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Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society President's Message Page

Fellow Members:

Let me draw your attention to the growth of our Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Grant Application Microfilm Fund. It is exciting to see the increase in the number of films that we have had in the past six months! It is wonderful to open those membership renewal forms and find so many members making a contribution.

In a related subject, volunteers from the Hunt Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution have offered their services to locate all Revolutionary War Soldiers buried within the nine north Alabama counties served by the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society. After months of searching abstracts, and compiling a list of soldiers, their work was finished. However these ladies wanted to do more! So, now, as donations come in, TVGS orders the microfilm, then members of Hunt Springs Chapter DAR, review each roll to find if any soldier, mentioned in the film, is buried in our Tennessee Valley area. As they are found, their names are given to the local chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution. These organizations plan to mark the grave of any soldier whose grave is lost or simply unmarked. At present, we need about 40 rolls of microfilm to complete this project.

The Society has been fortunate to have had some wonderful volunteers during the past 32 Years. At our July 1998 meeting, we honored seven who have made outstanding contributions with their time and talents to the study of genealogy and the welfare of our Society, The awards were:

Lifetime Achievement Award (for overall contributions to genealogy): Dorothy Scott Johnson Margaret Cowart

Golden Leaf Award (Contributions to our Quarterly - Valley Leaves): Dene Walls Ann Cochran Eulalia Wellden Lois Robertson Addie Shaver

Please remember, we are a service Society. We function only through and by the efforts of volunteers. Most of us started out lacking the specialized knowledge required to effectively conduct our research. We learned what to do only because someone was willing to help us. Please keep this spirit alive. Volunteer.

Lastly, we take this opportunity to welcome the new members of the Society's Executive Board. The two new Directors and one Board member are:

1st Vice President - Raneè Pruitt 2nd Vice President - Oscar Glover Board Member - Lorraine Ennis

Sincerely,

Gay Cushing Campbell, President

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

Rolls Purchased, Listed by First Letter of Surname. A = 17 out of 98 = 17%B = 40 out of 346 = 11.6%C = 41 out of 283 = 14%D = 41 out of 155 = 26%E = 6 out of 65 = 9%F = 8 out of 91 = 8.7%G = 15 out of 111 = 13.5%H = 32 out of 239 = 13.4%I = 0 out of 8 = 0J = 11 out of 59 = 18.6%K = 9 out of 54 = 17%L = 12 out of 100 = 12%M = 35 out of 190 = 17%N = 5 out of 36 = 14%O = 3 out of 20 = 15%P = 21 out of 132 = 16%Q = 1 out of 4 = 25%R = 21 out of 115 = 18%S = 36 out of 227 = 16%T = 11 out of 99 = 11%U = 1 out of 4 = 25%V = 2 out of 27 = 7%W = 46 out of 191 = 24%X = no rolls listedY = 2 out of 12 = 17%Z = 0 out of 2 = 0Misc. = 1 out of 1 = 100%

Note:

This is the 4th Report 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 15 August 1998)

TVGS Special funds = 154 rolls Thomas Payne Special Archives Fund = 112 rolls Huntsville Public Library = 3 rolls Tennessee Valley Chapter SAR = 4 rolls Huntsville Chapter DAR = 1 roll

106 individuals gave a total of 147 rolls:

Number of individuals who gave: one roll each = 76 persons 2 rolls each = 18 persons 3 rolls each = 5 persons 4 rolls each = 3 persons 5 rolls each = 2 persons 7 rolls each = 1 person 15 rolls each = 1 person

Total Rolls Purchased = 421 Total Rolls in the Series = 2670 Percent of Series Purchased = 6.3 Number remaining to purchase = 2249

If Present Purchase Trend Continues Averaged number purchased per month = 28 Number of months needed to complete set = 80.3 Number in years to complete set = 6.7 Estimated Date of Completion = 1 Feb 2005

Corrections, Announcements & Comments

TVGS's Web Page's address: http://hiwaay.net/~white/TVGS/tvgs.html TVGS's 1st Families address: http://hiwaay.net/~white/TVGS/1stfam.html

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 4th List of Those Persons Who Have Qualified for First Families of the Tennessee Valley. Listed in the order the Applications were approved:

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	Applicant's Name	City	State	Ancestor's Name	County
97	Peggy Jo Long	Owens Cross Rds.	AL	Andrew Drake	Madison
98	Nell Marie Hill Long	Owens Cross Rds.	AL	Henry Harless Sr.	Madison
99	Douglas Howard Whisenant	Harvest	AL	Jonathan Greenhaw Jr.	Madison
100	John Matthews Ennis	Huntsville	AL	Francis Turner Mastin	Madison
101	Mark Walton Johnson	Duluth	GA	Levi Hinds	Madison
102	Mark Walton Johnson	Duluth	GA	Huldah Hinds	Madison
103	S. Wayne Speer	Huntsville	AL	Robert Speer	Madison
104	Scott Allen Martin	Helen	AL	David Lindsey	Madison
105	Roy Maynard	Huntsville	AL	Benjamin Glover	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 153 of the June, 1998 issue of Valley Leaves, First Families of the Tennessee Valley Certificate #69 was shown as being issued to Mary Lane Westmoreland, her name should have been listed as Mary Lane Westmoreland Owens. Our apologies to Ms. Owens.

First Family Photographs

Persons who have successfully documented their First Families ancestors are asked to submit copies of photographs of their ancestors to be exhibited at the Gala Celebration on 2 July 1999 and included on a society calendar. If you are able to provide a photograph, please notify us at Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 1568; Huntsville AL 35807-1567.

Correction and Clarification •

The introduction to Alabama's State Penitentiary Records appearing on page 189 of Volume 32, Number 4 (June 1998 issue) of Valley Leaves needs clarification. The last sentence reads "The 1866 inmate list, on which this article is based, appears to be the earliest inmate list publicly available." This is still true as far as official State prison records are concerned, but the 1850 and 1860 U. S. Census returns for Coosa County, Wetumpka Post Office, does list convicts in the State prison. The 1850 Census lists each convict's name, age, birthplace, occupation and crime committed.

The article's narrative did not have its sources listed because I viewed it as merely secondary and supplemental to the list of convicts. However, its sources have been requested. It was based on information found in *A History of Wetumpka* by Elizabeth Porter, heavily modified by information found in various prison inspector's *Reports*. The list of convicts came solely from inspector's *Reports*.

These comments are in response to Mr. Doug Crosswhite, who researches Alabama's prisons.

Franklin County

The Franklin Times, Russellville, Alabama

Extracted by Oscar L. Glover

<u>Editors Note:</u> This is the tenth 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.

July 19, 1901

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Obituary. The death angel visited the home of Robert and Serena Bullen and took from them Eva, on Saturday the 6th inst. Dear Eva was just in the bloom of womanhood. Had passed sixteen beautiful summers at the time of her death, when God called her to live with him. Apparently in good health just one week to a day from the time she took her bed she was resting in a new made grave. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed by all her dear schoolmates. But we should not grieve after her for "Eva is not dead but sleepeth." She was the youngest child and the only one they had at home which grieves their heart to part from their baby girl. But she is "resting sweetly resting" in her Saviors arms.

May we all be prepared to meet her some sweet day on the other side of Jordan where sickness, sorrow, pain nor death is no more,

Eva was laid to rest in a new made grave at Liberty Hill graveyard. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. R. A. Gowder in an impressive manner. A very large crowd assembled at the graveyard on the memorable occasion to witness the last sad tribute of respect to the remains of Eva. May God comfort her dear old mother and father, brothers and sisters, friends and relatives in their bereavement. We sincerely sympathize with the parents of the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to affect them, and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best and whose chastisements are meant in mercy. Let us hope for that happy reunion in the better world where there is no parting, but all will be one united family. "A Friend."

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Runaway Marriage. Probate Clerk, Curran Moody performed an early morning marriage ceremony last Monday. He was aroused from his slumbers at 2 o'clock A. M. to join in the bonds of wedlock Miss. Manda J. Smith and Mr. Jas. M. Vandiver. The couple stated that they had eloped from Newburg. It developed that there was no necessity for the elopement as the bride was 21 years old, the groom though underage that age has a legal written consent from his mother, she being a widow.

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Alanthus News. W. O. Vinson left for Ark., the 15th inst. for a two week visit. He contemplates locating there in the fall.

Mr. M. A. Hardon, formerly of this place, but now at Daltonville, Miss., where he has been attending school, is up on a ten days visit and also looking after those who want something in the marble line.

Mrs. Salena Hall, who died at Burleson was laid to rest in the Liberty Hill Church yard Saturday morning. Another one of our loving old time grandmothers has passed over the line. They are fast disappearing to the regret of all.

July 26, 1901

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Mrs. Lipscomb Dead. Relatives Unknown.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., July 20, 1901. Hon. R. J. Moody, Russellville, Ala.

Dear Sir. -- Mrs. Martha Lipscomb, a patient in this Hospital, admitted from your county, August 2nd 1899, died last night of acute diarrhea and general debility. She had been weak and fevered for sometime, but had remained up and about until she was attacked with a sever diarrhea about two days ago.

She will be buried decently at the hospital cemetery today.

We have the name of no one with whom to correspond about her and I would be very glad for you to notify her people of her death, provided you know anything about their whereabouts. Very truly, J. T. Searcy, M. D., Supt. Per Faulk.

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Burleson Dots. Burleson beat is the present home of only fifteen ex-confederate soldiers. Among this number are uncle Billie Thorne and his son Charnel Thorne. Where are another father and son living who both served in the Army during the war of the rebellion?

August 2, 1901

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Local Items. Miss. Mary Clay and Mr. William Wilson were married Sunday evening at the residence of the brides father, Mr. J. L. Clay in Russellville, Rev. W. H. Austin officiating. The Times extends congratulations to the young people.

August 9, 1901

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Marriage Licenses.

Probate Judge Moody issued the following marriage licenses during the month of July. W. T. Thornton and Miss. Callie King, Boyce Broadus and Miss Margarett Sargent, Sandy Wooden (col.) and Janie Harris (col.), Jas. M. Vandiver and Miss. Mandie J. Smith, H. B. Bishop and Miss. Lola Sen, Sam A. Devaney and Miss. Maude King, G. W. Wilson and Miss. Mary Clay, Jas. W. Borden and Miss. Louvany Mitchell, Jim James and Mrs. Anna Elliott, L. C. Gillespie (col.) and Margarett Wiggin (col.), Lang Gordon (col.) and Julia Baker (col.), Dave Chambers and Miss Alice Reid, Richard Moss (col.) and Lula Reid (col.).

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Wm. Weatherford Married. A marriage License was issued Tuesday for Mr. W. W. Weatherford and Miss. Dora Ledbetter. Mr. Weatherford is the valued correspondent of The Times and we wish him all the joys of life in his changed condition.

August 16, 1901

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Local Items. Mr. Wm. Henderson and Miss. Hicksey Allen were Married by Rev. Chambers, at his home near here, last Tuesday.

August 23, 1901

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County Court Docket. Judge Moody convened County Court Monday Morning and disposed of the following cases: State vs Jim Creeson, cont'd, State vs Frank Tenson forfeitures and Habeas Corpias, State vs Hugh Price and Rufus Butler waived to Grand Jury. State vs Andy Thompson waived to Grand Jury. State vs Dave Estelle, continued, State vs Jno. Hutchins, continued on agreement to plead guilty at next term of court, State vs Jno. Hooper, plead guilty and fined one cent and costs,

State vs Dick Meridith, plead guilty and fined one dollar and costs, State vs Jno. Collins, verdict of guilty and appealed to Circuit Court, 2 cases, State vs Wm. Martin waived to Grand Jury.

August 30, 1901

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Notice Of Settlement.

The State of Ala., Franklin County.

In Probate court, Special August term, 1901.

Came this day, J. C. Allen, Executor of the last will and testament of C. S. Anderson, deceased, and filed his accounts and vouchers for the final settlement and distribution of said estate, and the 4th Monday in September next, to wit: the 23rd day of September 1901, having been appointed by the Court for examining, auditing, and stating the same, notice is hereby given to all parties interested, to appear at the term of the Court aforesaid, and contest the same, if they think proper.

Given under my hand, at office, this 29th day of August A. D. 1901. R. J. Moody, Probate Judge.

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Obituary. Red Bay, Aug. 18. The death angel visited the home of W. A. Grissom and took away a loving wife and a tender mother. Sister Grissom was the daughter of Brother Wm. Wren and was married to W. A. Grissom in June 96 and had lived together for five years and two months in peace and happiness. They were both members of the M. E. church and had been from early life. Sister Grissom has lived a life of purity, her Christian influences have been so pure and bright that the world isn't left in doubt and while the church has lost a loyal member and the parents a loving daughter and the husband a loving wife and the daughter a tender mother, Heaven has gained another precious jewel to watch wait at the beautiful gate. Her last essay at the Sabbath was, "One thing I can do for my Lord" and it was so full of the spirit that the tears flowed down the cheeks unbidden from some of the hearers and while she has done the last thing for her Lord here, her influence still lives with those who knew her and may Heaven's blessings rest upon the weeping friends, and the bereaved relatives, may they look beyond dew-drops of sorrow for one is waiting at the Beautiful Gate. G. W. Sims.

Obituary. Died on Aug. 1st 1901 near Hargetts Mill, Mrs. Roberta Harbin, wife of T. J. Harbin. The deceased was a member of the Missionary Baptist church at Bethlehem. She was an affectionate daughter and a devoted wife, she had a sweet disposition and was loved by all who knew her. She left no children, but a heartbroken husband, an only sister, and an aged father and mother. To the bereaved husband and relatives we would offer our heart felt sympathy and point them to that saving Savior who has said "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." She was sick only a few short hours and just before the end came a friend came and asked her if she knew her, she said "I know no one but Jesus". She was laid to rest at the old grave-yard at Gravely Hill, to await the trump of God, when all the sleeping dead shall come forth to meet the Lord. The burial services were conducted by J. O. A. Pace assisted by T. J. Byars. Farewell dear one until we meet on the other shore in that happy clime, where sin never comes.

September 6, 1901

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Mount. Mr. George Bendall and Miss Ludia Adkins were married last Sunday at the home of the brides parents.

Burleson Dots. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Elrod died 31st Ult., our sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents.

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Marriage Licenses. The Probate Judge has issued the following licenses to marry, the past week:

W. Pearce to Miss Louisa Kimbrough, G. W. Bendall to Miss Liddie Adkins, Edmund Murphy to Miss Georgia Ann Cason.

Order of Publication to Non-Residents or Unknown Defendants.

The State of Ala., Franklin County,

William J. Warhurst VS. Nettie Warhurst.

First In Chancery. At Russellville, Ala. First District, Northern Chancery Division.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of W. J. Warhurst that the defendant Nettie Warhurst, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and that her particular place of residence is unknown; and further, that in the belief of said affiant the defendant, Nettie Warhurst is over the age of twenty one years.

It is therefore ordered by the register, that publication be made in the Franklin Times, a newspaper published in the county of Franklin once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Nettie Warhurst to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 28th day of September 1901, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause. Done at office, in Russellville, Ala., this 24th day of Aug., 1901 W. H. Austin, Register.

Notice of day set for Hearing Probate of Will.

The State of Alabama, Franklin County.

To Mason Box, whose place of residence is unknown.

You will please take notice that on the 2nd day of September 1901, a certain paper in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Artalis Reynolds was filed in my office for Probate by S. C. Brown and that the 30th day of September 1901, was appointed a day for hearing thereof, at which time you can appear and contest the same if you think proper.

Given under my hand, this 2nd day of September 1901. R. J. Moody, Judge of Probate.

Administrator's Sale.

