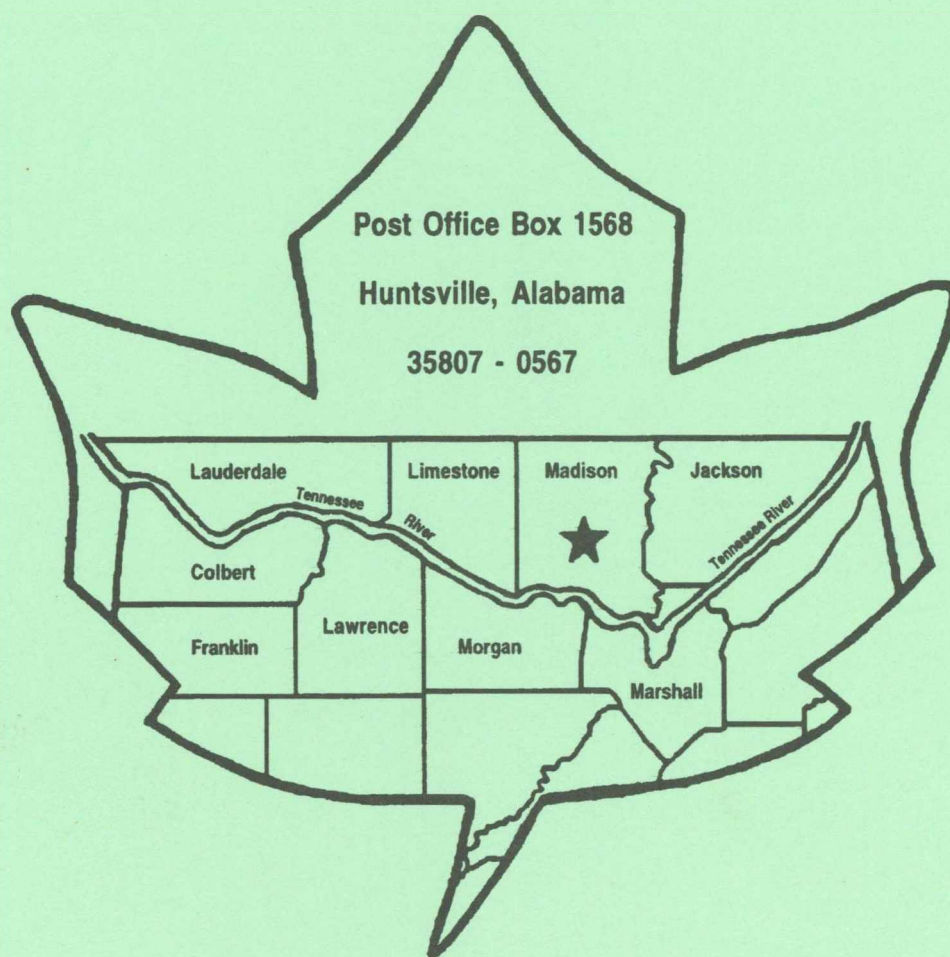


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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

OOPS, SORRY

It has come to our attention that not everyone was called and given a reminder of the meeting on Wed., Nov. 15th, for which we are deeply sorry. Richard Smallwood gave an excellent program on researching in Scotland.

We normally have our meetings the 4th Thursday every other month but this time it had to be rescheduled because of Thanksgiving. Please, ALWAYS check the Table of Contents page for the next meeting and speaker. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 25th, 2001 and our guest speaker will be Mary E. Davis. Ms. Davis is now retired and dividing her time between the Birmingham area and California. While living in California she taught beginning and intermediate genealogy at a community college. She wrote a series of books on how to do Southern Research in California. In order to be assured that everyone local is aware of our meetings we are organizing a calling committee. If you would like to take a few names to telephone as a meeting reminder call, please let our president, Charlotte Hazel, know. Her e-mail is cshazel@mindspring.com

Spring Seminar

Our annual spring seminar will be held in March 2001. The speaker will be Charles "Chuck" Sherrill, the Director of the Brentwood Library (near Nashville). He will brief us on researching in the Tennessee State Library & Archives, Tenn. Land Grants and Court Records. We will send you a notice closer to the time of the seminar.

WE NEED YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

We would appreciate it if you would send us your e-mail address (if you have one) and your telephone number if it has changed. We are trying to update our files. We may then e-mail you important (only) messages if we have your number. We can notify you of meetings and special events if we have your e-mail address. Please send them to our President, Charlotte Hazel at: cshazel@mindspring.com For those of you without a computer just ignore this and mail us your new telephone number if it has changed.

First Families of the Tennessee Valley (Alabama)

The Board of Directors and staff of the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society wish to congratulate the following persons who have been accepted as a member of the First Families of the Tennessee Valley:

Alvie Leon Davidson, a descendant of Wyatt Law
Edwina Scott Green Finet, a descendant of Pumphrez Malone
John Sims Crutcher, III, a descendant of Gross Scruggs
Betty Joyce Cain Mills, a descendant of Robert Langford.

Congratulations one and all.

New Registrar of First Families and Pioneers

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Ann Miller is our new Registrar of First Families of the Tennessee Valley and also Pioneers of the Tennessee Valley. Ann is a member of the staff in the Heritage Room of the Huntsville Public Library. We are fortunate to have her with us.

Alabama Opens Adoption Records

On May 25, 2000 Governor Siegleman of Alabama signed into law an Act [HB690] allowing Alabama-born persons over age 19 to obtain a copy of their *original* birth certificate as well as other documents, such as adoption records, maintained with the original birth certificate. These records were sealed at the time of the adoption, legitimization, or paternity determination. When a child is born, a birth certificate is made giving all pertinent information such as the parent's name(s), residence, etc. When that child is adopted, the original birth certificate is placed in a sealed file and another certificate is developed listing the adoptive man and woman as parents.

Birth parents may file a "Contact preference/medical history" form with the Alabama Center for Health Statistics. This form provides the following information to be completed by the birth parent:

I would like to be contacted

I would prefer to be contacted only through an intermediary

I prefer NOT to be contacted. If I later decide I would like to be contacted, I will submit an updated "contact preference form".

I have completed an updated medical history form and have filed it with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

The form is filed with the adopted child's original birth certificate and will be on record if the adopted child wishes to contact the birth parents or get an updated medical genealogy. The adopted child's application must clearly state he/she is seeking the original birth record prior to adoption, legitimization or paternity determination. Without this information the state will send the current (not original) birth certificate. Obtaining these records is time consuming and often frustrating, - so be prepared.

An adopted child over age 19 can get his/her original birth certificate, but must first complete a "*Request for Pre-Adoption or Other Birth Certificate from an Alabama Sealed File*", application or send the following information:

- Your full name as it appears on your current legal birth certificate.
- Date of birth
- County of birth
- Full *maiden* name of adoptive mother as it appears on your current legal birth certificate.
- Full name of adoptive father as it appears on your current legal birth certificate.
- Include your mailing address, daytime telephone number, sign and date request.
- Include a non-refundable fee of \$20 for processing the request. Make checks or money orders payable to *Alabama Vital Records*.

If you are interested in this, either as a birth parent or as an adoptee, please write to the following address and ask for the proper forms.

Center for Health Statistics
P. O. Box 5625
Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5625

If you want additional information, call (334) 206-5426. To see or obtain a copy of the original HB690 log on to: <http://www.alabama-adoption.org/bill.htm>

DO NOT contact the Alabama Department of Archives and History. They do not have access to any of the above information. Good Luck.

Progeny Software Offers 25% Off

Through the Federation of Genealogical Societies, of which we are a member, we have received an offer from Progeny Software to allow them to sell to our members certain software at a 25% saving if five or more of our members purchase some of their products. The offer is good until March 31, 2001. Mr. Richard Smallwood (our immediate past editor) is the local chapter contact. They have the following for sale:

Genelines timeline charting software

SAR Patriot Index CD

SAR War Graves Register CD

Acadian-Cajun Family Trees CD

Social Security & Death Index, 1999 edition, over 61 million names on a single CD. You may purchase this CD for \$9.95 with the purchase of any other Progeny product.

Please go to www.progenysoftware.com/societies.html for more detailed information. Your password will be 1234GS and if you order, please send it to Richard Smallwood, Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 1568, Huntsville, Al 35807-0567. You will not get a discount unless you go through the society. Mr. Smallwood will save them until he gets five orders then send them to Progeny all at once.

Copyright Theft ?

by

Dorothy Scott Johnson

Many feel that because they paid out good money to purchase a copyrighted book they have the privilege of doing anything they want with the information contained in that book. **Not so!**

When anyone disseminates masses of information from one copyrighted source (without permission) over the internet (or elsewhere) they are essentially playing Robin Hood by stealing the information then giving it to others free of charge – and some are even charging for it. This becomes twice as serious when they copy someone else's copyrighted material, then copyright their new work resulting in a double copyright. This is exactly what one organization has done with my two volumes of tombstone inscriptions, and with *Valley Leaves*.

When I heard they had used my work and selected work from *Valley Leaves*, reprinted it in different form, copyrighted it, then sold it, I looked into it. I received a reply to my inquiry. The gentleman stated, "Our sources for Madison County include personal correspondence with local experts and publications by the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, along with library and Internet research." I am allegedly the local expert on Madison County cemeteries and no one ever contacted me.

It is true that one can use the work of others in a scholarly work, but what this organization has put out is anything but scholarly due to the errors and obvious sloppy "research."

No one objects to some information from a copyrighted book being compiled into another book such as a family history or genealogy, but the authors and sources should be footnoted. This is why the material was published in the first place.

Most people are totally unaware of what goes into compiling and publishing a book. When I compiled my two cemetery books of Madison County, I put 65,000 miles on my car, spent over three years of my life copying, typing and arranging the manuscript, then paid out several thousand dollars to print the information. I walked hundreds of miles through thorns and mud, avoiding snakes all the while and hoping my chigger bites would not become infected. Information was copied from tombstones when my fingers were nearly frozen and when Alabama's blistering hot sun beat down so I thought I could not copy one more row – but I did. All this was for the convenience of those who could not come to this county and find the cemetery of their ancestors themselves. Many of the tombstones I copied are no longer in existence. I have never made a profit on my books and never expect to, but I would like to make my expenses back.

A few weeks after spending about \$7,000 to reprint Vol. II, you can imagine my feeling when I logged onto the net and saw a woman advertising to the world that she had my books and would generously look up information free to anyone who wanted it. It is nice to be a heroine but not at the expense of others! The lady offered to do the same with Addie Shaver's books on Jackson County. Addie was in her 70's when she made a supreme effort to copy and compile her marriage records and tombstone inscriptions of Paint Rock Valley in Jackson Co. She fought the snakes, chiggers, heat and cold as I did but due to her age, it was even more difficult for her than it was for me.

Margaret Cowart has had the same problem with her "Old Land Records" series. Margaret's work is as accurate and as carefully compiled as any I have ever seen. I have used her books extensively and never caught an error. To compile these books though, she spent thousands of dollars on her many trips to the National Archives in Washington D. C., to the Alabama Archives in Montgomery, Al, and several trips to the county seat of each county she researched. This does not even take into consideration the thousands of dollars she spent on printing.

Dorothy Potter, editor of *The Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History*, one of the best genealogical quarterlies in the nation today, has had the same problem with her work being copied and disseminated as someone else's. Dorothy spent years painstakingly compiling *Passports of Southeastern Pioneers, 1770-1823*, one of the South's leading sources of early migration. Yet, disregarding the time, talent, and intense effort that went into her book, others are now purloining parts of it as their own work. One man even swore and became abusive on the net when confronted. These examples are just four of many.

Some things that are now happening as a result of other's work being used illegally:

- (1) Some authors are contemplating lawsuits. Washington D. C. copyright lawyers are drooling to try copyright cases as they pertain to the net. Remember the recent flap with music copyrights?

- (2) Those of us who have made significant contributions by publishing genealogical source material will quit publishing. If that happens, it will seriously hamper further genealogical (and historical) research. I have two more volumes of cemetery records and two volumes of estates abstracted from the original, unrecorded papers ready to publish. However, I will not do so until this problem is resolved.
- (3) Those wanting certain information will have to dig it out themselves. Many persons doing research on the net do not know how to do their own first-hand research so depend upon the net and published material. This may change.

Some argue that public information can not be copyrighted. That is correct if the work is copied verbatim. However, **interpretation, presentation, introductory material, and indexing** is something else, and may be copyrighted - as was done in all of the above cited cases.

National Archives Raise Price

The National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D. C. (from whom you order copies of your ancestors' claims, etc.) announced a price hike for their **microfilm** which was effective 1 November 2000. The following was "lifted" directly off their home page

Passenger arrival lists (NATF Form 81)	\$17.25
Federal Census requests (NATF Form 82)	\$17.50
Eastern Cherokee applications to the Court of Claims (NATF Form 83)	\$17.50
Land entry records (NATF 84)	\$17.75
Bounty land warrant application files (NATF Form 85)	\$17.25
Pension files more than 75 years old (NATF Form 85) - complete file	\$37.00
Pension documents packet (order form NATF Form 85)	\$14.75
Military service files more than 75 years old (NATF Form 86)	\$17.00

New order forms have been available since November 1, 2000.

How to Obtain Order Forms from National Archives

When you write for forms please provide your name and mailing address, state the number of forms you need (limit 5 per order), and mail it to:

National Archives and Records Administration
Attention: NWCTB
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D. C. 20408-0001

Revolutionary Pension Claim Microfilm

We encourage (nay, we beg) our members to fund the purchase of at least one roll of microfilm each year to help complete our collection. This microfilm is the M804 series which is the complete record as opposed to the incomplete M860 series which has only "selected" pages from each file. If you order a Revolutionary pension file from the National Archives, you will receive a photocopy from the "selected, incomplete" file. Our goal, of course, is to have a complete set.

It is a slow, uphill battle financially and we rejoice each time some kind soul honors us with a roll. Currently we have 604 rolls out of 2,670. In our March issue we will list the names of all you dedicated, generous people who have either sent money for film or donated film.

You will note (above) that the National Archives has raised their price for a roll of this film to \$37. We order ours through the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library and get it for \$18 – quite a saving! This means we can order two rolls for less than what the National Archives will charge you for ONE roll.

Mark Your Calendar

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Colbert County
Deed Book A, 1867 – 1870
Part 5

Continued from the previous issue of *Valley Leaves* (Vol. 35, No. 1, pp 2). This record was obtained and contributed by Howell Sims, past president of TVGS.

Pages 43 – 44
5 July 1867
Promissory Note – Lien.

Promissory Note
On or before the [blank] day
Of January next, I promise to pay
J. W. Rand the sum of \$120 for
Value received. 25 July 1867.
His
Johnson X Hansel
Mark
Witness: J. N. Greer

Rand already has a lien on said crop and being willing and desirous to secure Rand the full payment of principle plus interest on the above promissory note, I, Thomas Hansell, give Rand an additional lien on my crop of corn and cotton now growing.

Rand may take charge and control of said crop and sell and dispose of so much as will cover the note, interest and charges. The balance will be paid to Hansell. Signed by Johnson Hansell.

Witness: J. N. Green, J. P.
Proven by Green 25 July 1867
Recorded 30 July 1867

Note: A notation across margin says: "This lien is satisfied in full. Dec. 17th. J. W. Rand."

Pages 45 – 47
29 August 1867
Warranty Deed

Richard W. Walker and Mary A. Walker, his wife, of Madison Co., Alabama of the first part,

and Mary A. Hood of Lauderdale Co., Alabama of the second part.

On 1 July 1867 Richard Walker purchased land at a sale, (from the Register in Chancery for the 25th Chancery District for the State of Alabama) by a decree of Chancery Court in the case of R. W. Walker vs. James A. Patterson.

For \$7,118.50, R. W. Walker sells to Mary A. Hood, fractional Section 29-3-11W containing 187.30/100 acres, lots 194 and 195 in the town of York Bluff containing 10-1/2 acres, the west side of fractional Section 28-3-11W being all of the section lying west of York Bluff containing 210 acres.

Also 532-7/100 acres in fractional section 32-3-11W including an undivided half interest in 43 acres (the other half interest having been sold by William Cooper Jr. to Braham Merville (?) and being all the said fractional section except four acres sold to Anthony Winston previous to his sale to Cooper and reserved out of Winston's deed; six acres lying west of Spring Creek; 6-1/4 acres granted to the Tuscumbia Rail Road Co. "and others in small lots in the said half interest in the 43 acres sold to B. Merville as above stated; and one-half of an acre intersecting the graveyard near the dwelling house which has been reserved for the use of said graveyard¹. ALSO, all the west half of Section 33-3-11W lying west of the public road leading from Tuscumbia to south Florence, being the whole of W/2 of said Section 33 except some two or three acres cut off by said road, for an estimated total of 1238-12/100 acres lying in Franklin County [as formerly organized before the creation of Colbert County], with tenements and hereditaments, being the plantation known as the Elliott place near Tuscumbia.

¹ On the TVA topographical map there is a tiny unnamed cem. in the S/2 S/2 S/2 SE/4 of the section. If it is the cem. referred to here it is very old; should be checked.

Mary A. Walker relinquishes her right to dower in favor of Mary A. Hood.

Signed by R. W. Walker and M. A. Walker.
Witness: M. Simpson and F. E. Percy
Received and Recorded 31 July 1867

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26 Jan 1867

J. Burns Moore, first part

Catharine Mullins, wf. of Joshua Mullins, 2nd pt.

On the 14th of September 1866, J. Burns Moore made the following assignment:

14 September 1866. Moore bound himself to convey to Mrs. Catharine Mullins, wife of Joshua Mullins, 80 acres of land including the house now resided in by said Mullins and wife. Moore was to convey his interest in said property and not give a warranty title. Moore was to convey said property in separate estates. Joshua Mullins then consented, in writing, to deed 80 acres of land and the dwelling house to his wife "in separate estate."

Therefore, this deed conveys to Mrs. Catharine Mullins, wife of Joshua Mullins, in separate estate, all right, title, and interest in the following property: the W/2 NW/4 of Sec. 23-6-10W but only Mullins's interest.

/s/ J. B. Moore

Ack. by Moore before Joseph Sloss, J. P.,
August 2, 1867

26 Jan. 1867; recd for rec. 31 July 1867.

Page 49. Promissory Note:

Tuscumbia. On or before the first day of November next [1867], I promise to pay Abraham Bresler the sum of \$32.30 it being the sum advanced to me by Bresler to enable me to make a crop during 1867. Without said advance I would have been unable to procure the necessary supplies to make or gather said crop.

