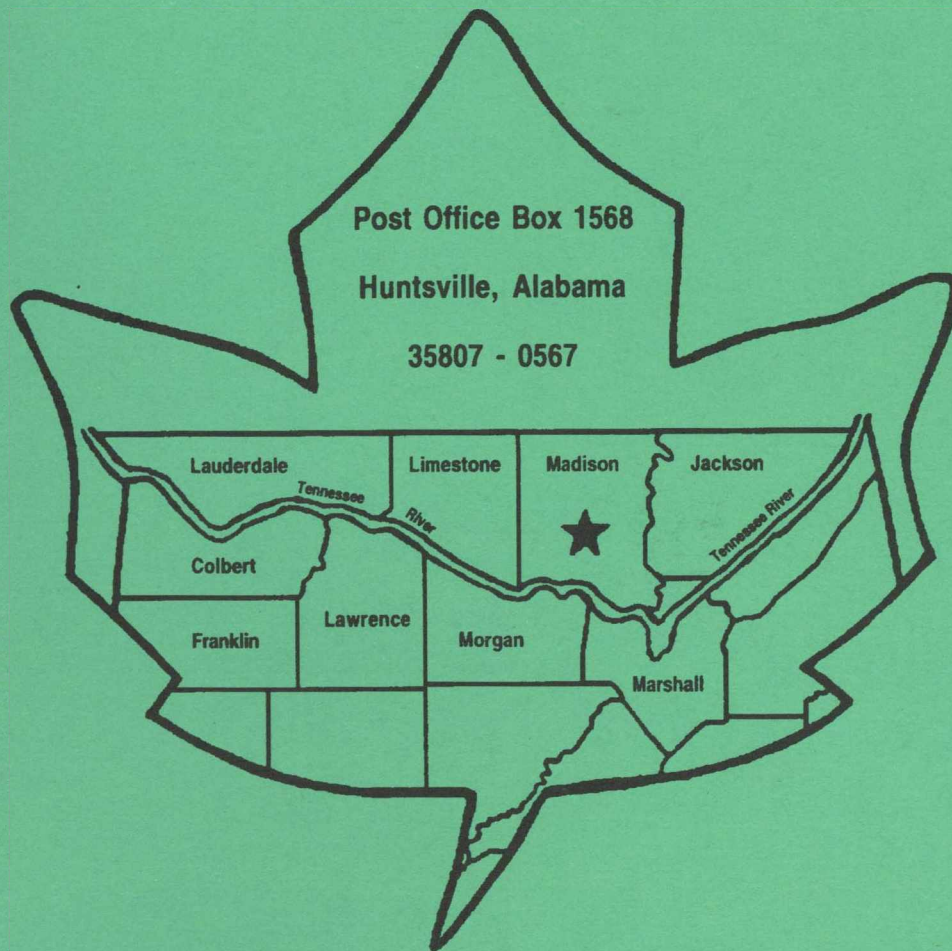


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March 22, 2001

Charles H. (Chuck) Bobo whose topic
 will be "Cemetery Restoration."

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North Alabama

Masonic Lodge Officers From Archives of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Alabama Montgomery, Alabama

Continued from Volume 34, No. 4
Extracted by Richard A. Smallwood, Sr., CLS

Thanks goes to Mr. David E. Milam, Grand Historian (and past TVGS president), for access to the Grand Lodge records. In 1906, the Alabama Grand Lodge ordered that a history be written of the Masonic movement between the years 1821 and 1839 in Alabama. As part of that history, there would be a summary of the activities of each lodge in the state including a list of their officers. All fraternal societies have their unique names for their offices. Those of the Masons are as follow, starting from the highest to the lowest:

Worshipful Master (WM) – same as President
Senior Warden (SW) – same as Vice President
Junior Warden (JW) – same as 2nd Vice President
Treasurer (Treas.)
Senior Deacon (SD)
Junior Deacon (JD)
Steward (Stew)
Tiler – guards the door

Some lodges were so small they could not fill each position with a different person so duties were shared.

Year 1830

Helion Lodge No 1 – Huntsville (Madison Co.)

John R. H. Acklen, Worshipful Master
Anderson Hutchison, Senior Warden
George Steele, Junior Warden
John T. Fackler, Treasurer
John J. Coleman, Secretary
Joseph Dunn, Senior Deacon
Fielding L. White, Junior Deacon
William Hall, Steward and Tiler

Athens Lodge No. 16 (Limestone Co.)

Paul Hildreth, Worshipful Master
Wm. McCracken, Senior Warden
Joshua L. Martin, Junior Warden
James W. Hill, Treasurer
Samuel Dewoody, Secretary
David Hobbs, Junior Deacon

Phillip Blessing, Tiler

Tuscumbia No. 21 (Colbert Co.)

William W. Payne, Worshipful Master
Charles Moule, Senior Warden
John Cook, Junior Warden
Thomas S. Carter, Treasurer
George W. Carroll, Secretary
William Gorman, Senior Deacon
Ben Gregg, Junior Deacon
William Vance, Tiler
Fountain C. Boston, Steward
Matthew Hay, Tiler

Triana No. 22 (Madison Co.)

James Penn, Worshipful Master
Tandy W. Lewis, Senior Warden
Alexander Ross, Junior Warden

Masonic Lodge Officers
Triana No. 22 (-continued-)

Wm. A. Aikin, Treasurer
Justin Wadsworth, Secretary
Handeman F. James, Junior Deacon
Matthew Hay, Tiler

Davis Lodge No. 28 – La Grange
(Franklin County)

Platt Stout, Worshipful Master
Sidney A. Prince, Senior Warden
(blank) Junior Warden
Edward Prince, Treasurer
William D. Hart, Secretary
Samuel M. Peters, Senior Deacon
John W. Baker, Junior Deacon
Smith Hogan, Tiler

Rising Sun Lodge No. 29 – Decatur
(Morgan Co.)

James Fennel, Worshipful Master
Nathan Kimble, Senior Warden
Isaac Lane, Junior Warden
Jesse W. Garth, Treasurer
Horace Green, Secretary
Wm. Darwin, Senior Deacon
Robert A. High, Junior Deacon
Jonathan Lane, Steward and Tiler

Helion Lodge No. 1 – Huntsville
(Madison County)

Anderson Hutchison, Worshipful Master
George Steele, Senior Warden
William L. Murrell, Junior Warden
John J. Fackler, Treasurer
John J. Colemean, Secretary
John R. Elliott, Senior Deacon
Fielding L. White, Junior Deacon
William Hale, Steward and Tiler

Athens Lodge No. 16 (Limestone County)

Phil Hildreth, Worshipful Master

Deaths

Tuscumbia No. 21 – John Anderson
Triana No. 22 – John T. Scott
Davis Lodge No. 28 Nemo Morris

Reinstated Masons

Helion No. 1 – Fountain C. Boston and
Edwin Hickman
Triana No. 22 – William B. Herring

Expelled Masons

Triana No. 22 – George C. Petty for unmasonic
conduct.
Rising Sun Lodge No. 29 – Henry Adkins

Suspended

Athens No. 16 – Arthur Fox, David J.
Gastwood, James McKinney and
Howell Robinson – all for non-payment
of dues.
Tuscumbia No. 21 – John D. Stewart
Davis Lodge No. 28 – William K. English and
James W. Murray

Application Rejected

Athens No. 16 – William McLane and Biram
Williams.

Year 1831

William McCracken, Senior Warden
Joshus L. Martin, Junior Warden
James W. Hill, Treasurer
Samuel Dewoody, Secretary
John R. Mason, Senior Deacon
Fletcher Lane, Junior Deacon
Covington Edmundson, Steward and Tiler

Limestone Lodge No. 18, Mooresville

Forfeited.

Tuscumbia No. 21
(Colbert Co.)

Masonic Lodge Officers
Tuscumbia No. 21 (-continued-)

Charles Moule, Worshipful Master
John A. Cook, Senior Warden
Horace Findley, Junior Warden
Thomas S. Carter, Treasurer
Milton Swift, Secretary
Benjamin Pybas, Senior Deacon
Samuel D. Hanie, Junior Deacon
William W. Payne, Tiler

Triana No. 22 (Madison Co.)

Tandy W. Lewis, Worshipful Master
Benjamin Estes, Senior Warden
Alexander Ross, Junior Warden
William A. Aikin, Treasurer
James Penn, Secretary
George McLeod, Senior Deacon
William King, Junior Deacon
Matthew Hay, Tiler

Davis Lodge No. 28, LaGrange
(Franklin Co.)

Platt Stout, Worshipful Master
James B. Tartt, Senior Warden
Elijah Price, Junior Warden
Samuel E. Peters, Treasurer
William D. Tart, Secretary
Daniel [David] Grayson, Senior Deacon
William R. Pollard, Junior Deacon
Smith Hogan, Steward and Tiler

Rising Sun Lodge No. 29, Decatur
(Morgan Co.)

James T. Sykes, Worshipful Master
Isaac Lane, Senior Warden
William Harrison, Junior Warden
Jesse W. Garth, Treasurer
Horace Green, Secretary
Robert A. High, Senior Deacon
Jesse A. Lane, Junior Deacon
Gaius Kibby, Steward
Jonathan Lane, Tiler

Courtland Lodge
(Lawrence Co.)

Under Consideration

Death

Davis Lodge No. 28 (Franklin Co.)

Sidney S. Prince

Suspended

Athens No. 16. - Robert C. Davis and James Higgs for unmasonic conduct.
Tuscumbia No. 21 – William D. King, Samuel Ragland, Robert Patterson, John B. Duncan for nonpayment of dues.
Triana No. 22 – John Crockett for nonpayment of dues.

Reinstated Masons

Triana No. 22 (Madison Co.) – Fountain C. Boston.

Application Rejected

Athens No. 16 – Jerry D. Higgs

Years 1832 and 1833

No Report

Year 1834

Athens Lodge No. 16
(Limestone Co.)

Paul Hildreth, Worshipful Master
Joshua L. Martin, Senior Warden
Fletcher Lane, Junior Warden
James W. Hill, Treasurer
Samuel Dewoody, Secretary
H. H. Winch, Senior Deacon
Charles Smith, Junior Deacon
Covington Edmondson, Tiler

Triana No. 22 (Madison Co.)

James Penn, Worshipful Master
(blank), Senior Warden
Alexander Ross, Junior Warden

Masonic Lodge Officers
Triana No. 22 (-continued-)

Wm. A. Aikin, Treasurer
L. S. Baker, Secretary
C. G. Brown, Senior Deacon
W. Cook, Junior Deacon
Matthew Hay, Tiler

Davis Lodge No. 28 – LaGrange
(Franklin Co.)

James B. Tart, Worshipful Master
James Parker, Senior Warden
David A. Hall, Junior Warden
David [Daniel?] Grayson, Treasurer
W. D. Hunt, Secretary
John S. Carlisle, Senior Deacon
S. G. Wade, Junior Deacon
R. N. Burress, Steward
John Pollard, Tiler

Rising Sun Lodge No. 29 – Decatur
(Morgan County)

William Darwin, Worshipful Master
Horace Green, Senior Warden
Jesse A. Lane, Junior Warden
Isaac O. Lane, Treasurer
Jesse W. Garth, Secretary
Allen Dupree, Senior Deacon
Riley S. Davis, Junior Davis
E. F. Logwood, Steward
Joseph Heisey, Tiler

Deaths

Athens No. 16 – William I. Mason

Suspended

Davis Lodge No. 28 – A. O. Horn, one year for
gross unmasonic conduct.

Year 1835

No report

Year 1836

The State Grand Lodge reorganized itself and all
local lodges had no report.

Year 1837

Helion Lodge No. 1 – Huntsville
(Madison Co.)

