1838; and Edward H. b. 1841. Joshua married about 1844 second wife Nancy Robbins b. 1826 AL. The family moved to Leon Co., TX in 1851.

Micki J. Burleson, P.O. Box 1059, Euless, TX 76039-1059 (817) 571-0874

32-63

CLARK*CARPENTER

Seeking the names of the two daughters and widow of Allen Clark from Hertford Co., NC. He was in Madison Co., AL after 1820 where he died Jan 1829. One daughter was Nancy, so I need her older sister's and the widow's names. Also need the name of Lewis Clark's youngest daughter in Franklin Co., TN 1820 and Jackson Co., AL 1830 who may have married Claiborne Carpenter of Giles Co., TN. Any other information as to siblings will be appreciated.

Betty Giuffre, 29 La Mesa Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93305

32-64

WHITAKER*GRAHAM

Need to have some official data on settlement of estate of John Whitaker b. ca. 1760 Pitt Co., NC, d. between 1831-1840, either in Jackson or Marshall Co., AL. His last wife was

Susan Graham to whom estate was left. Need to know final disposition of land, etc.

Blanche Whitaker Jernigan, P.O. Box 486, Pewee Valley, KY 40056

32-65

**KENT*SPARKMAN
*CLARK***

Seeking any info pertaining to the Kent ancestors of Senator John Sparkman whose great grandparents were Wiley Kent (possibly the son of William Kent who was in Madison Co., AL in 1811-1813) and Polly Clark Kent both of Morgan Co., AL.

Jim Baucom, 7379 S. Eudora Ct., Littleton, CO 80122

E-mail: Jim040b@aol.com

32-66

POPE

I want a copy of early Huntsville, AL resident Col. Leroy Popes portrait for insertion in The Pope Family History.

Calvin Gibson, 2209 Highland, McAllen, TX 78501-6108

E-Mail: Cgibson19@aol.com

32-67

**ROANE/ROWAN*RODEN
MINNIX*LANG*ISBELL
*HOLCOMB***

Request information on the following to include in *The Rowan Family History Book*. Grandfather Rev. James Franklin Rowan 1867-1954 DeKalb/Etowah Co., son of Winston Hunter Rowan b. 1835 Warren or Wilkes Co., GA (son of James Raone b. 1794 GA, d. 1877 Etowah Co., AL, m. Booth) and Mary Elizabeth Lang,

Marshall Co. (dau. of Joseph Lang and Vinney Holcomb). James Franklin Rowan married Margaret Caldonia Mannix (gdau. of John Isbell and Sarah Roden, dau. of Levi Roden) Jackson Co.

Jessie Ruth Starnes Russell, 5581 Forbes Ave., San Diego, CA 92120-1803 (619) 583-1506

32-68

BOLTON

Seeking information on Seiver and Missouri Bolton. Who were their parents? What was Missouri's maiden name? Where in Kentucky was Seiver born? Where in Tennessee was Missouri born? They were in Jackson Co., AL 1850, 1860, and 1870.

Robert Martin, 729 E. Oklahoma Blvd., Alva, OK 73717-3347

32-69

MANNING

Who were the husband and parents of Elizabeth Manning? Where was she born? She was in Jackson Co., AL 1850-1860. Children 1850 census: Sarah, Joseph, Matilda, James, Manda M., and Samuel H.

Robert Martin, 729 E. Oklahoma Blvd., Alva, OK 73717-3347

32-70

KENNEDY*JARRETT

Need info on wife, siblings, and children of James M. Kennedy b. ca. 1804 probably in SC. Came to Madison Co. ca. 1810 with parents Charles and Dorothy Mallory Jarrett Kennedy.

Joyce Kennedy Bryant, 1704 Weiler Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76112 (817) 429-7741

32-71

***HAWKINS*
*BLANKENSHIP***

Searching for ancestors and descendants of Jonathen B. and Sarah Jane Blankenship Hawkins. Jonathen b. about 1828 probably AL, m. 24 Sept 1851 Madison Co., AL. Children: William b. TN. Other children born in AL are:

Mary; Thomas L.; Winnie Rebecca; J. B. Nancy; Martha Ellon b. 12 Jun 1863, d. MS; James R b. 1866; Cordelia b. 1 Sept 1869, d. TN; Adis Emmit b. 4 May 1873, d. Memphis, TN.

Martha Johnston Dobbins, 1270 East Pike Street, Iuka, MS 28852-7172

32-72

MULLINS*RAND

Searching for information regarding the ancestry of the Mullins family which located in Lawrence Co. in the early nineteenth century. William F. Mullins married Louisa Rand (1807/1884) on 8 Oct 1830 in Franklin Co., and his sister, Sallie Ann Mullins, (1820/1893) married William H. Rand (1822/1909) in Lawrence Co. in 1841.

Robert R. Laurenson, 545 Oak Hill Drive, Southlake, TX 76092 (817) 421-0517

32-73

**MASON*FERRIT*JONES
PERKINS*FEREBEE**

Need info on Solly Mason of Currituck Co., NC whose will of 23 Nov 1773 mentions his wife, Ann (Ferrit?), and children Joseph, Henry, Sidney, and Sarah. He names Solomon Perkins and James Ferebee as his executors. Is he related to Solomon Mason who married Polly Jones in Bertie Co., NC on 25 Sept 1797? Solomon Mason followed Solomon Jones from Bertie Co. into Guilford Co., NC in 1800 and into Anderson Co., TN in 1805. Any info on the Mason or Jones families will be appreciated.

Robert E. Overall, 8315 Valley View Dr., Huntsville, AL 35802

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