/s/ F. G. Norman

Received and registered 3 Aug 1867

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3 August 1867

Mrs. M. B. Steele of Colbert Co., Al, party of the first part; O. C. Boone & Co. of Shelby Co., Tenn., party of the second part.

O. C. Boone & Co. of Shelby Co., Tenn this date advanced supplies valued at \$192.21 to Mrs. M. B. [her own initials] Steele for the purpose of aiding in making a crop for the year 1867. Without said advance it would not have been in the power of Mrs. Steele to have provided the necessary supplies or provisions to make a crop.

Mrs. Steele agrees to bind herself to pay the amount of \$192.21 on or before the first day of December 1867. If debt is not paid by then, O. C. Boone & Co. are to take possession of her crop and sell same. Mrs. Steele to have anything left over after payment of debt, interest and costs.

/s/ M. B. Steele

Witt: Jno. Steele –

Received for recording 3 August 1867

To be continued in the March 2001 issue -

Sharecroppers and Tenant Farmers²

After the Civil War, most Southern plantation owners still had land but no one to farm it. Many small farmers came back from the war to find their homes burned or in ruins, their tools rusted or broken, and their farm animals stolen or dead. Newly freed slaves [**freedmen**] might get a farm job for a few dollars [\$10-\$12] monthly [all the owner could afford, if that], and felt it was no different than slavery. Then freedmen, poor whites, and landowners worked out two methods that seemed best for all concerned: share-cropping or tenant farming.

Sharecropping. In return for a share of the harvest, the land owner furnished the sharecropper a home, seeds, plow and mule & often other necessities such as food, medicine, and clothing. Sharecroppers had little or nothing left after paying off their debts.

Tenant farmer. He lived on the land-owner's property but furnished his own seed and farm animals, i.e., he rented the house and land. At year's end, he either paid the landowner in money or gave him a previously agreed-on part of the crop.

² Source of Information: Dr. Donald B. Dodd, Dr. Donette Bower, Faye Wilson Andress, Claire B. Ralston, *Alabama, Its History and Geography* (Montgomery, Alabama: Clairmont Press, 1993), p. 221-222.

The Old Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery

The Old Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery is approx. 4 mi. north of Leighton. When established, it was in Lawrence County but due to a boundary change in 1895 it is now in Colbert. It is located in the E/2 of Sec. 30-3-9W. The cemetery was copied by William Gotcher, Roger McNeese and Jarman Word on 2 August 1997 and proof read Nov. 20, 2000 by Dorothy Scott Johnson; it is reproduced here through the courtesy of the Lawrence County Archives at Moulton. [See page 21 of this issue for the last will and testament of Amos Jarman who is buried here along with his wife and a child. Also see legal ad concerning his estate on next page.]

The cemetery is located just north of the old Amos Jarman home but cannot be reached from the home-site due to the presence of a creek.

Bartlett
 Wm. 1802 – 1897
 Wiley 1852 – 1866
 Elizabeth 1797 – 1879
 Eliza 1854 – 1867
 Phebe 1861 - 1861

Sarah
 dau. of
 J. J. & H. . . .
 Bartlett
 Born
 Mar. 9, 1849
 Died
 Aug. 29, 1874
 Kind angels watch her
 sleeping
 Till Jesus comes to raise
 His just
 Then may she wake with
 sweet surprise
 And in her Savior may
 arise.
 [Note: stone broken]

John Jordan Bartlett
 Chaplain 53 Tenn Inf
 Confederate States Army
 Oct 10 1823 – Oct 26 1879

Note: There was a large
 open space here with

stumps and “sinks” in-
 dicating unmarked graves.

Mary
 Carter

Was Born Aug
 the 8th 1773 & De-
 parted this life

Oct 19th 1837 AG 64

Note: She was the wife of
 Ammon Carter. Ancient
 hand made bricks piled
 haphazardly atop her
 grave.

Sacred
 to

the memory
 of Susan J., daug
 hter of W. M. &
 Frances Miers.

born June 7[?], 1861*

Died March 24, 1862

[Note: * Stone eroded; date
 might be 1846. She was child of
 Wm. & Frances (Berry) Miers
 who were married in Lawrence
 Co. 26 Sept 1833.]

Reese P. Hughes
 Born
 July 23, 1807
 Died

May 20, 1843

[Note: stone broken &
 cemented back. According

to William Hall Jarman,
 his sister Eliza married
 first, R. T. Hughes, and
 second, G. R. Johnson.]
 The following three
 Jarman graves were
 enclosed by an iron fence.

Louisa Ann
 Daughter of
 A. & M. Jarman
 Died
 Sept. 5, 1848
 Aged
 15 Years & 2 Mo's.

Mary*
 Wife of
 Amos Jarman

Amos Jarman
 Born
 In N. C.
 Nov. 13, 1789
 Died
 Dec. 14, 1861
 Aged 72 y'rs.
 1 mo. & 2 D's.-

*All three were obelisks. Louisa
 Ann's inscription repeated on side
 of Mary's beautiful tombstone.

Note: An open space between Amos Jarman and Robert South.

Robert South
Jan. 20, 1931
Sept. 24, 1931
In heaven there is
one angel more.
Minnie Bertha South
July 17, 1900
Dec. 14, 1932
A tender mother and a
faithful friend

George
Buser
Oct. 19, 1909
Nov. 9, 1909

Note: Rosa and Emanuel
Buser shared a tombstone.

Mother
Rosa
Buser
Aug. 20, 1874
Nov. 30, 1909

Tho lost to sight, to
memory dear.

Father
Emanuel
Buser
Nov. 30, 1864
Mar. 30, 1930

Samuel Streit
Feb. 21, 1870
Aug. 20, 1955
Gone but not forgotten

Come ye Blessed
Jocey
Wife of
Samuel Streit
Nov. 8, 1877
Oct. 14, 1918
We trust in God to meet
thee again.
Streit

Emma
Streit
Austin
Aug. 9, 1899
Sep. 22, 1924
Here rest in peace

Louise E.
Streit Nov
25 1911
Dec 6 1911
Rest in pese [sic]

Application to Probate Will Amos Jarman – Newspaper Ad

John H. Wallace filed his petition to probate and admit to record an instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Amos Jarman, late of Lawrence County, deceased.

The following named persons were alleged to be next of kin, residing out of the State of Alabama:

Eliza Johnson, A. G. Jarman, Annie C. Thweatt, Mattie J. Thweatt, who reside at Helena, Ark;

G. W. Jarman who resides in Murfreesboro, Tenn; Henry B. Jones who resides in Collin County, Texas; Mary O. Daniel and her husband, Asa B. Daniel, M. W. Jones, Kate O. Jones, Annie Word and her husband Francis Word, who reside at Aberdeen, Miss;

Thomas J. Thweatt, Richard Thweatt and Edgar Jarman, who reside in Tarrant County, Texas;

Elizabeth Jarman, Amos Jarman, Hopkins Jarman, Ann Eliza Jarman, Bettie Jarman, Emmett Jarman, Louisa Jarman, Alice Jarman and Susan Jarman, who reside at or near Egypt, Mississippi.

[Source: *Moulton Advertiser*, 14 November 1873 Published through the courtesy of Mrs. V. William Hamner, Jr].

1860 LaGrange Military Academy Students

(Part 2)

For a complete introduction to these records please see the previous issue of *Valley Leaves*.

McGregor, Mr. William – Courtland, Alabama		Debit.....	Credit
1860 (p.4)			
Feb 5	Board, tuition, surgeon, etc, 4th session (0 bal. 1859)	95.00	
July 5	Board, tuition, surgeon, etc, 2 sons, 5th session	200.00	
Aug 2	Cash per A. A. McGregor		95.00
	Absence of son Robert, half session		42.50

Felton, Mr. T. W., LaGrange, Alabama			
1860 (p. 5)			
Feb 5	Balance from 1859 account	\$137.50	
	Board, tuition, etc., son 4th session	86.25	
July 4	Board, tuition etc. one son 5th session	100.00	
	Washing done at home		\$ 8.75

<u>1861</u>			
Aug 12	Cash per T. W. Felton Jr.	305.00	

Napier, Mr. John S., Brickville, Alabama			
1860 (p. 5)			
Feb 5	Board, tuition, etc of one son, 4th session	95.00	
July 31	Cash to son	5.00	
Aug 3	Board tuition of one son, 5th session	100.00	
	Cash per son		5.00

Patterson, Mr. James M., Tuscumbia, Alabama			
1860 (p. 6)			
Feb 5	Board, tuition, etc, one son 4th session	95.00	
July 5	Board, tuition etc., one son 5th session	100.00	
Aug 2	Death of son, 15 weeks credit		75.00

Swain, Mr. James, Mississippi			
1860 (p. 6)			
Feb 5	Tuition & etc. of son, 4th session	25.00	
July 5	Tuition & etc. of son, 5th session	25.00	
	Amt. transferred to 1861 account		50.00

King, Mr. Oswald, Leighton, Alabama			
1860 (p. 7)			
Feb 5	Board, tuition, etc, one son 4th session	95.00	
May 9	Cash to son for coat[?]	10.00	
Sept 7	Cash to son for bed[?] clothing	5.00	
	Board, tuition, etc., one son 5th session	100.00	

	Transfer to 1861 account	.....	110.00
Adams, Estate of John (J. G. Shine, Admr.) Franklin Co.			
1860 (p. 7)			
Feb 5	Board, tuition, etc., of W. Adams, 4th session		95.00
	Washing done at home	.....	8.75
July 5	Board, tuition, etc. of son 5th session		100.00
	Washing done at home	.....	8.75
Aug 22	Amt. charged to Capt. J. G. Shine	.....	91.25
Sugg, Mr. J. B., LaGrange, Alabama			
1860 (p. 8)			
Feb. 5	Tuition of son, balance of 1859		63.50
	Amt. transferred to 1861 account	.....	\$ 63.50
Fennell, Mrs. Mary C., LaGrange, Ala.			
1860 (p. 8)			
Feb 5	Balance on 1859 account of son	.....	32.80
	Cash paid John Davis		32.80
Kidd, Estate of Mrs. V. G., Macon-Marengo Co., Al			
1860 (p. 9)			
Feb 5	Balance due on 1859 account of son		123.45
	Transfer to 1861 account	.....	123.45
Rand, Mr. John, LaGrange, Alabama			
1860 (p. 9)			
Feb 5	Amt. due for oats in 1859, 1153 lbs.		5.00
	Cash	.....	5.00
McVay, Mr. P. W., Mount Hope, Alabama			
1860 (p. 10)			
Feb 1	Bal due on 1859 account		23.40
Feb 6	Board, tuition, etc., one son, 4th session		95.00
Apr 9	Cash, per son	.....	50.00
May 11	Deduction on board, etc, 5 weeks	.....	17.50
	Cash to son to go home		17.50
Jackson, Mr. James, Franklin Co., Al			
1860 (p. 11)			
Feb 6	Board, tuition & etc. for son, 4th session		95.00
July 9	Board, tuition & etc. for son, 5th session		100.00

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Franklin County

Marriage Record Book 3 Part 2

See the previous issue (Vol. 35, No. 1) for a complete introduction to this series. Proofread and corrections made by Oscar Glover.

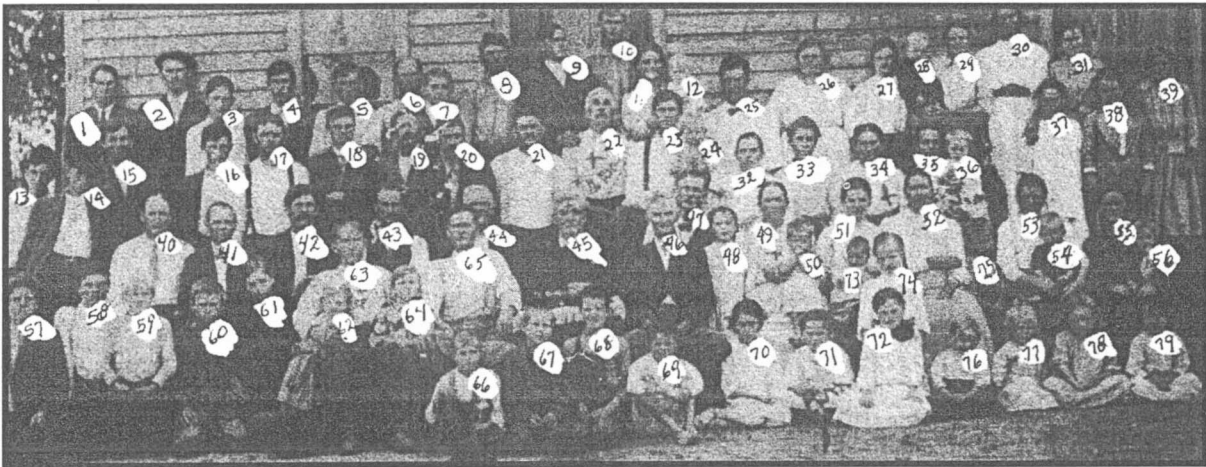
017	Farned, Robert E. Married at Joe Glass residence	Glass, Lizzie	28 Sept 1902	A. H. Powell, JP
017	Kent, W. P. Married at res. of Austin Montgomery.	Doss, Dona	28 Sept 1902	J. L. Graves, JP
018	Trapp, J. W. Married at res of S. J. Coles. Bride's permission by J. S. & Mandia Cole.	Cole, L. L.	5 Oct 1901	Porter Duboise
018	Wright, Arthur Married at bride's residence	Jacob, Dellar	1 Oct 1902	J. C. Chambers
019	Taylor, Arthur Married at residence of Richard Cheatham	Cheatham, Arah	8 Oct 1902	W. G. Ezzell, JP
019	Winstead, James M. Married at residence of Green Winstead	Everet, Nancy A.	5 Oct 1902	C. C. Sparks, JP
020	Allen, Leander Bride's permission by father, W. A. Brashears; groom's permission by father, Leander Allen.	Brashears, Mary	returned unexecuted	
020	Rodgers, Elmar Married at Burt Smith's residence	Smith, Rebeca	5 Oct 1902	Philip T. Borden, MG
021	Dennie, Andrew Married at residence of W. N. Johnson. Groom's permission by his father.	Johnson, Maggie	8 Oct 1902	J. W. Clark, MG
021	Scott, J. M. Married at residence of Margaret Holland. Mrs. Bettie Jackson gives consent for her son Maliky Scott.	Holland, Naoma	7 Oct 1902	L. M. Bailey, JP
022	Byars, James W. Groom's permission by his father, John A. Byars.	Key, Cleora	7 Oct 1902	Austin, W. H., MG
022	Showman, D. M. Groom married previously; mother of bride gave consent in person saying bride was age 30.	Warhurst, R. B.	13 Oct 1902	L. F. Whitten, MG
023	Berry, William G. Married at T. E. McCulloch residence.	Jean, Ada (Miss)	18 Oct 1902	T. E. McCulloch, JP
023	Carter, John E.	Adams, Florence L.	14 Oct 1902	L. F. Whitten, MG
024	Carter, Robt. L.	Hargett, Florence E.	20 Oct 1902	W. H. Austin, MG
024	Coleman, Marvin Married at bride's residence. G. W. Abercrombie swore his daughter, Lizzie, was 18 years old.	Abercrombie, Lizzie	26 Oct 1902	R. F. Golden, MG

-To be continued in the next issue of **Valley Leaves-**

Holly Springs Church

We are on a mission. Ms. Peggy Mann [30 CR 3301, Booneville, Ms 38829] has sent us a delightful picture of the Holly Springs Church and congregation from around 1914-1916. This church is located in Section 26, township 8, range 14 west and is near the town of Atwood. We would like to be able to identify all the persons in this photograph but we need your help.

Ms. Mann states, "My Moss ancestor lived within three miles of the present church and the Atwood School is where my mother (Ruth Beatrice Moss South) started school." She goes on to say she has located a cousin of her mother's in Michigan, Erie Baty Weathers, age 96, who is still living and has a clear mind. Only ten of the persons in the photograph have been identified as shown below. If you can identify anyone please let us know by the number.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. Eunice Moss 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. Joseph Levicitus Moss ,
father of Joseph Benton Moss. 23. 24. 25. P. E. "Leigh" Lay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26. Nellie Baty Lay 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. Mattie Estis Moss, 2nd wf. of Joseph Levi Moss [No. 22] 35. Martha Jane DeFoore[?] 36. James Benton Moss, born 1913-4. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. |
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63. Jos. Benton Moss, husband
of Martha (#35) and father of
36, #71, #12, and #64.

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71. Ruth Beatrice Moss, b. 1909,
who is the mother of Ms. Mann.

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Franklin County Will Book 1

Part 2

Copied and contributed by Oscar Glover of Red Bay, Alabama. This series began in the previous issue of *Valley Leaves*. Even though Franklin County was established in 1818, numerous fires have been devastating to the records. For this reason, the first will book begins in December 1890.

James M. Kirk Last Will & Testament

Will dated: 27 Oct 1874
Kirk died: 10 Nov 1890
Petition to Probate: 15 Dec 1890
Probated: 19 Jan 1891

I, James M. Kirk, of Franklin County and being of sound mind and memory ...

1st. My funeral expenses and all my just debts to be paid first.

2nd All my estate, left after payment of my funeral expense and just debts, to go to my beloved wife, Terry Kirk, for her natural life.

3rd At the death of Terry Kirk, after paying her funeral expense, all remaining estate to be divided into six equal parts and is to be distributed to my children and grandchildren as follows:

(a) To my daughter, Sarah Mullins, wife of William Mullins, 1/6 part.

(b) To William L. Kirk 1/6 part.

(c) To my daughter, Ann Eliza Peirson, wife of William W. Peirson, 1/6 part.

(d) To my daughter, Cinthie C. Drake, wife of Andrew Drake, 1/6 part.

(e) To my grandson, Walter Kirk, son of my deceased son, Franklin S. Kirk, 1/6 part.

(f) To my grandchildren:

(1) Franklin D. Britnell, wife of John W. Britnell

(2) Lucella W. Radford, wife of S. H. Radford.

(3) Cordelia Godwin Kirk, and

(4) James T. Kirk, the children of my son, James T. Kirk, 1/6 part to be divided among them equally.

If any legatees die before me or my wife, that person's share is to be divided among the remaining heirs.