James Penn, Worshipful Master
George Steele, Senior Warden
Samuel Coltart, Junior Warden
John J. Fackler, Treasurer
E. P. Smith, Secretary
A. M. Bradley, Senior Deacon
John Biddle, Tiler

Athens Lodge No. 16
(Limestone Co.)

Paul Hildreth, Worshipful Master
Thomas S. Malone, Senior Warden
Joshua Butcher, Junior Warden
William Fielding, Treasurer
[Phillip]P. Blessing, Secretary
Henry Holt, Senior Deacon
Samuel Dewoody, Junior Deacon
William McCracken, Tiler

Rising Sun Lodge No. 29 – Decatur
(Morgan Co.)

W. Sanders, Worshipful Master
W. Darwin, Senior Warden
Alexander Ross, Junior Warden
James H. Blair, Treasurer
W. N. Gillespie, Secretary
R[obert] A. High, Senior Deacon
J. Lane, Junior Deacon
Nathan Kimble, Tiler

Courtland No. 37
(Lawrence Co.)

Oscar F. Cravens, Worshipful Master
John B. Sandifer, Senior Warden
Denton H. Valient, Junior Warden
James M. Beemar, Treasurer
Eugene Ferris, Secretary
Thomas B. Jones, Senior Deacon
James Cooper, Junior Deacon
Maruice Morris, Tiler

Masonic Lodge Officers (-continued-)

Athens Lodge No. 16
(Limestone Co.)

Paul Hildreth, Worshipful Master
Thomas S. Malone, Senior Warden
Joshua Butcher, Junior Warden
William Fielding, Treasurer
P[hilip] Blessing, Secretary
Henry Holt, Senior Deacon
William Mc Cracken, Tiler

Rising Sun Lodge No. 29 – Decatur
(Morgan Co.)

W. Sanders, Woshipful Master
W. Darwin, Senior Warden
Alexander Ross, Junior warden
James H. Blair, Treasurer
W. N. Gillespie, Secretary
R[obert] A. High, Senior Deacon
J. Lane, Junior Deacon
Nathan Kimble, Tiler

Application Rejected:

Courtland No. 37 – John H. Smallwood and
William Fitzgerald.

Year 1838

Helion Lodge No. 1, Huntsville
(Madison Co.)

James Penn, Worshipful Master
George Steele, Senior Warden
Samuel Coltart, Junior Warden
J. A. Facker, Treasurer
A. M. Bradley, Secretary
George Lynes, Senior Deacon
William H. Powers, Junior Deacon
J. Biddle, Tiler

Rising Sun Lodge No. 29 – Decatur
(Morgan County)

James T. Sykes, Worshipful Master
Alexander Ross, Senior Warden
John Lane, Junior Warden
J. H. Blair, Teasurer

D. M. Dancey, Secretary
A. Kaeider, Senior Deacon
R. W. Figg, Junior Deacon
J. Hursy, Tiler

Washington Lodge No. 36 – Tuscumbia
(Franklin Co.)

R. G. Norman, Worshipful Master
De Rosey Carroll, Senior Warden
M. Gorman, Junior Warden
W. Northcross, Treasurer
J. C. Meredith., Secretary
J. H. Wright, Senior Deacon
J. B. Bradley, Junior Deacon
A. A. Johnson, Tiler

Courtland No. 37
(Lawrence Co.)

T. B. Jones, Worshipful Master
J. W. Baker, Senior Warden
A. Milliken, Junior Warden
J. M. Beema, Treasurer
F. P. Ferris, Secretary
A. W. Bentley, Senior Warden
J. K. Bayles, Junior Warden
J. Cooper, Tiler

Leighton No. 43
(Franklin Co.)

W. Leigh, Worshipful Master
W. R. Pollard, Senior Warden
F. L. White, Junior Warden
W. Bond, Treasurer
J. W. Leigh, Secretary
J. W. Baker, Junior Deacon

Deaths:

Washington No. 36 (Franklin Co.) William
Meyers and Gregory D. Stone

Expelled Masons:

Washsington No. 36 – Samuel G. Haynie
Courtland No. 37 – R. B. Simms and J. W.
Baylie

Masonic Lodge Officers (-continued-)

Application Rejected:

Washington No. 36 – John Sevier, Thomas S
Hereford, J. A. McSpadden, R. W. Leer
and G. R. Jamison (for 3rd degree).
Courtland No. 37 – William Greenslade

Year 1839

Helion Lodge No. 1 – Huntsville
(Madison Co.)

James Penn, Worshipful Master
George Steele, Senior Warden
Samuel Coltart, Junior Warden
John J. Fackler, Treasurer
A. M. Bradley, Secretary
Daniel B. Turner, Senior Deacon
Thomas Cane, Junior Deacon
John Biddle, Tiler

Moulton No. 6
(Lawrence Co.)

D. H. Valliant, Worshipful Master
James Lynch, Senior Warden
(blank)– Junior Warden
(blank)– Treasurer
(blank) – Secretary
(blank) – Senior Deacon
(blank) – Junior Deacon
(blank) – Tiler

Florence No. 14
(Lauderdale Co.)

James H. Weakley, Worshipful Master
Joseph Bigger, Senior Warden
Thomas J. Crow, Junior Warden
Alexander H. Wood, Treasurer
Richard O. Pickett, Secretary
James Martin, Senior Deacon
William R. Wood, Junior Deacon
James W. Stewart, Tiler

Athens Lodge No. 16
(Limestone Co.)

Hiram H. Higgins, Worshipful Master

William W. Tyus, Senior Warden
Henry Holt, Junior Warden
William Fielding, Treasurer
Thomas G. Tynes, Secretary
Samuel Dewoody, Senior Deacon
David M. Crawford, Junior Deacon
William McCracken, Tiler

Washington Lodge No. 36 – Tuscumbia
(Franklin Co.)

Felix G. Norman, Worshipful Master
Joshua C. Meredith, Senior Warden
M. Gorman, Junior Warden
Wm. Northcross, Treasurer
J. H. Wright, Secretary
Isaac M. Cook, Senior Deacon
H. R. Alsabrook, Junior Deacon
Benjamin Pylas, Tiler

Courtland No. 37
(Lawrence Co.)

John S. Peters, Worshipful Master
A. W. Bentley, Senior Warden
M. Morris, Junior Warden
W. H. Sellers, Treasurer
Eugene E. Ferris, Secretary
J. M. Beemer, Senior Deacon
J. K. Bayles, Junior Deacon
William R. Points, Tiler

Leighton Lodge No. 29
(Franklin County)

William Leigh, Worshipful Master
John S. Napier, Senior Warden
Warren Hooks, Junior Warden
W. W. Bonds, Treasurer
R. A. Baker, Secretary
Ed Ellitt, Senior Deacon
Gab. Mullers, Junior Deacon
John Weatherford, Tiler

Expelled Masons

Washington No. 36 – Reuben Copeland for
unmasonic conduct.

-End Masonic Lodge Officers-

Colbert County

1860 LaGrange Military Academy Students Part 3

Continued from December 2000

McKee, Mr. J. W., LaGrange, Alabama

1860 (p. 11)

Jan 24	Hauling 1000 brick, hauling corn, and other labor costs including use of mules, etc.	22.75	
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Thompson, Mr. John S., Macon-Marengo Co., Al

1860 (p. 12)

Feb. 6	Board, tuition & etc., one son, 3rd session	95.00	
Mar 10	Cash drawn by son	15.00	
	Cash for one pair shoes	2.25	
May 9	Deduction in board etc to end of session	21.00
	Amt. paid Acock on account	42.19	
	Son to go home	170.84	

Sykes, F. W., Courtland, Alabama

1860 (p. 12)

Feb 6	Board, tuition, etc. of ward, 4th session	95.00	
Mar 10	Cash drawn by ward	10.00	
July 4	Board, tuition & etc., of ward, 5th session	100.00	
July 28	To dentist for ward	12.00	
Aug 18	To dentist for ward	7.00	
Sept 8	To dentist for ward	2.00	
Sept 20	To dentist for ward	5.00	

Jones, Mr. Tingal, San Antonio, Texas

[Note: Tingal Jones is listed in the 1860 Fed. census as residing in Calhoun County, Al.]

1860 (p. 13)

Feb 13	Board, tuition of one son, 4th session	95.00	
Mar 10	Cash drawn by son	5.00	
May 22	Resignation of son, absence 5 weeks		22.50
July 13	Cash per E. Goodwin		82.50

Pullin, Mr. W. P., Sharon, Mississippi

1860 (p. 13)

Feb 6	Board, tuition, etc., of one son, 4th session	95.00	
	Cash deposited		5.00
Mar 10	Pair shoes for son	2.25	
	Cash to son	9.00	
May 7	Cash to son	5.00	
	Amt. due from session ending Dec., 1859	4.00	
	Transferred to 1861 account		15.25

McMahon, Mr. W. P., Guardian, Courtland, Alabama

1860 (p. 14)			
Feb 6	Board, tuition & etc. of G. Labarreau[?]	95.00	
Mch 6	Drawn by G. Labarreau	5.00	
July 4	Board, tuition etc of ward, G. Labarreau	100.00	
Sept 8	Cash to ward		5.00
	Total amt. paid		205.00

Turner, Mr. W. A., Columbus, Arkansas

1860 (p. 14)			
Feb 6	Board, tuition, surgeon, etc, 4 th session	95.00	
July 4	Board, tuition, etc, 5 th session	100.00	
Nov 21	Cash for son to go home	10.00	
Rather, General John D., Decatur, Alabama			
1860 (p. 15)			
Feb 6	Board, tuition, etc., son, 4 th session	95.00	
May 19	Cash for son to go to Tuscumbia	1.00	
July 4	Board, tuition, etc	100.00	
	Dentist's fee for son	1.00	
	Total paid		206.50

Mullens, James, Lawrence Co., Alabama

1860 (p. 15)			
Feb 6	Board, tuition, etc. for son, 4 th session	95.00	
May 12	Deduction on board & etc bal. of session		16.00
	Cash to W. W. Mullins (son) to go home	16.00	

Hunt, Capt. W. H., LaGrange, Alabama

1860 (p. 16)			
Feb. 3	Bal. due from 1859	10.23	
Mch 11	Cash drawn	100.00	
Mch 13	Board, tuition etc of brother part of session	67.50	
	Surgeon's fee for 1860	5.00	
	Washing fee for part of session		6.55
Apr 29	330 pounds hay @ \$1.40 per 100	4.50	
	Freight on hay @ 42 per 100	1.38	
July 12	Error in brother's account		0.0
	Carpet to Mrs. S. Saltzer[?]		37.50
	Cash recd. on account by Telegraph		4.50
	Salary as Commandant, balance due	420.05	
	Increase in salary for the session		200.00
	Services as Commandant, 4 th session		400.00

Callaway, John H., Delhi, Louisiana

1860 (p. 16)			
Feb 6	Board, Tuition, etc for son 4 th session	95.00	
	Cash paid		95.00
	Deposited		255.00
Feb 16	Drawn by son	10.00	
Feb 25	Drawn by son	5.00	
Feb 25	Due on commissary 1859 acct	142.75	
Apr 1	Drawn by son for clothing	50.00	
June 20	Repairs	.20	

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Peden Cemetery

Location: NE/4 of the SW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 25-3-9W in Colbert Co., formerly Franklin.

An elderly gentleman who lives approximately one city block east of this cemetery said the road that ran in front of his home and the cemetery, was once a stagecoach route. The cemetery location was a way station for the stage until trains came in to being. "A lady" then purchased the property and turned the station into a church.

While still a stage route, a huge hand-dug cistern was installed to supply water for the establishment. We were able to see the outline of this huge well which had been fed from the water running off the roof of the station.

The gentleman also said he went into the army during the Korean crisis, and when he came home many of the tombstones had disappeared; someone with a bulldozer had dozed a number of them into a pile close to the road but they too disappeared.