Under and by virtue of an order and decree of the Hon. George C. Almon, acting as special judge of Probate Court of Franklin County I, Laura O. Ezzell, administratrix of the estate of Nancy A. Coltharp, deceased, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, in front of the Court House door, at Russellville, Alabama, on Monday the 2nd day of September 1901, between the legal hours of sale, for cash, the following described real estate belonging to said estate, to wit: Lot No. 1, Block No. 12, Wilson & Nance Addition to the town of Russellville, Ala., 80 by 160 feet, lying in the corner of 3rd avenue and second street, situated in Franklin County, Alabama, and upon which there is situated a frame dwelling.

LAURA EZZELL

Administratrix of Estate of Nancy A. Coltharp, Deceased. Sale postponed until Sept. 16th 1901. Laura O. Ezzell.

New Pastor. Rev. W. E. Aldridge of Birmingham has been appointed subpastor of the M. E. Church South at this place to assist Mr. Gardner. The church will continue under the pastorate of Mr. Gardner but Mr. Aldridge will be the active pastor as Mr. Gardner's school will demand nearly all his time. Mr. Aldridge is spoken of as being a very able preacher.

September 13, 1901 [Publication for this date is missing.]

September 20, 1901

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Whitlock--Taylor. On Wednesday the 11th inst., the sites of matrimony were solemnized by Rev. J. R. NeSmith between Mr. Abner L. Whitlock and Ada Taylor. This interesting ceremony took place at Oakly Bowling's residence some three miles northwest of Newburg.

Mr. Whitlock is a young man who holds the esteem, love, confidence and respect of all who

know him. He is a native of this country and is successful in his chosen vocation in life---agriculture. Miss Taylor is a charming young lady whom on one knows but to praise, she was educated in Cairo, Ill. and has proven herself competent and factual as a teacher; being loved alike by both old and young.

We are but voicing the sentiment of their many friends in wishing them a pleasant voyage through life, characterized by health, happiness and prosperity. A. Friend.

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Order Of Publication To Non-resident Defendant. The State of Alabama, Franklin County. John Woodall vs Vina Woodall

In Chancery At Russellville, Ala., First District, Northern Chancery Division.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Registrar, by the affidavit of John Woodall that the defendant Vina Woodall is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and resides somewhere in Alaska, and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendant is over the age of twenty one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Registrar, that publication be made in the Franklin Times, a newspaper published in the County of Franklin, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Vina Woodall to answer or demur to the same, within thirty days after the 19th day of October, 1901, and failing so to do a decree pro confesso will be taken against her in said cause.

Done at office in Russellville, this 17th day of Sept., 1901. W. H. Austin, Register.

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Guardian's Sale.

Under and by virtue of an order, a decree of the Hon. R. J. Moody, Judge of the Probate Court of Franklin County, I H. J. William, Guardian of the estate of J. H. Watson, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at Pleasant Site, Ala. on Saturday Oct. 19,1901 for cash the following described lands. to wit-20 acres in the S.E. cor. of N. W. 1-4, sec 13 T 6 R-15, 75 acres in S. W. part N. E. 1-4 sec 13, T 6-15.

H. J. Williams Guar. of J. H. Watson.

September 27, 1901 [Publication for this date is missing.]

October 4, 1901

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Notice For Publication.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 27. 1901.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settlers have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their claims, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the Circuit at Russellville, Ala., on Nov. 9, 1901, via: John W. McAlister, H. E. No. 23,648, for the e 1-2 se 1-4 nw 1-4 se 1-4 and sw 1-4 ne 1-4 sec 23 t 7 r 11 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James R. Edgar, of Spruce Pine, Ala., Lee Rea, Russellville, Ala., Joseph S. Baker and Mack Franks, Spruce Pine, Ala., also James O. Wood, H. E. No. 23471 for the e 1-2 and n 1-4 sec 34 and w 1-2 nw 1-4 sec 35 t 7 r 11 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John T. McAlister, James R. Edgar, George F. McAlister, Spruce Pine, Ala., Lee Rea, Russellville, Ala.

John A. Steele, register.

Shingle. Died on the 8th little Eva, infant daughter of John Rollings, the bereaved have our

sympathy---Born on the 7th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Taylor, a daughter---Born recently to Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver, a son, also to Mr. and Mrs. Chatman, a son, to Robert and Mrs. Whitfield, a daughter and to Rev. Owen Swiney and wife a son.

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Grand And Petit Jurors.

Grand Jurors.

Ed Malone, A. W. Fuller, J. H. Baggett, E. R. Richardson, A. J. James, J. M. Summers, J. P. Carr, D. R. Peden, C. L. Hill, J. T. Bolding, S. A. H. Todd, I. J. Rogers E. M. McNatt, L. N. Sparks, C. E. Wilson, A. R. Smith, W. J. Shellnut, I. A. Wood.

Petit Jurors, First Week.

John W. Ligon, W. A. Fike, Dave Moon, J. R. Isbell, John W. Keplinger, Brad Davis, D. C. Kimbrough, John Miller, T. E. James, V. B. Ligon, A., W. Wamsley, G. W. Armstead, Wm. Hall, H. H. Hargett, W. H. Hester, W. H. Kilpatrick, D. Q. Pours, A. P. Bolding, J. U. Glass, J. D. Heaps, T. P. Bowling, E. L. Cothrane, R. B. Taylor, J. C. Allen, E. W. Dennis, A. J. Flippo Sr., H. G. Sargent, J. A. Dobbins, Paul Cosbie, R. A. Hester.

Second Week.

R. T. McCarley, W. T. Brown, J. L. Clay, J. M. Sparks, H. B. Hall, J. W. Saints, J. W. Hester, A. M Tubb, R. S. Oliver, B. F. James, H. A. Allen, R. G. Malone, B. F. Arnold, Oak Spraggins, T. B. Nix, J. T. McKinney, W. S. Day, J. J. Dillard, D. J. Walker, L. M. Allen, H. M. Murphree, B. F. Cain, Charley Tennell, Arthur Grissom, L. M. Gipson, H. L. Blackburn, S. T. Bonds, C. S. Scott, C. M. Lourey, C. F. Flemming.

Notice Of Application To Sell Real Estate.

The State of Alabama, Franklin County

Probate Court, Special Term, Oct. 9, 1901.

To Dona Hughes and her husband Robert Hughes: Elizabeth Wright and Husband Alfred Wright, who are adults, and Reuben Gray, Oscar Gray and ------ Gray, an infant, whose Christian name is unknown, and who are minor children of Harvey Gray, deceased, all residing in Itawamba County, Mississippi.

You will take notice that this day came R. S. Gray, and filed his petition in due form and under oath, praying for an order of sale of certain lands described therein, and belonging to himself and others as joint owners and tenants in common, upon the ground that the same cannot be equitably partitioned or divided without a sale thereof.

It is ordered that the 11th day of November, 1901, be appointed a day for hearing such application, at which time you and all parties of interest can appear and contest the same, if they think proper. R. J. Moody, Judge of Probate.

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Dead. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Stansell died last Sunday afternoon and was interred Monday in the city cemetery. The blow came like a thunder clap from a clear sky to the bereaved parents taking their only child. May the love of Him, who doeth all things well, comfort and support the bereaved parents in the sad hour of their affliction.

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Jackson County

Jackson County Will Book L, 1865-1866 Pages 70 to 102

Abstracted by Lois Robertson

<u>Editor's Not</u>e: This is the fifth installment in a series of article abstracting this book. The first installment appeared in the December 1997 issue.

<u>Abstractor's Note</u>: 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 DILLON Estate (Continued)

William H. Norwood accepts the appointment of Guardian at litem for William, Michael, John, Martin, Alice, Mary, Katherine, and Ann Dillon in the suit of Letha A. Williams versus the heirs and distributees of John Dillon decd. for her dower of lands of said decedent.

On December 18, 1865, the Sheriff summons five freeholders, T. E. McMahan, F. J. Graham, John Hawk, Jackson Wimberly and David Rorex to allot and set off the widow's dower for Mrs. Letha A. Williams. Signed H. D. Tipton, Sheriff by H. E. Caperton, Deputy Sheriff,

Their report is filed 22 December 1865 and they laid off the Dower as follows: Beginning at the South West comer of said real estate Thence East along the line between said property and the lands of Theo Brown 172 poles to a rock in the comer of the field a little West of the old stage road, Thence N 170 poles E 54 and 1/2 poles to a stand[?] East of the fence, Thence N86 W64 poles to the spring so as to divide the same, Thence N2 W55 poles to the North boundary line of the reservation, Thence West along the North boundary line of said reservation to the North West comer of the same, Thence with the West boundary line to the beginning.

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WILLIAM R. COX Estate

On January 1, 1866, Melvina Cox comes before Judge Lawson C. Coulson to petition for her dower rights in her late husband's lands to be set aside for her use. She declares that she is the widow of W. R. Cox [the date of their marriage is not given]; that W. R. Cox died intestate and owned the following lands situated in Jackson County: the SW4 SW4 Sec 19 T3 R8, the N2 NW4 Sec 30 T3 R8, the NW4 SE4 Sec 25 T3 R8 containing 160 acres. Heirs at law are Mary Cox, Hopkins Cox, Jesse Cox, Texas Cox, James Cox and Thomas Cox, all are minors and reside with the petitioner and there is no legal guardian for the minors. L. H. Brewer is administrator of the Estate.

The Probate Judge then proceeded to issue an order to the Sheriff stating that Melvina Cox is entitled to dower and to summon five freeholders to set off the dower before the next term of the Court held on the second Monday, January 1866.

John H. Miller, Dempsey Holder, William P. Blancet, Richard F. Hunter and T. Boyd Foster are

WILLIAM R. COX Estate (continued)

summoned by Hugh E. Caperton, Asst. Sheriff to allot and set off to Mrs. Melvina Cox, widow of W. R. Cox, her dower. The following described lands are allotted to her: the SW4 NW4 Sec 19 T3 R8E, also the eastern portion of NW4 SE4 Sec 25, T3 R8E containing in all about fifty acres and having regard to the improvements and quality of the lands as well as the quantity of the dower.

James N. Power is subsequently named Guardian ad litem for Mary Cox, Hopkins Cox, Jesse Cox, Texas Cox, James Cox and Thomas Cox, minor heirs of W. R. Cox, deceased.

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PLEASANT HODGES Estate

On December 7, 1865, R. J. Hodges comes before the Probate Judge as Administrator of the estate of Pleasant Hodges, deceased, to say that the deceased was married to Elizabeth Hodges and at the time of his death he owned certain property: the W2 N4 Sec 13 T5 R3E containing 79-42/100 acres; also the W2 NE4 Sec 14 containing 80-20/100 acres; also the SW4 SE4 Sec 1 containing 40 acres; also the SE4 NE,4 Sec 14 containing 40 acres; also the NE4 NE4 Sec 14 all in T5 R3E. R. J. Hodges, petitioner, George R. Hodges, Frances P. Woodall & Kittie L. Kennemore are the children of Pleasant Hodges, and his heirs at Law, all of whom are of fun age. R. J. Hodges asks the Dower of Elizabeth Hodges be allotted to her.

Judge L. C. Coulson, on the 22nd day of December 1865 issued an order that Elizabeth Hodges is entitled to Dower in the above lands containing in all 279-42/100 acres and that the Sheriff should call five freeholders to set off the dower and to make a return before the next term of Court on the second Monday in February 1866.

Moses Maples, F. E. Cotton, W. G. Stephens, Luna Bowers and J. H. Evans are summoned on 1 January 1866 by H. D. Tipton, Sheriff, to allot the dower of Elizabeth Hodges.

The following lands were allotted to Elizabeth Hodges, being one third portion of the lands of Pleasant Hodges, deceased: the SE4 NE,4 Sec 14 T5 R3E and SE4 NW4 Sec 13 T5 R3E containing in all 79-32/100 acres.

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HIRAM GIBSON Estate

Rachel Gibson comes into Probate Court on 1 November 1865 to say that she is the widow and relict of Hiram Gibson, deceased, and at the time of his death he possessed the following lands as designated at the Land Office at Center, Alabama, lying and being in Jackson County: the NW4 NW4 Sec 34, the SE part of SE fractional quarter of Sec 33, the E2 NE4 Sec 33, the NE4 SE4 Sec 30, the NW part of SE fractional quarter of Sec 33 and the SW4 NE4 Sec 33, all in fractional Township I Range 9, also the SW4 NW4 Sec 3 and the NW4 NE4 Sec 3 in fractional T2 R9 containing in an 360 acres. She also declares that the decedent died intestate and that John Sims is her legal representative, that she married the decedent in or about the year 1820 and that she is entitled to dower in the above lands "or in lieu thereof Five hundred dollars worth in Fee Simple which the said widow and relict prefers and which right she claims being that she has never relinquished her Dower right to any of said Lands". The heirs are the Administrator [John Sims] in right of his wife, Alexander, Gilbert, James, Colonel Tarlton and Hiram Gibson, David Gowan in right of his wife, Elizabeth, formerly Elizabeth Gibson, Philip Hulsey in right of his wife, Rachel Angeline formerly Rachel A. Gibson, John Moore in right of his ward, Hiram Gibson, Jr., grandson of the decedent, all of whom are residents of Jackson County. Sworn to and subscribed by L. H. Brewer, 1 Nov 1865.

"Amended under order of Court so as to show that the SW4 NE4 Sect 33, the NE4 SE4 Sect 33 T1 I R9E is a detached trust or parcel and on it is situated the dwelling and outhouses where at the Intestate resided next before his death." L. C. Coulson, Judge PC

HIRAM GIBSON Estate (Continued)

John Moore accepts the appointment of Guardian ad litem for Hiram Gibson, Jr., who is a minor under the age of 21 in the suit of Rachel Gibson for dower, Dec. 9, 1865.

The Sheriff appoints David Farris, Elisha Ridley, William C. Glover, David Edwards and T. Boyd Foster to allot the dower of Rachel Gibson, widow of Hiram Gibson from the following lands: The NW4 NW4 Sect 34, the SE part of SE Fractional

Quarter of Sect 33, the E2 NE4 Sect 33, the NE4 SE4 Sect 30, the NW part of SE part of Fractional Sect 33, the SW4 NE4 Sect 33, All in Fract. Sect 1, Range 9, also SW4 NE4 Sect 3 & NW4 NE4 Sect 3 in Fract. T2 R9 containing 360 acres and SW4 NE4 Sect 33, the NE4 SE4 Sect 3 T1 I R9E which is detached from the main tracts of land. John Sims is the administrator and Hiram Gibson, Jr., a minor, are parties to this proceeding. A report is to be returned before the next term of Court to be held on the second Monday in February 1866.

The report made on 10 Jan 1866 allots the following lands as Rachel Gibson's dower: SW4 NE4 and NW4 NE4 of Sect 3 T2 R9E and East fractional 1/2 SE fractional 1/4 of fractional section 34 T1 R9E containing 159 acres more or less having regard to the improvements and quality of the land as well as the quantity of the dower.

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JESSE STARKEY Estate

On December 9, 1865, Mary Starkey, the widow of Jesse Starkey, deceased, is represented in Probate Court by Parks & Robinson, Attys, to petition for her Dower to be set aside. Jesse Starkey died intestate and Leroy H. Brewer was appointed Administrator of the Estate. At the time of his death, Jesse Starkey possessed the following real estate: the SW4 Sect 27, NE,4 SW4 NW4 and NW4 SW4 Sect 27 T5 R7E; the NE4 SE4 Sect 28, East part A. Sect 34 SE4 Sect 28 Sect 34 all in Township 3 R7E; also the NW4 NE4 Sect 2 T4 R7E containing forty acres lying on the Sand Mountain end containing in all Three hundred and ninety four acres and a half in the District of Land subject to sale at Huntsville, except the last mentioned Forty which lies in the Lebanon Land District. The following named persons are the heirs at law and distributees of Jesse Starkey: George W. Starkey who resides in Polk County, Ark, Margaret E, minor child of John Starkey who resides in Tishomingo County, Miss., Gideon Starkey, James Gray in right of his wife, Elizabeth, Landon Armstrong in right of his wife, Mary Ann, Jesse Starkey, Margarett Ledbetter, William Thornhill in right of his wife Nancy, all of who are of full age and reside in Jackson County, Alabama. Also J. K. Polk Starkey, Rhoda Starkey, Thomas Starkey and Sarah, all of whom are minors and reside with Mary Starkey in Jackson County. Gideon Starkey came before the Court to make deposition that the above facts are true.