All debts that may exist against my wife, Terry Kirk, at the time of her death as well as her funeral expense, are to be charged upon my estate then in her hands, and are to be paid before distribution.

4th Appoints beloved wife, Terry, executrix without bond.

5th She shall not be made to make inventory of the estate nor to make settlement with the court as executrix. My purpose is to give her full and complete control of my said estate during her life.

If any of the legatees of this will are under 21 and unmarried, Andrew J. Drake is to "retain the legacies or shares" until they severally arrive at age 21 or marry.

/s/ Jas. M. Kirk.

Witness:

Jas. E. Wilson

William East

Codicil: No charge shall be made, by my administrators or others, against any of my grandchildren for board prior to this date.

Ed: Terry Kirk died before James M. Kirk as shown by the Petition to Probate Will which states he left no wife. It also states that James M. Kirk died 10 November 1890.

For a full list of heirs see Vol. 35, No. 1, page 9.

JACKSON COUNTY

Jackson County Will Book L, 1865-1866

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Part 12

Abstracted and contributed by Lois Robertson

Abstractor's Note: The first installment appeared in the December 1997 issue of *Valley Leaves*. The source of 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 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 "Will Book" it is more correctly described as Probate Records.

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EWING YOUNG Estate

W. P. Young, Administrator of the estate of Ewing Young, deceased, came into Court to report that on October 21st he sold the following real estate belonging to the Estate:

the NW/4 Sec 16 T4 R6E

also the SW/4 Sec 16 T4 R6E

and the W/2 SE/4 and the W/2 NE/4 and

the SE/4 SE/4 Sec 8-4-6W

also the SW/4 SW/4 Sec 9 T4 R6E of the Huntsville Meridian containing five hundred and sixty eight acres. It was auctioned to the highest bidder on a credit of one & two years, with interest on the last payment for one year. Ira G. Wood became the purchaser thereof for the sum of two thousand and twenty dollars, exclusive of the Widow's Dower therein. W. F. Hunt and N. Robinson signed as the securities.

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ANN H. HARRIS Estate

John W. Ellis presented a list of notes and moneys on hand belonging to the estate, before M. P. Brown, Judge of the Probate Court, on 24 November 1862. Owing money were the following:

N. F. Smith & B. B. Smith,

G. W. R. Larkin

S. W. Butler

W. N. Allen

J. R. Harris

J. B. Keith

Danl. Keith

A. L. Nash

Marvin Stephens

William Isam.

W. R. Larkin, J. M. Buckhanan, and F. E. Harris were appointed to appraise the property:

Jim, a Mulatto man, 42 years old,
\$700.00

Bob, a Mulatto boy, 19 years old,
\$1000.00

Davy, a Mulatto boy, 10 years old,
\$600.00

Bradford, a Mulatto boy, 8 years
old, \$450.00

Judy & child, aged 35 yrs & child,
11 months, \$1000.00

Jane, a Mulatto girl, 13 years old,
\$1000.00

Coosa, a Mulatto girl, 11 years old,
\$900.00

Presented before John Owen, J. P., November 13, 1862

John W. Ellis, Administrator of the Estate, sold property on 26 December 1862, consisting of household items and 8 Negroes. Buyers were:

Mrs. C. Johnson

G. M. Smith

F. E. Harris

J. W. Ellis

W. F. Hunt

Dr. W. N. Allen

Dr. W. F. Allen
 Mrs. M. E. Rodes
 W. F. Hunt bought 4 Negroes, Jim,
 Judy & Betty, \$1460.00; also
 Bradford for \$430.
 J. W. Ellis bought Bob, \$920.00 and
 Davy, \$510.00
 Mrs. C. Johnson bought Jane,
 \$615.00
 Dr. W. F. Allen bought Coosa,
 \$580.00

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LEWIS R. ADKINS Estate

W. C. Wright, Administrator of the Estate,
 presented an inventory of the property, real and
 personal, consisting of farm animals, wheat,
 oats, farming equipment, and the rent from 25
 acres of cleared land. Property identified as 40
 acres, SE/4 SW/2 Sec 2 T5 R4E, \$200.00.

1 Negro Woman, Caroline, aged 18
 years and girl child, Caldonia, 3years,
 \$1030.00.

1 Share, at \$25., in Capitol Stock of the
 Tennessee & Alabama Central Railroad
 Company, \$1.00.

Appraisers, Jeremiah Brown, Brooks Smith
 and James B. Wright, listed the property left for
 the use of Widow and Children. It consisted of
 household furniture, plows and gear, farm
 animals, fodder, corn and 1 mule.

Report presented before Wm. Stockton,
 J. P.

The only heirs and distributees at law of the
 estate of Lewis R. Adkins are:

- Caroline Adkins, widow
- Milly Adkins
- Alexander Adkins
- Washington Adkins
- George Adkins and another unnamed
 child, all minors.

Sale of the property was conducted
 February 1, 1862. Buyers were:

- James Daniel
- John A. Brown
- James Maples
- James B. Wright
- A. S. Nash
- James M. Tipton

Brook Smith
 Morton Simes
 Jesse Brown
 Caroline Adkins
 T. P. T. Murray bought the Negro
 Woman & Child, \$1200.00
 Sam Phillips bought 40 acres of land,
 \$105.00
 N. F. Smith bought the Rail Road
 Stock, \$8.00

The total amount of the sale was \$1348.00.
 Twenty acres of land belonging to the
 Estate were rented to John
 Wisdom for the year
 1863, for the sum of \$30.00.

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JOHN P. HARPER Estate

John M. Gullatt, Administrator, appears
 in Probate Court with an inventory of the goods
 and chattels belonging to the Estate of John P.
 Harper, including notes on the following:

- L. H. Grubbs
- James M. Gullatt
- Martin & Larkin
- W. R. Larkin
- G. W. R. Larkin
- And. Moore, et.al.
- Jno. A. Harper
- N. F. Hall
- John Keith
- J. C. Warren
- E. H. Hall & E. R. Hall
- F. J. Warren

23 Shares of Capitol [Stock] in the Memphis &
 Charleston Rail Road Company

Slaves:

- Sally, about 54 years old,
- Martin, age 16
- Nancy, age 12
- Reah, age 20
- Juda, age 18
- Ann, age 18
- Lucy, age 6
- Jim, age 4
- Barb, age 3
- Minte, age 2.

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Minutes of the Circuit Court

Part 2

The Minutes of the Circuit Court, beginning in 1865, are housed in the Jackson County courthouse at Scottsboro. There is no front cover and the first 20 pages are missing from this book. The next 41 pages were Bellefonte City Council minutes which were carried in **Valley Leaves** in Volumes 25, 26 and 27. The Circuit Court Minutes actually began on page 66 of the ledger. These minutes are especially important because of the number of deaths reported. In most cases, there is a notation in the margin stating: "Recorded in Book D, page ..."

During the Civil War, many records were burned by Northern troops in a large bonfire. How this one escaped is a mystery. After the war, there was little or no money with which to buy supplies so when a ledger was found with only the first 61 pages used, the conservative city officials wisely put it to use in the Circuit Court.

Contributed by Mr. Wendell Page, and abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

The first installment of these minutes was carried in Volume 25, Issue 4, Page 169 of **Valley Leaves**.

Page 70 - Fall Term, 1865

Samuel James, et al)
vs)
R. C. Chitty)

Case No. 1472. 10 Oct. 1865. R. C. Chitty's attorney told the court that Chitty had died. It was ordered by the Court that this case revive in the name of the Admr. when known.

State of Alabama.)
vs.)
John J. Dillard, et al)

Case No. 1542. 10 Oct 1865. John J. Dillard has died and the Court gave permission for suit to be revived in the name of the administrator when known.

T. J. H. Kirby)
vs)
Memphis & Charleston RR)

Case No. 1540. 10 Oct 1865. T. J. H. Kirby having died, the Court granted permission to revive this suit in the name of his administrator when made known.

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R. T. Scott)
vs)
T. B. Griffin)

Case No. 1555. 10 Oct 1865. It appears to the Court that Scott and Griffin have departed this

life. The Court ordered this case be revived in the name of Elizabeth Scott as the Administratrix of R. T. Scott, and that permission be granted to revive this suit in the name of T. B. Griffin's administrator when known.

Allison Anderson & Co.)
vs.)
Jasper N. Matheney, M. Matheney)
and Nathaniel Kennamer)

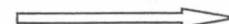
Case No. 1564. 10 Oct 1865. "Comes the parties by their attorneys and suggests the death of M. Matheney, one of the defendants in this cause."

J. & J. Snodgrass)
vs.)
A. M. Saxon & Ella Saxon)

Case No. 1636. 10 Oct 1865. "Comes the parties by attorneys and suggest the death of A. M. Saxon, one of the defendants in this cause."

John Snodgrass)
vs.)
A. M. Saxon & Ella Saxon)

Case No. 1638. 10 Oct 1865. The defendant, A. M. Saxon, has died.



Parthena Stewart)
vs)
T. R. Mattox)

Case No. 1666. 10 Oct 1865. T. R. Mattox has died and the Court ordered that this case revive in the name of the administrator when made known.

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Parthena Stewart)
vs)
W. O. Haynes)

Case No. 1668. 10 Oct 1865. Parthena Stewart, by her attorney who says W. O. Haynes has died. The Court granted permission to revive suit in the name of defendant Haynes's administrators upon the return of a sci fa¹.

John Snodgrass)
vs.)
E. Bryant,)
J. M. Gullatt, W. J. Green)

Case No. 1691. 10 Oct. 1865. E. Bryant has died and permission was granted by the Court to revive the suit in the name of his administrator.

William Rigney, Admr.)
vs)
J. G. Kirkpatrick)

Case No. 1694. 10 Oct 1865. J. G. Kirkpatrick is dead and the Court granted permission to revive suit in the name of Kirkpatrick's administrator.

Picket Warmley & Co)
vs)
John J. Dillard)

Case No. 1695. 10 Oct 1865. John J. Dillard has died and the Court gives permission for plaintiff to revive the case in the name of the administrator when known.

James P. Steeley)
vs)
R. T. Scott)

¹ Abbreviation for scire facias which, in this case, means to revive a judgment after the lapse of a certain time or on a change of parties. (Black's)

Case No. 1699. 10 Oct 1865. R. T. Scott has died and the Court gave permission for Steeley to revive the case against Elisabeth Scott, Scott's executrix.

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Dillard Brooks)
vs)
William Rorex)

Case No. 1725. 10 Oct 1863. Dillard Brooks has died and the Court granted permission to revive the case in the name of the administrator when known.

R. T. Scott)
vs)
Mary Steeley)

Cases Number 1764, 1765, 1766, and 1767. 10 Oct 1865. R. T. Scott is dead and the Court ordered that suit be revived in the name of Elisabeth Scott. [four cases].

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D. M. Bradford, Admr.)
vs)
Benjamin Snodgrass, Thomas)
Snodgrass & John Snodgrass, Jr.)

Case No. 1780. 10 Oct 1865. The defendants being solemnly called came not and make default. Therefore, the Court ruled that Bradford, as administrator, have judgment to recover of defendants the costs of suit in this behalf expended, the debt and interest claimed by plaintiff.

Robert Frazier, Admr.)
Vs)
Ira E. Brown, W. J. Brown &)
John L. Brown)

Case No. 1782. 10 Oct 1865. The defendant, John L. Brown, has died. The plaintiff asks that an *alias plurias*² issue as to the other defendants which is so ordered by the court.

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² Reinstate case and name the other two as defendants.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

Deed Book A-3
Part 2

This series began in Volume 33, Issue No. 1 of *Halley Leaves* and will be an ongoing series.
Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Wm. & Belpha Kidd to Wm. W. Garrard:

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28 April 1825

Warranty Deed

William Kidd and Belpha Kidd, his wife, sell to William W. Garrard, for \$125.00, by Garrard in hand paid, the N/2 N/2 of Lot No. 11 with appurtenances as designated in the plan of the Town of Florence.

Acknowledged by William Kidd 28 April 1825 before William C. Bruce, J. P.

Belpha Kidd – Dower

Pages 18 and 20 (duplicates)

28 April 1825

Relinquishment of Dower

Belpha Kidd, wife of William Kidd, acknowledges she signed said conveyance. She swears it was of her own free will and accord without any fear, threats or compulsion of her husband and that she has no wish to retract therefrom. She was examined privately, separately and apart from her husband.

Witnessed by William C. Bruce

Recorded 16 May 1825

Wigglesworth to Kidd

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17 Feb 1825

Deed of Trust

Adison Wigglesworth of the first part, James Irvine of the second part and Presly Ward and William Kidd of the third part, all of Lauderdale Co., Al.

Adison Wigglesworth signed two notes to Presly Ward on 10 Jan 1824, each in the sum of \$160. One was due and payable "on the 10 day thereafter" and the other became due a year later on 10 Jan 1825.

Presly Ward assigned the notes to William Kidd on 16 Jan 1824 for payment of said notes.

Kidd has filed suit against Wigglesworth for the recovery of said notes in the circuit court of Lauderdale Co.

Adison Wigglesworth is desirous and willing to secure Kidd against loss and therefore he sells, in trust, to James Irvine two negro men slaves now in possession of Ezekiel H. Hudnull in the town of Florence. They are (1) Billy, a yellow boy, a carpenter by trade, about 20 years of age and (2) Reubin, also a yellow boy, a carpenter about age 18.

If Adison pays the above debts then this deed is void. If debts are not paid then James Irvine to hire out said negroes to the best advantage with monies derived from same to be applied toward discharge of said notes. When debts and interest plus costs are paid, the Negroes are to be returned to Adison Wigglesworth, the original owner.

Signed 13 Nat 1825

A. Wigglesworth

Jas. Irvin

P. Ward

William Kidd

Witness:

J. Caldwell

G. F. E. Heedwell[?]

Recorded 16 May 1825

Note: A notation in the margin said: "Delivered to William Kidd 13 of January 1826."

Patrick Andrews to John Simpson

Pages 23 – 24

19 May 1825

Warranty Deed

Patrick Andrews sells to John Simpson, for \$5,400 in hand paid by Simpson before ensealing and delivery of these presents, part of Lot No. 364 designated in the plan of the Town

of Florence containing 2.90 acres more or less, with appurtenances.

Witness:

Thomas Simpson
James H. Weakley

Acknowledged by Patrick Andrews 20 May 1825 and recorded.

Cypress Land Co. to Francis Camper

Pages 25 - 26

23 May 1825

Warranty Deed

LeRoy Pope, Thomas Bibb, James Jackson, Dabney Morriss, John McKinley, five of the trustees of the Cypress Land Company, by John Coffee their attorney in fact, and John Coffee the other trustee, of one part and Francis Camper of the other part.

For the sum of \$395.00 the Cypress Land Company sells to Francis Camper, Lot No. 92 as designated in the plan of the Town of Florence, said sum paid before the delivery of property.

Signed:

LeRoy Pope)
Thomas Bibb)
James Jackson) by John Coffee
Dabney Morriss)
John McKinley)
John Coffee

Witness:

William Weakly
James H. Weakly

Deed acknowledged by John Coffee on behalf of himself and the other trustees on 23 May 1825. Recorded 24 May 1825.

John & Nancy Asher to Thomas Farmer

Pages 26 - 28

31 May 1825

Warranty Deed

John Asher and Nancy Asher, his wife, sell to Thomas Farmer, all of Lauderdale Co., Alabama, property for the sum of \$400, said sum already paid.

The property was Lot No. 360 in the plan of the Town of Florence. The lot is bounded as follows: beginning at the intersection of Tuscaloosa and Pine Streets then running up Pine Street 13 rods, then southwardly 9-1/2 rods back to the alley, thence southeastwardly to

Tuscaloosa St. then northeasterly 9-1/2 rods to the beginning. The Ashers warrant title.

Signed:

John Asher
Nancy Asher

Acknowledged by the Ashers 23 May 1825.

Relinquishment of Dower, Nancy Asher

Nancy Asher, the wife of John Asher, relinquished her right to dower in the above described lot on 6 June 1825. She was questioned away and apart from her husband and said she signed the deed of her own free will without coercion by her husband. Recorded 6 June 1825.

Cypress Land Co. to Wm. G. Brim

Pages 28 - 29

9 June 1825

Warranty Deed

LeRoy Pope, Thomas Bibb, James Jackson, Dabney Morriss, and John McKinley, five of the trustees of the Cypress Land Co., by John Coffee their attorney in fact, and John Coffee, the other trustee, of one part and William G. Brim of the other part.

The Cypress Land Co. sells to William G. Brim, for \$170, by Brim to them in hand paid before the signing and delivery of these presents, Lot No. 5 designated in the plan of the town of Florence.

Signed:

LeRoy Pope)
Thomas Bibb)
James Jackson) by John Coffee
Dabney Morriss)
John McKinley)
John Coffee

Acknowledged by John Coffee and delivered for recording 9 June 1825. Recorded 10 June 1825.

John Donohoo to John Simpson

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15 June 1825

Bill of Sale - slave Mapes

John Donohoo of Lauderdale County, Alabama, for the sum of \$700 to him paid in hand by John Simpson, has sold to Simpson one Negro slave named Mapes, aged about 40.

Signed:

John Donahoo
Witness:
John Spalding
Marshall Clark
Proven by Marshall Clark, witness, before
William W. Garrard on 16 June 1825.
Recorded 20th June 1825.

Jacob Singly – Boggs, Cochran & Co.
Pages 31 – 33
27 Dec 1824
Deed of Trust

Jacob Singly, of the first part
James Irvine, of the second part
George Boggs, Jr.)
Richard Cochran) Partners, of
George Boggs) the 3rd part.
James Boggs)

Jacob Singly is indebted to the above parties of the third part, partners doing business as "Boggs, Cochran & Co.," in the amount of \$181.71½, with interest, by a judgment obtained at the Circuit Court held in Lauderdale Co., Al.

Singly is willing and desirous to secure Boggs, Cochran & Co. against loss. For the further consideration of \$1 in hand paid to Singly by James Irvine, the receipt is hereby acknowledged, Jacob Singly hath sold, in trust, to Irvine Lot Number 361 in Florence containing 3.88 acres.

Jacob Singly is to remain in quiet possession of Lot 361 and take the profits therefrom. If default is made by Singly, Irvine is to sell the lot to the highest bidder at public auction for ready money.

The time and place of the sale is to be at Irvine's discretion after having posted notice in at least three public places.