It was not until after the stage coach station was converted to a church that the cemetery was established. Although it was a church cemetery, it took the name of Peden as her tombstone appears to be the only one remaining that is legible and intact. Mrs. Peden's hard marble tombstone was small but elegant. The inscription was beautifully carved on a shield. See photograph below.

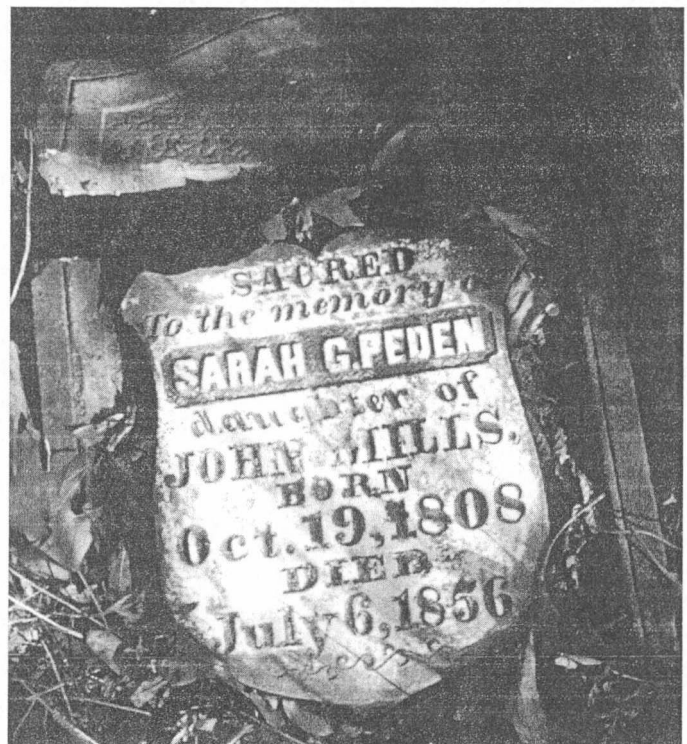
There were several sinks indicating graves and evidence of two more tombstones. One is only a base, no marker left. The other, of the same high quality as Mrs. Peden's, was once a beautifully executed marble marker, but now broken into pieces. Only one small chunk of the stone remains; the rest was not in evidence. What is left is copied below.

This spot should be cleaned off (NOT bulldozed!). If it was cleared, perhaps other tombstones would be found. It is probable that some are buried under many years' accumulation of leaves. This cemetery appears to be in imminent danger of being obliterated.

Mrs. Peden was the wife of Warren Peden, a wealthy planter born in NC ca 1800.

Sacred
to the Memory of
Sarah G. Peden
Daughter of
John Mills
Born
Oct. 19, 1808
Died
July 6, 1856

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1 July 1867

Sale of Land

James W. Ligon, as Sheriff of Colbert Co., of the first part; Theophilus A. Jones, Admr. Of the estate of William H. Price, Senr., decd., of the second part.

T. A. Jones recovered a judgment against Charles A. Toney as administrator of Wm. H. Price, in the circuit court of Franklin County on the 4th Monday in March 1867 [March 26th], in the amount of \$8,975.60 plus costs of the suit.

John G. Bently [?], clerk of the Circuit Court, on 1 May 1867 did issue an fieri facias¹ to Sheriff Ligon to levy on certain property of Charles A. Toney. On 13 May 1869 Sheriff Ligon did levy on the following real estate:

SE/4 Sec. 27-3-10W

N/2 Sec. 34-3-10W

W/2 NW/4 lying north of Pond Creek in Section 34-3-10W, all in Colbert Co., Alabama.

This levy is to satisfy a fi fa² in favor of T. A. Jones, administrator of Wm. H. Price. Sheriff Ligon advertised the time and place of the sale of the above property for 30 days in the *Christian Herald*, a newspaper published in the town of Tusculumbia. The sale was to be held on the first Monday in July [July 1, 1867] at which time the land would be sold at public auction.

The land was duly sold and the purchaser was Theophilus A. Jones for the amount of \$2800. It being the highest and last sum bid. Title to said property was given Jones.

/s/ J. W. Ligon

Acknowledged by J. W. Ligon before Felix G. Norman, J. P., on 13 July 1867.

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22 Jan 1867

Warranty Deed

D. C. Oates of the first part and Martha Harris of the second part, both of Colbert Co., Al.

D. C. Oates sells to Martha Harris for \$2400 the following lots in the town of Cherokee, Alabama in Franklin County.³

Lot 33 in Block 9

Lots 8 and 6 in Block 2

Lots 30 and 29 in Block 8

“Block 3 containing lots No. 30 and 29 in Block 8.” [?!]

Block E containing lots 9, 10, 11, and 12 and all the intermediate and cross streets through and between said lots, said to contain 3 acres more or less. These lots are all in Section 35-3-14W.

/s/ D. C. Oates

Acknowledged before James P. Bell, J. P.

Received and recorded 8 Aug 1867 in Colbert Co.

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22 Jan 1867

Warranty Deed

D. C. Oates of the first part and Mrs. Martha Harris of the second part, both of Franklin Co., Ala.

For \$1000 D. C. Oates sells to Martha Harris the following land in Franklin Co.⁴

SE/4 Sec 34-4-14W

SW/4 Sec. 35-4-14W cont. 320 acres and known as the Thomas Pounders place on Buzzard Roost Creek in Franklin County.

/s/ D. C. Oates

Ack. by Oates 27 July 1867 before James P. Bell, J. P. Delivered for recording and recorded 8 Aug 1867.

-To be continued in the June 2001 issue-

¹ An order to sheriff commanding him to levy on the goods and chattels of the debtor (Black's).

² *ibid.* An abbreviation for fieri facias

³ This property fell in Colbert County when Colbert County was formed from Franklin.

⁴ *ibid*

Franklin County

Marriage Record Book 3 Part 3

Proofread, corrections made, and personal data extracted by Oscar Glover. See Vol. 35, No. 1 for a complete introduction to this series. Continued from Vol. 35, No.2, p. 57.

025	Poe, M. L. Married at residence of bride's father. Bride's father gave permission.	Golden, Armindie	5 Nov 1902	J. M. Coleman, MG
026	Stonecipher, J. T. "The father of J. T. Stonecipher gave consent in person (over the telephone) for the issuance of license"	South, Addie M.	5 Nov 1902	R. J. Moody, Prob. Jdg.
026	Keeton, T. M. Married at R. H. Rea residence. Father of Minnie L. Rea gave permission.	Rea, Minnie L.	13 Nov 1902	John Miller, JP
027	Cooper, W. J. Married at "H. M. Cole's old place." Bride's permission by parents, James and Mary Trapp.	Trapp, Retter	23 Nov 1902	J. W. Dors, JP
027	Nolen, J. S. Married at Yocum, Alabama. Mrs. Ruthie Yocum previously married.	Yocum, Ruthie	12 Nov 1902	J. M. Yocum
028	Bolton, R. N. Married at res. of William Powers. Bride's permission by father, M. F. Powers; groom's permission by his mother, Mrs. M. A. Bolton.	Powers, Emmerallis	20 Nov 1902	D. T. Dye, MG
028	Stinson, Robert (c)	Gilton, Dean (c)	17 Nov 1902	H. Johnson
029	Crawford, J. T. Married at res. of A. J. Jackson who swears his dau. is over 18 years of age.	Jackson, M. A.	22 Nov 1902	John Miller, JP
029	Candler, H. C.(c) Married at G. W. Suggs residence.	Suggs, Leona (c)	23 Nov 1902	D. T. Harris
030	Allen, J. H. Married at residence of William Green.	Snow, Marthy E.	23 Nov 1902	W. I. Thompson
030	Strickland, W. C, Married at residence of J. J. Jones, MG	Thompson, Lolie	23 Nov 1902	J. J. Jones, MG
031	Benson, W. D. Married at bride's home.	Flemings, Nora	26 Nov 1902	B. H. James, MG
031	Black, P. T. Married at bride's residence. Bride's permission by father, T. L. Greenhill.	Greenhill, Emmer	26 Nov 1902	W. G. Ezzell
032	Cox, Edward T. Bride's permission by R. F. Cameron and Mrs. F. C. Cameron.	Cameron, S. L.	26 Nov 1902	W. H. Austin
032	Farr, H. L. Married at residence of A. J. Porter.	Porter, Willia	30 Nov 1902	J. W. Doss, JP

033	Quinn, Y. M.	Bowen, Bertha	26 Nov 1902	L. F. Whitten, MG
033	Ritterbasch, Louis	Fuller, Ada	26 Nov 1902	W. H. Austin, MG
034	Petree, S. J. Married at Darlington, Alabama. S. J. Petree previously married.	Cleere, Mary V.	27 Nov 1902	L. F. Whitten
034	Pace, J. L. Married at bride's home.	Mitchell, Annie L.	3 Dec 1902	B. H. James, MG
035	Long, Silmon Married at bride's home. Both parties previously married.	Allen, Nancy Ann	11 Dec 1902	S. B. Ramsey, Elder
035	Richeson, William T. Married at bride's parents' home. Father of bride gave consent in person.	Byars, Arnie M.	3 Dec 1902	L. F. Whitten, MG
036	Dill, Draton Married at Allamont Britton's residence.	Moore, Ella	7 Dec 1902	Josiah J. Jones, MG
036	Wallace, James Married at home of bride. James Wallace previously married.	Barrett, Omie	7 Dec 1902	W. O. Vinson, JP
037	Cody, R. E. Married at Rub Rikard's residence. Father of bride gave consent in person.	Rikard, Annie Modena	11 Dec 1902	T. O. Hester, MG
037	Hamilton, John (c) Married at Darlington, Alabama. Parents of bride, Carter and Maggie Smith, gave consent as bride was only 17 years of age.	Smith, Martha (c)	7 Dec 1902	W. H. Hamilton, MG
038	Harbin, T. J. Married at residence of bride's prents.	Taylor, Bettie	10 Dec 1902	L. F. Whitten
038	Womble, Charles Married at Mrs. Ester Hester's residence. Ester Hester gives permission.	Hester, Geneva	14 Dec 1902	C. C. Sparks, JP
039	Copeland, Sandy A. Married at residence of Mrs. Ester Hester. Ester Hester gives permission.	Hester, Eunice M.	14 Dec 1902	C. C. Sparks, JP
039	Smith, Thomas H. Married at bride's home. Father of bride gave permission in person.	McCulloch, Corah	14 Dec 1902	J. C. Chambers, MG
040	Hester, John	Woods, Annie	14 Dec 1902	B. E. Finch, MG
040	Pace, M. J. Married at residence of Felix Woods.	Kelson, Mary Ellen	14 Dec 1902	B. E. Finch, MG
041	Hester, A. F. Father of bride, L. N. Sparks, gave permission for Della Ann; C. A. Hester gave consent for son in person.	Sparks, Della A.	17 Dec 1902	W. G. Ezzell, JP
041	Drake, A. B. Married at bride's home.	Pounders, Novella	17 Dec 1902	T. E. McCulloch, JP

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Franklin County Will Book 3 – 1902-1907

(Part 3)

Copied and contributed by Oscar Glover. For a complete introduction, see previous issue

Petition to Probate

Bettie A. Harris Estate

B. H. Jones petitions the Court of Franklin County, Alabama to probate the Last Will & Testament of Bettie A. Harris who died at Russellville on or about the [blank] day of November 1890.