On January 15, 1966 J. N. Power is appointed Guardian ad litem for Margaret E. Starkey, minor child of John Starkey and J. K. P. Starkey, Rhoda Starkey, Thomas Starkey and Sarah Starkey, minor children of Jesse Starkey.

By order from the Court, Sheriff H. D. Tipton appoints P. Ledbetter, E. Holder, Joshua Holder, M. T. McDuff and C. B. St. Clair are appointed Commissioners to assign dower to Mary Starkey. 18 January 1866.

The following lands, being one third portion of the lands named in the decree, are allotted to Mary Starkey: commencing on the Tennessee River at the South west comer, thence up said river to a marked willow and hackberry on the bank of said river, thence NW to a marked white oak on the Fl. Section line, thence west to the comer of said line, thence South to the commencing point on Tennessee River.

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W. R. W. COBB Estate

[Abstractor's Note: Williamson R. W. Cobb of Bellefonte represented Jackson County in the U. S. Congress from March 4, 1847 to January 30, 1861. Born about 1808, he lived at Bellefonte and was in the mercantile business. He died November 1, 1864 from an accidental gun shot wound. See John Robert Kennamer's History of Jackson County, page 197 and Willis Brewer's Alabama, Her History, Resources, War Record and Public Men, page 286.]

The sale of property belonging to the estate of W. R. W. Cobb included cows, horses, pigs, sheep, wheat, corn, cotton, farm tools and equipment, household items, beds, mattresses, tables, and chairs and other furniture. The sale amounted to \$5061.40-1/2 with items ranging from 25 cents for one old axe to \$988.00 for 1098 bushels of corn sold to the United States. The U.S. also bought 1 Rifle Gun for \$25.00, 15 head of hogs for \$45.00, 1 lot of carpenter tools for \$10.00 and "sundry things", for \$25.00. Lemon Cobb bought 80 acres of land at \$3.75 per acre; W. R. W. Cobb & Wm. Boyne(?) bought 80 acres at \$3.75 per acre. Kelly Fussel (?) bought 40 acres at \$3.00 per acre; Amos Cobb bought 20 acres at \$3.15 per acre; and Calvin Vaughn bought 20 acres at \$2.30 per acre. The Land is not identified. The total amount of sales was \$5,061,41-1/2. Other buyers of items were:

Samuel Vaughn	Wm. Bogue	A. Cobb	Samuel Vaughn
Joseph Vaughn Wm. Campbell	A. J. Huggins W. R. Sanders	0. Hill C. Dickinson	Jessy Walker D. Dickinson
J. H. McConnell	Johnson Harrison	B. Cobb	E. R. Englis
L. D. Ivy	Thos Gullatt	F. Vann	A. Worley
S. Cobb	T. Daniel	J. T. Province	Wm. Norris
Poffet? (colored)	Caroline (colored)	J. M. Hudson	John Patten
R. C. T. Gill	John Daniel	George Paskell	Thos. Foster
R. C. Brewer	Daniel Townsend	George Higgs	Martha McGaha
Franklin Wilson	J. C. Drake	Innur(?) Wood	Amos Norris
Thomas J. Gullatt	John Hutton	Amos Cobb	J. B. Womack
F. Vass	M. McGaha	F. Vann	John Snodgrass
John Bryant	R. Ausbrooks	P. H. Burton	B. R. Womack
Martin Bryant	H. Womack	Moses Jones	Mrs. N. J. Pinson
Mrs. Wilson	W. S. Skelton	M. Harrison	N. Pinson
F. Wood	Mrs. Norris	John Whitfield	D. K. Holmes

On December 16, 1865 Bryant Cobb as Administrator of the Estate of W. R. W.

Cobb comes into Probate Court to say that the sale of the property was conducted fairly and that this is a true and correct report.

Following the sale listing is the Appraisal List of the property appraised by W. G. Mitchell, R. C. Brewer and Samuel Vaughn. Listed are farm items, household items, farm animals. There was 575-1/2 acres of land appraised at \$8.00 per acre and 52 acres of land near Bellefonte at \$100.00 and "all the Bellefonte property, house & lot, \$300.00." There is no other identification of the property. The report is dated December 11, 1865.

The Inventory of the property follows. The report is dated January 11, 1866 and is signed by Bryant Cobb. The inventory covers farm implements, livestock, household furniture, kitchen items, corn, cotton, books, bottles, notes and accounts. There are 15 pages of items and only the unusual listings will be itemized here.

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W. R. W. COBB Estate (Continued) Sent to me by Elizabeth Huggins, United States Money, \$957-85 28 Kansas Patents and 5 incomplete duplicates I Government Bond, \$1000.00 272 Tenn. and Mirelong (Maryland?) bank notes not current, \$272.00 \$620 Confederate, Not current \$135.75 State tickets, \$25 from Against for articles sold at the Prohtations(?) \$80 bond from W. Bogue for articles sold \$15 gold and silver in A. Huggins hands 998 bushels of corn taken by U.S. Soldiers 2 Confederate Bonds, \$500 each Bryant Cobb Account, \$20.30 Nancy Allison Account, \$13.80 Cotton sold by W. R. W. Cobb, Jr., \$411.40 Horse and Saddle taken from plantation by W. R. W. Cobb, Jr., \$125.00 Note on A. J. Huggins due Jany 18, 1863 payable in Ala. bank notes, \$200.00 Note on A. J. Huggins due 18 Jan 1863, Confederate money, \$50-00 Note on A. J. Huggins due 28 Nov 1862 in current bank notes, \$380-00 Due bill on A. J. Huggins due 3 Jan 1864, Confederate Money, \$100.00 Note on Samuel Vaughn due 12 May 1863, \$10.00 One Certificate on John C. Drake and Thomas Vann for \$50 or \$60 "some fifteen or 20 years ago all the above papers was delivered to me by Eliza Huggins" Note Executed to Parker & Cobb due I Jan 1835 on Nathaniel Brewer, \$22.50 Recpt on Armstrong for Collection 111 Lbs picked cotton James Megouler(?) Witness tickets amount in all, \$29.75 Recpt for Collection on Isaac Dunesly Account for Pills, \$1.10

Notes on the following ranging from 71 cents to \$43.20:

W. Webb	Eliza Corn	Elbert Clark	Thos. Bryant
Thos Cook	Thos. Kelso	Moses McClannahan	Thos. A. Russell
John McNeal(?)	John T. Coulson	Jabe Romans	Wm. Reynolds
Enoch Story	James Sutherly	David Reynolds	Elias Stephens
James Lawless	Isaac Dunesly	John Story	John J. St. Clair
John Reynolds	Andy Reynolds	Calaway Tharp	S. D. Sherrod
James S. Shankles	A. M. Saxon		

Memorandum Note sent to Knoxville on Harden and Agnes Hoke, \$40.00 One Note on John Thompson in favor of S. R. Moore assigned \$20.00 One Note on Crusin Baker assigned to Parker & Cobb Ellice Stephens account, \$5. 10 John C. Dodson account, \$3.23 Memos & Notes Self with Sam Henry for collection on G. C. Ledbetter, \$108.00 One account William Tunsill(?), \$3.50 Recpt of W. H. Robinson for note on Sarah Fletcher, \$50.00 Memorandum on Robt. Skelton's Office for collection P. H. Golden Credit by \$3.63 One Account Randal Ivy, \$2.00 One account Miss Martha Sublett, \$0.38 Balance two notes Thomas Galloway, \$36.36 Valley Leaves

Page 100 -102 W. R. W. COBB Estate (Continued) One account James Cloud, \$.80

One Receipt of Esq. Armstrong for collection of notes.

Notes on the following ranging from \$.90 to \$400.00:

Wm. Sutherly	Thomas G. Skelton	W. S. Sisk & C. A. S	harples
John Haynes	W. C. McCord	Catherine Means	Martin Thomas
John Patten & H. C	. Cowan	S. W. Eagan	R. & B. Ivy
Thomas Aytchly	Thomas Blancett	E. H. Durham	D. M. Bradford
William Coulson	Mrs. Beeson	John Mitchell	George Dycus
John Garnett	Lee Drinkard	Jeff Rand	Elizabeth Hodge
Jeremiah Cloud	James McCharles	Henry Colesen	Thomas Palmore
Charles Vaughn			

Account Wm. McLendon, \$.70 Balance Note Nathan B. Perry, \$4.75 Account Joiner Jentry, \$10.00 Account Randolph Ivy, \$17. 10 Account E. C. Pinson, \$1.60 Two orders W. H. S. Tailor pay clerk Audits Office to pay McGruber, \$32.25 Receipts for collection on T. J. Poarch for notes E. Sherods Note, \$27.50 One Memorandum Note sent to T. B. Black on John Lotts, \$30.00 Account Emory Willis, \$4.65

One Note on E. M. Williams, M. L. Williams. & M. A. Waters, \$40.00 Memorandum of Notes left with Judge Dickson to be filed for settlement Account William Davis

Notes on the following ranging from 90 cents to \$689.000

Wm. Morgan	Noel McAffie	Eliza Palmore	James Pendergrass
Alfred B. Pendergrass	James McLemore	Miles Pendergrass	James McKinney
John Green	E.S. Pinson	John F. Asloy(?)	Sarah Parker
John Adams	John Mitchell	Jennings Hulsey	John Rinch
Wm. H. Proctor	David W.	John Daniel	John D. Hunter
Henry & Andrew	Stewart & Carter	A. C. Eaton	B. Brown

A. Hayes & George Elliott James Smith Benjamin Snodgrass Robt. Blassingame E. W. Williams

Account Nancy Blansett, \$8.32 Account on Lewis Bryant, \$0.50 Account David H. Perriman, \$15.30 Balance on Settlement James Potter, \$22.45 In Leddons Office Memorandum of cotton receipts Delivered to W. S.

Snodgrass and returned 43 7 lbs cotton worth 4.91 112-1/2 per 100 lbs Account on Wm. Sublett Account Abraham Harges & George Elliott, \$27.87 Account T. J. Ashberry, \$2.55 Garnishment on Huston Leddens, Office Account James Lawless, \$4.90

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Lawrence County

Lawrence County Orphans Court Minutes, 1825 - 1830

Transcribed by Judith Morgan Hetchler

<u>Editor's Note:</u> This is the continuation of the series from Valley Leaves, Volume 32, Number 3; March 1998 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 Settlement heretofore commenced by John Gregg Administrator De bonis non of all and Singular the goods &c which were of William Alsup late of said County Deceased. Is brought forward and Continued

Amount of Debits brought from page 360 Credits \$1529.52 1/4		\$2218.02
paid to Jesse Alsup note		27.64
Interest thereon		9.94
interest thereon		0.01
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paid Jesse Aulsup		\$25.25
Interest thereon		10.00
paid Jesse Aulsup		50.00
Interest thereon		26.00
paid Jesse Aulsup		6.18 3/4
Interest thereon		9.64
paid Jesse Aulsup		2.64 1/2
Interest thereon		$1.12 \ 1/2$
paid Jesse Aulsup		3.25
Interest thereon		.13
paid Jesse Aulsup		33.68 3/4
Interest thereon		18.00
paid Jesse Aulsup		18.43 3/4
Interest thereon		9.20
paid Jesse Aulsup		40.37 1/2
Interest thereon		13.00
Paid Jesse Aulsup		7.00
Interest thereon		2.37 1/2
paid Jesse Aulsup by present Administrator		40.00
Interest thereon		1.65
The payment made to Jesse Aulsup were on the	discharge	
of said notes		
1st Due 1st November 1817 for	\$200.00	
2 Due November 17th 1819	\$200.00	
3 Due November 7th 1821	\$200.00	

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paid to Tax Collectors at different times One note on John McNutt & Isiah Brown Due 7th day of December 1822 for the sum of twenty dollars and 50 cents Credited January 26th 1825 with \$3 dollars. March the 1st 1823 eight dollars, Ballance lost on account of Insolvency.

1.68

19.00

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Which leaves in the hands of the Administrator to be distributed Two hundred and ninety one dollars and fifty nine and one half cents.

Which Settlement is Ordered to be received and the Vouchers to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of said Court

It appears that there were a Mistake in counting the Interest as to the length of time upon the amount of the Sales amounting to two hundred and thirty seven dollars which added to the amount in the hands of the Administrator leaves the amount to be distributed five hundred and twenty eight dollars fifty eight and one half cents.

Which Settlement is Ordered to be received and the Vouchers to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, and the Administrator is Ordered to pay said amount to persons thereto entitled

On the application of Henry Gregg Administrator of all and Singular the goods &c which were of Samuel Reeves late of said County deceased at the time of his death. Ordered that he make a final Settlement of his said Administration at the Court House in the Town of Moulton on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in October next and that forty days notice hereof be given by three insertions of a copy of this Order in the Courtland Herald Or some other paper published in

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the northern part of this State And that the Clerk of this Court send a Copy of this Order to the Editor.

On the application of Henry Grigg Administrator of all and Singular the goods &c which were of Jesse Patterson late of said County at the time of his death Ordered that he make a final Settlement of said Administration at the Court House in the Town of Moulton on the first Wednesday after the third Monday in October next and that forty days notice thereof be given by three insertions of a Copy of this Order in the *Courtland Herald* or some other paper published in the northern part of this State, and that the Clerk of this Court send a copy of this Order to the

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Editor Notice having been given for forty days as a a former Order of this court Benjamin Jones and Stockton Administrators of all and Singular the were of Silas Stockton deceased at the time of hi the following Statement as a final Settlement of Administration of said goods &c	l Nathaniel goods &c which s death present
There was sold by the Administrators prop the sum of One note of Eighty five Dollars [illegible]	erty amounting to \$256.86 1/2
to be the property of William Stockton One not[e] of Eighty Dollars on Robert Hunter collected	<u>85.00</u> 341.86 1/2
Page 430 Brought forward One note on Hugh M Rodgers for ten dollars and fifty cents collected One note for thirty dollars on Samuel H Swan Due 1st January 1821, lost by Insolvency One note for thirty dollars on Samuel H Swan Due 25th of December 1820 also lost by Insolven One note for twenty eight dollars on Rendy E St Due 18th February 1817 lost by insolvency One note Elisha Lambert and John Smith for the hundred dollars payable in Horses, Due the 25th of December 1818 Lost by insolvency. One Recipt [sic] on Andrew Rodger a Justice of t amounting to One hundred and forty for sundry put into his hands for collection Lost by said Rodgers not being found	<u>10.50</u> \$352.36 1/2 ep ree h he peace,
Claims against the Estate of said Stockton and audited by Commissioners	\$1202.49 1/4
Two hundred dollars of that amount received by the administrators paid out in discharge of the Claims against the Estate that were to be paid in proportion to their several amounts as set down in said auditors report which leaves in the hands of the	
Administrators Page 431	\$152.86 1/2
retained in the hands of the Administrators for services part of cost Administration to Daniel Wright former Clerk	62.00 5.25
further cost of administrators further cost paid John Gallagher former Clerk	3.00 5.25

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paid Samuel Henders as a witness in a case	
in the Circuit Court	5.00
paid Matthew Roberts as a Witness in case in	
the Circuit Court	19.36
paid Hugh M Rodgers as a Witness in a case	
in the Circuit Court	12.92
paid William Norwood as a Witness in a case	
in the Circuit Court	8.75
paid Robert Walker as a Witness in a case	
in the Circuit Court	3.00
paid To the printer for publishing	2.00
paid To printer for publishing	3.00
for Services and Money spent B. Jones	25.00
Nathaniel Stockton for time lost in tending	
to a Lawsuit	10.00
paid To Wilie [sic] Conner for printing	4.00
paid Judge of the Court and Clerk of the same	
cost of settlement	7.50
	\$176.03

Order paid Twenty three dollars and Seventeen and one half cents Which Settlement is Ordered to be received and the vouchers to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court

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Ordered that the time appointed for receiving claims against the Estate of Thomas Glass deceased, be extended to the first Wednesday after the third Monday in January next

Ordered that the court do now adjourn until the next term thereof Peter W Taylor

State of Alabama) County court in vacation Lawrence County) Special Term September 2 1829 Present the Honble [sic] Peter W. Taylor Esq Judge of said court.