Out of the proceeds, Irvine is to pay the \$181.71½ debt plus expenses and interest and give Singly anything left over.

Signed:
Jacob Singly
James Irvine
George Boggs Jr.
George Boggs
Richard Cochran
James Boggs by George Boggs Jr.

Witness:
John S. [?] Young

Acknowledged by all parties in court on 21 June 1825. Recorded 22 June 1825.

Henry M. Gaines - George Boggs Jr.
Pages 34 – 36
15 January 1825
Deed of Trust

Henry M. Gaines is indebted to George Boggs Jr. in the amount of \$64.58 by a bond [note]. Gaines wants to secure Boggs Jr. against loss. For \$1 paid by James Irvine to Gaines, Gaines sells to Irvine, in trust, the following property:

1 bay mare
1 gray horse
6 head of cattle (two cows, one of which is brindle and the other red and white, plus two calves)
18 head of hogs
3 featherbeds and furniture
100 barrels of corn now in crib.
3 stacks of fodder
1,000 pounds of pork
2 dozen plates
2 hooks [?]
1 pot
1 oven
1 kettle
6 chairs
2 plows
4 hoes

Gaines is to remain in peaceable possession of the property and to take the profits therefrom until such time as default in payment of debt is made. If debt is paid by 1 September 1825 then this deed is null and void. If debt is not paid by 1 September 1825 then Irvine is to sell as much of the property as will pay the debt plus interest and costs. Property is to be sold at public sale to the highest bidder for ready money after giving ten days notice. Notice is to be posted on the courthouse door and two other public places. Money left over after paying obligations to be given back to Gaines.

Signed:
George Boggs Jr.
James Irvine
Henry M. Gaines

Witness:
John S. Young who proved the deed on 21 June 1825. Recorded 22 June 1825.

Samuel E. McCabe – Boggs & Cochran

Pages 36 – 39

11 January 1825

Deed of Trust

Samuel E. McCabe, of 1st part
James Irvine of 2nd part and
George Boggs Jr.,
Richard Cochran,
George Boggs, and
James Boggs of the 3rd part.

Samuel E. McCabe owes George Boggs Jr. the sum of \$166.08 by a bond [note] dated 11 Jan 1825 and due 1 March 1826. McCabe also owes the firm of Boggs, Cochran & Co. \$84.44 due 1 March 1825.

McCabe is desirous and willing to secure the above against loss, therefore he deeds, in trust to James Irvine, the following property:

Part of lot No. 144 in Florence on the south side of the street fronting on the public square and running back southeastwardly 60 feet, being the northwest corner of the lot on a part of which C. C. Macy & Co. at present keeps their cabinet making shop;

- 1 cow
- 1 sorrel horse
- 1 water carriage[?]
- 1 feather bed
- 1 straw bed
- 10 Windsor chairs

1 set of blacksmith tools, all of which are now in the possession of McCabe, and part of Lot No.144 with appurtenances. If McCabe pays debts then this deed is void. If default is made in whole or in part, then Irvine is to sell so much of the property as to satisfy the debts, expenses and interest with the residue to go to McCabe.

The sale is to be public and the property to go to the highest bidder for ready money. He is to give 15 days notice in some newspaper published in Florence ("if any should then there be published) and by posting a notice on the courthouse door in the Town of Florence at least ten days before the sale. Irvine is to retain a reasonable compensation for his trouble.

Signed:

S. E. McCabe
James Irvine
George Boggs Jr.
Richard Cochran
George Boggs
James Boggs by Geo. Boggs Jr.

Witness:

Samuel Scott
John J. Birtwell

Proven by Samuel Scott 21 June 1825.
Recorded 23 June 1825.

Ed: The scribe seems confused as to the exact amount owed George Boggs Jr. In one place it is shown as \$168; in another place it is \$168.08, in another it is \$166.08 and in yet another it is \$188.08

**James Hardin to Abraham Hernachan
Purchase of Slaves**

Pages 40 – 41

16 June 1815

Bill of Sale

James Hardin of Hardin County, Tennessee sells to Abraham Hernachan of Lauderdale County, Alabama, for \$1300 the following slaves:

Jenny, female Negro slave about 41 years old with her three children:

- (1) Echo, male slave about 17 years of age or thereabouts;
- (2) Chosen, a male slave about 12 years of age or thereabouts;
- (3) Amy, a female Negro slave about 5 years of age or thereabouts.

Signed:

James Hardin

Witness:

B. G. Hardin
John Simpson
Ge. Augustus[?] Dawson

Proven by John Simpson 23 June 1825.
Recorded 24 June 1825.

-To be continued in the March 2001 issue-

Lauderdale Co. Marriage Book 5 & 6

1838 – 1857

(Part 10)

Marriage Book "5 & 6" is a large red book housed in the Lauderdale County Courthouse in Florence. This record may have been compiled when the returning officer (minister, justice of the peace, etc.) made his return to the court (as opposed to when the license was purchased) since the entries are not in chronological order. A separate date of recording is not always given, probably because the recording clerk forgot as pre-printed form were not used; each entry was laboriously hand written in its entirety. W. T. Hawkins was the Chief Clerk of the County Court, however, some entries were made by E. G. Chandeler/Chandler, Deputy Clerk. This series began in Volume 19 and is continued from Volume 25 of *Valley Leaves*. They were copied and contributed by the late Eulalia Wellden.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Solemnized</u>	<u>By</u>
309	Butler, Gabriel	Bevis, Sarah Ann	24 Jan 1849	D. Joiner, JP
310	Smith, William L.	Hemman, Elizabeth	25 Dec 1848	G. S. Newton, JP
310	McDonald, Amos	McDougal, Nancy C.	11 Feb 18149	C. B. Jones, JP
311	Barnett, Asey F.	Barnett, Elizabeth Ann	8 Feb 1849	G. S. Newton, JP
311	Nethery, John R.	Blassingame, Nancy	24 May 1848	Thos. W. Waldrip
312	Paine, James C. B.	Bosket, Mary E.	14 July 1847	C. B. Jones, JP
312	Robertson, Madison J.	Holt, Ruthy A.	16 Sept 184y	C. B. Jones
313	Waddle, Malay	Prince, Martha	3 June 1847	Monroe F. Moses, MG
313	McClarín, George	Philips, Sarah A.	16 Dec 1847	Alpheus Migell, MG
314	Wesson, William A.	Ijams, Amanda	9 Feb 1848	J. Bourland, JP
314	Bedingfield, Charles	York, Synthia	24 Feb 1847	W. B. Beyan
315	Davis, Willis G.	Sullivan, Tabitha E.	16 Sept 1847	J. W. Phillips
315	Estep, Isaac	Johnson, Elizabeth	20 Dec 1846	W. B. Beyan
316	Oakley, James P.	Martin, Elizabeth J.	10 Nov 1848	W. B. Edwards
316	Shoemaker, James	Beddingfield, Susan	21 Dec 1848	W. B. Beyan
317	Dement, Thomas M.	Coal, Rachel	17 Apr 1847	W. B. Beyan
317	Romine, John L.	Bowie, Margaret A.	23 Nov 1847	W. B. Beyan
318	Romine, James	Jones, Permelia Ann	8 Dec 1848	W. B. Beyan
318	Marks, Henry	Thornburg, Margaret	28 Sept 1848	W. B. Beyan
319	Gracy, John	Best, Sarah A.	1 Aug 184__	C. B. Jones
319	Ingram, Jonathan	Luker, Eliza	20 Aug 1847	Duncan Smith
320	Hill, Alfred	Woods, Lucinda	11 Aug 1847	Duncan Smith
320	Basham, Diones M.	Davis, Cynthia M.	19 Apr 1847	G. S. Newland
321	Vaughn, William	Busley, Charlotte	12 Sept 1846	A. Simmons
321	Carlock, James M.	Moses, Sarah C.	29 Jan 1847	Felix Johnson
322	Lanier, Thomas	White, Emoranda	14 June 1847	W. B. Edwards
322	Jeans, Carter	Arnold, Diana	15 Feb 1847	B. E. Bowland
323	Robertson, Henry G.	Odom, Diana	10 Feb 1847	J. M. Melton

<u>No</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Solemnized</u>	<u>By:</u>
323	English, John	Jeans, Margaret	7 Feb 184__	J. M. Melton
324	Thompson, Charles	Woods, Harriett	22 Oct 1846	J. M. Melton
324	Green, George W.	Robinson, Olivia	3 Nov 1846	J. M. Melton
325	Foust, David	Ward, Viney	15 April 1847	W. B. Wood
325	York, William	Thompson, Martha	11 Jan 1849	Wm. Regan
326	Hineman, Martindale	Smith, Jannetta	19 Nov 1846	G. S. Newton
326	Ridgeway, John	Loving, Clarissa	11 Jan 1846	Thos. Stone
327	Alexander, William	Putman, Milly	19 Jan 1847	G. S. Newton
327	Wilson, Stewart	Rust, California	29 March 1848	D. Joiner
328	Fifer, Jacob	Barker, Lucy Ann	21 Sept 1847	Just. Williams
328	Gillespie, Robert I.	Jackson, Julia Ann	2 Dec 1847	Felix Johnson
329	Scott, John R.	Coffee, Myram B.	25 April 2847	Felix Johnson
329	Kackelman, Johannes	Keefner, Margaret	5 March 1847	Felix Johnson
330	Martin, Thomas	Murphy, Catherine	9 May 1848	Geo. W. Martin
330	Rice, Jesse P.	Grisham, Susan	12 Dec 1848	W. W. Pettus
331	Davis, William W.	Balue, Christian	19 Dec 1848	W. W. Pettus
331	Kackelman, John	Ect, Barbary	16 Dec 1847	Felix Johnson
332	Tucker, George B.	Nix, Holly	13 April 1848	Felix Johnson
332	Boren, Jacob F.	Jackson, Mary	11 Jan 1848	Felix Johnson
333	Glidewell, Thomas	Kennedy, Sarah	6 April 1848	D. Smith
333	Jorden, William H.	Smith, Sarah T.	18 May 1846	W. I. Hawkins
334	Mahan, Francis M.	Hammell, Mary M.	6 April 1848	Wm. P. Nichols
334	Baily, Edward	Chapman, Lucy	1 April 1848	C. B. Jones
335	Porter, David P.	Crow, Lucy Ann	21 Dec 1848	D. Joiner
335	Cocke, Stephen D.	Hindman, Sarah J.	17 Aug 1847	D. Joiner
336	Wingo, Jackson	Prince, Amey	7 Jan 1849	J. W. Ives
336	Thrasher, Thomas	Rice, Sarah T.	3 Jan 1849	C. E. Ragland
337	Harrison, Luke R.	Hammell, Elizabeth	10 Jan 1849	Duncan Smith
337	Gray, John	Kirkman, Ellen	11 Jan 1849	Wm. B. Wood
338	Hunter, Thomas	Staples, Eliza	7 Jan 1849	M. F. Moses
338	Snipes, James B.	Akin, Malinda	8 Jan 1846	Thos. Stone
339	Watson, John	Noel, Mary Ann	25 Mar 1847	W. H. Johnson
339	Long, John	Smith, Sarah	30 Dec 1846	D. Lathan
340	Mealer, William	Bess, Minerva	24 April 1846	D. Joiner
340	Willett, Richard H.	Hammell, Elizabeth Ann	15 Dec 1843	Joseph Garrett
341	Haynes, John Hartwell	Roberson, Martha	30 Dec 1846	A. A. Westmoreland
341	Hutton, Reuben Parks	Butler, Mary Frances	2 Aug 1846	Oliver Thompson
342	Vernon, James A.	Kelly, Sarah	31 Jan 1847	Monroe F. Moses
342	Henderson, Asberry	Garner, Mary J.	7 Jan 1847	Joseph Garrett

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Lawrence County

Amos Jarman Last Will & Testament

Please see Old Mt. Pleasant Church Cemetery in Colbert County in this issue. When Amos and Mary were buried in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery it was in Lawrence County. On 6 Feb 1895, however, the county boundary lines changed and the cemetery and the Jarman property fell into Colbert County. Twelve years lapsed from the date Amos died until his will was probated. This was because his wife, Mary, did not die until June 13, 1873.

When this book was bound, some of the lettering appears to have been bound into the gutter (spine) making it difficult to read. When it was microfilmed, some of the words at the end of the line were totally obscured.

Dated: 22 Feb 1861

Submitted for Probate: 25 Nov 1873

In the name of God, amen. I Amos Jarman, of Lawrence County & State of Alabama, - Knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die - I do make this my last will and testament, [and] by this act I do away [with] all former wills that I may have made at any time

1st I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body is to be buried in a plain Christian like manner. I being aged (say nearly seventy two years) still sound in mind and body, do now write this my own will.

2nd For the payment of all my just debts I will that my negro woman called Susan, about eighteen years old, and her child called Bitha, six months old, be sold if necessary, to pay debts. If not, [Susan and Bitha are] to belong to my dear wife, Mary.

3rd. I give to my two granddaughters, Anna C. and Martha J. Thweatts² - To Anna C., one negro girl called Mary about ten years old, and to Matta J. Threatt one negro girl called Frances about five years old. Also, I give all my claim to the proceeds of two notes - one on Wm. H. Jarman for Thirteen hundred and ninety Six dollars 83/100 and interest from the 4th March 1860. One note on Wilks Davidson for \$123.63 dollars plus interest from 23rd Feby 1861. This money to be equally shared by them. This

² This name written Thweatts, Threatts, and Threat

money was heired³ by their grand Mama and ag...[again?] from her to said granddaughters.

If either of said grand daughters should die before arriving at the age of maturity, the surviving one to have all. If both should die before arriving to the age of maturity, the three youngest sons of my deceased daughter, Mary Threat, should have what may remain of money and negroes (thus given).

4th I give to my son, J. H., all the volumes of my library and my portrait gallery.

5th I give to my Son, A. G., my silver headed walking cane.

6th I give to my dear wife all the remaining of my property during her natural life and that she may give away \$2,000 or \$3000 of said property or money to whom she pleases and at her death whatever of my property may be remaining to be divided in five equal parts:

- (1) One-fifth to my Son, J. H.,
- (2) One fifth to my son, A. G.,
- (3) One-fifth to my Son G. W.,
- (4) One-fifth to my daughter Eliza Johnson,
- (5) And one-fifth to be equally divided amongst my daughter Hella Wallis and her four children .

I having already given to my Son Wm. H., all I intended for him.

I wish my wife to have, first, the land: the E/2 of Section 30 on which my dwelling and all my out-houses are located. The whole of

³ Received as an heir.

located. The whole of Section ...nine, the NW/4 of Sect. 28, the SE/4 of Section 20; also 40 acres in the SW corner of the E/2 of the SW/4 of Section two - in all 1320 acres - all lying and being in Township 3, Range 9 west in the county and state first named.

I will to my wife two town lots in the town of Courtland known in the plat of said Town as lots numbered 146 & 147 on which there is a dwelling house - now occupied by Mary A. Linthecum⁴

During my wife's natural life, she is to have the following Negroes: two men called Simon and Isaac about 50 years old, Virge about 45 years old, Joe about 40 years old, William about 20, and one woman called Jenua, 45 years, Eliza about 35 years of age and her youngest child called Tom, 2 years old; Margaret 20 years old, one woman called Sue (before named to be sold if need be) about 18 years old. Also my pleasure carriage and buggy, horses, mules, wagons, cart, oxen all mules and horses, cattle of all kinds; all my Sheep, hogs &° all farming tools, blacksmith tools, household & kitchen furniture including bed, all now in my house.

Last, my dear wife, my only executrix, is to take an inventory of all I now have or may have at my death. That Inventory is to be registered or filed. She is to use this property as though it was her own, give no bond for the safe keeping of this property and no security. She may, at her pleasure, sell all and move to any state she may wish, all the while having an eye to the safe keeping of said property. I also wish her to call to her aid any man in whom she can place full confidence in and that man thus accepting her call, or invitation, to be well paid for all his trouble and responsibilities. In witness whereof I hereby affix my name and Seal this the 19 February 1861.

/s/ Amos Jarman

Test: Samuel J. Leggett, James W. Latham and W. B. Freeman Feb. 22nd 1861.

On 25 November 1873 the Last Will and Testament of Amos Jarman was submitted for probate. A. G. Owen swore to the signature of

⁴ She was probably the widow of Thomas H. Linthecum, Mary Ann Green. They were married on 11 June 1840.

Samuel J. Legget, a witness, before J. H. McDonald, J. P.

And also came John H. Wallace who proved the hand writing of the three witnesses, having done business in the same town with them about three years and had frequent opportunities to see their hand writing. He says they are genuine.

He further states that he is the grandson of Amos Jarman and is well acquainted with his hand-writing and that the signature is genuine. Too, he was present in the room in Leighton when the said Will was signed. The said Amos Jarman died in Lawrence County in December 1861 and was at the time of his death a resident of said County and was of sound mind when he signed the Will. [Ed: He is buried in the old Mt. Pleasant churchyard in Colbert County. See this issue, page 3]

/s/ J. H. Wallace

And also came E. R. Stanley and Ira C. Jarman who say they have been well acquainted [with] Amos Jarman, decd., for the space of thirty five or forty years and that he died in Lawrence Co., Alabama in the year [1861] and that at the time of his death he was about Seventy two years of age and that his place of residence for many y[ears and] at the time of his death was Lawrence County, Alabama.

25 Novr. 1873.

E. R. Stanly

J. C. Jarman before J. H. McDonald, J.P.

Wedded Bliss

Married Nov. 5, 1873 at the residence of Mr. Daniel Spangler, by Rev. J. S. Davis, Mr. John A. Bagraith to Miss Henrietta Spangler, all of this county. Well done, John - may your happiness increase with your years.

We learn from Texas papers that Hon. Henry A. McGhee, ex-probate Judge of Lawrence County, has taken unto himself another wife.

[Source: *Moulton Advertiser*, 14 Nov 1873.]

Lawrence County Court Min. Book "B"

Part 8

The serialization of the Lawrence County Court Minute Book began in Volume 25, Issue 2, page 79 in December 1990. It is continued here from Vol. 26, No. 4, p. 178.