John G. Harris is the husband of Bettie A. Harris, deceased, and her next of kin are:

1. Melverda[?] Wilson, wife of John Wilson
 2. Emma Portions, wife of John Portions
 3. Ella Scott, wife of John Scott
 4. Mollie⁵ Biggs, wife of James H. Biggs,
- all adults and residents in or near Center Star in Lauderdale County, Ala.
5. John E. Lawler, adult, res. at Florence
 6. Louisa Lawler, resides at Center Star, Al
 7. Sarah Ross, adult) Res. Clarksdale,
 8. Robert Lawler, adult) Mississippi.
 9. Sarah W. Lawler, adult) Res. at Sunter-
 10. L. B. Lawler, adult) sville, Fla
 11. Lizzie Melton, adult,)
 12. Jennie Lawler, adult, res. at Belmont, Al
 13. Bettie Rhone, adult, res. Livingston, Al
 14. Lou Poment, adult, res. at Livingston, Al
 15. Tom Lawler)
 16. Fannie Clay) All adults residing
 17. Baker Nichols) at Dublin, Miss.
 18. Bennie Nichols)
 19. Mollie Lawler, adult, res. Russellville, Al
 20. John C. Harris, adult, res. Russellville, Al
- George C. Almon and James E. Wilson, witnesses to the will, live in Russellville, Al.

Petitioner, B. H. Jones, prays that notice be given to all heirs, of the time and place of a hearing on this petition.

It was ordered that non-resident next-of-kin be given notice by publication in the *Southern Jilea*[?], a newspaper publ in Franklin Co., and a copy of same be sent to each.

⁵ This name appears to be written Mallie throughout but the scribe makes his a's and o's the same.

Last Will & Testament

Bettie A. Harris

Dated: 20 Oct 1890

Probated: 7 Jan 1891

... of sound mind ... hereby revoking all former wills ... pay just debts and funeral expenses.

To my beloved husband, John C. Harris, during his natural lifetime the property known as the Trimble property in Russellville. It consists of Lots Number 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 92, 93, and 94 on which we now live, and all the land I purchased from J. A. Trimble.

If my sister, Mollie Lawler, is living at the death of my said husband, the above property is to go to her during her natural life.

After the death of my husband and said sister, Mollie, I give to my brother T. B. Lawler (now living in Florida) the said Trimble property provided he outlives my husband and Mollie.

If my kind brother should be dead at the time of the death of my husband and sister, then I give to the heirs of my brother, T. B. Lawler, the Trimble property.

To my husband, John C. Harris, the tract of land known as the Mahan Woodland tract described as the W/2 NE/4 Sec. 17-7-11W in Franklin Co., Al. The title to this land is in my husband's name but I have an equity in it. He is to have my title and interest in said land absolutely. Also, to my husband, Russellville lots No. 7 and 8 absolutely.

To my sister, Mollie Lawler, the two acres of land conveyed to me by W. A. Orman in Section 30-6-11W, commencing at the southeast corner of Section 30, (it being the lot sold to William East by Jane C. and Henry Hargett) and running west along the line of said lot to the southwest corner, thence south to the intersection of Washington and Cotaco Streets, thence east along Cotaco St. to the military road, thence north along said road to the beginning.

Sister Mollie and husband John C. Harris to divide my personal property between them.

Bettie A. Harris signed with her X

Witness: Gen. C. Almon and James E. Wilson.
Proven before Judge James M. Jordan, Judge of
the Probate Court.

**Petition to Probate
Catherine E. Hill Estate**

Dated: 6 March 1891

Petitioner: Charles W. Turner of Manchester,
Va. Catharine E. Hill was a resident of Franklin
County, Alabama. She died there 1 Jan 1891
with a will in which she names Charles W.
Turner her executor.

T. O. Hill, husband of Catharine, is over 21
years and resides in Franklin Co., Al, and of
sound mind.

A list of heirs, next of kin and legatees of
decedent:

1. Arthur O. Hill (son)
 2. Jennie C. Hill, both over age 21, of sound
mind, and residents of Franklin Co., Al (dau)
 3. Dr. Henry S. Hill, over 21 and a resident
of Baltimore, Maryland. (son)
 4. John S. Hill) minor children of John
 5. Emily R. Hill) S. Hill who was a son
of Catharine E. Hill. They reside with their
mother, Kate Hill, in Baltimore, Md.
- Charles W. Turner prays to have will probated.

**Last Will & Testament
Catharine E. Hill**

Dated: 17 July 1889

Probated: 17 April 1891

In the name of God; amen. I Catharine E.
Hill, wife of Samuel O. Hill, of the County of
Franklin in the State of Alabama, do make this
my last will & testament.

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath all the
property, real, personal and mixed, coming to
me through or under the will of my father, the
late John B. Shelton, decd., of Louisa Co., Va.
That is, except the real estate in Franklin Co., Al
heretofore purchased under the will of the said
John B. Shelton, decd., by my trustee, the late
Walter D. Leake, deceased, as follows.

"I give, devise and bequeath one half of all
said property, real, personal and mixed, except
the aforesaid real estate in Ala., to my son
Arthur O. Hill and the other half of all said
property, real, personal and mixed to the two
children of my deceased son, Doctor John S.

Hill." – Said children are John Shelton Hill and
Emma Russell Hill and the property is to be
equally divided between them.

The real estate in Alabama I leave to be
disposed of as indicated in the will of my father,
John B. Shelton, decd., but the house and lot
purchased at my request by my trustee, on West
Fayette Street in Baltimore, Md., is included in
the property disposed of as aforesaid under this
will.

In addition to the property above disposed of,
I further give and bequeath to my said son
Arthur O. Hill, the following personal property
now on the farm on which I reside:

- One silver castor and cruet
- One dozen silver forks
- Half dozen silver table spoons
- Half dozen silver tea spoons

Three nice, new quilts, one called the "7"
quilt, one the Duck Paddle quilt and the other
with no name but having a border of dark blue
calico around the edge.

It is my will and desire that my son, Arthur
O. Hill, nor his wife and children, nor his
personal representatives, nor my son, John S.
Hill's estate, nor his widow and children, or his
personal representatives, shall be in any way be
held to account for any money I may give them
or may have given them; nor any debts due me
or my trustee under the will of said John B.
Shelton, decd., unpaid by them at the time of my
death.

I do hereby release my trustee from all claims
for any rent that may not have been collected by
him at the time of my death either in the
Baltimore estate or the Alabama estate.

My other two children now living will come
in for their share of the real estate in Alabama
under the will of my father.

I do not here leave them anything.

I appoint Charles W. Turner of Manchester,
Va., the executor of this my last will and
testament.

/s/ Catharine E. Hill

Witness:

George O. Bowen

W. W. Drake

J. H. Drake

Estate admitted to probate 17 April 1891 and
was proven before James M. Jordan, Judge of
Probate for Franklin Co., Alabama.

Jackson County

Jackson County Will Book L, 1865-1866.

Abstracted and contributed by Lois Robertson

Part 13

Continued from Vol. 35, No. 2, December 2000.

John P. Harper Estate (-continued from Vol. 35, No. 2, Dec. 2000-)

Inventory included various amounts of corn, cotton, fodder, farm animals, tools, household furniture, a rifle, a shotgun and a pistol.

Walter Selby, J. B. Keith and W. F. Shelton present an appraisal of the property before Jesse Lilly, an acting J. P.

A sale was held on November 7, 1862.

Buyers were:

J. P. Hawk
Jas. A. Kelly
Martha Harper
J. A. Neely
C. L. Tipton
J. M. Gullatt
Ben Harper
L. N. Grubbs
Thomas Latham
W. R. Lindsey
John Sisk
W. F. Shelton
Wm. Woosley
N. Moore
C. A. Staples
W. R. Larkin
J. J. Sublett
J. L. Wood
Wm. Patten
E. Finney
Thos. J. Gullatt
N. D. Tipton
A. Moon
Sallie Wood
Andrew Harper
Robt. Selby

Total amount received from sale: \$1777.72

Heirs and distributees:

Benjamin Harper

Jane Latham, wife of Thomas Latham;
Mahala Tipton, wife of N. D. Tipton
Malissa Gullatt, wife of James M. Gullatt; all over 21 years of age and residing in Jackson County Alabama.

Other heirs are:

Robt. T. Harper, of full age, residing in Arkansas, County unknown.

Andrew J. Harper of full age, residing in Texas, County unknown.

Patsy Harper, widow and relict residing in Jackson County, Alabama.

Also, the unnamed children of Milley Frazier, deceased, who was Milley Harper, residing in Arkansas.

John Neely

Mahala Neely,

Charles Neely, all

minors residing in DeKalb County, Alabama, who are the children of Tanzy Neely, deceased, who was Tanzy Harper.

Patsy Harper (signing as Martha (X)⁶ Harper) relinquished her right to the eleven slaves previously listed in exchange for the sole interest in a Negro girl, Kate, about 20 years of age. Report was signed by Noah Shelton, J.P.

In another action, James M. Gullatt petitions the Court to sell the lands belonging to the Estate, which are of unequal value and dimensions so that they cannot be equally divided:

⁶ (X) means she apparently could not write so she signed with an X.

SE/4 and S/2 NE/4 Sect 30-3-5E,
N/2 NE4 Sect 30-3S-R5E containing in
all, 320 acres.

Martha Harper relinquished her dower
right in the above lands and signed the
report with her mark, witnessed by N. F.
Hall and Noah Shelton.

In the court case to settle the estate, W.
R. Larkin and Andrew Moore are authorized
to interrogate witnesses:

John Keith
W. C. Davidson
Walter Selby

regarding the facts of the case. John N. Park
is nominated to take the depositions. The
three witnesses are acquainted with most of
the heirs and are familiar with the lands in
question located in Boxes Cove about five
miles from Larksinsville in Jackson County
The land cannot be divided without
seriously lessening its value. J. N. Brewer is
appointed Guardian ad litem of the minor
children of Milley Frazier and Tanzy Neely.

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EWING YOUNG Estate

W. P. Young, Administrator of the estate of
Ewing Young, appeared in Court to report
that he had sold the real estate of Ewing
Young, deceased, to Ira G. Wood and that
Wood had made the last payment. The land
is identified as the:

NW/4 Sec 16 T4-R6E
W/2 SE/4 Sec 15 T4-R6E
W/2 NE/4 Sec 15 TS4 R6E
SE/4 SE/4 Sec 8 TS4 R6E
SW/4 SW/4 Sec 9 TS4 R6E containing

568 acres. [*The report is not dated.*]

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SAMUEL C. DAVIDSON Estate

W. C. Davidson, appeared before M. P.
Brown, Judge of the Probate Court, on
September 15, 1862 to probate the Last Will
and Testament of Samuel C. Davidson. [*For
this Will, see Valley Leaves, Vol. 32, No. 2,
page 64.*] The heirs are:

W. C. Davidson,
John Edds and his wife Sarah M. Edds,
who was Sarah M. Davidson, who
reside in Texas, County unknown.

Jane Hutchinson who resides in Lamas
County, Texas.

Rebecca W. Proctor who was Rebecca
W. Davidson and who resides in
Cass Co. Texas,

W. C. Davidson,

M. M. Davidson who resides in
Arkansas,

William Owens in right of his mother,
Sarah M. Edds who was Sarah M.
Davidson, a resident of Jackson
County.

Elisabeth V. Smart who was Elisabeth
V. Davidson, a resident of Jackson
County. All of whom are of full
Age.

On 20 Oct 1862, W. C. Davidson was
recognized by Judge Brown as the executor.

On October 11, 1862, W. D. Ward
appeared before Judge Brown to say that he
was a witness to the Last Will and Testa-
ment of Samuel C. Davidson and that
Davidson was advanced in age but was fully
capable of making his will.

Inventory dated November 29:

farm animals and equipment
household furniture
clothing
1 family Bible
\$100.00 in Confederate money
\$10.00 in State money
20[?] Cents in specie
36 acres of [*not identified*] land.

An evaluation of the property was
presented before Jesse Lilley, JP on
December 3, 1862 by Walter Selvey,
William Selvey and L. Hensly Grubbs.