On the application of John C. Stephenson he having produced to this court credentials of his being a regular Licensed minister of the Gospel of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, he is hereby authorized to solemnise [sic] the rites of matrimony according to the rules and of said Church, and the Laws of the State of Alabama. Ordered that this Court do now adjourn until the next term thereof. Peter W Taylor

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Madison County

Sheriff's Execution Docket[Book], 1811-1816

Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson

This is the second in a series of articles showing what court cases are recorded in the Docket Book. For reasons that are not clear, the dates of cases are wildly out of sequence, so we have reported the cases in sequence by their recorded numbers.

The reader is again cautioned to remember that the Docket book is not a record of the trials, only the fees and fines paid in the case are recorded. The statement "(not found)" means that the Sheriff could find the party toserve papers, levy fines or collect expenses. The Docket book is being presented as a great sources of names which heretofore has not been made public.

JULY 1814

- 278 Commissioners vs David Paxton, William Howson & John P. Hickman
- 279 Robert Beaty & Covs John W. Thompson
- 280 Alex. Boland vs W. G. Ppool [sic], Daves Leonard & Pines Ingram
- 281 John McAllister vs Michael Harrison
- 282 Joseph McMurtry vs Beverly Scurlock
- 283 Samuel Acklin vs John Keywood
- 284 Frederick Hise vs John B. Haynes
- 285 Frederick Hise vs Michael Harrison, John Kavanaugh & William King.
- 286 William Simpson vs John Thompson & Benjn. Williams
- 287 Isaac Stewart vs Samuel Clarke
- 288 William Fields, assee, vs John B. Haynes
- 289 300 MISSING
- 301 Stephen Smith vs Dillon Blevins
- 302 Joseph Anderson vs James Ditto
- 303 William Robinson vs John Bunch
- 304 Thomas Collins vs Benjn. Williams
- 305 Stephen Smith vs Dillon Blevins

- 306 Robert Beaty vs Littleberry Adams
- 307 Woody Loyd vs William Johnson
- 308 Jacob Sivley vs William Adair
- 309 The Territory vs Jacob Baldwine
- 310 Gabriel Moore vs John Witzell
- 311 James Ditto vs Joseph Anderson
- 312 Frederick Hise vs John B. Haynes
- 313 James Moore & Samuel Russell vs John McAllister, assee of Thomas Lackey
- 314 Territory vs William Winston
- 315 Territory vs John B. Haynes

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- 316 John W. Walker vs Jesse Wilson
- 317 John Carter vs Catharine Carter
- 318 Wm. Blevins vs M. C. Williams
- 319 The territory vs Joseph Hutcheson
- 320 John Chisholm vs Solomon Jordan

NOVEMBER 1813

- 321 The Territory vs Abraham Sandifer
- 322 The Territory vs Greenham Crowder

- 323 William Harison [sic] vs Joseph Acklen & Wm. Campbell
- 324 Wilcher G. Ppool vs Chas. Cabiness
- 325 John C. Hamilton, use of Danl. A. Denham vs William Robinson
- 326 Caleb Fraley, use of Danl. A. Denham, vs William Robinson
- 327 The Territory vs George Sharp
- 328 The Territory vs Jesse Jordan
- 329 Robert Farish vs Gabriel Moore
- 330 The Territory vs James Miller

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- 331 The Territory vs Alex Dutton
- 332 Charles Cabiness vs W. G. Ppool
- 333 The Territory vs Daniel Mitchell
- 334 Daniel A. Denham, assee, vs MDuke Williams
- 335 William Howson vs Joseph Acklin & William Campbell
- 336 Henry Harless vs Jesse Wilson
- 337 Ekford & Mitchell, use of James Edwards vs George Sharp
- 338 James B. Rogers vs George Sharp
- 339 Joseph Acklin vs Wyatt W. Smith & Samuel Donahoo
- 340 William W. Capshaw vs Alex Gilbreath
- 341 Smith, King & Trigg vs Joseph Acklen & James Ditto
- 342 John Childress vs William Robinson
- 343 Wyatt W. Smith vs William Robinson
- 344 Whites & Gilbreath vs George W. Hunt
- 345 George Yoakum vs Andrew Jordan, Elijah Weaver & Solomon Jordan.

- 346 Richard Land, use of Win. McElroy vs Thomas Patterson
- 347 Anthony Winston vs William Robinson
- 348 Joseph Greenwood vs Thomas Patteson [sic]
- 349 Roam Doyle vs Peter Ragsdale
- 350 Hugh Wollard vs Thomas Patterson

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- 351 Charles Kavanaugh vs Wm. Baker & Jesse Wilson & David Cannon
- 352 James McDaniel vs William Wilbourn
- 353 Peyton Cox vs David Paxton & Walker Allen
- 354 John Boring vs George Sharp & Henry Cox
- 355 Samuel Mardis vs Green H. Crowder
- 356 Green H. Crowder vs Samuel Mardis
- 357 William McDaniel vs Jeff. H. Cloud, Sally Cloud & Joel Hancock
- 358 Joseph Johnson vs Jeff. Taylor, James Hall& George Worley
- 359 The Territory vs Jesse Jordan
- 360 Moses White vs Win. Adair, Danl. Rather& MD Williams
- 361 Hickman & Search vs William Robinson,William Simpson & William Campbell
- 362 Isaac Brock vs George Sharp & Henry Cox
- 363 Andrew Cowan, assee, vs Wm. Robinson,Wm. Simpson & Wm. Campbell.
- 364 R. A- Higginbotham vs Marmaduke Williams
- 365 Ralph Philips & John W. Hunt vs Wm. Robinson, Wm. Simpson & Win. Campbell.
- 366 Chas. Cabiness vs W. G. Ppool
- 367 The Territory vs Wm. Winston

- 368 Daniel A. Denham vs MD Williams
- 369 Wm. Howson vs Joseph Acklen, Saml. Acklen & Littepage Sims
- 370 Wm. Helms vs H. King & Elijah King
- 371 James Hayworth vs William Adair
- 372 John B. Haynes vs Kinchen Massengale
- 373 Wm. Wilkinson vs Wm. Campbell & Wm. H. Winston
- 374 same names as previous
- 375 same names as previous
- 376 Wm. Capshaw vs Alex. Gilbreath
- 377 John McIver vs Caleb Fraley
- 378 Caleb Fraley vs Wm. Robinson
- 379 Francis Preston vs Wm. Robinson
- 380 Whites & Gilbreath vs Joseph Doherty
- 381 Lewis Mayer vs James A. Sturgis
- 382 Chas. Carroll Jr. & Chas Carrol [sic] Sen vs Nicholas Spring
- 383 William Wheat vs James Grizzard
- 384 Hugh Wollard vs Thomas Patterson
- 385 Wm. Thompson vs John Casey
- 386 C. & G. Morgan vs MD Williams
- 387 Fleming Hodges & Jos. Titus vs Frederick Hise
- 388 Jos. Hamilton, use of King & Beaty, vs Joseph Dameron
- 389 Minor Winn vs Wm. Wright
- 390 Samuel Gordon vs John Hickman
- 3 91 William Wainwright vs John B. Haynes
- 392 Ely Baily vs Wm. Wainwright

- 393 Robert Wright vs William Blevins
- 394 John Donahoo vs George Sharp
- 395 John Drake vs R. A. Higginbotham
- 396 Thos. Humes vs Wm. Robinson
- 3 97 John McGhee vs Joseph Acklin
- 398 Stephen Hurd vs MDuke Williams & George Sharp
- 399 same names as previous
- 400 John McMahan vs MDuke Williams & George Sharp
- 401 same names as previous
- 402 Whites & Gilbreath vs James Gillaspy [sic]
- 403 John Rhea vs George Worley & Thomas Brandon
- 404 Jason Matlock vs R. A. Higginbotham
- 405 John Hamilton vs George Sharp
- 406 Lewellen Jones vs John Allen
- 407 Whites & Gilbreath vs Benjn. Russell & Andrew Sivley
- 408 Wm. Cox, Extr. vs Wm. Adair
- 409 John McGhee vs Alex. Gilbreath
- 410 Fleming Hodges vs Alexr. Gilbreath [Not found]
- 411 John Wilson, assee, vs Benjn. L Saunders [not found; alias Casa, May 1815]
- 412 Whites & Gilbreath vs John Williams
- 413 Thomas Wilson vs Wm. Adair
- 414 Uriah Allison vs Wm. Adair
- 415 R. A. Higginbotham vs Jon. B. Robertson
- 416 Wm. Jones, assee, vs Jon. B. Robertson

- 417 Beaty & Ewing vs Wm. Robinson
- 418 same names as previous
- 419 Wm. Jones vs Samuel Jobe & George Sharp. [No property found]
- 420 Stephen Ewing vs Wm. Robinson
- 421 Wm. Thacker, use of Jason Matlock, vs Wm. Franklin [Nothing found]
- 422 Wm. Jones vs Danl. Jobe & George Sharp [No property found.]
- 423 Benjn. Lashley, use of Wm. Beaty, vs Wm. Lashley.
- 424 Lewis Hannan vs John McWhorter
- 425 Pleasant M. Miller vs George Worley
- 426 John R. Acklin vs Wm. Ball
- 427 Win. Ball vs Wyatt W. Smith
- 428 Wyatt W. Smith vs R. A. Higginbotham
- 429 William Hunt vs Wyatt W. Smith
- 430 Whites & Gilbreath vs William Robinson, William Simpson & William Campbell
- 431 Andrew Campbell vs James Rowan
- 432 Leroy Pope vs Wm. Haughton
- 433 Wm. Adair vs George Worley
- 434 Spotswood Jones vs Wm. Robinson
- 435 A. Winston vs John C. Watkins
- 436 R. A. Higginbotham vs Wm. Adair
- 437 Cash & McAllister vs Wm. Adair
- 438 Thomas N. Clark vs Francis Worley
- 439 John R. Acklin vs Wm. Howson
- 440 John Camp vs Wm. Howson
- 441 John Brahan vs John Campbell & W. G. Ppool

- 442 John C. Hamilton vs Wm. Robinson
- 443 Jas. R. Wilson vs Wm. Adair
- 444 John Maples [written Meples] vs Wm. Adair
- 445 James Harland vs J. J. Winston & A. Winston
- 446 Lewellen Jones vs R. A. Higginbotham
- 447 David Cannon vs John B. Haynes & James Mitchell
- 448 John Grayson vs Wm. Robinson
- 449 Wm. Aldridge vs Jonathan Shields (Not found 11th Nov 1814)
- 450 Thomas N. Clark vs Wm. Robinson, Wm. Simpson & Wm. Campbell
- 451 John Hamilton, assee of John Brahan, vs Wm. Campbell, Wm. Robinson & Wm. Adair
- 452 Anthony Winston vs Benjn. L. Saunders
- 453 David Monroe vs Joseph Wofford
- 454 Charles Cabiness vs W. G. Ppool
- 455 Thos. & Wm. Brandon vs David Moore
- 456 John W. Thompson vs Robert Beaty & Co.
- 457 Lewellen Jones vs John Allen
- 458 Green H. Crowder vs Solomon Smith (Not found. May 1815)
- 459 Garland B. Miller vs Dickard & Lpyker[?]
- 460 Armstead Bealer vs David Moore & Wm. Howson
- 461 Isaac Brownlow vs Smith Trigg & Co.
- 462 Joseph Anderson vs James Ditto
- 463 Joseph Anderson vs James Ditto

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Indigent Fund Record Book, 1863 - 1864

Transcribed by Gay Cushing Campbell

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

<u>Researcher's Note:</u> 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. There is section missing from the book, pages 64 through 69. This section begins in Precinct #9, Kennamers and goes into Precinct #10, Honeycomb.

Pages 64 through 69 are missing from the book

Page 70

	Precinct No. 9 Kennamers			
1863	Perry Atchley 8@Salt 40 ^{cts} Amt of 4Inst	6	Cr 30-	L
1863	Mr.s Ashburn 2 _ @Salt 12 _	1X	Cr	L
1863	Willis Bevel 7 _ @ Salt 37 ^{cts} _ Amt of 4Inst 7 _ @ Salt for Baxter	(5	Cr 25-	L
1863	George Butler 3@ Salt 15 ^{ets} - Amt of 4 Inst 6@ Salt	(3	Cr	L
1863	James M Channally	(1X	Cr	L
Page 71	Precinct	No 9K	Cennamers	
1863	James M Davis 7@ Salt 35 ^{cts} -	(7	Cr	L
1863	James M Elkins 3 @ Salt 15 ^{cts} - Amt of 4 Inst 15 @ Salt	(6	Cr 30.00	L
1863	E. M. Elkins	(2)	Cr	L
Sept 26	5 @ Salt 24 ^{cts} - Amt of 4Inst 1@ Salt	(2	10.00	L
1863	Noah Fryer	(1	Cr	L

	4 _ @ Salt 22 ^{cts} _ c. Amt of 4 In	st			
1863 # Sept 26 Oct 19	James Fletcher 3 @ Salt 15 ^{cts} - 6 @ Salt Rec Fifteen dollars Z. C. Kenn	(3X amer	Cr	L	
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1863	James Fryer	(5	Cr Cr	L	
Sept 26	7 _ @ Salt 37 ^{cts} _ c Amt of 4 Inst 7 _ @ Salt			25.00	
1863	J F Grayson 4 _ Salt 22 ^{cts} _ c Amt of 4 Inst	(3	Cr 15.00	L	
1863	J. J. Grayson 2 _ @ Salt 12 ^{cts} _ c Amt of 4 Ins 1 @ Salt for Baxter	(1 st	Cr (1	L Cr	L
1863	J. T. Hodges	(6 6 4 T 4	Cr	L	
#	1 for Cotton Cards \$9.00 amt o Amt Paid	of 4 Inst	30.00	21.00	
1863	R. A. M. Law	1	Cr	L 5.00	
Mch 28	2 _ @ Salt 12 ^{cts} _ Amt of 4 Instal Recd Ten Dollars Fr M [his mark] Law				
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1000			Cr	L	
1863	J. B. Middleton 4 _ @ Salt 22 ^{cts} _ Amt of 4 Inst 1 _ @ Salt	(2	Cr 10.00	Г	
1863	Elizabeth Martin 3 @ Salt 15 ^{cts} - Amt 4 Instal	(1	Cr 5.00	L	
1863	Isaac Perkins	(4	Cr	L	
Sept 26	Amt 4 Instalment 12 @ Salt for Mrs Phillips		20.00		
1863	Sarah Perkins	(2	Cr	L	
Sept 26	Amt 4 Instalment 6@ Salt for Mrs Phillips		10.00		
1863	Elihu Philips (Mch 4/64 3	(6	Cr	L	
Sept 26 Mch 4/64	6 @ Salt 30 ^{cts} - amt 4 Instal 30.00 12 @ Salt for Mrs Philips [sic] Recd W T May Thirty Dollars S Phillips				
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1863	Precinct Samuel Philips (Mch 4/64 2)		lennamers Cr	L	