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Case No. 51

William Murphee,)
 Malealim[?] Gilghrish [Gilchrist?]) Cause of suit not given
 vs)
 Robert Bransford)

Jury trial: Jurors:

George A. Glover	John Henderson	William Blair
Byrd Lynticum	Daniel McAllister	Jas. McAllister
Solomon Langham	Thomas Pearson	Jacob Barnes
Thomas Galloway	John Glass	Reading Whitehead

Verdict: Jury found that "Defendant hath not performed the covenant in the declaration mentioned but hath broken the same in manner and form as the plaintiff against him hath complained" and assess the plaintiff's damages at \$487.73 plus costs.

Case No. 53

James Watson) Defendant withdrew his plea and says nothing. The court ruled
 vs) that the plaintiff recover against defendant \$80 debt, \$4.80
 William Johnston) damages plus costs.

Case No. 56

Drew S. Bynum, Asse.) Breach of contract. Jury trial. Jurors same as above.
 vs) find for plaintiff and assess his damages, due to
 M. Allen) defendant's non-performance at \$200 plus costs.

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Case No. 60

Drew S. Bynum, Asse.)
 vs) Non performance of contract
 Robert G. Mosely)

Came the parties by their attorneys. Jury trial. Jurors are:

George A. Glover	Solomon Langham	John Henderson
Thomas Pearson	William Blair	Jacob Barnes
Byrd Lynticum	Thomas Galloway	John Glass
James McAllister	Daniel McAllister	John Simmons

They find for the plaintiff and assess his damages at \$200 plus costs "by occasion of the defendant's non performance of the assumption in the declaration mentioned."

Case No. 72

William Wallace) Debt. Defendant withdrew his plea and says nothing. The Court ruled
 vs) that the plaintiff recover \$69.30 debt, \$15 damages plus costs from
 Robert Brunson) defendant.

Case No. 84

Gregg & Johnson)
vs) Non performance per agreement
Thomas Heslip)

Came the plaintiff by his attorney and the defendant, being solemnly called, came not. Jury:

George A. Glover	Solomon Langham	John Henderson
Thomas Pearson	William Blair	Jacob Barnes
Byrd Lynticum	Thomas Galloway	John Glass
James McAllister	Daniel McAllister	John Simmons

Verdict: The plaintiff has sustained damages because of the defendant's non performance "of the assumption in the declaration mentioned." in the sum of \$45.48 damages plus costs.

Case No. 87

William Justice, for the use of)
Ephraim H. Foster) Cause not shown. Case continued at request of defendant.
vs)
Lewis Dillahunty)

Case No. 91

White & Lynn, assee.) Breach of Contract. Comes plaintiff by his attorney, and
vs) defendant, being solemnly called, came not but made default.
Matthew Clay) Jury same as above. Verdict: Plaintiff has sustained damages
"by occasion of the breach of covenant [agreement] to the
amount of \$466.88 damages plus costs.

County Court, January term 1824 (Jan. 6th)

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Case No. 95

White & Lynn, Asse) Debt: Plaintiffs came and said they will not further prosecute.
vs) The defendant agrees to pay costs expended by plaintiff in this
Edward R. Harvey) case.

Case No. 100

White & Lynn) Cause of suit not stated.
vs) Plaintiff drops case. Defendant agrees to pay all cost including
Francis Jones) plaintiff's costs.

Case No. 102

White & Lynn)
vs) Cause of suit not mentioned. Case continued.
James A. Francisco)

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Case No. 103

Clements & McClelland) Debt. Defendant withdrew his plea and says nothing. The Court
vs) rules that plaintiff recover from defendant \$66.95, the balance of
John McWhorter) the debt plus \$10.60 damages plus costs.

-To be continued-

Limestone County

Chancery Court Loose Papers Turner-Smith Lawsuit

These records were taken from microfilm of Chancery Court Minutes located in the Limestone County Archives. The quality of the microfilm seems to depend on the quality of the scribe's handwriting. In this case, it was extremely poor and totally illegible in many places. For this reason, pertinent facts may be omitted here simply due to illegibility. Abstracted from the microfilm by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

Samuel Turner, Sr., & Co., assignee
vs

James R. N. Smith

10 March 1866

James R. N. Smith purchased the following described land:

W/2 of the SW/4 of Section 21-1-14W
Beginning at the NE corner of the said
W/2 thence south 24 poles to a stake,
thence west to a stake on the west
boundary line of the said W/2 thence
north to the NW corner of said W/2
thence east to the beginning, containing
40 acres,

in Limestone County, Alabama from James Nickols for \$610. The deed to said land was held by James Solomon.

Apparently Smith borrowed the purchase money from J. L. Coman giving him two notes for the purchase money. The first payment was due 1 Jan 1860 for \$300 and the other was payable 1 Oct 1861 for \$310. The first payment was paid in full before maturity. Smith made several attempts to pay the second note but his payment of "currency of the Country" [Confederate money] was refused and another kind demanded. Smith neither had, nor could he get "the other kind" [U. S. Currency] at that time.

Coman said that if Smith made the payments promptly he would give Smith title in fee simple.

Coman told him the second note had been lost or destroyed by the Federal Army

"Being a man of limited education, by no means ready in arithmetical calculataions"[sic]

Smith was slow to perceive how his note "for about \$284 could so suddenly increase to the sum of \$372." [Smith had made one \$26 payment].

Smith did not make payments as agreed and Coman sold the notes to Samuel Turner Sr. & Co.

Smith also signed a note to Coman on 1 Oct 1861 payable in 12 months for \$372.70.

At the May term 1867 the case was submitted for final decree in court.

The Court ordered the land to be sold in Athens for cash to the highest bidder after advertising. The costs and expenses of the suit are to be paid first then the complainant is to be paid.

The property was advertised in the *Athens Post* and the sale was held on the 4th Monday in November 1867. Samuel Turner became the purchaser for the sum of \$1036.93. After deducting costs of the suit and expenses [\$570.50] the proceeds amounted to \$465.93/-1.

A breakdown of the costs of the suit are as follow:

Debt	450.53
Interest	15.40
Court	29.85
Sheriff	1.15
took depositions*	5.00
Tax fee	15.00
Printer**	7.00
Auctioneer	2.00
W. S. Stamp	1.00

* John Turrentine

**Mr. Reynolds

-End-

Samuel Wickham Estate-Suit

This case is also nearly impossible to make out due to poor handwriting. Some pertinent facts may have been left out due to illegibility. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson

James B. Gray

vs

James B. Davis, Administrator of
Ellbert B. Wickham & others.

Case filed 24 Feb 1866.

1st Mon in Feb 1867. Comes Wm. H. Walker, attorney for James Gray and made application for *adiem pro confesso*⁵ against Elbert B. Wickham, son and heir of **Samuel Wickham**.

This suit clearly says, "Elbert B. Wickham, deceased." Yet, in another place he is being subpoenaed to testify. He is listed as 20 years of age in the 1850 census and he married Sarah Davidson 31 Jan 1861

Samuel Wickham died leaving a wife, (Louisa Wickham), a son (Elbert Wickham) and two daughters under legal age (Melissa Wickham and Louisa Wickham.)

The Court finds that the heirs were served notice of this Bill more than 60 days ago and they have failed to answer the same. It is, therefore, ordered that James Gray's Bill be held.

The Sheriff was issued an order to summons James B. Davis, Admr. of Samuel Wickham, decd., Louisa Wickham, Elbert Wickham, Melissa Wickham and Louisa Wickham.

They were ordered to appear in court on the first Monday in September 1866, to answer the original bill exhibited in Chancery Court by James B. Gray. Issued 7 July 1866.

James Gray states he and Samuel Wickham formed and entered into a partnership "near 20 years ago, about the year 1846." The partnership continued up to the time of Wickham's death which took place sometime during late 1861 or early 1862.

⁵ An order which the Court of Chancery makes when the defendant, in this case an heir of the deceased, does not file an answer.

The partnership was general and included nearly everything they owned including the grocery business and real estate. The partnership was known as Wickham & Gray. They co-owned land in Limestone County, it being:

N/2 SW/4 Sec. 21-1-6W

W/2 SE/4 SW/4 Sec. 21-1-6W, Limestone Co.

The Court ordered that interrogatories go to:

1. Elbert Wickham
2. Clay Stinnett
3. Alexander W. Patterson
4. William Toone
5. Martha Coleman
6. James B. Davis
7. William Bridgeforth

William D. Toone says in his interrogatory that he had lived with Wickham and Gray in 1860 and worked for them. James Gray now occupies the house and has since 1859 or 1860.

George L. Peck is *guardian ad litem*⁶ of the two minor daughters of Samuel Wickham, decd.

Final Decree

May Term 1866. The court orders that James B. Gray, complainant and plaintiff, hold the undivided half interest of said land, both legal and equitable, close out the partnership, and give one-half divided interest in lands to James B. Davis as Administrator of Samuel Wickham.

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Little Known History

The house in Mooresville, Limestone Co., where Pres. Andrew Johnson lived is still standing. Andrew Johnson was Pres. Lincoln's Vice Pres. and succeeded Lincoln in office after his assassination.

⁶ A special guardian appointed by the Court to protect the rights of under-age individuals.

John C. Ferris, Admr. of John Donohoe Smith

Southern Claims Commission

Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson

John C. Ferris was the administrator of the estate of John Donohoe Smith, an Irish-born British citizen. Mr. Smith, a teacher, leased or rented property from James W. S. Donnell and established a school. Apparently the property was leased/rented with an option to purchase. The infamous Col. Turchin, during his brief but destructive occupation of Athens, destroyed the property, both personal and real.

After the war, the United States and Great Britain signed a treaty whereby British citizens who had property destroyed or damaged by the U. S. during the War could be reimbursed for said damages.

Mr. Smith's administrator filed claim under that treaty.

Before the mixed Commission &c. John C. Ferris, Admr. & etc. vs. U. S. Argument for the U. S. on final submission.

The claimant, as administrator, asks damages of \$11,771 for injuries alleged to have been committed to the real and personal estate of the intestate in Athens, Limestone County, Alabama. First, were damages done under the command of Col. Turchin in May, 1862; and afterwards by the commands of Colonels Phillips, Noyes and Miller in 1863 and 1864?

The claimant files an affidavit of the intestate summing up the damages as alleged in the complaint, but giving no circumstances under which the alleged injuries are said to have been committed, and in no way showing any liability by the U. S. by reason of the same.

The claimant has taken the testimony of three witnesses: John Turrentine, James W. S. Donnell and Spottswood J. Donnell.

Turrentine testifies that forces under command of Gen. Turchin occupied the house in May 1862. He knows nothing of injuries to the property, but says that the first time he saw the property after the evacuation of the town by the U. S. soldiers, the fencing had been destroyed. The house was damaged by the destruction of doors and windows. He thinks there was nothing left but the brick walls and roof and estimates that it would cost \$1,500 to repair the damage done to the house and fencing.

For these damages, claimant in his account, charges two items - \$1500 and \$1600 totaling \$3100.

Donnell testifies as to the occupation by Turchin. He cannot say who committed the injuries to the property but after the forces had

left he saw the injuries that had been committed. He estimates the amount of damages, including house, furniture and everything, at the first occupation by Turchin at \$1000 and for the second occupation in 1863 at \$1000. For the second occupation, the claimant in his memorial claims \$4,870.

This witness also discloses the somewhat important fact that he, and not Smith, owned the entire property in question. This included not only the real estate but the blackboards, stoves, locks, desks, benches, &c, in the school-room.

He had never sold the house and lot but had made some arrangement with Smith by which Smith was to have the occupation and possibly the title to the lot on certain conditions.

The nature of this arrangement he entirely fails to show. Whether there was any written agreement he does not state. He does not state the terms of the agreement, nor that Smith had ever paid him one dollar for the property.

He says that he only looked to Smith for payment of the damages that might be done to the property. That he was not in a condition to perfect the title, as the title was not perfected to him. There was a bona fide transfer and that he does not consider that Smith owes him for the property especially that which was destroyed in/on the school premises under their previous arrangement by which he (Smith) was to pay damages done to said property.

Spottswood J. Donnell, apparently a son of the last-named witness, who was a pupil under Mr. Smith at the school, testifies to the injuries to the premises being done by U. S. soldiers. He says that the soldiers also destroyed Smith's clothing, books, papers and manuscripts including geometrical drawings and problems and a manuscript algebra.

The circumstances of this destruction are not disclosed and nothing is shown to render the U. S. liable in any event for the damages.

But it is plain upon the testimony of J. W. S. Donnell that so far as the building, furniture, and fixtures are concerned, there was no title whatever in the intestate. The property seems to have been absolutely and completely that of J. W. S. Donnell.

He discloses no facts raising even an equity in favor of Smith; but when pressed by the Counsel for claimant as to who owned the maps, black-boards, stoves, &c he answers "that is a question of law, I having stated all the facts in the premises. And the response to a second question, "Could you or not, after the conclusion of the war, have demanded from said Smith the said maps, black-boards, stoves, books, desk, windows, fences, benches and gates, under the belief that they were your property?" He answers, "I suppose I could."

After the first occupation by Turchin the building seems to have been refitted and refurnished; but Donnell says on page 9, "I refitted and refurnished it about as it was fitted and furnished before the destruction of said property."

As to all this, therefore, neither the claimant nor his intestate has or had any title or ground of claim upon the U. S.

As to the wearing apparel, books, manuscripts &c &c, certainly these were never taken for military use and there is no proof to make the U. S. in any degree responsible.

It will be noted that this transaction was in the very heart of the enemy's county, at a point never reached or held by the U. S. forces except by raids holding possession for but a very few days at a time. Each of the occupations by the forces named was a hasty and temporary occupation in the very face of the enemy.

Dated 29 March 1873

/s/ J. Ash, Agent & Counsel of the U. S. & C

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Before the Mixed Commission in American & British Claims
John C. Ferris admr &c

vs
The United States

Demurer to Memorial

The U. S. by their agent and Counsel, demur to the memorial of the claimant on the following grounds:

That neither the claimant's administrator nor his alleged *cestui que trust*⁷, Charles Mitchell Smith, is alleged by the memorial to be a British subject.

That it appears by the memorial that John Donohoe Smith, deceased, died on the 9th April 1870, prior to the concluding of the treaty of Washington.

That at the time of the conclusion of said treaty and ever since, the said claim of the claimant was not a claim of a subject of Great Britain upon the U. S. but was a claim of citizens of

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the U. S.

May 3, 1872

Robt. J. Hale, Agent & Counsel of the U. S. &c

Argument

The memorial alleges that the claimant is administrator of John Donohoe Smith, deceased, who died in Tennessee on the 9th of April 1870. That the claim is prosecuted for the benefit of the estate of said deceased, as well as for Charles Mitchell Smith, the son, and heir-at-law of said deceased. The claim is for divers injuries to real and personal property alleged to have been committed in 1862-3-4.

The United States demur to the memorial.

By the 12th Article of the Treaty, all claims of corporations, companies, or private

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individuals, subject to Her Britannia Majesty, upon the Government of the United States,

⁷ The person for whom he is pursuing this claim, Charles Mitchell Smith, the son of John Donohoe Smith, decd.

arising out of acts committed &c all referred to this Commission for adjudication.

It is submitted that this reference only includes the claims of such persons as were at the date of the Treaty, 8th of May 1871, subjects of Her Britannia Majesty.

Her Majesty's Government was seeking only to provide for proper protection and compensation to her majesty's subjects.

If the person injured, though a subject of Her Majesty at the time of the injury, had subsequently and before the conclusion of the treaty, ceased to be Her Majesty's subject, and became by naturalization, an American citizen, it could hardly be claimed that he could have a standing as a British subject before this Commission.

The treaty did not intend to provide for his case, but only for the British

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subjects. The rule is believed to be entirely the same where, by the death of the claimant prior to the treaty, the claim had ceased to be the claim of a British subject, and became the claim of an American citizen.

If, at the claimant's death, his personal representatives were British subjects they undoubtedly could still claim under the treaty, the injury having been an injury to a British subject, and a British subject standing as the legal holder of the claim at the time of making the treaty.

But, here, John Donohoe Smith, Her Majesty's subject, was no longer in existence at the time of the making of the treaty. His administrator and his heir at law do not allege themselves [to be] British subjects and impliedly they are not.

The claim has been transferred by operation of law, on the death of the

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original claimant to the hands of claimants who have no standing before this Commission; and, it is submitted that in case of such transfer it is wholly immaterial whether it is by assignment, by naturalization of the original claimant, thereby changing his national character, or by the operation of law, upon the death of the original claimant, thus transferring all present interest in the claim to parties who are not British subject.

R. B. J. Hale
Agent & Counsel
of the U. S. A.

Memorial of John C. Ferris,
Administrator of John Donohoe Smith,
Deceased.

To the Joint High Commission formed under the
Treaty of Washington, May 8, A. D. 1871

The memorial of John C. Ferris, administrator of John Donohoe Smith, deceased, through Joseph R. Dillin, attorney, empowered by John C. Ferris, administrator. Your memorialist would respectfully show unto the Joint High Commission, that John Donohoe Smith was born at Glassearie, Cloneran Post, Wexford county, Ireland, April 24th, 1819, and died at Middleton, in the county of Rutherford, State of Tennessee, U. S. of A. April 9th 1870

Your memorialist would show unto the Joint High Commission, that he is the administrator of John Donohoe Smith, deceased. For more certainty, reference is made to certified copy of letters of administration, herewith filed. Your memorialist is the public administrator for the county of Davidson, State of Tennessee, at Nashville, to which reference is only made to dispel any idea of obscurity, and to give notice to the Joint High [nothing more on this printed page and no other pages in this claim.]

End

The Mad Stone

Major J. B. Lockett, an old and highly esteemed citizen of this place [Athens], a few days ago showed us what is supposed to be a mad stone. The Major took this stone, which is not quite as large as a hen egg, from the stomach of a buck in 1846.
[*The Athens Post*, Saturday 15 May 1869]

Elizabeth Tilman Dies

Mrs. Elizabeth Tilman, widow of the late ex-sheriff John A. Tilman, died on the 20th of February 1896. She was the daughter of the late J. Lewis Nelson, Sr. She was 67 years of age at her death and a member of the Methodist Church at Lebanon. She reared two sons and two daughters; the eldest daughter died a few years ago. Her eldest son, William Tilman, was the sheriff and the second son, a merchant in Athens; her other daughter is Mrs. Z. Trimble of Decatur.