The sale of the property was held on
November 23, 1862. Buyers were:

J. N. Keith
J. C. Ledbetter
W. C. Davidson
John Kennedy
G. W. R. Larkin
Elizabeth Smart
John Harper
William Wood
Leroy Grubbs
L. N. Grubbs
J. W. Ellis
B. W. Smart

William Woosley
A. P. Chapman
Lucinda Smart
Andy Harper
John Latham
J. M. Selbey

On Apr 10, 1866 W. C. Davidson reported that on Nov. 30, 1865, he sold the 36 acres belonging to the estate described as SE/4 Sec 32 3 5E and the west side of the 1/4 Section, North and South. Wm. C. Owen was the purchaser for \$180.00.

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SMITH BROWN Estate

Isaac Teters and Preston Brown, Administrators of the Estate, appeared in Court on 30 September 1862 to present an inventory. Items listed were

280 acres of land [*not identified*],
a Negro Boy, Westley, 23 years old and
a Negro Girl, Louisa, 10 years old.

Also, farm animals and equipment,
household furniture and the following
notes and accounts:

1 note by Mrs. Elliot of Louisiana,
due three months after the
blockade is raised, for
\$200.00;

1 note by S. F. Proctor for
\$100.00; 1 account on John
G. Brown, amount not
known.

The estate was appraised on 14 October
1862 for \$3,922.75, by Martin Teters,
Hastings M. Seargeant and R. C. T. Gill.

The land was appraised for \$1500.00,
Wesley for \$800.00 and Louisa for \$600.00.

A sale was held on 24 October 1862
amounting to \$1020.00. Buyers were:

Jas. McCaleb	Wm. Guynn
Robt. Johnson	Elijah English
George Brown	P. N. Burton
W. L. Snodgrass	J. T. N. Card
Lewis Armstrong	W. N. Moon
G. M. Harris	R. C. T. Gill
Jas. Allison	J. N. Allison
Wm. Washington	Wm. Rorex
Dr. Woods	Dr. Hudson
Calvin Beard	N. Kyle
Ellen Brown	Julia Brown
Alva Ellidge	Gid Harris
Ludy Brown	T. A. Allison
P. N. Burten	Jas. A. Boyd
Dr. Harris	Thos. Wilson

An additional sale brought \$227.85.
Additional purchasers were:

John T. Womack,
Isaac Teters,
P. Brown, and
C. R. Inglis.

Report was filed 31 January 1863.

The Administrators, Preston Brown
and Isaac Teters, came into Court to say that
funds available were insufficient to pay off
the debts of the Estate and petitioned the
Court for permission to sell the Negroes.

-To be continued

Capt. John Hannah Dies

Captain John Hannah died on Sand Mountain, Jackson County, last week at the advanced age of 136 years, 1 mo., 6 days. He was born 12 February 1743 and died 20 March 1879. He served under General George Washington during the French War and obtained the rank of captain. He knew the great Irish-American orator, Patrick Henry, when he was but a mere boy in Virginia. Capt. Hannah had never been ill until he was a century old; and his eyesight was perfect at the time of his death.

And if the local press is to be credited, this is the second record of remarkable longevity Jackson County has furnished within the last year. A few months ago, near Scottsboro, "Old Aunt Hannah," a colored woman, died at the age of 120 years.

Minutes of the Circuit Court Part 3

Continued from the December 2000 issue of *Valley Leaves*. Contributed by Wendell Page of Scottsboro, Alabama.

State of Alabama, use & etc.)
vs)
Z. O'Neal, John E. Price &)
Jesse Reeves)

Case No. 1804. 10 Oct 1865. Jesse Reeves is dead.

State of Alabama, use⁷ & etc.)
vs)
J. C. Maxwell, B. M. Wilkerson,)
Isaac G. West & Benja. Tinker)

Case No. 1805. 11 Oct 1865. Isaac G. West is dead.

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J. H. Hobbs)
vs)
James A. Boyd)

Case No. 1809. 10 Oct 1865. Jury empanelled, to-wit: F. M. Fennel and eleven others [not named] who being sworn and charged, joined upon their oaths to say "We the Jury find the Issue in favor of the Plaintiff, and assess his damages at the sum of" \$1,614.97. The court ordered that Hobbs recover said sum from Boyd plus costs.

Note: No file numbers given on following files.

Daniel M. Bradford, Admr. of)
R. W. Anderson)
vs)
Benjamin Snodgrass, Thomas)
Snodgrass & John Snodgrass)

The Plaintiff, by their attorney, proved to the court that on 3 Oct 1861, at a regular term of this court he, as administrator of Richard W. Anderson, deceased, recovered judgment by default against the defendants for the sum of \$5,035. debt and interest besides \$10.50 costs. "That the record of said Judgment, and the

⁷ The state sued to recover a previous fine.

papers of the suit in which said Judgment was rendered have been destroyed by the United States Troops."

Said judgment was founded on the bond of defendants, made by them on the 2nd day of January 1860, for the payment due 12 mo. thereafter. Suit commenced on 6 February 1861 by summons and complaint which were duly served on defendants and judgment rendered in said suit against defendants.

Plaintiff now asks that said judgment be established as if the record had not been destroyed. He also asks permission to substitute a summons and complaint in lieu of the summons and complaint destroyed as aforesaid.

It appears defendants have had due notice of this motion, and now appear and do not contest the same. Therefore, the Court gives plaintiff permission to substitute a summons and complaint in lieu of that which the soldiers destroyed. Plaintiff to recover the \$5,035 debt plus interest and \$10.50 costs.

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Adjourn till tomorrow morning 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Wednesday, 11 Oct 1865, 9:00 o'clock. Court met according to adjournment.

The State)
vs) Retailing⁸
John G. Parks)

11 Oct 1865. Comes J. B. Walden, Solicitor who prosecutes in behalf of the State. Upon his motion it is ordered that a *Nol Pros*⁹ be entered in this case and that defendant is discharged.

Continued in next issue.

⁸ Selling illegal homemade liquor.

⁹ Abbreviation for *nolle prosequi* meaning he will no further prosecute the case, i.e., case is dropped.[*Black's*]

LAUDERDALE COUNTY

Deed Book A-3 Part 3

This series began in Volume 33, Issue No. 1 of ~~Valley Leaves~~ and will be an ongoing series.

James Cheatham to Abram Hernacham Sale of slaves Henry & Lidia

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29 June 1825

Bill of Sale

James Cheatham of Henderson Co., Kentucky, for \$740 in hand paid, sells to Abram¹⁰ Hernacham of Lauderdale County, Alabama the following slaves:

- (1) A Negro boy named Henry about 14 years of age.
- (2) A Negro boy named Lidia¹¹ about 15 years of age.

Signed:

John Spalding

G. A. Dawson

Proven by Spalding 29 June 1825

Recorded 2 July 1825

Joseph & Laurence Thompson to Christopher Strong.

Pages 42- 43

2 April 1825

Warranty Deed

Joseph Thompson and Laurence Thompson of Lauderdale Co., Al, sell land to Christopher Strong of Dickson County, Tennessee for \$160, in hand paid.

The tract or parcel of land is the N/2 of the SW/4 of Section 7-3-12W with tenements and appurtenances, in Lauderdale County, Alabama.

Signed:

Joseph Thompson

L. Thompson

Witness:

John Munder and O. Hendrick

¹⁰ This name also written Abraham.

¹¹ Lidia is normally a feminine name but it is clearly written that he is male.

Acknowledged by Joseph and Laurence Thompson 7 July 1825.

Recorded 7 July 1825

Deed delivered to Strong: 26 Oct 1826

Samuel McClure to Thomas & James Hirkman

Pages 43 – 46

18 October 1824

Deed of Trust

Samuel McClure, 1st part

James Irvine, 2nd part

Thomas Hirkman and

James Hirkman, merchants and partners

trading under the firm name of T. &

J. Hirkman, all of Lauderdale Co., Al.

Samuel McClure is justly indebted to Thomas and James Hirkman in the sum of \$290.82 by a bond (note) executed this date and due and payable 1 Jan 1826.

In order to secure the Hirkmans against loss, McClure deeds to James Irvine, in trust, for \$1 in hand paid by Irvine to McClure, a lot in Florence. Said lot is the S/2 of the N/2 of Lot No. 11 as laid down in the plan of the Town of Florence. It fronts 33 feet on Court Street on the west side, running back to the alley extending along said alley consisting of a square of [blank] feet by 33 feet, with appurtenances thereto.

McClure is to remain in quiet and peaceable possession of the lot and to keep profits therefrom to his own use until default is made. If debt is not paid by 1 January 1826 then Irvine, upon request of either of the Hirkmans, is to sell the above quarter of a full lot to the highest bidder at public auction for ready money. McClure must give 30 days notice and advertise the sale in a Florence newspaper (if there are any) and to post notice at three public places in the

county giving ten days notice. If debt is paid by 1 Jan 1826 then this deed is void.

From the money arising from the sale of the lot, Irvine is to pay the Hirkman debt, interest and costs. If anything is left over, Irvine is to give it to McClure.

Signed:

James Irvine
James Hirkman

Witness:

Samuel McCuttoel[?]
George Boggs Jr.

Proven by the witnesses on 16 July 1825.
Recorded 28 July 1825.

**J. B. S. Pigman to John Simpson
Sale of Slave**

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11 July 1825

Power of Attorney

B. S. Pigman of Federick County, Md appoints John Simpson of Florence, Al his true and lawful attorney to sell his boy Mister and make a bill of sale. Simpson is not authorized to take less than \$550 for Mister.

Signed: B. S. Pigman

Sworn to by Pigman before George Rohr, J. P., Frederick Co., Md. on 11 July 1825. Certified by John Sehley, Clerk of Frederick Co. Ct.

Recorded 25 Aug 1825

**Thomas & Elizabeth Farmer to Deskin
Monroe**

Pages 47 – 48

6 June 1825

Warranty Deed

Thomas Farmer and Elizabeth Farmer, his wife, sell to Deskin Monroe, all of Lauderdale Co., Al, for the sum of \$125, in hand paid, Lot No. 363 in the town of Florence. Said lot begins on Pine Street 13 rods east of where Tuscaloosa St. crosses Pine, then southwardly on Pine St. 50 feet then westwardly at right angles for 9 poles to the alley, then northwardly with the direction of the alley 50 feet to Laseter's line, thence eastwardly on right angles to the beginning.

Signed:

Thomas Farmer
Elizabeth Farmer

Acknowledged by the Farmers 11 June 1825.

Elizabeth Farmer, Dower Relinquishment

Elizabeth Farmer personally appeared before W. W. Garrard, Clerk of Lauderdale County Court. She was examined by him privately, separately and apart from her husband and stated she signed the deed of her own free will and she had no wish to retract her signature.

Recorded 7 Sept. 1825.

John & Nancy Asher to James Lasiter

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6 June 1825

Warranty Deed

John Asher and Nancy Asher, his wife, sell to James Lasiter, all of Lauderdale Co., Al, for the sum of \$450 to them in hand paid, part of Lot No. 343 in the Town of Florence.

Said lot begins on Pine Street at the north corner of the lot sold by John Asher to Thomas Farmer, thence north with the street 15 rods 10 feet 6 inches, then at right angles back from said street 9-1/2 rods to the alley, thence with the alley southeast 15 rods, 10 feet, 6 inches to Farmer's line, thence northeastwardly with Farmer's line to the beginning.

Signed:

John Asher
Nancy Asher

Nancy Asher – Relinquishment of Dower

Nancy Asher was questioned privately by W. W. Garrard, Clerk of the County Court. She stated she signed the warrantat deed of her own free will without fear or threat of her husband. She has no wish to retract her signature.

Recorded 8 Sept 1825

Deed delivered to James Lasiter 7 Jan 1826.