Sept 26 March 4/64	4@ Salt 20. ^{cts} amt 4 Inst 8@ Salt Recd of W. T. May Twenty Do	llars S F	20.00 Phillips	
1863	Robert Page 1 @ Salt 5 ^{cts} Amt of 4 Inst	(1	Cr 5.00	L
1863	Abner Riggins 4 _ @ Salt 22 ^{cts} _ cts. 4Inst 4 _ @ Salt	(3	Cr 15.00	L
1863 Sept 29	Thomas Simmons 3 @ Salt 15 ^{cts} 4 Instalment 3 @ Salt	(3	Cr 15.00	L
1863	Luke Tatom Amt of 4 ^{cts} Instal	(2	Cr	L
Page 75				
	Precinct	No. 9 K	lennamers	
1863	Thomas Tipton Amt 4 ^{cts} Instalment	(2	Cr 10.00	L
1863	Lewis Page amt 4 ^{cts} Instalment	(1	5.00	
	Recd Sept 2 1863 of W. T. May Judge three hundred forty one dollars for Families of precinct No 9 Recd Sept 2 1863 of W. T. May Judge five hundred & Sixteen dollars forfamilies of Precinct No 10			
Recd Sept 3 1863 of W. T. May Judge three hundred & forty one dollars for Families of Precinct No 9. T.J. Bogges				
	Recd Nov 3/63 of W. T. May Judge Three Hundred & Sixty five dollars from Beat No 9 W. L. Rollings			
Dec 17	Amt by a Beard 233 @ Salt			
Page 76 is blank				
Page 77	Presinct No	10 Hon	ey Comb [sic.]	
1863	Wylie Anderton	(4	Cr	L
Sept 22 6@ sal	6@Salt 30 ^{cts} 4 Instal 20.00			

Sept 22 6@ salt

1863	Simon Birdwell 6Salt 30 ^{cts}	(2	Cr 10.00	L
1863	Peggy Brummet 1 _@salt 7 _ Amt 4 Instal	(1	Cr 5.00	L
1863	James Dunn amt 4 Instal	(2	Cr 10.00	L
1863	James C. Dalton 12@salt 60 ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(4	Cr 20.00	L
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1863	Precinct No John Frankey 3@salt15.04 amt 4Instal	10 Hon (2	ey Comb [sic.] Cr 10.00	L
1863	B.B. Fletcher 4@salt 20 ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(2	Cr 15.00	L
1863	Ab.[sic.] Gibson 9@salt 45 ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(3	Cr 15.00	L
1863	Samuel Hoke 3 _ @salt 17 _ amt 4 Instal	(1	Cr 5.00	L
1863	James M Hackney amt 4 Instalmt	(4	Cr 20.00	L
Page 79				
1863	Precinct No William Jones 6@salt 30 ^{cts} 4 Instal	10 Hon (2	ey Comb [sic.] Cr 10.00	L
1863	L. P. Kennedy 7 _ @ Salt 37 _ ^{cts} amt Instal	(3	Cr 15.00	L
1863	Samuel Key 6 _ @ Salt 32 _ ^{cts} amt Instal	(2	Cr 10.00	L
1863	William Key 22@ Salt \$1.10 Amt 4 Instal	(8	Cr 40.00	L
1863	Riley Kirkland 9@Salt 45 ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(6	Cr 30.00	L
Page 80				
1863	Precinct No Noah Keal [sic.] 3@salt 15 ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	10 Hon (1	ey Comb [sic.] Cr 5.00	L
1863	Reuben Ledbetter 1 _ @ Salt 7 _ amt 4 Instal	(2	Cr 10.00	L

Sept 22	[unreadable text]			
1863	Mrs Ledbetter 1 _ @salt 7 _ amt 4 Instal	(1	Cr 5.00	L
Sep 22	1 _ @salt Mrs Selvage			
1863	Robert Lewis 15@salt 75 ⁰⁰ amt 4 Instal	(5	Cr 25.00	L
1863	Mark Laugherner 4 _ @salt 22 _ amt 4 Instal	(2	Cr 10.00	L
Sept 19	2@salt			
Page 81		10.11	0 1 (;)	
1863	Robert Martin 9@salt 45 ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(3	ey Comb [sic.] Cr 15.00	L
1863	T. B. Parkhill 10 _@salt 52 _ 1 forbands [sic.	(7 1	Cr	L
	\$9.00 4 Instal Paid	1	35.00	9.00 26.00
Sept 19	10 _ @ Salt per Mrs Campbell			
1863	William Rickettes 4 @ salt 20 ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(4	Cr 20.00	L
1863	William Selvage 12 @ Salt 60 ^{cts} amt Instal	(4	Cr 10.00	L
1863	John Selvage 6 @ Salt 30 ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(4	Cr 20.00	L
Sept 22	@ salt		20.00	
Page 82			a 1 () 1	
1863	Precinct No B. R. Stewart 12 _ @ salt 62 _ ^{cts} Amt 4 Inst	10 Hon (5	ey Comb [sic.] Cr 25.00	L
1863	Charner Stewart 7 _@ salt 37 _ ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(3	Cr 15.00	L
1863	William Saint 3 @ salt 15 ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(1.	Cr 5.00	L
1863	Mrs Troup 3 _@ salt 17 _ ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(1 5.00	Cr	L
1863	William Troup 3 _ @ salt 17 _ ^{cts} amt 4 Instal	(1	Cr 10.00	L
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# 1843 Digest of the Laws of the State of Alabama

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Extracted by Richard A. Smallwood, CGRS

Editors Note: This is an experimental feature of Valley Leaves. Its purpose is to show early Alabama Laws on estates and marriage. The reader is cautioned that the laws shown may or may not still exist in whole or part in today's laws. Further, even if a law's language does remain the same, State courts may have applied it differently in different lawsuits in different eras. A Digest, sometimes called a Code is not the actual law, but is a compilation of laws. To find the actual law the researcher has to examine the record of the governing body which passed the law.

It is hoped that this series will benefit the researcher by providing a reference where extant estate records to be compared with specific parts of state law. Hopefully, the researcher will be in a position to understand why an estate settlement took the course it did. An experienced researcher may also be able to anticipate what should be involved in an estate settlement, based on what else is known about the family under study.

The main text shown is an exact transcription of the Digest. The original margin notes have been edited to convey (in simple terms) information about the section noted. For the most part, the margin note showns, are fewer in number and contain fewer words than what is in the original document. If a Subsection (marked by a §) does not have a date given as to when it was passed into law, it may be assumed that it was part of the original group of laws passed for the Mississippi Territory.

Other 19th Century Digest or Codes of Alabama were published in; 1852, 1867, 1876, 1887, and 1896. Copies of this and other Digests or Codes may be found in County Law Libraries, State Archives, State Supreme Court Libraries, and various law school libraries in Alabama and various other (primarily Southern) states.

Other topics in this series will be- Divorces, Dower, Estates of Deceased Persons, Executors & Administrators, Guardians, Marriage, and Wills.

### DESCENTS.

Section 1 added 1806

§ 1. The estates of suicides shall descend or vest as in cases of natural death: if any person shall be killed by casualty, there shall be no forfeiture by reason thereof.

§ 2. When any person shall die, seized of any estate or inheritance in lands, tenements, or hereditaments, not devised, the same shall descend to his or her children, and their descendants, in equal parts; the descendants of the deceased child or grand-child to take the share of their deceased parent, in equal parts among them; and when there shall be no children of the intestate, nor descendants of such children, then to the brothers and sisters of the intestate, and their descendants, in equal parts; the descendants of a brother or sister of the intestate to have, in equal part's among them, their

deceased parent's share; and where there shall be no children or descendants of them or any of them, and no brothers or sisters, or descendants of them, or any of them, then to the father if he be living, if not, to the mother of the intestate; and if there be no children of the intestate, or descendants of such children, and no brothers or sisters, or descendants of them, nor father or mother, then such estate shall descend, in equal parts, to the next of kin to the intestate, in equal degree, computing by the rules of the civil law; and there shall be no representation among collaterals, except with the descendants of the brothers and sisters of the intestate ; and there shall, in no case, be a distinction between the kindred of the whole and, half blood, except the kindred of the whole blood, in equal degree, shall be preferred to the kindred of the half blood in the same degree ; saving to the widow of the intestate, in all cases, her dower. And where there shall be no children of such intestate, nor descendants of them, then the widow shall-have as her dower, one-half of such before-mentioned estate of her deceased husband.

Section 3 added 1824 § 3. Where a man, having by a woman a child or children, shall afterwards intermarry with such woman, such child or children, if recognized by him, shall be thereby legitimated.

§ 4. Bastards shall be capable of inheriting, or of transmitting inheritance, on the part of their mother, in like manner as if they had been lawfully begotten of such mother ; and shall, also, be entitled to a distributive share of the personal estate of any of their kindred, on the part of their mother, in like manner as if they had been lawfully begotten of such mother.

Section 5 added 1818 § 5. The kindred of any bastard, on the part of his mother, shall be entitled to the distribution of the personal estate of such bastard, in like manner as if such bastard had been lawfully begotten of his mother.

§ 6. When two or more persons hold an estate, real or personal, jointly, and one joint-tenant dies before severance, his interest in said joint estate shall not survive to the remaining joint-tenant or joint-tenants, but shall descend to, and be vested in, the heirs or other legal representatives of such deceased joint-tenant, in the same manner as if his interest had been severed and ascertained.

Note.- Posthumous children, not provided for by will, are entitled to inherit as in case of intestacy. - See " Wills," § 6.

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## Alabama Postal History: A Look at Mail During the Stampless Period

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A look back at the mail and postal history of a state is no more than a specialized study of that state's history. As one develops, so does the other. Normally, postal historians begin their discussions about a state's postal history at the time of statehood or at the time that the first official post office was established within the boundaries by the Postmaster General. Genealogists, on the other hand, usually start from the more recent events and work backwards. This is not to say that postal historians or postal philatelists, as they are sometimes called, do not have anything in common with genealogists. Their paths cross in many ways.

While it may seem logical to begin a state's postal history at statehood, one must remember that mail, letters and dispatches were moved from point to point long before there ever was a Postmaster General in Washington. Traders, explorers, scouts and travelers frequently carried items of mail with them as they journeyed in the complete absence of an organized postal system. This is exactly what took place in early Alabama, before statehood and even before the Mississippi Territory was formed from which Alabama was carved. The Alabama Territory was formed in 1817 and statehood began on December 14, 1819 (Everton). Messages, and other such items carried in this fashion are called "Carried outside the mail," as they had no official postal system sanction. Often these items are noted with the words "By the favor of," or "By the politeness of," denoting the individual who actually carried it. Such items were carried on a haphazard basis at best, usually without charge, but with no promise of ever arriving. Many a letter was opened numerous times along its voyage just to obtain and relay the latest news. A letter could remain in transit for months before arriving at its destination. Back then, any news at all, regardless of its age, was still news. Once the United States laid claim to the Mississippi Territory, we see the first establishment of official post offices and the appointment of postmasters by the Postmaster General. Some of the early post offices within the state were simply holdovers from the earlier territorial period. Some of the early postmasters were already handling the mail on an unofficial basis prior to their appointment; many postmasters were selected due to patronage; many just happened to be at the right place at the right time.

The growth of the postal system in Alabama parallels the growth of the population, the establishment of settlements and migration patterns. From 1818 to 1845, the increases are readily visible (CCHS, Scruggs):

Year	Number of Official Post Offices
1818	35
1825	83
1835	261
1839	394
1845	438

Why was it so important to establish post offices in the early settlements? The answer lies in the fact that the vast majority of the land was total wilderness. Roads, where they existed, were terrible and were only passable when the weather, Indians and highwaymen permitted. Post offices brought with them increased commerce. This often included the establishment of regular mail routes and the construction of designated postal roads. A post office was an official government office and the postmaster was a federal appointee, often one of the few who could read and write. This brought prestige to the settlement and gave the inhabitants some feeling of permanence. The postmaster often did double duty as witness to legal matters, friend and counselor to many and conveyor of news to all. Being a postmaster was not a full-time occupation as he still had to keep his store, farm, protect his property and tend to other frontier business. It goes without saying that each postmaster had to personally know where everyone lived in the area served by his post office. Looking at the early post offices, we see that they were often established in stores, stands, ferries, forges, cross roads and other prominent landmarks. Generally speaking, the opening of a post office meant a real increase in commerce for the settlement. Depending on the volume of business, environmental conditions, war and often disease, post offices were discontinued, reestablished and discontinued again in the early years. Some towns just went away due to various factors and the post offices went away with them. These post offices are called dead post offices or DPO's. Collecting early letters from these post offices can be extremely difficult as very little activity was ever generated from them and very little remains of them.

What did the mail look like in the early days when there were no stamps, no meters, no delivery trucks? Could you identify an item of early postal history? What markings were placed on letters by the postmasters? As an introduction to early postal history, the first United States postage stamp was issued in 1847. They were not printed in quantities so that every post office obtained an immediate supply. Far from it. Certainly the smaller post offices in Alabama were not provided with the new stamps. Adhesive postage stamps were required on all mail on and after January 1, 1856 (Phillips). Before stamps were made mandatory, the mail was sent stampless, that is, without stamps. These items of early postal history are called stampless letters or stampless covers and they are highly collectible, not only for their postal markings, but for their historical content.

A typical stampless letter was simply a folded letter sheet that had been sealed with wax after it was written, then addressed and taken to the post office for mailing. Envelopes were not in common use until the mid 1850's. Often stampless material can be found in the form of wrappers that were simply placed around multiple pages, serving as the outer covering. Once the letter was in the hands of the postmaster, it was postmarked using a hand stamp not much unlike what is

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still in use today. In most cases, the hand stamp was provided by the Post Office Department. Various colors of ink were used, with black, blue, red and green being the most common. If the revenue from the post office did not meet certain levels, the Post Office Department would not provide the postmaster with a hand stamp. The postmaster had to resort to posting the letter in manuscript. These are called manuscript cancels or manuscript postmarks. The postmaster then had to apply a rate schedule or fee schedule to the letter. Various fee schedules were used depending on the rates in effect at the time. These were usually based on the weight of the letter or on the distance it was to travel. The rate was either stamped on the letter or it was written in manuscript. Most of the rates were due rates, that is, the recipient had to pay the fees at the destination of the letter, if he was to take delivery of it from the post office. The sender could pre-pay the fees, and if they were pre-paid, the postmaster would note this on the letter either using a hand stamp Paid, or by writing Paid in manuscript by the rate. Certain individuals, by virtue of their governmental position, had free franking privileges. Senators, some federal appointees, including postmasters, U.S. Congressmen and others made the list. Such mail was sent without fees and it was marked with a hand stamp or in manuscript with Free. The signature of the person exercising the privilege was to have been written under the word "Free," however this did not happen in all cases.

In the early stampless period in Alabama, numerous hand stamps were used with many varieties of ink. These include both the postmark itself, and both rate and auxiliary markings. Dozens of towns used manuscript postmarks on early mail. Often found are manuscript postmarks used during the early years in the operation of a particular post office, followed by hand stamp markings in the later portion of the stampless period. In certain instances, there is overlap with both hand stamps and manuscript postmarks appearing during the same period (Phillips).

Examples of Alabama stampless material are shown in Figures No. 1 through 8. They are representative of the vast majority of stampless mail from the period.