Mrs. Tilman was born at Prospect, Giles Co., Tenn. 8 Sept. 1829. Her parents were John Lewis and Betsy Nelson. John Lewis was a native of North Carolina and Betsy was born in the valley of the Rappahannock. Elizabeth Nelson married John A. Tilman in January 1849. They moved to Limestone County in January 1853. Florence Tilman of Decatur was Elizabeth's niece. [Source: *The Alabama Courier*, 27 February 1896 and 6 March 1896. Copied and contributed by the late Eulalia Wellden.]

Bits and Pieces from *The Limestone News*.

26 June 1874

Copied and contributed by the late Eulalia Wellden.

Jules Jamin, the French author, died in Paris 19 June 1874.

Rev. Dr. Maddin, aged 81, died in Nashville, Tennessee on 20 June.

Mrs. Cook, widowed mother of the three children that were recently killed by falling into an old well in Blount County, committed suicide last week.

Administrator's notice on the estate of Ambrose B. Rucker, decd.

A Mrs. Ray, aged 76, died in Limestone Co., on 16 June, 1874.

William C. McElyea, aged 50, died in Limestone County on 3 June.

Property Around Mill Sold

[Deed Book 2, p. 338, Dated 12 Dec 1826.]

Samuel Johnston sold Thomas H. Malone a parcel of land described as being on the waters of Swan Creek and known as the W/2 of Section 34-3-4W (*except* a mill conveyed to Joseph Johnston,) a good and open road on the west side of the canal for 150 yards, north of the township road from a low place in the canal.

/s/ Samuel Johnston
Sarah Johnston [by her "x"]

End

Madison County

Marriage Book 1

Part 2 of 14

For a complete introduction to these marriages please refer to Vol. 35, Issue No. 1. This series has been expanded to fourteen parts instead of thirteen.

<u>Page</u>	<u>Groom and Bride</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Comments</u>
26	Michael Bird to Patsy Logan	11 July 1810	She is the dau. of Thomas and Elizabeth Logan. Thomas Logan's will mentions his daughter, Sally Bird. ⁸
27	Henry Couch to Peggy Priest	16 July 1810	Bride's name written "Peggy Prish" in marriage record. In 1817 Henry filed for divorce stating he married Peggy Priest on 19 July 1810; case was dismissed at Henry's request. ⁹
27	John Pence to Elizabeth Rollings	20 Dec 1810	According to the date, this marriage seems to be out of order, unless the date is wrong. John Pence on 1810-13 & 1815 tax lists.
28	Joseph Bullard to Lucy Campbell	26 July 1810	The will of Owen "Cammel" mentions his daughter, Lucy Bullard, and his probate file No. 226 mentions her as wife of Joseph Bullard. ¹⁰
28	David Harrall to Anny Thompson	26 July 1810	
29	William Black to Polly Moore	2 Oct 1810	William Black shown on 1812, 1813 & 1815 tax list.
29	Robert Moore to Jancy Blacklingsly	2 Oct 1810	
30	John McCay to Peggy Renow	29 Oct 1810	She may be the daughter of John Reneau who is listed on the Madison County 1809 Squatter Census.
30	James Madewell to Hannah Novel	10 Nov 1810	Groom's name appears to be Madewell (not found in any other early M/Co records) but may actually be Maxwell as shown on 1810-15 tax list and other records.
31	John Wofford to Elizabeth Hewlett	24 Nov 1810	Written John Wafford in tax & land records.
31	Andrew Beller to Levicey Nicholson	6 Dec 1810	
32	John Massengale to Jane Rogers	10 Dec 1810	
32	Henry Silars to Mary Alford	2 Jan 1811	Bride's name written Aford but perhaps is Alford.
33	Robert Liston to	3 Jan 1811	Bride's name might be Streeps. Is it actually Street?

⁸ Thomas Logan's probate file No. 1552, Madison Co., Al

⁹ Madison Co., Al Chancery Court Minute Book A, page 96.

¹⁰ Probate Record Book 3, page 97, Madison Co, Al

<u>Page</u>	<u>Groom and Bride</u>	<u>License</u>	<u>Comments</u>
	Dacey Strups		
33	James Walker to Mary "Polly" Davis	8 Jan 1811	Bride's name written Dolly Davis but should be Polly which is a nickname for Mary. Samuel Davis Sr's will mentions his daughter Mary Walker. ¹¹
34	David Merrideth to Sally Hodges	29 Jan 1811	Groom's name is probably Meredith.
34	Thomas F. Chiles to Pheby Blankenship	10 Feb 1811	
35	Joseph Bragg to Nancy Johnston	18 Feb 1811	
35	William Baugher to Vency Barnett	19 Feb 1811	Bride's name could be interpreted as Viney.
36	This page missing.		
37	William Monroe to Polly Smith	26 Feb 1811	
37	William Caldwell to Katy Wallace	2 Mar 1811	The bride's name could easily be interpreted as Katy or Kitty Walden or ??
38	John W. Gray to Sally House	7 Mar 1811	Groom is son of Joseph H. Gray. ¹²
38	William Robertson to Patsey Henkle [?]	25 Mar 1811	Bride's name appears to be written either Hese-kill or Hen-kill.
39	George W. Hunt to Liddy Campbell	14 Mar 1811	George W. Hunt on 1812 tax list. He was a 1 st Sgt. In War of 1812. ¹³
39	John Malloy Jr. to Sally Blackbourne	30 Mar 1811	
40	William Renno to Elizabeth Robbins	13 Apr 1811	The groom may be the William Reneau shown on the 1809 Squatter Census of Madison Co. He may be a brother to Peggy who married John McCay above (see marriage record No.30 above.)
40	Barnett Claunch to Jany Alford	13 Apr 1811	
41	Meredith Wilkinson to Betsey Adams	17 Apr 1811	Littleberry Adams's will refers to his daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of Meridith Wilkinson. ¹⁴

¹¹ Samuel Davis Sr's. probate file No. 382, Madison Co., Al

¹² Joseph H. Gray's probate file No. 76, Madison Co., Al

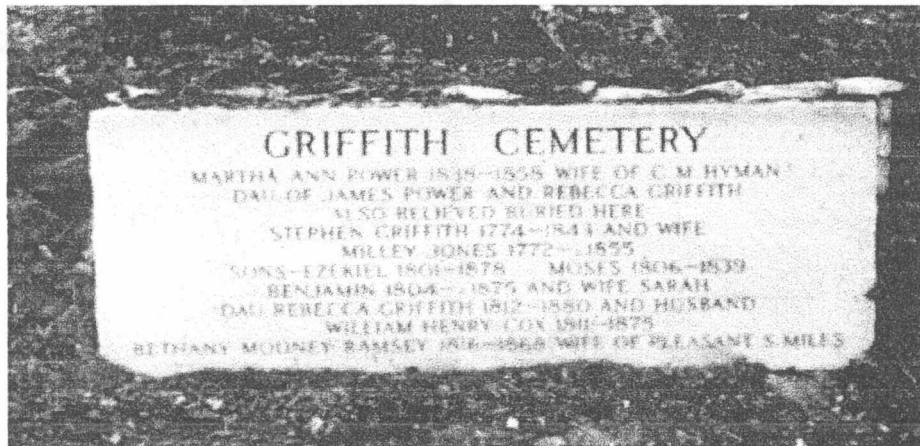
¹³ *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, pp 99, list of Burrus's 16th Regt. Of Mississippi Militia.

¹⁴ Littleberry Adams's probate file No. 89 and Probate Record Book 4, page 166, Madison Co., Al

Griffith Cox Family

After many, many years of in-depth research, Norman Cox located the Griffith Cemetery and erected a tombstone to replace those that had been crushed under-foot by cattle, or that disappeared by other means. The location was confirmed by the present landowner and the marker was placed on 12 April 1996. This cemetery is located in the NW/4 of the NE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 34-1-1E on property patented by Nathaniel Power in 1816. It is adjacent to 1802 Walker Lane on the hill above the Sulphur Springs Community (once called "Hump"). Contributed by Norman Bea Cox, 6306 Sylvan Dr., Columbia, SC 29206-1554.

Griffith Cemetery



Martha Ann Power 1818 – 1858 wife of C. M. Hyman
Dau. of James Power and Rebecca Griffith

Also believed buried here

Stephen Griffith 1774 – 1843 and wife

Milley Jones 1772 – 1855

Sons – Ezekiel 1801 – 1878 Moses 1806 – 1839

Benjamin 1804 – 1875 and wife Sarah

Dau. Rebecca Griffith 1812 – 1880 and husband

William Henry Cox 1811 – 1875

Bethany Mooney Ramsey 1816 – 1868 wife of Pleasant S. Miles

The Griffith and the Power families were two of Madison County's earliest pioneers. The Griffiths was here by 1809 and the Power family was here by 1815. The Cox family was also early Madison and Limestone County pioneers.

A copy of the family Bible was sent to Mr. Cox by the widow of a cousin. She found it among papers of her mother-in-law, Rebecca Frances Fertig, who died in 1971 in Texas. Stephen Griffith was the son of Ezekiel Griffith and Rebecca House. Stephen was born 2 Dec 1774 in NC and died 4 June 1843 in Madison Co., AL. Milley Jones was the daughter of William Jones and Mary Whitlock. Milly was born 9 May 1772 in N. C. Their children were William, Ezekiel, Benjamin, Moses, Mary (Polly), Rebecca and Elizabeth. Mr. Cox would like to be in touch with other "long lost" family members.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Stephen Griffith was Born December the 2nd 1774

Milley Griffith was Born May the 9th 1772

William Griffith was Born September the 10th 1798

Ezekiel Griffith was Born May the 15th 1801

DEATHS.

Stephen Griffith Dec - 4th June 1843

Emilia Griffith Dec - June - 1860

BIRTHS

Stephen Griffith was Born December the 2nd 1774

Milley Griffith was Born May the 9th 1772

William Griffith was Born September the 10th 1798

Ezekiel Griffith was Born May the 15th 1801

DEATHS

Stephen Griffith, Dec[eased] 4th June 1843

Emilia Griffith Dec[eased] June __ th 1860

NOTE: ALL typing was done on blank areas of the Bible - nothing has been covered up.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Benjamin Griffith
was Born
April 5th 1804

DEATHS.

Moses Griffith
was born December
the 4th 1806

M. Griffith, Dec
September 2nd 1839

Polley Griffith
was Born
April the 10th 1809

BIRTHS

Benjamin Griffith was Born April
5th 1804

Moses Griffith was Born
December the 4th 1806

Polley [Mary] Griffith was Born
Aprile the 10th 1809

Rebecca Griffith
was born
October the 15th 1812

Rebecca Griffith was Born
October the 15th 1812

Elizabeth Griffith was Born
January the 1st 1815.

[Inscription repeated in different
hand,]

Elizabeth Griffith
was Born
January the 1st
1815

DEATHS

M[oses] Griffith, Dec[eased]
September 2nd 1839.

Elizabeth Griffith
January the 1st 1815

[Below]
Mary Pircilly[?] Caily[?]
was borned Mar 18th 1837

Mary Pircilly Caily was borned Mar 18th 1837

Griffith-Cox-Power Bible

FAMILY RECORD

BIRTHS.	DEATHS.
Rebecca Power was born Oct 15 th 1812	James Power Dec[ased]
Martha Ann Power was Born January the 27 1838	James Power Dec[ased] November 2 1838
Martha Ann Power was born January the 27 1838	Martha Ann Hyman Dec[ased] January 22 1858
Stephen B. Cox Born June 3 rd 1851	William H. Cox Dec[ased] January 14 th 1875
Columbus Cox was Born March 28 th 1843	Rebecca Cox Dec[ased] June 24 th 1880
	Polly Miller Dec[ased] May 16 th 1879

(Note) Paul's Mother Rebecca Cox
was born July 14th 1891
(This note refers to a daughter of
Stephen B. Cox)

Paul's Mother, Rebecca Cox,
was born July 14th 1891. [She was dau. of Stephen Bea Cox.]

FAMILY RECORD

Rebecca Power was born
Oct the 15th 1812

Martha Ann Power was Born
January the 27, 1838

[Note: This entry repeated in
a different hand.]

P. S[tephen] B[ea] Cox was
Born June the 3, 1851

Columbus Cox was Born
March 28th 1843.

DEATHS

[Note: First entry concerning
James Power is scratched out
and re-written.]

James Power Dec[ased]
November the 2, 1838 [He
was 1st husband of Rebecca
Griffith.]

Martha Ann Hyman,
Dec[ased] January 22,
1858.

William H[enry] Cox,
Dec[ased] January 14th 1875
[2nd husband of Rebecca.]

Rebecca Cox Dec[ased] Jun
24, 1880

Polly Miller Dec[ased] May
the 16th 1879. [Dau. of
Stephen & Milley married
Joel Miller.]

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.	MARRIAGES.
<p><i>S B Cox was married to V. L. Miles February 10th 1881</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>William H. Cox was married to Obedience Hudson April 12th 1842</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>C. B. Cox was married to Ann E. Swift April 20th 1865</i></p>	<p><i>Myrty Lee Cox was born January 18th 1882</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Columbus Ernest Cox was born June 15th 1884</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Ernest Columbus Cox was born June 15 - 1884</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>William Price Cox was born Sept 25 1886</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>J B was born Jan 1897</i></p>

S[tephen] B[ea] Cox was married to V[inia] L[ouisa] Miles, Feb 10th 1881

William H[enry] Cox was Married to Obedience Hudson April 12th 1842. [His 2nd wife was Rebecca Griffith.]

C[hristopher] C[olumbus] Cox was Married to Ann E. Swift April 20th 1865.

FAMILY RECORD

Myrty Lee Cox was Born January 18, 1882

[Note: This entry on Columbus Ernest Cox was scratched out then re-written.]

Ernest Columbus Cox was Born June 15, 1884.

William Price Cox was Born Sept 28, 1886

S[tephen] B[ea] [Cox] was Born Jan [19] 1897.

Note: Those listed in this column are children of Stephen & Vinia Cox, but does not list Lizzie Mae who was b. Feb. 10, 1889, Rebecca Frances b. July 14, 1891, nor Charles Benjamin b. Sept. 26, 1894.

John Allison Estate Claim & Tombstones

Southern Claims Commission

Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson

This file does not appear to be complete. A list of the items taken and their value is given but it does not state whether any reimbursement was made. John A. B. Allison and John W. Grayson were the administrators.

John Allison's administrators present a claim to the Southern Claims Commission for property taken at Berkley in Madison Co., Al. The property was taken by Wilder's Command, 3rd Ohio and 4th [illegible] Regiment of Cavalry under the command of Generals Logan, McCook, Brooks [?], Woods and Wilder.

The property was removed at Paint Rock [Jackson Co.] and taken to Woodville [Jackson Co.] and Brownsboro [Madison Co.] in 1862, 1863 and 1864.

Two vouchers and receipts were given for the property taken but they have all been lost.

John A. B. Allison and John W. Grayson attest that John Allison, deceased, was loyal to the United States Government during the rebellion.

Persons who can attest to John Allison's loyalty are:

Bryant Cobb, Berkley, Al
Chris C. Cobb, Scottsboro, Al
John W. Grayson, Huntsville, Al
Isaac Allison, Huntsville, Al
Levi Hinds, Berkley, Al
Lewis M. Peevy, Huntsville, Al

Names and residences of witnesses who will be relied upon to prove other facts alleged in the foregoing petition are:

Joseph Collier, Berkley, Al
Alexander Allison (Col.), Huntsville, Al
Martha Allison (Col.), Huntsville, Al
Nancy Allison (Col.), Huntsville, Al
Jane C. Hill, New Hope, Al
John A. F. Vann, New Hope, Al

The amount claimed was \$5,978.55 for miscellaneous items such as livestock, corn, wagon, molasses and various plantation tools.

Deposition of Hiram N. Roberts

Hiram N. Roberts says he is a Huntsville resident and is 48 years of age, has been acquainted with John Allison since 1856 and

they lived in the same neighborhood. He often heard Allison express himself *in favor of the rebellion*.

Roberts heard Allison make a public speech in which he said, "Go young men and fill up the ranks and go into the war and fight for your homes and firesides. As long as I have a bushel of corn or a pound of bacon, I will divide with your families. Every dollar's worth of property and every Negro I have I will lay on the altar of my country for I have enough of money at interest to do me and Nancy our lifetime."

Signed: H. N. Roberts

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John and Nancy are buried in the S/2 of the NW/4 of the NW/4 of Section 3, Township 5 South, Range 2 East in their own family cemetery.<sup>16</sup>

John Allison

Born

July 28, 1802

Died

January 7, 1866.

[This was a tall obelisk marker]

Nancy Allison

Wife of John Allison

Died

July 25, 1872

aged 61 years.

[This was a tall slab stone]

-End-

<sup>16</sup> Copied by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cochran 16 Aug 1967.

## James R. Johnson

### Southern Claims Commission

#### Part 1 of 2

James R. Johnson of Marshall County, according to testimony of several witnesses and the conclusion of the Southern Claims Commission, was a strong Confederate sympathizer for the first part of the Civil War. He then switched sides and became a riverboat pilot for the Union on the Tennessee River between Decatur [Morgan Co.] and Bridgeport [Jackson Co.].

This file, at least an inch thick, can not be fully abstracted here due to its length but all names and facts have been included. There are many witnesses with personal information on each. In order to include the personal information on each witness, it is necessary to divide this document into multiple parts.

Much history is covered in this file, such as the burning of Guntersville 15 Jan 1865, names of the riverboats that plied The Tennessee River, etc. **Valley Leaves** is a genealogical quarterly, however, genealogy is more than birth, marriage and death dates. One can not understand one's ancestors and their activities and ideologies unless one is aware of what was going on around them during certain periods of their lives.

Mr. Johnson made a claim to the U. S. Government for property taken by the Union Army during the War. He claimed \$6,110 for 3000 bushels of corn, three horses, 9000 pounds of pork, ten head of cattle, six mules and fifteen sheep.

The claim was reopened three times, including once being heard before the House of Representatives in Washington, but was eventually denied.

Keep in mind that the Southern Claims Commission was established to reimburse Southern citizens who were Northern sympathizers for their losses during the Civil War. These Southerners had to *prove* they were loyal to the Union for the *entire* duration of the conflict.

It is unusual to begin with "conclusions," however, in this case it will give the reader a better idea of the veracity of the statement of each witness.

#### Conclusion

The following information is from an undated Opinion signed by A. O. Aldis, J. B. Honell, and O. Ferris, Commissioners of Claims in Washington.

James R. Johnson was a farmer and resident of Marshall County, Alabama. He swears that his sympathies were with the Union cause from the beginning to the end of the war. For 1½ years he was a pilot on a Federal gunboat on the Tennessee River.