Cypress Land Co. to John Cox

Pages 51 – 52
20 July 1825
Warranty Deed

LeRoy Pope, Thomas Bibb, James Jackson, Dabney Morriss, and John McKinly, five of the trustees of the Cypress Land Co., by John Coffee their attorney in fact, and John Coffee the other trustee, of the first part. John Cox of the other part.

The Cypress Land Company sells to John Cox for \$500 in hand paid, Lot No. 40 as designated in the plan of the town of Florence containing five acres.

Signed by all trustees listed above, by John Coffee. Witnessed by James H. Weakly and acknowledged by Coffee 20 July 1828.

William Price Sells Slaves

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20 July 1825
Bill of Sale

William Price, of Lauderdale County, Al sells to [blank] a Negro woman, Lidia, about 23 years old and her youngest child Cheney, for the sum of \$775. Price believes said slave to be sound and healthy.

Signed:

William Price

Witness:

Sam Gray

James B. Price

Recorded 9 Sept 1825

Freedom Papers for Joe Better

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3 July 1817
Freedom Papers for ex-slave
Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tennessee

Third Monday of March 1817, before the honorable Nathaniel W. Williams, Esq., one of the judges of the Circuit Court in the state of Tennessee.

A certain Negro man who calls himself Joe Better alleges that by the laws of the land he was entitled to his freedom; that William R. Hess wrongfully and illegally detained him, as a slave. Joe Better prayed

for a writ of habeas corpus¹² to be allowed him and upon a hearing it was granted. Therefore, Joe Better was brought into court and the following order was made, to-wit:

From the proofs presented by Joe Better, it appears he is a free man of color and that William R. Hess illegally detains him. It is therefore ordered by the court that Joe Better be set at liberty and have the privileged of a free man.

Ed: Apparently Joe Better went to Lauderdale County, Alabama where it was asked that the Bedford Co., Tn court send a copy of the court proceedings showing Joe Better to be a free man. James McKissick, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bedford Co., Tennessee certified the following:

That the foregoing is a true copy from the records showing where Joe Better was released from the confinement of William R. Hess and considered by said court to be entitled to the privileges of a free man of color.

I have set my hand this 3 day of July 1817.

Recorded in Lauderdale Co., Al 9 Sept 1825.

Benjamin Ballard and John H. Woodcock to Russell Ballard.

Pages 54 – 55
15 Sept 1825
Power of Attorney

Benjamin Ballard and John H. Woodcock appoint Russell Ballard their lawful attorney. He is to represent them in their portion of the estate of Elizabeth R. Hellows, lately deceased, of Southampton County, Va, which they are entitled to as heirs of Rebecca Ballard, daughter of Elizabeth R. Hellows.

Acknowledged by Ballard and Woodcock 15 Sept 1825 and recorded.

¹² *Habeas corpus* is Latin for "You have the body." In this case, it is a writ directed to one person who is detaining another and commanding the first person to produce the body of the prisoner detained [Black's].

Francis Wilkinson Indenture

Pages 55 – 56
16 July 1825
Indenture

John F. Phillips, guardian for Francis Wilkinson of Lauderdale County, Alabama has put and placed his stepson, Francis Wilkinson, as an apprentice to Peter Bertrand to learn the art and trade of a printer. Francis is to dwell with and serve the said Peter Bertrand from this day until 1 March 1830 being the term of five years.

During this time, Francis will keep his master's secrets and obey his lawful commands. He shall not waste Wilkinson's goods. He shall not participate in cards, dice or any other unlawful game. Francis may not fornicate or marry nor contract to marry during this time. He shall not frequent places of gaming, nor get drunk, nor absent himself from his work. He is to behave himself at all times.

Peter Bertrand, on his part, agrees to teach and instruct Francis in the art of a printer by the best way he can. He is to give Francis good and sufficient meat, drink, clothing, lodging and other necessities during this term.

At the end of the term, Bertrand is to give Francis a suit of clothing and three month's schooling.

Signed:
John F. Phillips
P. Bertrand

William & Rachael McKnight to Thomas Williams

William McKnight and Rachael, his wife of the first part and Thomas Williams of the second part, all of Lauderdale Co., Al

William and Rachael McKnight sell to Thomas Williams, for \$464, in hand paid by Williams, a parcel of land in Lauderdale County. Said land is part of the NW/4 of Section 17-2-11W containing 97.27 acres. [description given in metes and bounds and not copied here.] An exception to the sale is one-half of the Limestone bluff of sandstone rock. Amos Wilkes retains the privilege of using the one-half of the Limestone bluff.

Acknowledged by Phillips and Bertrand 16 July 1825, delivered for recording 17 July 1825 and recorded 18 September 1825,

Amos & Elizabeth Wilkes to William McKnight

Pages 57 – 58
15 Aug 1825
Warranty deed

Amos Wilkes and Elizabeth Wilkes, his wife, sell to William McKnight, for \$160., to them in hand paid by McKnight, land in Lauderdale County. Said land is part of the NW/4 of Section 17-2-11W. [Note: Described in metes and bounds; not copied here.] An exception to the sale is "one-half the bluff of Rock and be it also understood [that] Amos Wilkes retains the privilege of using the half of a Bluff of Limestone Rock on the aforementioned tract of land beginning at the south end running up the said Bluff to a white oak stump on the east side, and a red oak on the west side of the Bluff."

Signed:
Amos Wilkes
Elizabeth Wilkes

Elizabeth Wilkes Dower Relinquishment

Elizabeth was examined apart from her husband and she said she signed the deed of her own free will.

Deed delivered for registration 27 Aug 1825
Recorded 18 Sept 1825
Delivered to McKnight 3 Oct 1825

Signed by:
William McKnight
Rachael signed with an "X"
Acknowledged in court by the McKnights.

Rachael McKnight Dower Relinquishment

Rachael was examined apart from her husband and stated she signed, sealed and delivered the deed freely without any threat or pressure from her husband.

Received for registration 2 Sept 1825
Recorded 19 Sept 1825

To be continued

Lawrence County

Lawrence County Minute Book "B" Part 9 – January Term 1824

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Case No. 104

William Norwood)
vs) Plaintiff drops case. Defendant agrees to pay all costs incurred
Goode & Palmer) by plaintiff in this case. Cause of case not given.

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Case No. 110

Jacob Boren) Debt.
vs)
Alexander M. Lanahan)

Came the parties by their attorneys. Jury case. Jurors:

Thomas E. Balch	Solomon Langham	John Henamon
Thomas Pearson	William Blair	Jacob Barnes
Byrd Linticum	Thomas Gallaway	Daniel McAllister
John Clem	James McAllister	John Simons

Verdict: Defendant has not paid plaintiff his debt and the jury assesses the defendant \$43.25, the unpaid balance of debt, plus \$10.70 damages plus costs.

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Case No. 115

Mitchell & Greer) Debt. The defendant withdrew his plea and says nothing. The
vs) Court decrees plaintiff recover \$60.93-3/4 debt, \$2.50 damages
J. W. Walker) plus costs by reason of the detention of said debt.

Case No. 116

Thomas Lewis) Debt. The Court rules that defendant pay plaintiff \$79 debt with
vs) \$8.62 damages plus costs.
Spirus Seanley)

Case No. 120

J. J. Swoope) Covenant [agreement].
vs) This date comes the plaintiff and the defendant being
T. S. Broadnax and O. D. Davis) solemnly called, came not but made default. Jury:
George A. Glover Solomon Langham John Henderson
Thomas Pinson William Blair Jacob Barnes
Bird Linticum Thomas Gallaway Daniel McAllister
John Clem James McAllister John Simmons

Verdict: Plaintiff sustained damages by occasion of the defendant's non performance of the covenant in the amount of \$141.70 plus costs.

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Case No. 126

Gregg & McClung & Co.) The Court ruled that this suit be dismissed and that defendant
vs) pay plaintiff their costs in this suit expended.
John A. Mans & Co.)

Case No. 2

David Kyle) Appeal. The Court rules (by consent of the plaintiff and
vs) defendant that this suit be dismissed and the plaintiff pay the
Moses McDaniel) defendant his costs in this case expended.

Case No. 5

McGhees & Hunter) Appeal. The attorneys of plaintiff and defendant argue the case.
vs) It is considered by the Court that plaintiff recover against
Martin McMahan) defendant and defendant and David McBride, his security on the Martin
appeal bond, \$2.25 plus costs expended.

Case No. 1

Jacob A. Blackwell) Appeal. By consent of both parties it is considered by
vs) the Court that this case be continued until the next term
James *Doswell* [*Boswell?*]) of this Court.

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Case No. 108

Alfred Simpson) Reason for case not given. Ordered that this cause be continued
vs) until the next term of this court.
David Knott)

Case No. 109

Isham Smith)
vs) Appeal
John M. Graham &)
Elijah L. Graham)

Isham Smith dropped his suit against John M. Graham, one of the defendants in said appeal. Elijah
L. Graham being solemnly called, came not and, therefore, made default. Jury:

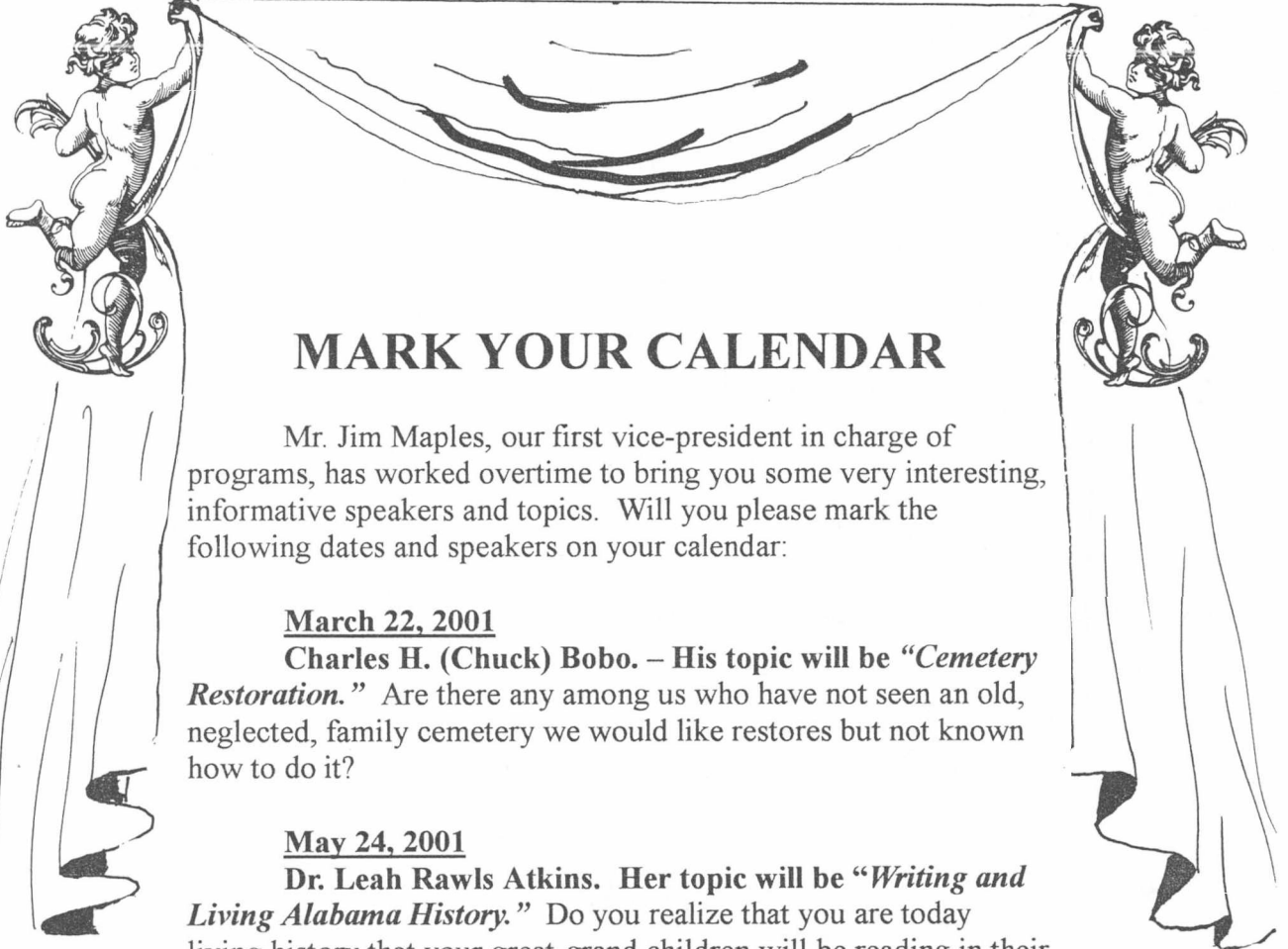
Theron E. Balch	Daniel McAllister	James Barnes
John Henderson	James McAllister	Thomas Galloway
William Blair	Solomon Langham	John Clem
Bird Linticum	Thomas Pinson	John Simmons

Verdict: Plaintiff's damages of \$25.00. to be recovered from defendant and Joshua Seaman, his
security, in the appeal, plus costs. The court believes this appeal was taken merely for delay and rules
therefore,¹³ that the plaintiff also recover against defendant 15% on the amount of damages assessed.