- Figure No. 1 is a stampless letter postmarked Gainesville, Alabama on September 7, 1846 using a red circular date stamp. The letter was sent to Livingston, Alabama with a rate of 5 cents. This was pre-paid and it was noted with both a red hand stamp and in manuscript. This particular hand stamp was used in Gainesville from 1836-1852 (Phillips).
- Figure No. 2 is a stampless letter from Greenville, Alabama on September 6, 1841 using a green circular date stamp. This letter was sent to Eutaw, Alabama in Green County. The letter contained multiple sheets, therefore the double rate of 50 cents was charged and the note "2 sheets" was written on the letter in manuscript. This is a due-rate letter. This particular hand stamp was used in Greenville from 1842-1850, therefore it is the earliest reported known date for this date stamp (Phillips).
- Figure No. 3 is a stampless letter from Huntsville, Alabama dated September 3, 1846 using a blue circular date stamp. The letter was sent to Panola, Mississippi with a due rate of 5 cents. Huntsville used a unique and very attractive Negative

5 in a star with 5 stars inside the star. This particular hand stamp was used in Huntsville from 1845-1851 (Phillips).

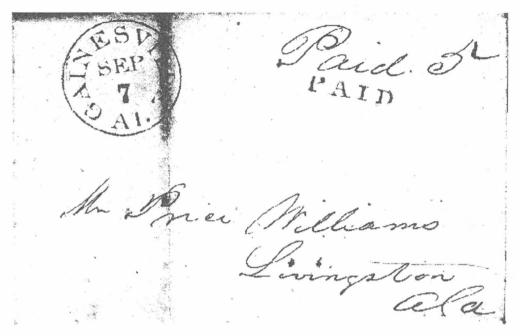
- Figure No. 4 is a September 30, 1837 stampless letter from Washington City DC, as it was called then, using a red circular date stamp. It is Free Franked using a red hand stamp Free from William S. Fulton, U. S. Senator. His signature appears on the letter. The letter was initially sent to Florence, Alabama, however the person to whom it was addressed, Thomas Simpson, was not there. The postmaster at Florence used his hand stamp, a blue circular date stamp, "FLOR. A," postmarked October 11, 1837, wrote "forwd" on the letter (for forwarded), and sent it to Demopolis, Alabama. This particular hand stamp was used in Florence from 1834-1838 (Phillips).
- Figure No. 5 is a stampless letter postmarked Decatur, Alabama in manuscript on January 8, 1846. The letter was sent to Livingston, Alabama with a due rate of 5 cents. Manuscript postmarked stampless letters have been found from Decatur during the period of 1830-1833, making this example a much later usage that earlier reported (Phillips).
- Figure No. 6 is a stampless letter posted in manuscript from Erie, Alabama on March 29, 1840. The letter was sent to Demopolis, Alabama in Marengo County. The due rate of 10 cents is noted in manuscript and the postmaster also wrote per Mail, single on the face of the letter. Manuscript postmarks from Erie have been found for the years of 1825 and 1835-1840 (Phillips).
- Figure No. 7 is a stampless letter from Maplesville, Alabama using a manuscript postmark dated March 6, 1838. The letter was sent to William Cadwell in Bibb County, Alabama, that being all the address that was required. The rate of 6 cents for this letter was pre-paid at the Maplesville post office. Manuscript postmarks from Maplesville have been found for the period of 1831-1846 (Phillips).
- Figure No. 8 is a stampless letter postmarked from Mobile, Alabama using a blue circular hand stamp. The letter was posted on May 1, 1850 and was sent to New York, NY. The rate of 10 cents is noted inside this particular circular date stamp. Mobile used many types of hand stamps during the stampless period, this being only one example (Phillips). Circular date hand stamps from Mobile have been found since 1819 (Phillips).

Historians can have a field day examining old letters from this period, not only looking at the postal markings, but also at the contents of the letter. Many of the same things we consider important today were important back then-land, agriculture, weather, illness, politics, crime. In that regard, not much has actually changed. Often we get to hear how events took place directly from the individuals involved in them. Genealogists sometimes overlook the importance of this type of material in their research. From such a study, both a sender and a receiver can be placed in exact locations at exact times, thus being more accurate than the census at locating specific people. As a tool for postal historians, the census can be used to locate a letter writer when post office markings cannot be read (which is quite often). I have frequently used the census index, either in book form or in CD format to pinpoint an individual, and from there locate the town in which he lived. This does not work in all cases as the census is taken only every ten years and people moved around. The closer the letter is written to the decennial year, the more likely you are to find the person. This also works best for persons who were head of household as they are the only ones listed by name on the census until 1850. Family mail provides a wealth of information not only about family members but also about family migration patterns. Business mail gives us an insight into commence, banking, transportation and economic issues of the time. Often the letters contain content about Indian affairs, slavery, war and other important concerns of the period.

You should always take great care in reading, studying, handling and displaying old letters. Paper will not last forever and it is very important to maintain these items for future generations to enjoy. Important items to consider when dealing with this material are exposure to direct sunlight, humidity that is too high or too low, extreme temperature variations, insect and rodent access and access to the material by children and pets. Archival quality document protectors are also important considerations. Excessive handling can transfer oil and dirt from the hands to the material that will increase its deterioration and speed up the document separating at folds. Consult a professional for assistance if you have holdings of this nature so that it can be preserved.

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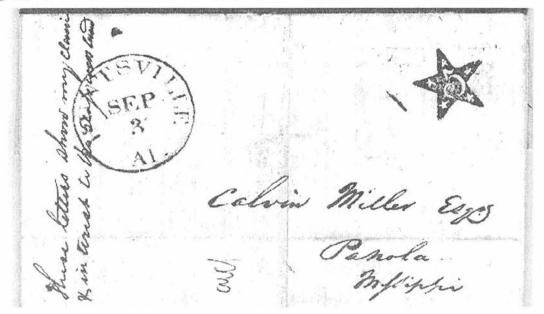


Stampless Letter - Gainesville AL - Red Circular Date Stamp September 7, 1846 Red "PAID" Script Paid "5"

Figure #2

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Stampless Letter - Greenville AL - Blue Circular Date Stamp September 6, 1841 Script 2 sheets Script "50"



Stampless Letter - Huntsville AL - Blue Circular Date Stamp September 3, 1846 Blue Negative "5" with 5 stars

Figure #4

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Stampless Letter - Washington City DC - Red Circular Date Stamp September 30, 1837 Red "Free" Script "Free, W. S. Fulton" Flor. A Blue Circular Date Stamp October 11, 1837 Script "forwd"

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Stampless Letter - Decatur AL - Manuscript Postmark January 8, 1846 Script "5"

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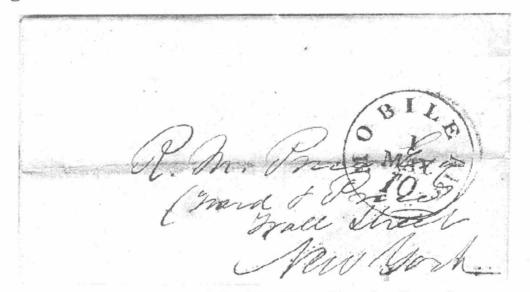
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Stampless Letter - Erie AL - Manuscript Postmark March 29, 1840 Script "10" Script "per Mail Single"

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Stampless Letter - Maplesville AL - Manuscript Postmark March 6, 1838 Script "Paid 6"

Figure #8



Stampless Letter - Mobile AL - Blue Circular Date Stamp May 1, 1850 10 inside Circular Date Stamp

# Miscellaneous

### Alabama Post Offices and Postmasters 1859, 1869, and 1879

### Extracted By Richard A. Smallwood, CGRS

<u>Editor's Note:</u> This information was extracted from the U. S. Official Registers at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery. These Registers were published every two years. Those available in Montgomery, for the 19th Century, are - 1859, 1861, 1863, 1865, 1867, and every two years including 1899.

These registers recorded all sorts of Federal officals. The information on post offices included the yearly revenue generated by each. For whatever reason, not all post offices were recorded for each of the three years reviewed. The statement "not reported" may mean that 1.) no post office existed in that year, 2.) the post office had existed but was closed before that report, or 3.) the post office existed, but no report was received.

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		Postmaster for:		
Post Office	County	1859	1869	1879
Albertville	Marshall	not listed	not listed	W. A. McCrelless
Allsboro	Franklin	L. M. Drake	not listed	S. H. Williams
Anderson Creek	Lauderdale	not listed	not listed	W. A. Belue
Apple Grove	Morgan	R. M. Richards	not listed	not listed
Athens	Limestone	R. C. David	William P. Tanner	J. A. Lawing
Aurora	Marshall	W. G. Jordan	not listed	not listed
Avoca	Lawrence	J. S. Childs	V. W. Holliman	W. J. Kerby
<b>Bailey Springs</b>	Lauderdale	A. G. Ellis	not listed	not listed
Barton	Franklin	John M. Myrick	J. Petree	W. C. Lee
		& J. D. Inman		
Basham's Gap	Morgan	J. H. Basham	M. A. Simpson	W. B. Sherrell
<b>Bass Station</b>	Jackson	not listed	not listed	W. H. Bogart
Bean Rock	Marshall	not listed	not listed	Preston Couch
Bellefonte	Jackson	R. H. McCraig &	J. M. Coulson &	Sallie J. Carter
		<b>Robert Frazier</b>	W. J. Carter	
Bell Factory	Madison	not listed	W. B. Taber	C. E. Johnson
Bell Green C. H.	Franklin	not listed	not listed	Abner Judd
Belle Mina	Limestone	not listed	not listed	W. S. Patterson
Berkley	Madison	J. H. Norment	A. B. Lacey	J. H. Norment
Berry's Store	Jackson	not listed	not listed	W. T. Kirk
Big Coon	Jackson	not listed	not listed	H. W. Armstrong
Big Spring	Marshall	E. R. Chandler	not listed	not listed
Bloomfield	Madison	not listed	not listed	J. W. Sullivan
<b>Blowing Springs</b>	Limestone	Henry Stanley	not listed	not listed
Blue Lick	Franklin	A. T. Bond	not listed	A. T. Bonds [sic]
Blue Spring	Morgan	John Lamons	not listed	M. W. Ratliff
Bolivar	Jackson	S. C. Wallace	not listed	not listed
Boyd's Switch	Jackson	not listed	not listed	F. O. Hurst, Jr.
Brickville	Lawrence	Woodford W. Lamay	not listed	not listed

		Po	stmaster for:	
Post Office	County	1859	1869	1879
Bridgeport	Jackson	Augustus Gunter	E. M. McGaughey	W. C. Glover
		W. J. Taylor, &	& W. H. Clark	
		W. C. Glover		
Brownsborough	Madison	not listed	A. H. Minor	J. W. Campbell
Burleson	Franklin	A. A. Hughes	James P. Carr	James Hughes
Camp Spring	Lawrence	W. A. Milam	not listed	J. M. Milam
Cedar Plains	Morgan	Joseph Herring	J. T. Woods	J. H. Wood
Cedar Ridge	Marshall	not listed	not listed	W. E. Peters
Center Star	Lauderdale	W. J. Tapp &	not listed	J. J. Critinden
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Centre Hill	Limestone	not listed	not listed	W. R. Crutcher
Cherokee	Colbert	not listed	James M. Tanner	C. L. Larwood
Chicksaw	Franklin	John T. Harland & Wm H. Puryear	not listed	J. B. Hyatt
Churubusco	Franklin	James Blockridge &	not listed	R. T. Ezzell
		B. F. Nelson		
Chub Hill	Franklin	not listed	not listed	R. W. Hall
Claysville	Marshall	not listed	not listed	J. W. Perkins
Cluttsville	Madison	not listed	not listed	B. F. Laxton
Coffey's Store	Jackson	not listed	not listed	R. A. Coffee
Concord	Lawrence	Pleasant Ponder	P. F. Huskey	W. D. Ash
Copenhagen	Jackson	not listed	not listed	W. L. Kirkpatrick
Cottonville	Marshall	David Recketts	M. V. Bridges	M. B. Bridges
Courtland	Lawrence	A. D. Simmons	N. L. Simmons,	A. D. Simmons
			A. D. Simmons,	
	l.		es Wesson & J. W. H	
Covington	Lauderdale	not listed	not listed	W. E. Covington
Danville	Morgan	Thomas J. Simpson	R. B. Day	Stephen Simpson
Decatur	Morgan	William A. Raney	Jacob Henry	H. G. Thomas
Dickson	Franklin	James P. Bell	N/A	N/A
Dickson	Colbert	N/A	W. R. Phillips	Barton Dickson
Dodsonville	Jackson	Jacob Gross	D. M. Cowley	D. M. Cowley
Dry Cove	Jackson	not listed	not listed	M. M. Grantham not listed
Dry Creek	Lawrence	John N. Walker & John W. Jackson	G. D. Campbell & S. P. Simpson	not fisted
Ellement	Limestone	not listed	not listed	Thomas Phillips
Elkmont Elk River Mills	Limestone	not listed	not listed	W. B. Vaughan
Estill's Fork	Jackson	Archibald M. Collins	R. P. Muse	W. A. Hood
Fackler	Jackson	not listed	not listed	Elisha Stogsdill
Ferncliff	Jackson	not listed	not listed	H. J. Cheney
Flint	Morgan	not listed	not listed	H. J. Baker
Flint Factory	Madison	not listed	T. McFarland	not listed
Florence	Lauderdale	not listed	Josiah Pollock &	T. T. Allington
			H. W. McVay	0
Folkville [sic]	Morgan	not listed	not listed	W. G. W. Smith
Fort Bluff	Morgan	not listed	not listed	W. W. Peck
Fort Hampton	Limestone	not listed	P. E. Cartwright	not listed
Francisco	Jackson	not listed	not listed	J. V. Cagle
Frankfort	Franklin	Charles B. Tennent	Goodloe Moodey	Miss Jane Miller
Friendship	Marshall	not listed	not listed	Calvin Scott

		Po	stmaster for:	
<b>Post Office</b>	County	1859	1869	1879
Gandy's Cove	Morgan	Henry Turney	not listed	J. O. Niell
Garth	Jackson	not listed	not listed	J. F. Clarke
Gilbertsborough	Limestone	not listed	Cary Gilbert	W. H. Gaston
Gilbertson	Limestone	Lewis Nelson	not listed	not listed
Good Springs	Limestone	not listed	not listed	Isaac Tant
<b>Gravelly Springs</b>	Lauderdale	E. G. Chandler	E. G. Chandler	E. G. Chandler
Gray's Chapel	Jackson	not listed	not listed	A. H. Lanham
Green Brier	Limestone	not listed	not listed	E. M. Carney
Green Cove	Madison	not listed	not listed	J. R. Owens
Green Hill	Lauderdale	W. W. Stetts	W. McMurtrey	I. N. Wilcoxson
Gum Pond	Lawrence	not listed	not listed	M. H. Demasters
Guntersville	Marshall	L. D. Lusk	Henry Forbish & E. C. Lusk	W. A. Bear
Gurleysville [sic]	Madison	not listed	W. C. McBroon	T. G. Morrow
Haden's [sic]	Madison	J. T. Haden	not listed	J. C. Ennis
		& Daniel Hadley		
Harris's Station	Limestone	not listed	not listed	E. N. Lucas
Hartsell [sic]	Morgan	not listed	not listed	T. J. Simpson
Hayes Store	Madison	D. H. Petty	M. J. McAdams	J. W. Ellett
Hazel Green	Madison	not listed	not listed	Peter Simmons
Henrysville	Marshall	Patrick Henry	James McDonald	Mary C. McDonald
Hilliam's Store	Marshall	Francis M. Kirby	S. B. Kirby	F. M. Kirby
Hillsboro	Lawrence	H. U. Bowers	not listed	W. B. Irwin
Holly Tree	Jackson	not listed	not listed	W. J. Padgett
Huntsville	Madison	W. J. Wendham	J. J. Pitman	I. D. Sibley
Hurricane Creek	Madison	B. X. Robinson	not listed	not listed
Hyde Park	Limestone	not listed	not listed	P. B. Laidlow
Ingram's Cross Roads	Lauderdale	Jasper N. Mecorley	not listed	not listed
Ivy Bluff	Morgan	M. R. Kirby	not listed	not listed
Kennamer Cove	Marshall	not listed	not listed	Sampson Bishop
Kinnomer's [sic] Cross Roads	Jackson	Jacob Kinnomer [sic]	not listed	not listed
Kinloch	Lawrence	Reuben Rucker	not listed	J. M. Hall
Kirby's Creek	Jackson	not listed	not listed	B. F. House
Lacey's Springs	Morgan	D. M. Bush	William Holpricht	T. M. Fenn
Lagrange	Franklin	John Acock	not listed	not listed
Landersville	Lawrence	John Landers & S. M. Strickler	J. S. Sandlin	J. S. Sandlin
Langston	Jackson	D. D. Langston	O. A. Moody	Samuel Raynes
Larkin's Fork	Jackson	R. W. Collins	Thomas Green	J. A. Rice
Larkinsville	Jackson	P. T. Murray	C. C. Shelton	B. B. Smith
Lawrence cove	Morgan	not listed	not listed	William Stringer
Leesdale	Morgan	not listed	not listed	Philip Ryan, Jr.
Leighton	Lawrence	P. King	not listed	W. M. McCormack
Lexington	Lauderdale	A. S. Porter	J. M. McPeters	S. J. Mathews
Long Island	Jackson	C. C. R. Taylor	not listed	Mrs. A. S. Thrope
Lot	Marshall	not listed	not listed	J. H. Miller
Lucky Hit	Limestone	J. T. Blair	not listed	not listed
Lyonsville	Jackson	M. R. Lyon	not listed	not listed