From the time the war broke out until he entered the Federal service, Johnson was in sympathy with the Confederacy. Several witnesses testify unqualifiedly to Johnson's disloyalty to the Union, his conduct and his reputation.

Johnson's rebuttal evidence is improbable, some of it impossible, and some of it confirmatory to his disloyalty in the early part of the war.

Witness C. C. Chism is too zealous in his statements. He swears that Johnson was captured by Confederates and carried across the Tennessee River, yet Johnson makes no such claim. Instead, Johnson states he was trying to avoid Confederate conscript officers right after the Battle of Shiloh, but in truth no conscript law had been passed then and there were no conscript officers to avoid.

One witness states he saw Johnson in a Confederate uniform. Another swears Johnson had business with the quartermaster of the Confederate Army and tried to get pay for cotton which he sold to the Confederates. This was a

queer employment for a loyal adherent to the United States Government.

#### Enos Richmond's Letter

Dated 2 Apr 1875, New Orleans, La

Enos Richmond, special agent for the Claims Commission, states travelling conditions between Huntsville and Guntersville hindered his investigation of Johnson's claim. He says: "I was at Huntsville and the roads were almost impassable, so I put off going there until the roads got in a better condition as I would have to go there in a private conveyance, there being no public conveyance. The mail goes on horseback."

#### Jacob Hill

("Colored")

31 May 1877

Hill states he has never been in Johnson's service or employment. In 1864, he saw about 500 bushels of Johnson's corn taken by the U. S. Army who later returned and took the rest which totaled at least 1000 bushels. He recalls the names of Capt. Hart and Col. Lyons whose headquarters were at Whitesburg.

Jacob says he killed and salted at least 1500 pounds of Johnson's pork for the Federals. The pontoon fleet that went from Bridgeport to Decatur, killed about 60 head of Johnson's pork hogs. The fleet had stopped in the river near Paint Rock Bluff where they remained for two or three days.

Statement by Hill is signed with an "X"

#### Orson H. Morrow

31 May 1877

Morrow says he is 53 years old and has been a Marshall County resident for 40 years. He has known Johnson "from the cradle up." During the Civil War they lived three or four miles apart. They had frequent conversations, and Johnson once expressed his belief that the war would not last long; that the Government would soon support the Rebellion, and "we could then go home and stay there."

Johnson was a pilot on a U. S. gunboat on the Tennessee River and was captured by Confederate soldiers but he made his escape.

The next time Morrow saw Johnson he [Johnson] was piloting a gunboat for the U. S.

Naval Service to keep out of the way of the Rebels. The officers on the gunboat had the utmost confidence in Johnson's loyalty.

Morrow heard the Rebels were going to waylay, capture or kill Johnson. He could not go home without a protective guard. Had he gotten off the boat without sufficient guard he would have been killed by men calling themselves "Confederate Soldiers."

Morrow was in the Confederate service in Col. Hale's Regiment and afterwards in Col. Gilbreath's Regiment of Alabama Volunteers but Johnson told him he would never join the Confederate Army.

Signed: O. H. Morrow

#### Clement<sup>1</sup> C. Chism

31 May 1877

Chism is 45 years old and has been a Marshall County resident all his life. His profession is farming and steamboating. He has known Johnson all his life. During the war they lived 1¼ mile apart but did not converse about the war as Chism was in the Rebel army. Johnson was a pilot on a U. S. gunboat on the Tennessee River under command of Capt. Classford.

Johnson was captured by the Confederate soldiers and carried across the Tennessee River from his own house but escaped. They threatened him with death if he was ever caught again.

Chism once saw Johnson near Shiloh Battlefield and was told he was there to see the Quartermaster of Chism's Confederate regiment to collect money due him for cotton.

Signed: C. C. Chism

#### Brice A. Edmonds

31 May 1877

Brice A. Edmonds says he will be 50 years old in September next [1877]. He is a farmer and has resided in Marshall County since 1849. He is not related to Johnson.

Edmonds has known Johnson 15 or 20 years and lived about six miles from him during the war. Johnson once told Edmonds that if the Southern people had "let Lincoln alone, times

<sup>1</sup> Also written "Clemmon."

would have been much better for the people than they were.”

He states Johnson was a pilot on the Tennessee River from 1863 to 1865 for the Union. Edmonds lives immediately on the river and knows that Johnson did not own a boat during the war.

Signed: B. A. Edmonds.

#### Isaac Brunston

31 May 1877

Brunston is 68 years old and has been a Marshall County resident for 34 years. He has known Johnson “all his life – at least 30 years.” They lived about six miles apart during the war and both were Union men.

Brunston believes Johnson went on board the U. S. gunboat as a pilot in 1864 and was somewhere on the Tennessee River between Bridgeport and Decatur.

Signed: Isaac Brunston

#### Horatio Ferguson

31 May 1877

Ferguson is 62 years old, a farmer, and has lived in Marshall County about 20 years. He has known Johnson since he was about 10 years old. They lived 1½ miles apart during the war and met frequently until September 1862.

Ferguson said he met Johnson once when Johnson had been to Corinth to see Wash McGahee and others to settle a “cotton matter.”

Signed: Horatio Ferguson

#### Lt. Col. Montgomery Gilbreath

Confederate Officer

31 May 1877

Gilbreath states he is 60 years old, a farmer, and has lived in Guntersville all the time since 1856 or 1857. He has known Johnson at least 25 years and lived 12 to 15 miles from him during the war.

In 1862, in Guntersville, Johnson told Gilbreath that as far as the South was concerned, the Federal “authorities were bound to succeed; that it was only a question of time.” Up to then Gilbreath had thought Johnson a Southern sympathizer and was surprised at the remark.

Johnson was at Nashville, Tennessee early in the year 1862 when the regiment to which Gilbreath belonged was organized. Johnson was

there with Capt. McGahee<sup>2</sup>, quartermaster.

Gilbreath did not see him again until a few days after the Battle of Shiloh when Johnson came to him and stated he was going home and asked if Gilbreath had a command for him. Gilbreath asked how he could go home since strict orders forbid furloughs. Johnson told him he was not in the army and this was confirmed later by the officers of Capt. Fletcher’s Company.

On 15 Jany 1865, Johnson came to Guntersville with a detail of about 125 marines from the Federal gunboats to burn the town. In a short conversation that day, Johnson stated the war was about over – that the Confederates could not hold out much longer. They burned the town.

Gilbreath stated he heard Pete Whitecotton<sup>3</sup>, who claimed to be a Confederate officer, say he would like to “get hold of” Johnson.

Signed: M. Gilbreath

#### John H. Jackson

8 October 1877, Washington, D. C.

Jackson states his home is in New Richmond, Ohio but he is temporarily in Washington, D. C. employed as a clerk in the Treasury Department. He is not a riverboat pilot.

He knew James R. Johnson only while in the Union Army and acting as mate on the gunboat *Sherman* on the Tennessee River with headquarters at Bridgeport.

Johnson was a pilot on first one vessel then another. They depended on Johnson’s knowledge of the river course. Sometimes Johnson was on the flag boat when it was leading and other boats would follow in the channel. Johnson taught other pilots the river’s course and had the confidence of the fleet.

Jackson states that Johnson “had us in his power to demoralize us if he chose to because we were unacquainted with the river. If the pilot was [so] disposed, he could destroy us.”

The Union Army had stockades every two miles between Bridgeport and Decatur but after

<sup>2</sup> This name is written various ways but McGahee seems to be the most popular spelling.

<sup>3</sup> An infamous bushwhacker whose sympathies were with the South.

the Nashville fight they were withdrawn and bushwhackers and guerillas came in.

Johnson left the fleet before it was dismantled, but stayed until the end of the war. Since he was a first class pilot, Jackson believes Johnson's salary was around \$225 a month but doesn't know if he ever drew pay.

Jackson states that Johnson had a plantation on the river at Paint Rock and the fleet stopped there.

Jackson was present at the time Guntersville was burned, saying, "We came down [the river] while it was burning," but doesn't know if Johnson was there. The gunboat *Thomas* was already there. Jackson's command came down Saturday night as far as McKee's Landing and anchored Sunday morning. They saw the smoke then went on to Guntersville where some officers went ashore but the men were kept aboard. The river was high and the *Thomas* ran up the creek. "The town was some distance back of the river."

Signed: John H. Jackson

**John J. Giers<sup>4</sup>**

8 October 1877

Giers is a Prussian who lived at Valhermoso Spring in Morgan County, 2½ miles from the Tennessee River, until he was driven out in the spring of 1863. Giers was a strong Union man and is presently a clerk [in Washington, D. C.?] but had lived in the South about 35 years.

Giers was on a gunboat most of the time in his U. S. service and served with Johnson in 1863 or 1864. He knew Johnson since 1855 or 1856 having lived about 30 miles from him on the opposite side of the river near Valhermoso Spring.<sup>5</sup>

Before the war, he believes Johnson was part owner, or pilot of, a boat running from Decatur, Alabama to Vicksburg, Mississippi and he had ridden with him on his boat. As far as Giers knew, Johnson was a loyal Unionist.

Signed: John J. Giers

<sup>4</sup> According to the 1860 Marshall Co. census, Giers was born in Prussia ca 1820.

<sup>5</sup> Valhermoso Spring is on the south side of the Tennessee River and Johnson lived on the north side.

**Richard McAllister Jr.**

8 October 1888

McAllister states he is 33 years old, an attorney and a resident of Washington, D. C.

In July 1864, he was ordered "over there" as executive officer of the gunboat *General Sherman*. There were four vessels there, the *Sherman*, the *Grant*, the *Burnside*, and the *Thomas*. They were very large and had to be built [at Bridgeport, Alabama<sup>6</sup>].

When McAllister arrived, Johnson was already there in the capacity of a first class pilot. He was the only pilot there who had ever seen the Tennessee River. The rest were second class pilots and received \$175 per month. Many of them had been clerks at Cairo, Ill. When they arrived on the Tennessee River they "did not know which way to pull the boat's wheel to make the boat's head come around - Johnson taught them all they knew."

McAllister was in Command of the men who burned Guntersville. Johnson went with them and showed them which houses belonged to Union people. They had orders not to burn homes of Union sympathizers and those houses were spared.

Signed: Richard McAllister, Jr.

-Concluded in the next issue of *Valley Leaves*-

**W. T. Bush Dies**

W. T. Bush of Marshall County, died at the residence of his son near Vienna [New Hope] in Madison County on 11 Jan 1880 aged 78 years. He, at one time, represented Marshall County in the Alabama state Legislature. [*The Southern Advocate*, January 12, 1869.]

<sup>6</sup> Milus E. Johnston, *The Sword of "Bushwhacker" Johnston* (Huntsville, Al: Flint River Press, 1992.) Edited by Charles S. Rice.

## 1904-1906 Marshall Co. Voter Registrations

Our policy is to not publish material dated after 1900, however, we are making an exception in the case of this list. The reason is that no one whose name is on here was born after 1883 and most were born long before that. These records were kept by precinct. All persons listed below are white males. Women did not vote until 1920 and most blacks did not vote until the 1950's and 1960's.

It was almost 2400 years ago that Euripides declared that "A woman should be good for everything at home, but for nothing away from it." Through the centuries, man was reluctant to abandon this point of view. Finally, in 1917 the United States Congress passed a constitutional amendment to allow women to vote (the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment). Three fourths of the states (36 at this time) had to ratify it before it could become law. Therefore, it was 1920 before women were allowed to vote.

The 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution of the United States legally freed Negroes and gave them the right to vote in 1865. Stark reality was that most were not actually allowed to vote, by means less than kind, until they asserted their Civil Rights in the 1950's and 1960's. Therefore, you will find only white men in these records.

Any comment made adjacent to the person's name on the original list is included here as a footnote. Many of them transferred from another precinct. This large book is in the Marshall County Courthouse, Probate Judge's office. Copied and contributed by your editor.

### Precinct No. 1, Guntersville

| No. | Name                       | Age | Post Office  |
|-----|----------------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1   | R. F. Fennell              | 22  | Guntersville |
| 2   | J. H. Thomason             | 22  | Guntersville |
| 3   | Oscar Henry                | 22  | Guntersville |
| 4   | T. R. Sambel               | 21  | Guntersville |
| 5   | Sam Henry Jr.              | 22  | "            |
| 6   | David Jordan               | 22  | "            |
| 7   | John W. Fricke             | 21  | "            |
| 8   | J. C. Wildman              | 38  | "            |
| 9   | C. G. Fennell <sup>1</sup> | 50  | "            |
| 10  | J. V. Walls <sup>2</sup>   | 33  | "            |
| 11  | J. L. Barnard              | 31  | [marked out] |
| 12  | C. B. Kennemar             | 26  | Guntersville |
| 13  | Barton Gilbreath           | 22  | "            |
| 14  | Pete Grayson               | 21  | "            |
| 15  | D. M. Hill[?]              | 22  | "            |
| 16  | M. B. Malone               | 22  | "            |
| 17  | D. B. McWhorter            | 22  | "            |
| 18  | J. M. Jones                | 23  | "            |
| 19  | H. P. Henry                | 22  | "            |
| 20  | F. M. Kirby <sup>3</sup>   | 45  | "            |

<sup>1</sup> The word "Exchange" was written by this name.

<sup>2</sup> "Changed from Beat 10" written by name.

<sup>3</sup> "From Beat 17"

| No. | Name                       | Age | Post Office  |
|-----|----------------------------|-----|--------------|
| 21  | O. M. McWhorter            | 25  | Guntersville |
| 22  | J. A. McWhorter            | 56  | "            |
| 23  | A. J. Mayhall <sup>4</sup> | 35  | "            |
| 24  | R. T. Brown <sup>5</sup>   |     | "            |
| 25  | J. W. Tucker               | 36  | "            |
| 26  | Jo. Carter                 | 21  | "            |
| 27  | J. T[?] Carter             | 22  | "            |
| 28  | J. M. Boling               | 21  | "            |
| 29  | J. H. West <sup>6</sup>    | 58  | "            |
| 30  | J. J. Clark                | 48  | "            |
| 31  | S. P. Tidwell <sup>7</sup> | 40  | "            |
| 32  | Sam Walden                 | 45  | "            |
| 33  | M. L. Lowery               | 21  | "            |
| 34  | W. B. Hope                 | 31  | "            |
| 35  | Fred Baldwin <sup>8</sup>  | 34  | "            |

| No. | Name                       | Age | Post Office |
|-----|----------------------------|-----|-------------|
| 36  | C. M. Walker <sup>9</sup>  | 25  | "           |
| 37  | J. L. Walker <sup>10</sup> | 49  | "           |

<sup>4</sup> "From Beat 7"

<sup>5</sup> "From Beat 7."

<sup>6</sup> "From Beat 7"

<sup>7</sup> "From Beat 7"

<sup>8</sup> "From Beat 7"

<sup>9</sup> "From Beat 13"

| No. | Name                     | Age | Post Office |
|-----|--------------------------|-----|-------------|
| 38  | Henry Fracke             | 38  | "           |
| 39  | N. P. McWhorter          | 50  | "           |
| 40  | J. H. Burt <sup>11</sup> | 58  | "           |

**Precinct #2 Cross Roads**

|    |                               |    |              |
|----|-------------------------------|----|--------------|
| 1  | L. J. Bishop                  | 25 | Sidney       |
| 2  | Claud Smith                   | 21 | Sidney       |
| 3  | Harrison Sorter <sup>12</sup> | 27 | Guntersville |
| 4  | Tom Davidson                  | 21 | Guntersville |
| 5  | C. A. Patteson                | 21 | Guntersville |
| 6  | W. J. Gentry <sup>13</sup>    | 24 | Guntersville |
| 7  | J. W. H. Smith <sup>14</sup>  | 26 | Guntersville |
| 8  | M. P. Whitworth               | 63 | Bodine       |
| 9  | A. J. Hood                    | 22 | Bodine       |
| 10 | John Russell                  | 21 | Guntersville |
| 11 | W. L. Moon                    | 21 | Bodine       |
| 12 | H. Smith                      | 21 | Guntersville |
| 13 | A. B. Sims <sup>15</sup>      | 25 | Guntersville |
| 14 | R. B. Burk                    | 36 | "            |

**Precinct # 3 Big Spring**

|   |                           |    |         |
|---|---------------------------|----|---------|
| 1 | H. M. McCollum            | 21 | Sidney  |
| 2 | J. A. Marlowe             | 30 | Sidney  |
| 3 | Thos. E. Marlowe          | 58 | Sidney  |
| 4 | H. M. Seales              | 22 | Sidney  |
| 5 | W. O. Young <sup>16</sup> | 38 | Sidney  |
| 6 | J. E. Staton              | 64 | Boaz[?] |
| 7 | W. H. Staton              | 21 | "       |
| 8 | J. E. Franklin            | 27 | Sidney  |

**Precinct # 4 Albertville Post Office**

|   |                 |    |  |
|---|-----------------|----|--|
| 1 | Jas. R. Sherman | 47 |  |
| 2 | J. M. Selman    | 21 |  |
| 3 | A. B. Hooper    | 37 |  |
| 4 | J. R. Miller    | 22 |  |

**Precinct #4 Albertville**

|   |              |    |  |
|---|--------------|----|--|
| 5 | H. P. Berry  | 57 |  |
| 6 | W. A. Wood   | 44 |  |
| 7 | E. L. Hooper | 34 |  |
| 8 | W. A. Luther | 21 |  |

<sup>10</sup> "From Beat 13"

<sup>11</sup> "Transferred from 2"

<sup>12</sup> "from 1"

<sup>13</sup> "from 13"

<sup>14</sup> "from beat 4."

<sup>15</sup> "from beat 13."