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No. 170

John R. Frost) Appeal. This date came defendant by his attorney, and plaintiff
vs) being solemnly called came not; therefore, the Court orders that



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mr. Jim Maples, our first vice-president in charge of programs, has worked overtime to bring you some very interesting, informative speakers and topics. Will you please mark the following dates and speakers on your calendar:

March 22, 2001

Charles H. (Chuck) Bobo. – His topic will be “*Cemetery Restoration.*” Are there any among us who have not seen an old, neglected, family cemetery we would like restores but not known how to do it?

May 24, 2001

Dr. Leah Rawls Atkins. Her topic will be “*Writing and Living Alabama History.*” Do you realize that you are today living history that your great-grand children will be reading in their history books in years to come?

July 26, 2001

Annual Pot Luck Dinner (No speaker). This society boasts some super cooks, i.e., Ranee Pruitt (gourmet) and others. This is the evening we have a chance to become acquainted with one another. It is also a time to exchange ideas and gain knowledge.

And, who knows, we may even have a surprise for you.

September 26, 2001

Elizabeth Wells. Topic to be announced. Ms. Wells is Special Collections Librarian at Samford University. We could benefit from what she has to say.

If you have suggestions for informative, interesting meetings, please contact Jim Maples at jhmaples@earthlink.net.

You
are cordially invited to attend the
Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society's
annual spring seminar
to be held
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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Huntsville Public Library Auditorium
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Topics to be Discussed

Ancestors in the Volunteer State: Research in Tennessee

American pioneers came through Tennessee in amazing numbers, moving on to help populate the western frontier. This lecture provides an overview of resources of The State Library & Archives, with special emphasis on major types of records kept in Tennessee and their availability and use. Included is information on the arrangement of the facility, rules for use, special indexes and files, etc. Good advance preparation for a research visit. (1 hour).

On Solid Ground: Finding Ancestors in Tennessee Land Records

CMr. Sherrill charts a genealogist's course through the complex records of Tennessee land grants. Examples of original grants, entries, surveys, and warrants are studied by the group to learn the information available in each (1 hour).

Using Original Court Records: A Hands On Workshop.

In this two-part session, participants will gain hands-on experience in identifying and interpreting original records. Exercises using copies from 19th Century minute books, dockets, estate packets and court cases will help develop skills for effective research among these records.

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Charles A. Sherrill

Biographical Sketch

Charles A. Sherrill (M. A., M. L. S.) is Director of the Brentwood Library near Nashville. For seven years prior to this, he was Director of Public Services for the Tennessee State Library & Archives.

His education includes master's degrees in History and Library Science from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

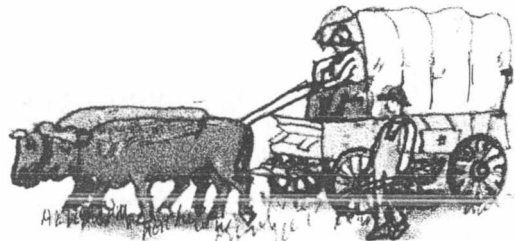
Sherrill has been active in genealogical research and publishing since he was a teenager. Among his works are books on several Tennessee counties, particular Grundy County where most of his ancestors lived.

He began his career at Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio where he was Head Reference Librarian. As director of the Cleveland (Tenn.) Public Library for nine years, Sherrill edited a series of genealogical publications about Bradley County.

Additional works include two family genealogies, editing *Tennessee's Confederate Widows and their Families*, a collection of penitentiary records entitled, *Tennessee Convicts*, and his most recent publication, *Tennesseans in Court: 2,500 Early Settlers Found in Supreme Court Reports*.

BOOKS

We are pleased to inform you that Mr. Sherrill will be bringing a number of his books to Huntsville, along with some of the Sistler books.



Charles Plant) defendant recover against plaintiff his costs expended in this case.

No. 175

John Dougherty &) Appeal. William Anderson, one of the securities on the appeal
George Dougherty) bond has died. Therefore, this case is ordered to be continued
vs) until the next term of court. A *Scira facias*¹⁴ is to issue to the legal
Lewis B. Taley [Tally?]) representatives of Lewis B. Taley [Tally?]; said William Anderson to
show cause why a suit should not revive.

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Case No. 57

James Wilson, Assee.)
vs) Debt
Evan S. Wiley)

Jury:

A. Glover	Daniel McAllister	James McAllister
Jacob Barnes	John Henderson	Thomas Galloway
William Blair	Solomon Langham	Thomas Glass
Bird Linticum	Thomas Pearson	Redding Whitehead

Verdict:

The defendant hath not paid plaintiff the debt owed him and plaintiff is to recover against the defendant \$480 debt, plus \$99.17 damages plus costs.

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Case No. 74

John J. Crittenden & Others) Ordered by the Court that this case be continued until the
vs) next term of court.
Alexander Adair)

Ordered that Court adjourn until tomorrow morning, 11 o'clock

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Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1824. Court met pursuant to adjournment. Present: The Hon. P. W. Taylor.

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Naturalization of James Elliott

James Elliott, now of Franklin County, Alabama, with permission of the court and pursuant to the Act of Congress upon the subject of naturalization of foreigners. The following is ordered to be entered of record:

In the year 1818, then being a subject of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, James Elliott emigrated from Kelso in County Roxburgh, Scotland. On the 7th day of July 1818 he landed at Philadelphia. Since his arrival, he has resided in the United States. About two years of that time he lived in Alabama and about 18 months thereof he was living in Franklin County. James Elliott declares on oath that it is his bona fide intention to become a citizen of the United States. He renounces forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate or Sovereignty whatever and particularly to the Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Ordered certified.

¹⁴ A process to revive a judgment on a change of parties. [Black's]

An **Indenture of Bargain and Sale** was executed 15 April 1823 by Robert Bransford (of the first part), John Chappell Reece (of the second part) and Fanny Smith Price (of the third part). Same was acknowledged by Robert Bransford and ordered recorded.

An **Indenture of Bargain and Sale** was executed 15 April 1823 by Robert Bransford (of the first part), John Chappell Reese (of the second part), and Bernard M. Patterson (of the third part). The same was acknowledged by Robert Bransford and ordered recorded.

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An **Indenture of Bargain and Sale** executed on 7 January 1824 between Joseph Coe of the one part and Thomas Neill of the other part, was acknowledged by Coe and ordered recorded.

Case No. 93

William McGaughey)
vs) For use. This case marked out.
James Chilcoat and)
William Chilcoat)

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On motion of Thomas Couch, it is ordered that the report of the jury on a Certificate of *ad quad damnum*¹⁵ issued by Couch, be received. Couch is to be permitted to build a dam across the west fork of Flint River on the southeast quarter of Section 34, Twp. 6, Range 6 West, to the height of eight feet.

Case No. 93

William McGaughey)
use of White & Lynn) James Chilcoat, one of the defendants, has died.
vs)
James Chilcoat and)
William Chilcoat)

Case No. 93

William McGaughey,)
use of White & Lynn)
vs) Covenant [Agreement] James Chilcoat, one of the defendants
William Chilcoat and) has died.
James Chilcoat, decd.)
William Chilcoat, surviving covenantor.¹⁶

Jury: Philip Roddy William H. McCann Elijah L. Graham
Isaac Pruit Thomas Metcalf Joshua Dillingham
John W. Wann James M. Minis Joel D. Harris
Alexander McAllister Martin B. McMahan Nathan Gregg

Verdict:

Defendant hath not performed the covenant in the declaration mentioned but has broken the same in manner and form as the plaintiff said. The jury assess the plaintiff's damages to \$88.83. The Court orders the defendant to pay plaintiff said amount plus costs.

¹⁵ *damnum*: damage, the loss or diminution [lessening] of what is a man's own, either by fraud, carelessness or accident. [*Black's*]

¹⁶ *Covenantor*: A person who make a covenant (agreement).

Limestone County

Samuel Tanner Suit

Source: Limestone County loose papers, Chancery Court. The handwriting was either very dim or large and ornate. In both cases, it was extremely difficult to read. Copied and contributed by Dorothy Scott Johnson, through the courtesy of Philip Reyer, Limestone County Archivist.

Samuel Tanner

vs

Aaron Thomason

Alexander L. McKenny, Admr.

John Jackson

Houston & Pryor, solicitors for Tanner

Benton Sanders, Register of Chancery Court

On 28 Feb 1866, Tanner sued Frances A. Thomason (female) who has since died in Georgia without a will. Tanner revived the suit against Alexander L. McKinney, Sheriff of Limestone County as Mrs. Thomason's administrator de bonis non¹⁷ and also as the administrator de bonis non of the estate of Julius¹⁸ C. Davidson, and John Jackson.

Benjamin W. Maclin, a Limestone Co. resident, sold to John Jackson, also of Limestone Co., the following lots and pieces of lots in Athens:

Lots No. 9 and No. 10

Part of Lots No. 11 and No. 12

for the sum of [blank]. John Jackson gave his note for the purchase money. Maclin put Jackson in possession of the property. The title to the property was to be certified upon payment of the purchase money (note.)

Before Jackson had paid the purchase money on 12 Dec 1861 he sold the property to Julius[Joseph?] C. Davidson and Frances A. Thomason, the wife of Adrian[?] Thomason and the mother of Joseph C. Davidson. Joseph/Julius Davidson claimed to have a separate estate and the right to act.

Jackson, Davidson and Thomason sold the property to Davidson

Davidson (the son) and Thomason (the mother) gave Jackson their notes as part payment. Jackson then, in turn, gave mother and son a title bond obligating himself to make them a good and sufficient title.

Benjamin W. Maclin, as a matter of accommodation and simplification, gave a deed to Jackson and gave Jackson back his notes which Maclin had held for payment. Jackson was to endorse the notes, transfer them to Davidson and Thomason and give a title bond obligating himself to make a good and sufficient title [when property was paid for.] Jackson and Thomason are to have paid the sum of \$1297.16 for said property by 1 Jan 1863; said note bearing interest from that date.

The understanding and agreement was that Maclin would hold the first lien on the property until said property paid for.

The said Maclin then transferred the notes to Samuel Tanner on 13 Dec 1862 with the understanding that Tanner would have the first lien until they were fully paid for. Tanner says the note given to him by Maclin was assigned by Jackson and Maclin the day Jackson sold the lot to Davidson and Thomason.