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		Postmaster for:		
Post Office	County	1859	1869	1879
Madison	Madison	Allen Walls	William M. Caleb	T. W. Martin
Cross Roads				
Madison Station	Madison	T. J. Clay	John W. Bryant	C. C. Gewin
Masonville	Lauderdale	S. W. Barr	not listed	not listed
Marysville	Madison	W. Sivers &	not listed	not listed
		H. C. Abernathy		
Maysville	Madison	not listed	not listed	K. T. Daniel
Maynard's Cove	Jackson	not listed	not listed	R. F. Proctor
McBrayer's Mill	Franklin	not listed	not listed	J. L. McBrayer
Meltonsville	Marshall	James L. Bain & James W. Hodges	J. G. Winston	J. G. Winston
Meridianville	Madison	James Bates	not listed	J. B. East
Minorville	Marshall	not listed	not listed	J. D. Robinson
Monrovia	Madison	not listed	not listed	William Allen
Mooresville	Limestone	M. E. Smith	F. H. Peebles	J. A. Hurn
Moulton	Lawrence	Wm Boyd	T. M. Peters &	J. E. Griffin
			E. T. Degraffenreid	
Mountain Home	Lawrence	Josephine M. Bynum	U	J. M. Pickens
Mountain Spring	Franklin	C. H. Plaxco	not listed	not listed
Mount High	Marshal	John Predmore	not listed	not listed
Mount Hope	Lawrence	James Streeter	S. H. Radford	W. R. Roberts
Mount Rozell	Limestone	J. G. Hammond	not listed	D. B. Cosby
Nauvoo	Franklin	not listed	J. Jenning	not listed
Necessity	Marshall	not listed	not listed	James Watts
Nelsonville	Franklin	not listed	Thomas Hardy	Thomas Hardy
Newburg	Franklin	F. G. Wilson &	A. M. Evans &	T. H. Moore
		James E. Moore	C. R. Patterson	
New Hope	Madison	G. C. Leadbetter &	J. H. Rice	J. B. Dickey
		J. H. Kinnebrugh [sid	2]	
New Market	Madison	Philip P. Hale &	G. H. Hayden	W. G. Laxson
		J. C. Russey		
Oakland	Lauderdale	James Watson & W. C. Reeder	not listed	H. C. Hyde
Oakville	Lawrence	W. H. Brown	not listed	Sarah J. Young
Olaville	Limestone	not listed	not listed	J. D. Watts
Oleander	Marshall	G. W. Hall	not listed	J. M. Pickens
Owens	Madison	not listed	not listed	J. A. King
Cross Roads				0
Paint Rock	Jackson	not listed	W. A. Frazier	G. G. Lilly
Park's Store	Jackson	W. D. Parks	not listed	W. J. Higgins
Pearson's Mills	Madison	not listed	not listed	A. H. Bayless
Pettusville	Limestone	A. G. Westmoreland	not listed	A. G. Westmoreland
Pisgah	Jackson	not listed	not listed	J. A. Starkey
Pleasant Site	Franklin	R. Bolton	Elizabeth Orr &	not listed
			Anna E. George	
Plevna	Madison	not listed	not listed	W, J, Taylor
Poplar Ridge	Madison	not listed	not listed	G. W. Douglas
Pride's Station	Colbert	not listed	not listed	J. E. Pride
Princeton	Jackson	R. C. Austin	William Freeman	Scott Peters
Rawhide	Lauderdale	not listed	not listed	W. B. Young

		Po	ostmaster for:	
Post Office	County	1859	1869	1879
Red Hill	Marshall	Yancy Noble	William Edmondson	Yancy Noble
Redman	Jackson	M. Taylor	not listed	not listed
Rock Creek	Franklin	J. H. Srygley	not listed	J. H. Srygley
Rocky Springs	Jackson	W. J. Rice	not listed	not listed
Rodgersville	Lauderdale	Robert Shane	C. W. Haraway	C. W. Haraway
Rowland	Limestone	not listed	not listed	Miss Mary Wilson
Rustic Bower	Jackson	H. J. Faulkner	not listed	not listed
Russellville	Franklin	N. R. Ladd	Michael Finney	A. W. Devaney
Santa	Jackson	E. B. Ligon	not listed	Rufus Hollis
St. Florian	Lauderdale	not listed	not listed	Adam Zulauf
Saint's Store	Colbert	not listed	not listed	James Saint
Sand Spring	Limestone	not listed	not listed	James Croft
Scottsborough [sic]	Jackson	not listed	C. O. Whitney	D. K. Caldwell
Shoal Ford	Limestone	H. B. Cartwright	not listed	S. M. Minger
Sidney	Marshall	not listed	not listed	J. G. Callier
Somerville	Morgan	not listed	J. E. Bain	E. M. Russell
Southern	Marshall	not listed	N. Blake	F. M. Couch
South Florence	Franklin	C. T. W. Price	N/A	N/A
South Florence	Colbert	N/A	John Harrison	J. W. Brabson
Spring Valley	Colbert	not listed	not listed	J. W. Rather
Spruce Pine	Franklin	James R. Steel	not listed	W. B. Baley
Stevenson	Jackson	R. A. Coffey &	G. W. Graham	J. S. Timberlake
		W. A. Coffey		
Straight Creek	Jackson	E. F. Culpepper	not listed	not listed
Sydney	Marshall	Benjamin F. Porter	not listed	not listed
Town Creek	Lawrence	not listed	not listed	A. P. Odorn
Trenton	Jackson	E. C. Williams	not listed	J. C. Williamson
Triana	Madison	P. H. Boone	W. C. Chandler	J. H. Lyle
<b>Trinity Station</b>	Morgan	not listed	not listed	J. D. Faulkner
Tuscumbia	Franklin	J. L. Bunch	N/A	N/A
Tuscumbia	Colbert	N/A	G. W. Cramer &	T. A. Womble
			Chas. Womble	
Valhermosa	Morgan	J. J. Giers	J. Collins	Mary L. Giers
Springs	0			
Waco	Franklin	R. H. Ransom	Addis Tubbs	<b>Richard Taylor</b>
Warrenton	Marshall	Booker Smith	J. W. Elliott	Jasper Smith
Waterloo	Lauderdale	T. H. Reynolds	T. T. McCorkle	T. T. McCorkle
Westmorelandville		W. B. Littleton	not listed	not listed
Wheeler Station	Lawrence	not listed	not listed	T. H. Jones
Whitesburg	Madison	J. A. Brown	not listed	Stanhope C. Smith
Wilburne	Jackson	not listed	not listed	J. G. Smith
Wilhite	Morgan	not listed	not listed	Jackson D. Wilhite
Woodland Mills	Morgan	not listed	not listed	W. A. Winfrey
Woodville	Jackson	Murphy Matheny &		D. A. Thomas
		Robert P. Matheny	U U	
Zachary	Marshall	Lewis Monning &	not listed	not listed
		D. C. C. Borhart		

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# Book Reviews

### Merrimack Cemetery Huntsville, Alabama

Author: Ann G. Maulsby

Published by: the author, 1998

Price: \$12.00 plus \$2.00 postage

Pages: 8 1/2" x 11", 129 pages plus 6 pages of photocopied photographs, Plastic comb bound soft cover.

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This newest work by Ann G. Maulsby, Merrimack Cemetery, Huntsville, Alabama, represents the best of what an independent scholar can accomplish with a glimmer of curiosity, a determined glow to fulfill, and the drive to follow through and bring to full light the results. Although Ann Maulsby probably started out innocently doing what might be considered basic research, she ended up telling a nicely woven story of a segment of Huntsville's past. With great effort, Maulsby wrote all that she could find and share about these people; she knew their places of birth, sometimes their education, and about their marriages, children, and of course, ultimately for her topic, their deaths.

If the reader is only looking for statistics, birth and death records, the material is there. But in many instances the history of the northern Alabama seeps in. These laborers for the Merrimack Mill, and their families, came in from the surrounding neighborhoods of Tennessee and Alabama in a time of great desperation and depression. And although there is a tendency today to regard millhouse workers as misused, the factory was the salvation of many of these folks. The Mill offered something few of them already had -- housing, steady work, and best yet, a future. If the stories told with some of the entries appear melancholy, those were the dramatic events and struggles as recalled by those left to tell the tales.

Ann's book begins with a small section about the history of the Merrimack Cemetery associated with the Merrimack Mill and the village there. The body of the text follows with an alphabetical listing of all the names. Every bit of evidence of the family history gleaned by the author is included. Although this kind of work is often a chore of drudgery, the author took the time and effort to cite extensive sources after every entry! What an aid to the family genealogist. Further assistance is given with the enumeration and identification, row by row, of the tombstones in the last section of her book. Perhaps this next year there will be more visitors at Decoration Day because of newly identified tombstones.

If Ann is pleased to have met so many new friends during her work, think how pleased the participants were to meet her and have someone care about their stories. Of course, one of the advantages of such work will be the trickle down of more information for these families. And, perhaps she has stirred others to go out and look at their nearby cemetery. The marker at Merrimack Cemetery, erected by the city, attests to the recognition of something that was lost, but now is found for all of us.

This reviewer's only suggestion for improvement would be sharper print type and more pictures. The work by Ann Maulsby is a nice addition to both genealogy and history of Huntsville, Madison County. It will be a treat for someone fortunate enough to discover his, or her, family in Ann Maulsby's work; I only wish some of my relatives were among them.

Reviewed by Nancy Rohr

#### EDITOR'S COMMENT:

There has been no mention of an Index. The first part of the book lists the cemetery's occupants alphabetically, so a designated Index is not necessary.

The Reviewer's comment about "sharper print type" needs clarification. The book is printed with a Dot Matrix printer using Courier type. Some dots and letters, on some pages, are lighter (thinner) than on other pages. At no time is any part of any page unreadable, but there is noticeable unevenness in presentation.

Lest the absence of a positive be read as a negative - this is a great book, I rate it a 97 out of a possible 100. - Editor

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### Susan Parker Gender, Queries Editor

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33-1

### *McKINNEY*

Need info on James and Delilah _____ McKinney. Seek any info on their children, Ruben m. Pulcherry _____, Rolin, Mary, William, Celia, Reed, Nancy, James, and one other. Interested in family stories and pictures. Seek proof that Ruben, the son, is the same Ruben McKinney of Montgomery Co., AR in 1850. Also seek location of the McKinney-David cemetery. Mrs. Billy Southerland, 804 N. Hodge, Sapulpa, OK 74066-2533

33-2

# *BLACKWELL* WILKINSON*HOOSER

Alice Strother (Blackwell) Wilkinson, widow of John B. Wilkinson, m. Samuel D. Hooser on 12 May 1842 in the Mooresville vicinity. She died 24 Feb 1850. Where are Alice S., John B., and Samuel D. buried?

Rex C. Hopson, 3703 Mackland Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110-6123

33-3

# *HOPSON*YATES* GILLIAM*KING

Briggs W. Hopson was born in Georgia ca. 1812-16. He went to Texas by 1837 and on 17 Feb 1841 married Elizabeth Yates (Gilliam) (King). They had two children, Texanna Louise and Briggs W. II, before his death in 1842-43. Who were his parents/ancestors in Georgia?

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# *HOWARD*WALKER* HENDRIX

Seeking info on antecedents and descendants of Baldwin Howard, Madison Co. near New Market ca. 1815 until his death in 1835. Witnessed will and probate of James Walker. Sons included John, Michael, and William who lived in Madison Co. Daughters married into Oliver, Coffman, Landreth, Rogers, Jones, Canon, Hendrix, and Taylor families. Special interest in daughter Malinda and husband David S. Hendrix and also in Samuel Hendrix of Lauderdale Co. who may have been related to David.

Hayes Hendricks, 45 Coventry Lane, Lakeview, AR 72642

E-mail: hayes_h@centuryinter.net

33-5

# *HILLEY*BOND

A group of Hilley cousins are gathering information on the descendants of Thomas Hilley, Jr. and Mary Walker Bond. This couple came to Elbert Co., GA from Amherst Co., VA in 1790 with their ten children. We have seen on USGENWEB that there are more than twenty Hilleys buried in Haigwood Cemetery, Jackson Co., AL. The oldest is E. M. Hilley (11 Aug 1829-24 Jul 1899). We would like very much to get in touch with a descendant of E. M. Hilley or with anyone who could tell us more about this family. We can put you in touch with cousins if you are actively researching, and we will certainly invite you to the Hilley Reunion.

Nancy Guest, 207 Arcadia Drive, Toccoa, GA 30577 (706) 886-6681

E-mail: jguest@alltel.net

#### 33-6

## *JACKSON*DEAVON* HORN*FERRELL PETEET*HENDERSON WILKES*WRY

Searching for descendants of: 1. David H. Jackson b. 1807 GA, m. 1st 1 Apr 1827 Wilkes Co., GA Sarah Horn d/o John and Sallie Lea Horn, and m. 2nd Mary A. Deavon 31 Oct 1853 in Carroll Co., GA. 2. Seabourn J. Jackson b. 1810 GA, m. Mary A. Ferrell 24 Jan 1832. 3. Rowland W. Jackson b. 1811, m. Delpha Elizabeth Peteet 1836 GA. 4. Thomas Jefferson Jackson Sr. b. 18 Feb 1813 GA, d. 30 Aug 1886 Heard Co., GA., m. Lucy Ann Susan Henderson 1836. 5. James Madison Jackson b. 1814, m. Martha Ann Wilkes. 6. Martha E. Jackson b. 1822, m. Harmon Wry 1840 Carroll Co., GA. 7. George M. Jackson 1826.

John D. Strickland, 3315 Meridian St. N. Lot #1, Huntsville, AL 35811-1546 E-mail: JStric1066@aol.com

#### 33-7

# *JACKSON*SELMAN* FELL*KILGORE*BROWN DEVANEY*DEMONIA BENTLEY*ROBINSON

Seeking info on descendants of Andrew Ephriam Jackson, Jr. b. 1817 Oglethorpe Co., GA, m. Anthony Mary Ann Selman in Carroll Co., GA. Children: Sara Ann Puss b. 1843, m. William Loyd Fell; Martha B. Missouri b. 1845, m. 1st William Kilgore and 2nd Benjamine Devaney, lived Tishomingo Co., MS and Franklin Co., AL; John Marion Jackson b. 1846 Harrolson Co., GA, m. Eliza Matilda Kilgore, moved to central Alabama; Andrew I. Colb b. 1848 GA., m. Margaret Demonia; Cassandra Susan b. 1853 GA, m. Archie D. Kilgore; James E. b. 1854 GA, m. Anna Brown; Frances Jane b. 1862 GA., m. A. B. Bud Bentley; and William R. b. 1865 GA, m. A. M. Robinson.