<sup>16</sup> "from Beat 13."

|    |                              |    |  |
|----|------------------------------|----|--|
| 9  | H. H. Hall                   | 22 |  |
| 10 | J. H. Janston                | 22 |  |
| 11 | J. J. H. Dickey              | 41 |  |
| 12 | J. W. Hardy                  | 48 |  |
| 13 | G. R. Hodges                 | 60 |  |
| 14 | P. F. Maples                 | 28 |  |
| 15 | Leon McCord                  | 27 |  |
| 16 | N. D. Fossett                | 32 |  |
| 17 | J. N. Harrel                 | 34 |  |
| 18 | J. W. Brewster               | 36 |  |
| 19 | J. R. Stephens               | 49 |  |
| 20 | I. E. Hubbard                | 43 |  |
| 21 | A. E. Bridges                | 71 |  |
| 22 | O. E. Hornsby                | 26 |  |
| 23 | E. B. Hornsby                | 24 |  |
| 24 | H. C. Glassco                | 21 |  |
| 25 | L. A. Hornsby                | 22 |  |
| 26 | W. S. Bond                   | 50 |  |
| 27 | W. A. Bond                   | 27 |  |
| 28 | T. C. Hornsby                | 65 |  |
| 29 | R. W. McAnley                | 21 |  |
| 30 | Joe M. Striplin              | 57 |  |
| 31 | R. T. Amos                   | 33 |  |
| 32 | J. R. West                   | 21 |  |
| 33 | L. L. Hearn                  | 29 |  |
| 34 | S. R. Huling                 | 54 |  |
| 35 | B. M. Huling                 | 25 |  |
| 36 | J. O. Huling                 | 27 |  |
| 37 | Jackson Campbell             | 42 |  |
| 38 | R. E. Huling                 | 30 |  |
| 39 | W. T. Gallmon                | 21 |  |
| 40 | Ira Denham                   | 21 |  |
| 41 | T. T. Selman                 | 22 |  |
| 42 | A. M. York                   | 21 |  |
| 43 | W. O. Shinn                  | 47 |  |
| 44 | A. L. Hill                   | 23 |  |
| 45 | W. T. Sams                   | 30 |  |
| 46 | N. B. Robinson               | 29 |  |
| 47 | J. J. Fossett                | 28 |  |
| 48 | H. W. Fossett                | 28 |  |
| 49 | J. W. Striplen               | 41 |  |
| 50 | J. H. Decker                 | 40 |  |
| 51 | C. W. Chambers <sup>17</sup> | 33 |  |
| 52 | Geo. M. Norris <sup>18</sup> | 48 |  |

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<sup>17</sup> "From # 5"

<sup>18</sup> "From # 5"



# Morgan County

## Cotaco County Superior Court Record November 1819 – February 1820 (Part 7)

Obtained from the Alabama Archives by Gay Campbell and abstracted from a photocopy by Dorothy Scott Johnson. Cotaco County was established by an Act of the Legislature in 1818 with Somerville as its county seat. The county's name was later changed to Morgan and the county seat became Decatur. All legal definitions are from *Black's Law Dictionary*, Fifth Edition.

### Third Monday in Feb 1819

Pages 264 – 268

**Benjamin Patterson and Brice M. Garner, merchants and partners trading as Benjamin Patterson & Co. vs Thomas McCarley**

The Sheriff was ordered to arrest Thomas McCarley and hold him to ensure his presence in court the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon in Feb 1819. McCarley owes plaintiffs a note dated 8 Oct 1818 for \$76.83, due 25 Dec 1818, plus interest at 10% per month and he claims damages of \$250. No part of the debt has been paid. Sheriff W. Gray made return on 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon in Feb 1819.

At a court held at the March 1820 term of Superior Court, the Judge ruled that defendant pay plaintiff \$76.83 debt plus \$130.50 damages plus costs.

Pages 269 – 274

**Jonas Oaks vs Alexander Logan & Thomas Hart [also written Heart.]**

The sheriff was ordered to find and confine Alexander Logan and Thomas Hart to hold them until the third Monday in February 1819 to answer Jonas Oaks in a plea of Covenant<sup>16</sup> Broken to his damages of \$300. Suit filed 11 Dec 1818.

This action brought to recover damages due Oaks under a contract with Logan & Hart dated 16 Sept 1818 for a horse. The value of the horse is to be determined.

Bail required in amount of \$200 according to an affidavit of John T. Rather.

Defendants signed an agreement to deliver to Oaks by 16 Oct 1818 a young horse of value

equal to a young bay mare that strayed from Oaks on 11 April 1816 [value not stated.]

This mare "should be valued by Joseph Burleson, James Templeton, old Mr. Homer who lived in Wilson's Cove, and Dennis Horner, or as many as should be thought proper." No young horse was delivered and Oaks claims \$300 damages.

Defendants say they performed the covenant and did not break it. They state that on 16 Oct 1818 at David Tierney's, the place where the covenant was made, defendant gave Jonas Oaks one young horse agreeable to the contract.

At the March term of court came a jury:

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Thompson, James    | Wright, James     |
| Owens, John        | Love, James       |
| Bradley, Ledbetter | Wallace, Joel     |
| Smith, Joseph      | Skidmore, Abraham |
| Owen, Ezekiel      | Lynn, James       |
| Johnston, William  | Pope, Etheldred   |

The jury found for plaintiff Oaks and assess his damages to be \$223.33.

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**John Miller vs. John Echols**

The sheriff was commanded to find and confine John Echols and to have him in court on the first Monday in November 1819. Miller sued for the use of James H. Shropshire in the amount of \$75 which amount Echols detains to Miller's damages of \$100.

This action founded on a promissory note dated 11 Nov 1811 and given by Echols to Miller, due by 15 Nov 1812.

C. C. Clay, attorney for plaintiff. Bail required.

Miller has repeatedly asked Echols for the \$75 but Echols has refused to pay.

<sup>16</sup> broken promise, broken agreement.

At the March term 1820 came the parties by their attorneys. Defendant says nothing. The court rules that Echols pay Miller the sum of \$75 plus \$40.50 damages.

**Pages 277 – 282**

**Charles L. Debrell vs. James Thomason and William Vaughan<sup>17</sup>**

Case filed the third Monday in February 1819. On 17 July 1819, the sheriff was ordered to take James Thomason and William Vaughan and them safely keep to assure their presence in court on the first Monday in November 1819.

This action founded on three notes dated 6 Oct 1818 totaling \$160.19, signed by the defendants, and due plaintiff in 80 days after date signed. The defendants paid \$20 and the balance of \$140.19 is now due.

On 2 Sept 1819 W. Gray, Sheriff, executed warrants<sup>18</sup> on the defendants.

Plaintiff has asked for payment many times but defendants have failed and refuses to pay.

C. C. Clay, attorney for plaintiff. Plaintiff asks for \$160.19 plus \$50 damages. Jury:

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Couch, Peter   | Jones, Jeremiah  |
| King, William  | Stephens, Joseph |
| Queen, Thomas  | Ross, Martin     |
| Holmes, Isaac  | Anderson, James  |
| Evans, Henry   | Couch, James     |
| Pate, Jeremiah | McClung, Joseph  |

The jury finds the defendant has paid \$20 on the debt but still owes \$140.15 and also assesses damages in the amount of \$14 plus costs.

**Pages 203 – 288**

**James McNeese, Assignee of Henry W. Rhodes vs. John Stringfield**

Suit filed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in Feb 1819 in the Alabama Territory, Cotaco County. On 12 August 1819 the sheriff was ordered to arrest and keep John Stringfield to answer charges in Superior Court on the first Monday in November 1819. McNeese states Stringfield owes him \$344.75 plus 4% interest per month from 10 Feb 1819 plus \$300 damages. The note was signed 11 Feb 1819 and due Henry W. Rhodes two days after date. No part of the amount of debt

has been paid even though request has been repeatedly made.

Stringfield was served on 3 Sept 1819 by John W. Gray, deputy sheriff. At the March term 1820 came the parties by their attorneys and the defendant says nothing and remains wholly undefended. The court ordered that plaintiff recover of defendant \$344.75 debt plus \$185.16 interest plus costs of this suit.

**Pages 288 – 292**

**Brahan & Atwood vs. John W. Carley**

On 18 June 1819, the sheriff was ordered to find and safely keep John W. Carley to appear in Superior court on the first Monday in November 1819. He is to answer John Brahan and William Atwood, partners trading under the firm name of Brahan & Atwood, merchants, in a plea whereas he owes them \$79.17 plus interest which he unjustly withholds from them, to their damage of \$50. Said note signed 10 May 1819. Bail required. Ebenezer Titus was attorney for plaintiffs.

Warrant executed 7 Sept 1819 by W. Gray, Sheriff. At the March term 1820 came the parties by their attorneys and defendant, in custody of the Sheriff, says nothing. The court ordered Brahan & Atwood to recover from Carley \$79.17 debt plus interest and costs.

**-To be continued in the next issue-**

**Miss Sue Murphy**

Miss Sue Murphy of Decatur is in Washington trying to get pay for her loyalty [to the Federal govt. during the Civil War.]. One of her old beaux in Athens, who was a gallant Confederate soldier, tell us Miss Sue used to talk mighty good rebel talk to him. A recent Washington telegram to the *Richmond Dispatch* says of her:

“Miss Sue Murphy, whose claim has been so much discussed before the Senate and who has thus become famous, is quite an attraction among Congressmen and others who discover in the Southern lady a sprightly, cultivated mind and comely person, withal pleasing to look upon . . . It is cunningly suggested that Miss Murphy’s charms, which would enthuse her advocates and at the same time work upon the sympathy of the grave and reverend senators who would, but for these female attractions, obdurately refuse to pass Miss Sue’s Bill.” [Source: *The Athens Post*, 23 January 1869.]

<sup>17</sup> William Vaughan signed by his mark.

<sup>18</sup> He served the defendants their warrants.

## CHUNN FAMILY BIBLE

A photocopy of the following Chunn family Bible record was donated to the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, Heritage Room. It is currently in the Chunn family file in that repository and is of public record. From the consistency of handwriting, it appears this Bible record was not made contemporarily but was copied from another source.

The  
HOLY BIBLE  
Containing the  
Old and New Testaments.  
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Martha Ann Chunn, Aug. 8, 1839  
Sarah Easter Chunn, Aug. 1, 1868  
Benjamin Lee Chunn, June 8, 1849  
Elisha Lancelot Chunn, March 24, 1877  
Richard Adolphus Chunn, Nov. 29, 1895  
William Ridgely Chunn, June 11, 1915

Charity Black, daughter of David Black and Mary Ann Chunn was born June 3, 1861.

Martha Ridgely, wife of Lancelot Chunn, was the daughter of William Ridgely who died in 1777 or 1778.

William Ridgely was the son of Westall Ridgely, born 1706, died 1772, and Sarah Isaac, born 1714, died 1789.

Richard Isaac born in 1679, died 1759, father of Sarah Isaac born 1714, mother of William Ridgely died in 1777 – father of Martha Ridgely, mother of Matthew Thomas Chunn. Matthew Thomas Chunn, father of William Ridgely Chunn.

William Ridgely Chunn and Martha Jane Terry were married February 8<sup>th</sup> 1870 in Guntersville, Marshall County, Alabama.

The ceremony was performed by Bishop Wilmer, bishop of the diocese of Alabama, and the Reverend Doctor Banister, rector of the Episcopal Church in Huntsville, Ala.

Children of William Ridgely Chunn and Martha Jane Terry Chunn:

Ella Bell Chunn, born October 5, 1873 in Marshall County, Alabama.

Idella May Chunn, born October 7, 1880 in Marshall County, Alabama.

James Buford Vaughan and Ella Bell Chunn were married February 17, 1897 in Huntsville, Alabama by Rev. R. M. Dubose, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Children of James Buford Vaughan and Ella Bell Chunn Vaughan:

William Buford [Vaughan], Born June 7, 1899

James Robert [Vaughan], Born August 2, 1902

Mabel Evelyn [Vaughan], Born March 14, 1906

Martha Lois [Vaughan], Born August 29, 1908

Walter Ridgely [Vaughan], Born May 20, 1913 – Died in Oct. 1913

Richard Malcolm [Vaughan], Born September 17, 1914

William Oscar Mason and Mabel Evelyn Vaughan were married September 16, 1923 in Fayetteville, Tennessee.

George Dewey Vann Jr. and Edith Macon were married May 14, 1949 by Rev. John T. Milford, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama

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Mathew Thomas Chunn, son of Lancelot Chunn and Martha Ridgely Chunn, was born November 16, 1810 in Frederick County, Maryland.

Charity Stradford Bell, wife of the above named Mathew Thomas Chunn, and daughter of Elisha Bell and Elizabeth Stradford, was born in Camden, South Carolina July 14, 1818.

Mathew Thomas Chunn and Charity Stradford Bell were married March 1, 1836 in Morgan County, Alabama.

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Dates of Birth of the Children of Mathew Thomas Chunn and Charity Bell Chunn:

Elizabeth [Chunn], January 13, 1837 in Morgan County.

Martha Ann [Chunn], born October 26, 1838 in Morgan County.

Elisha Lancelot [Chunn], born August 31, 1840

Mary A. [Chunn], born November 25, 1842.

William Ridgely [Chunn], born December 27, 1844 in Morgan County, Ala.

Sarah Easter [Chunn], born December 9, 1846 in Morgan County, Ala.

Benjamin Lee [Chunn], born April 19, 1849 in Morgan County, Ala.

Richard Adolphus [Chunn], born May 25, 1850 in Morgan County, Ala.

**Deaths**

Mathew Thomas Chunn, June 1, 1854

Charity Bell Chunn, September 14, 1852

Elizabeth Chunn, July 3, 1837

Martha Ann Chunn, August 8, 1839

Mary A. Chunn [blank]

Benjamin Lee Chunn, June 8, 1849

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**Births**

Charity Black, daughter of David Black and Mary A. Chunn Black, born June 3, 1861.

Martha Lois, born August 29, 1908

Walter Ridgely, born May 20, 1913 – died in October 1913.

Richard Malcolm, born September 17, 1914.

**Mariages**

William Oscar Mason and Mabel Evelyn Vaughan were married September 16, 1923 in Fayetteville, Tennessee.

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Dates of Birth of children of William Oscar Mason and Mabel Evelyn Vaughan Mason:

Edith [Mason], born August 18, 1926

Ann [Mason], born August 11, 1930

Lois [Mason], born December 6, 1931

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**Ridgley**

[Note: Source not given.]

Registrants: Under the dignity of Landed Gentry and Historic Personages. Noted estate, "Hampton," long the home of the Ridgely family progenitor, Robert Ridgely, 1637 Maryland. Robert Ridgely of St. Inigoes [?] Creek, St. Mary's County, died 1681. Came to Maryland in the ship *Assurance*; clerk of the Provincial Court, 1670; chief clerk to the Secretary of the Province, 1671; Register and Examiner of the High Court of Chancery; Deputy Secretary of Maryland, 1671; keeper of the Great Seal, 1674. Three sons and one daughter.

**End**

# QUERIES

Joyce J. Davis, Queries Editor

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## 35-1 Bevill

I have started researching my ancestry and am trying to locate any info. on **Edward (Ed) Bevill**. The only info. I have is that he was born 6 May 1893 and d. in Mar 1970 in Decatur, Al. He m. Miss **Lettie May Banta**. He believed bur. in Bevill's Chapel Cem. in Madison Co. Chapel & cem. is on land believed donated by his father. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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[Ed: If buried there, he does not have a stone. This church est. ca 1918. The first minutes book burned in 1950 when the church clerk's home burned.

## 35-2 Madison County Deeds

Can anyone tell me if the Madison County Courthouse has a book that shows the chain of ownership from land grant? I am trying to find out about a land grant that was obtained by my third g-g-grandfather but was sold by another man by the same name.

*Lenore Lowry Gifford*

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[Ed: You should have mentioned the name of your g-g-g-grandfather and a date if known. There were never any land *grants* in Madison County. I expect you mean "land patent." A grant is *given* to the recipient, and a patent is *paid for* by the recipient. But to answer your question, yes, Madison County is very fortunate to have escaped fires, etc., and our deed records are complete; most tracts of land can be traced from beginning to end.]

## 35-3 Bass-Bird

I am looking for anything relating to the **Thomas Bass** family. I have traced them to Scottsboro, Al where they owned a farm which was sold to defray costs of Thomas's estate. Thomas b. SC abt 1784. He m. Elizabeth \_\_\_ in NC where their first 3 ch born. They lived in Al, TN & NC. Thomas d in Scottsboro abt 1865. I have been unable to locate marriage records on this couple or find Elizabeth's maiden name. Nor have I been able to trace Thomas's parents or anything to do with his birth.

**Joe Anna Bird**, b Anniston, Al ca 1820, m. **Harden Wilkinson** of MO. They moved to TX where they had several ch, one of whom **Samuel Houston Wilkinson** b 1849.

*Sheena Bass*

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## 35-4 Robertson

My ancestor, **William B. Robertson**, d in Madison Co in 1832. His wife was Margaret. She later moved to Miss. Does TVGS have access to books or records of burials, tombstone inscriptions, etc. for Madison Co. for 1830's? Year of birth would be useful information as well as ny other family info. Place of birth would be wonderful. Appreciate any comments or suggestions. Thank you.

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## 35-5 Robertson-Johnson

Searching for info on **Dennie Logan Robertson** who was b in Florence, Al 18 Feb 1880. He son of **Calvin W Robertson** (b. 1853 Tn) and **Jeanette Johnson** who d 1884. She was of Indian heritage. They had another son, **Wiley Robertson** b. in 1884. Calvin W. Robertson was a cobbler during the 1860's. It has been suggested that I check the Alabama 1880 census. The information I found did not show a census for 1880.

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[Ed: Alabama does have an 1880 census.]

## 35-6 Harrison-Reynolds-Kirk

I am trying to locate the marriage license of my g-g-grandparents, **Thomas L. Harrison** and **Frances Reynolds** who m. 27 Jan 1891 in either Jackson or Marshall County. Thomas L. Harrison m. 2<sup>nd</sup> **Nancy E. Kirk** about 1894-97. Any info would be appreciated.

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**35-7 Cunningham-Hurley**

Searching for info on **Hance M. Cunningham**. He is mentioned in the Lawrence Co Orphans Court Minutes 1825-1830 in *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 34, p. 170. I believe that he is the father of **Jesse James Cunningham** (1840, 1850 census) my g-g-grandfather. I have been told that Hance was the first sheriff of DeKalb County. Am also interested in marriage records of Jesse James Cunningham to **Mary C. Hurley**.

*K. Cunningham*

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**35-8 Murdoch (Murdock)-Coffee**

Searching for info on Murdoch and Coffee surnames connected with Lauderdale Co. One **Viola Coffee Murdoch** lived to tell of a plantation she lived on in the Florence, Lauderdale Co. area. Viola's parents were **Andrew Coffee Murdoch** and **Josephine O. McKnight**. They lived in the Lauderdale area ca 1870. Murdoch m. again to **Lillie Alexander** in 1876.

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