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33-8

# *JACKSON*PARRISH* JAMES*HAYNES

Seeking researchers of Jacksons of Amelia Co., VA. John b. ca. 1850, John b. ca. 1890, and Edward Jackson b. ca. 1730, d. Nottaway, Co., VA, m. 1st Lucy Parrish and 2nd Abigale James. Had known sons Woody who m. Parmonas Haynes 7 Sept. 1807 Oglethorpe Co., GA and Andrew Ephriam Jackson, Sr. b. 1769 VA, d. 1852 Carroll Co., GA, m. Ann (Sorrell, or Sorrow, or Williams). These Jacksons were in Carrollton and Carroll Cos., GA. Some descendants moved to Franklin, Walker, and Jefferson Cos. John D. Strickland, 3315 Meridian St. N. Lot #1, Huntsville, AL 35811-1546 E-mail: JStric1066@aol.com

33-9

### *McVAY*

Seeking information on Hugh McVay (Governor of Alabama 1837), his children and their spouses and Zaddock McVay (Judge), his children and their spouses of Lauderdale and Lawrence Cos., AL. Also seeking info on Hugh and Zaddock McVays brothers, John and David. These four brothers were the sons of Hugh McVay b. 1741 in VA. He served in both North Carolina and South Carolina units of the Revolutionary War.

B. Dumas, 2681 Alta Glen Dr., Birmingham, AL 35243

33-10

## HARTGRAVES/ HARTGROVES/ HARGRAVE/HARGROVE *WILLIAMS* McCORMICK*HERRON

Seeking any info about Hugh Hartgraves (Hartgroves, Hargrave, Hargrove) m. Lucy A. Williams, b. ca. 1830 in TN. Had three children: Henry K. b. 1837, William Louis b. 1845 in MS, and Elizabeth b. 1846 in MS. Hugh Hartgraves lived in Panolo Co., MS in 1845. Also seeking parents of Mary Jane McCormick b. 1820 GA, m. Lawrence Co., AL 1837 George Granville Herron (Herrin, Herring) b. 1814 VA (son of Alexander Herron b. 1798 in Albermarle, VA), moved to Wayne Co., TN about 1840, moved to Sulpher Springs, Hopkins Co., TX where she died in 1888.

Maurice Talley, 595 La Costa Dr., Banning, CA 92220 (909) 845-5808

E-mail: mtalley@discover.net

#### 33-11

# *PRICE*ANDERSON*

Need spouse of Sallie (Sarah) Price and her maiden name. She may have been the daughter of Gabriel Anderson found in Bedford Co., TN on a tax list ca. 1810. Sarah is shown in Jackson Co., AL on 1830 census as head of household. Her children, all deceased before 1880, were born either in TN or AL depending upon which census is seen. Is Sallie the Sarah shown in DeKalb Co., AL on 1850 census? Her known children were: Jack (John) Price b. ca. 1810-14; Betsy (Elizabeth) b. ca. 1815; Bob (Robert) b. ca. 1817-1819 whose son Mikes descendants went to eastern Arkansas about 1900; David b. ca. 1822; and Peggy (Margaret) b. ca. 1825. Have Jackson Co. (?) marriages for each of the children.

Janis Price Lindemann, 1809 Bradley Lane, Russellville, AR 72801 E-mail: jlinde@cei.net

#### 33-12

## *ROGERS*FARGASON* HILL*TARVER*LOWRY JAMES*KENDRICK BOYKIN*WOOTON

Will exchange info on children of Joseph Rogers b. ca. 1700 Surry Co., VA, m. Mary Fargason d/o John Fargason. Children all b. VA: John b. ca. 1724, m. Martha Hill; Joseph b. 1725, d. 1791 Northampton Co., NC; Aaron b. ca. 1726, d. ca. 1780 Wake Co., NC; Isham b. ca. 1728, d. ca. 1804 Wake Co., NC; Sarah b. ca. 1742, m. John Tarver; Mary b. ca. 1744, m. Matthew Lowry; Ruben b. 1 Nov 1735, d. 1829 Taliaferro Co., GA, m. Temperance James; Drury b. ca. 1737, d. 1791 Wilkes Co., GA, m. Tabitha Kendrick; Michael b. ca. 1738, m. Celia Boykin; Faith b. 20 Aug 1740, d. 1797, m. James Wooton. MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Rd., Anniston, AL 36207-7004

33-13

## *DODD*LANGSTON* SAMPLE*DUNCAN *WORD*

Edward Neddie Dodd, s/o Thomas and Sarah (Sample) Dodd, b. 14 Jun 1778 Laurens Co., SC, d. 1862 Clayton Co., GA, m. #1 Jane Langston d/o Jechonias and Mary (Duncan ?) Langston, m. #2 Jane Word d/o Capt. Wm. Word; had 19 known children. Would like to exchange info on lines of his children.

MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Rd., Anniston, AL 36207-7004

# *McDANIEL*McMILLEN* *NORRIS*

Need ancestors, parents and siblings of Lucinda McDaniel b. 11 Apr 1819 Lincoln Co., TN, m. 29 Aug 1841 Lincoln Co., TN William M. McMillen s/o Joseph and Rachael (Norris) McMillen.

MariLee Hageness, 3916 Bramble Rd., Anniston, AL 36207-7004

33-15

### *CANNADAY*

Request info on Hugh H. Cannaday (perhaps the son of Hugh Cannaday shown in the 1820 Limestone Co., AL census) b. 12 March 1825 in Madison Co., AL. Moved with parents to Montgomery Co., MO about 1829, back to AL about 1834, to Montgomery Co., MO again about 1840.

Faye Bollinger, 116 S. Durham, Ulysses, KS 67880 (316) 356-2655

# *THACKER*PALMORE*

Seek info on parents of John Thacker (shown in the 1900 DeKalb Co., AL census) b. May 1864 GA, and his wife, Martha Palmore b. May 1867 AL, m. 20 Nov 1884.

Richard Thacker, P.O. Box 32013, Columbus, OH 43232-0013

# *TAWATER*McELYEA*

Seeking info on Charlie James Tawater b. 13 Jan 1860 TN, m. 23 Sep 1881 Princeton, AL Nancy Jane McElyea b. 12 Feb 1861 AL. They and their 12 children moved to the Fort Worth, TX area.

Janice L. Lide, 1401 Crockett Ave., Nederland, TX 77627-3510

33-18

# *BAXTER*GARNER*

Seeking info on James Monroe Baxter b. Jackson Co., AL 1838 and his brother, Arthur Wellington Baxter, b. 1849 in Rutherford Co., NC (possibly the sons of R. W. Baxter b. 1812 and his wife, Sophia b. 1814). It is believed that James was an orphan and lived with a foster family in or around Mena, Arkansas as a child. He later moved to Crawford County where he met and married Eliza Anne Garner. *Grace H. (Baxter) Constantine, 166 Whippoorwill Road, Union, NH 03887* 

33-19

# *GORDON*BOLLS*

Seeking info on the widow of Eddie C. Gordon who died in Florence, AL 20 April 1899 and is buried in Vicksburg, MS. His wife was Helen Virginia Bolls Gordon, daughter of Mrs. V. V. Bolls of Vicksburg, MS. Helen last shows in Florence, AL 13 September 1903 on her confirmation into Trinity Episcopal Church. Eddie Gordon was agent for Southern Express and Helen became agent after her husband died.

Devane D. Gordon, Jr., 1354 N. Collierville-Arlington Road, Eads, TN 38028-9702 (901) 854-5293.

33-20

# ***ROPER*BUTLER***

Looking for information about gggrandfather, Enoch Roper, b. 1835 NC who I have traced to Tishomingo Co., MS from about 1856-1870. He was married around 1850-55 (perhaps in AL) to Winefred (maybe Louisa) Butler b. 1837 AL.

Matt Simmons 127 Skippy Lane, Hot Springs, AR 71913

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### 33-21 KING*BROWN*CHANEY

Seeking parents of J. Nathaniel King b. 1840 Athens, Limestone Co., AL (father b. Ireland, mother, Native American, probably Cherokee), d. 1930 Moulton, Lawrence Co., AL (maybe Decatur, Morgan Co., AL), first m. Emeline, second m. Nancy Brown. He had ten children. Known names of children: Katherine (Kitty) King Chaney, Thomas L. King, Nathan T. King b. 11 Nov 1883, and William Ludy King b. 25 Jun 1886. In 1902 he and most, if not all, of his children moved to Tishomingo, OK. Nathaniel had seven brothers. Three may have been named Frank, James, and Roscoe. Geraldine King, 51825 South Ponderosa Way, Oakhurst, CA 93644-8641 E-mail: gking@sierranet.net

33-22

# ***WALKER***

J. H. [Maje] Walker, CSA, Tenn. 40th Infantry, lived one mile south of present Cash Point, Lincoln Co., TN, almost on the AL state line. Walker was captured, escaped, was separated from his unit, stopped by home, and slipped through Union lines to join the fight at Vicksburg. A teen-aged boy, whose dog had been killed by a Union soldier, ran away from home and went to Vicksburg with Walker. The boy, almost immediately, killed a Union soldier. When the soldier fell, the boy said, That's for killing my dog. Who was the boy and with what unit did he fight in Vicksburg?

Dr. Tom T. Walker, 70 Porter Road, Bastrop, TX 78602 (512) 303-4138

33-23

# *SIMS*WALLS*

I am looking for info on two different Sims lines. My husbands line is the Limestone Co. Simses. His ancestors, William and James, are the top two signers on the Sims Settlement Petition to President James Madison. My ancestor was James I. Sims who married Mary Walls in Jackson Co. in 1852. They are shown on the 1860 census with their two children, Caleb and Sarah.

Gwen Vaughan, 3295 W. Magill, Fresno, CA 93711

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33-24

# *CRYMES*REYNOLDS* CLEMMONS*MINOR LAWSON*SHELBY OTTER

Searching for info on John Crymes b. 17 Jul 1849 AL (parents b. SC), d. 27 Aug 1915 Lauderdale Co., AL, m. 28 Apr 1878 Lauderdale Co., AL Ellen/Ellender D. Reynolds b. 21 Apr 1850 Lauderdale Co., AL, d. ca. 1882 Lauderdale Co., AL. Children: 1. Anna

E. b. 2 Feb 1879 Lauderdale Co., AL, d. 1 Aug 1950 Lauderdale Co., AL, m. 22 Mar 1903 Lauderdale, AL Joel Raleigh Clemmons b. 9 Nov 1878 Lauderdale Co., AL, d. ca. 5 Aug 1961 Lauderdale Co., AL. 2. Oscar Dudley b. 21 Sept 1880 Lauderdale Co., AL, d. 7 Apr 1967 Nashville, Davidson Co., TN, m. 12 Jul 1905 Lawrence Co., TN Mattie Fern Clemmons, b. 27 Dec 1888 Lauderdale Co., AL, d. 4 Sept 1975 Nashville, Davidson Co., TN. 3. William/ Will Thomas b. 22 Mar 1882 Lauderdale Co., AL, d. 15 Oct 1950 Lauderdale Co., AL, m. ca. 1907 Lauderdale Co., AL Mary S. Minor b. 13 May 1886, d. 10 Jun 1962 Lauderdale Co., AL. John Crymes may be the brother of George William Crymes b. 10 Jan 1848 AL, CSA, Co. A, 35th Infantry, AL, d. 22 Mar 1924 Mountain Home, AR, m. 1st Rachel Lawson, 2nd Lela Shelby, 3rd Bettie Otter. I would like to correspond with anyone having knowledge of the Crymes family. Linda Mayfield Vestal, 897 Lakemont

Linda Mayfield Vestal, 897 Lakemont Drive, Nashville, TN 37220-2110 (615) 370-1033

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### 33-25

# REYNOLDS*CLEMENTS-HAM*BLASSINGAME GARRETT*CARR/KERR

Would like to exchange info with other descendants of Hamilton Reynolds (b. 3 Oct 1761 Anson Co., NC), soldier in the Revolutionary War, m. 1791 Rachel Clements b. ca. 1765 Cobb Co., GA, d. 1833. Hamilton d. 1845/51 in Purdy, McNairy Co., TN. Their children were: 1. Elizabeth b. 1793 Pendleton Co., SC. 2. Hugh Riah b. 5 Nov 1795 Pendleton Co., SC, d. 2 Aug 1871 Pruitton, Lauderdale Co., AL, m. Elizabeth L.

Ham b. 13 Aug 1800 (d/o John and Phoebe Blassingame Ham), d. 1882 Pruitton, Lauderdale Co., AL. 3. David B. b. 1796 Pendleton Co., SC, m. Mary, settled in Caswell Co., NC. 4. Nancy b. 8 Jun 1798 Pendleton Co., SC. 5. Thomas b. ca. 1800 Pendleton Co., SC. 6. Isaac Clements, b. 2 Jan 1802 Pendleton Co., SC, m. Elizabeth Garrett 1 Jan 1822 Lauderdale Co., AL. 7. Polly b. 15 Jan 1805 Pendleton Co., SC. 8. Millage Hamilton b. 17 Apr 1807 Pendleton Co., SC, m. 29 Sept 1824 Lauderdale Co., AL. 9. Henry Hamilton b. 1808/1813 Anson Co., NC, d. ca. 1871 Scott, VA, m. ca. 1831 Catherine/ Katherine Melinda Carr/Kerr b. ca. 1813, d. ca. 1850 TN.

Linda Mayfield Vestal, 897 Lakemont Drive, Nashville, TN 37220-211; (615) 370-1033

E-mail: FVESTAL@aol.com

#### 33-26

# NAIL*JONES*BOWEN

Seeking info on Sarah Nail who is named as the executrix of William Nail and Judith Jones who is named as executrix of John Jones on an application of Aaron Bowen in the Moulton, Lawrence Co., AL Orphans Court January Term 1833. I have been trying to find the husband of my Sarah Nail who is shown on an 1837 tax list in De Soto Co., MS. Sarah d. 1849 in De Soto Co., MS. Her children were: George Washington b. 1818; Nicholas b. 1824; Thomas L. d. 1854 Lake Providence, LA; Absalom L.; James Mason d. at Gettysburg; and an unknown daughter. In 1828 a Nicholas Nail bought land in Hardeman Co., TN. The 1830 census has the same number of children as Sarah on the 1840 De Soto Co. census. I have been unable to connect the two with proof. Any help

will be appreciated.

Elizabeth Nail Manning, P.O. Box 311, Hernando, MS 38632 E-mail: elizabethmanning@juno.com

#### 33-27

### *SCHRIMSHER*OWENS* HAMILTON*BAYLESS COWAN*GRIMMETT SCHMOLTZ/SCHMALTZ

Seeking info on many persons.

First person is my g-g-grandmother Sarah "Kittie" Kathayn Schrimsher, the daughter of Thomas and Mary (Owens) Schrimsher, who lived and died in Hazel Green, Madison County AL circa pre-Civil War to 1907 (date of death).

Also information on all four of Kittie's husbands:

1st Joseph Hamilton of Hazel Green, date of marriage 1875.

2nd Joseph Schmoltz/Schmaltz from Germany. He was the father of her son Daniel Austin born 1882.

3rd Jason B. Cowan, a Union soldier from Massachusetts. Married 1887, divorced 1903 for wife abuse.

4th Thomas Benton Grimmett. Married 1903. His second marriage (first wife) Elizabeth "Peggy" Bayless.

Lastly, Brothers James and William Schrimsher who came into Alabama early 1800's.

Annie Jacobs, 510 Crest Street; Fountain CO 80817-2013; (719) 382-1072

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