In short, Tanner alleges that Joseph/Julius Davidson is dead, Frances D. Thomason has moved to Georgia and that both are insolvent. Jackson purchased the property from Maclin who sold it to Davidson and Thomason who

¹⁷ When a person dies and his/her estate is unsettled, the court appoints someone as administrator. In the state of Alabama, this was most often the sheriff.

¹⁸ Written variously Julius or Joseph throughout.

assigned the notes for purchase money to Maclin and then Maclin to Tanner. Jackson repossessed the lots and houses and occupies them and is in full enjoyment of the property leaving Tanner out in the cold without sufficient remedy at law.

Tanner says the lots were involuntarily vacated by Davidson and Thomason.

Tanner contends that Jackson can make a good and sufficient deed upon payment of the notes given for the purchase of the lots, and this Court requires the same be done when the purchase money is paid.

Julius C. Davidson died sometime in the year 1865, intestate, and wholly insolvent. Davidson has no property of any description except interest which may exist in the lots above mentioned. Letters of Administration were granted to Alexander L. McKinney,

Sheriff of Limestone Co., Al.

Frances A. Thomason, with her husband, Aaron Thomason, left their home involuntarily in the winter or spring of 1863 and 1864 and had no fixed residence for a long time, but are now settled permanently in Georgia having left Alabama and not intending to return. The

Thomasons have no property in Alabama except possible interest in the lots.

A suit at law against Davidson's estate and the Thomasons would unnecessarily cause an outlay of money, expense and delay, and a return of *nulla bona**. There is no property or interest, claim, or demand from which money could be made or satisfaction of the bond transferred by Maclin.

Tanner asks that so much of the lots be sold as will pay the purchase money plus interest. These are the lots Tanner purchased of Maclin 1 Jan 1863 for \$1279.16 plus interest. They are the same lots Jackson assigned to Maclin 12 Dec 1861 and by Maclin assigned to Tanner 13 Dec 1862 to be sold and the proceeds therefrom to pay the note and all interest due.

*Latin for "no goods." The name of the return made by the sheriff when no goods or property of the defendant is found in his county on which he could levy.

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John Hammerly Dies

John Hammerly was born in Leesburg, Loudoun County, Va., Sept. 11, 1799 and died in Athens, Alabama Feb. 16, 1883, aged 83 years, five months and five days.

He moved from Virginia and settled in Russellville, Ky., when he was quite young, and from that place to Huntsville, Ala. in 1820 and came to Athens in 1822.

He was married to Sallie Price Sept. 29, 1825 and to the day of his death, lived with her in all the sacred relations known to wedlock.

He was initiated into the order of F. A. Masons in 1823, was made tiler of the lodge in 1847, a trust most worthily bestowed and one never more faithfully executed. We learn that he had attained the ninth degree, including that of Royal Arch in this ancient and most honorable order and we have every reason to believe that he died as he lived, one of its brightest and best members.

He professed religion and joined the M. E. Church under the ministry of the Rev. E. H. Hatcher in 1843. He was a worthy and acceptable member and while his timid and modest bearing may have prevented him from some of the active duties of the Church, yet his pious walk and Godly conversations was . . .

[Alabama Courier, 22 February 1883.]

Haney Divorce

Source: Chancery Court of Limestone County, Alabama, loose papers. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson through the courtesy of Philip Reyer, archivist of the Limestone County Archives.

The 1850 census of Limestone County shows John G. Haney, as a member of a large family. His parents were William and Letty Haney, both born in South Carolina. William was a shoemaker.

The family moved to Tennessee between 1829 and 1833, then on to Alabama between 1842 and 1844.

The Limestone County 1860 census lists John G. Haney, age 27 (b. 1833), farm laborer, b. Tn, and his wife Nancy E., age 21 b. Al. They have two children, William O. age 5 (b. 1855) and a daughter Bettie A. age 2 (b. 1858), both born in Ala. The children are never mentioned in this divorce proceeding.

Even though one of the witnesses stated he had witnessed the marriage of John G. and Nancy E. Haney, this editor could not find it in either Limestone Co., Al or in Giles Co., Tn.

On 27 February 1866, John G. Haney filed a Bill of Complaint against Nancy E. Haney, asking for a divorce. A subpoena was issued to Nancy requesting that she respond within 30 days.

Thirty days have lapsed, this being the 3rd Monday in February 1867. Nancy has failed to plead, answer or demur, or otherwise assent or contest the divorce.

Therefore, John G. Haney asks for his decree to be granted.

Signed by Houston & Pryor, solicitors for John G. Haney. 18 Feb 1867.

Divorce Decree

In the May term, 1867, the Chancery Court ordered that the bonds of matrimony between John G. and Nancy E. Haney be dissolved. John G. is to pay the costs of this suit. Dated 30 May 1867

Bill of Complaint

John G. Haney is a Limestone County resident and is over the age of 21 years. He and Nancy E. Bee were married in Limestone County on ___[blank]__.

There were hostilities existing between the North and South that involved John's life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. He responded to the call of his state and became a soldier in

Company F of the 9th Regiment of Alabama Volunteers. On 18 March 1862 he kissed his wife and family and left for the battlefield.

"As space widened between he and his humble home, to encounter and mingle in battle strife, he consoled himself and was enabled to go forward from the conviction he was in the line of duty and would be sustained at least by the constancy and fidelity of his wife."

He was seeking to defend his wife and home and was willing to give freely his life for same. "With these feelings and sentiments he encountered war with all its bloody terms of which Virginia soil is witness of, and Northern prisons will testify of. Thus fighting, suffering and enduring he hoped to live to return to the embrace of a pure, virtuous, and confiding wife but in this he" was sadly disappointed.

To his great shame and mortification and the disgrace of his family, "about 18 months after John left home, and while in the Army of Virginia and without any visit to his wife," Nancy delivered of a child.

"The child was begotten and conceived by an illicit and adulterous sexual intercourse with one Luther Pilant, with whom she cohabited for some time before and after the birth or delivery of the child."

Upon complainant's return home after the surrender, he found Nancy had so disgraced herself so as to become a common strumpet and living in open and boastful adultery and is

approachable by all who wish the embrace of a harlot.

During the whole of the war he conducted himself as a virtuous husband.

Limestone County was his home before and after the war. It was also the residence of his family before, during, and since the war.

Prays for a divorce.

List of Witnesses

Witnesses to be called are:

Joel B. Pugh
Jacob W. Todd
Thomas Henry
Gilbert Bullington
Luke G. Bullington

Jacob W. Todd Deposition 8 April 1867

Mr. Todd says that John G. Haney was a Limestone Co. resident on 27 Feb 1867 and had been for several years. Haney entered service shortly after commencement of the Civil War.

Nancy E. Haney lived in Limestone Co. at the time Haney volunteered. She remained in Limestone Co. some years thereafter, then left. Todd does not know where she went.

Haney and Nancy lived together as man and wife some six or eight years. Todd knows of no specific acts of adultery on the part of Nancy, but some time after Haney left for Virginia, she had a child. That happened so long after her husband left that it could not have been his child.

In the presence of Mr. L. M. Pilant's wife, Nancy stated the baby belonged to Mr. Pilant.

Nancy is said to be a public "hore" or strumpet and of ill fame.

Luke G. Bullington Deposition 8 April 1865

Luke knows that Haney lived in Limestone Co. 4 or 5 years before going into service. He knows Haney and Nancy lived as husband and wife 7 or 8 years prior to 1862. Luke always heard Nancy and Haney were married in Giles Co., Tn in 1854. Haney left for the Army on 18 March 1862 and returned the 15th or 20th of July 1865.

A child was born to Nancy in May or June of 1864. She is now regarded as a public whore or strumpet.

Deposition of Joel B. Pugh Sat., April 26, 1867

Pugh says he lives near the Ala-Tenn state line and Haney was "working about in the neighborhood so I cannot say whether he [Haney] lived in this state or Tennessee" on 27 Feb 1867. Haney and Nancy were married in 1853 or 1854.

Pugh did not witness their marriage but saw them riding around as if they were married. They were married in Giles Co., Tn. Pugh "lived within three miles of the place at the time."

Pugh does not know of any act of adultery or fornication with Luther M. Pilant or any other particular person. Nancy did give birth to a child some 2-1/2 years after Haney went to the army.

Nancy told Pugh the baby belonged to Luther M. Pilant. Pugh does not know of any adulterous acts of his own knowledge.

Nancy lived within one-half mile of Pugh at the time of the surrender and he knew of men going there in the evening and leaving in the morning. Her fame was certainly ill and she was regarded as a common whore or strumpet in the neighborhood – that of the very worst character.

At no time did Nancy answer or acknowledge this suit.

Haygood-Gordon Marriage

At the residence of the bride's mother in Athens Thursday evening, the 15th inst., by Rev. C. N. Wood, Mr. Thomas B. Haygood of Birmingham married Miss Malissa D. Gordon of this place. Friday afternoon the happy couple, accompanied by the bride's sister, left for their future home in Birmingham carrying with them the best wishes of the many friends of the bride for their future happiness and prosperity.

[Source: *Alabama Courier*, 22 February 1883.]

MADISON COUNTY

Marriage Book 1 Part 3 of 14 parts

For a complete introduction to these marriages please refer to Vol. 35, Issue No. 1. This series was expanded to include 14 parts instead of 13.

41	John Baker to Nancy Wilson	17 Apr 1811	A Pvt. in War/1812, Burrus's 16 th Regt. of Miss. Militia. Believe killed in the 1857 Mountain Meadows Massacre.
42	Stephen Canamore to Rebecca Bushart	1 May 1811	War of 1812 roster says Kennemore
42	Andrew Jourdan to Betsy Dodson	4 May 1811	Bride's name appears to be written Dobson but family says it was Dodson. ¹⁹
43	John Russell to Lucinda Williams	13 May 1811	
43	James Robertson to Nancy Alford	18 May 1811	
44	Mitchell Hunter to Dolly [Polly?] King	13 May 1811	
44	David Bushart to Rachael Canamore	8 Jun 1811	Bride's name probably spelled Kennemer today.
45	George Cosby to Susannah Street	13 Jun 1811	
45	Robert Wright Jr. to Nancy Calvert	4 Jul 1811	Groom's name erroneously written "Right" in marriage record.
46	James Glass to Rebecca Allison	8 Jul 1811	James Glass on 1810-15 tax list.
46	Javan McVay to Rody Smith	7 Aug 1811	Rhoda Smith was the dau. of John Smith (a Revolutionary Sol) and his wife Mary. Rhoda dead by 1838. ²⁰
47	David Rolt to Sally Bason	9 Sept 1811	He could be Rolls, Ralls, Batts?? She prob. d/o John Bason who is on the 1809 Squatter Census.
47	Joseph Dunaway to Frances Frost	28 Aug 1811	
48	George Matthews to Polly Titus	12 Sept 1811	

¹⁹ *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 20, page 98.

²⁰ Louise Julich, *A Roster of Revolutionary Soldiers and Patriots in Alabama* (Alabama: Parchment Press, 1979), p. 545.

48	Thomas Evans to Elizabeth Campbell	26 Sept 1811	Bride was dau. of Jacob Sivley. ²¹ Elizabeth was the widow of Alexander Campbell who died in 1810. ²²
49	Francis Worley to Charlotte Cobb	27 Sept 1811	David Cobb's probate file No. 287 shows his daughter, "Charlotte Worley, wife of Francis Worley" in the final settlement of the estate.
49	Moses Fielder to Jinsy Sharp	9 Oct 1811	
50	John Moon to Polly Moon	12 Oct 1811	
50	James Worry to Polly Bird	14 Oct 1811	
51	Thomas Adkins to Elizabeth Jones	17 Oct 1811	Madison Co. deed book E, page 160, shows Thomas Atkins purchasing land from Lucy and Bartlett Milam on 5 May 1818. Elizabeth Jones and Temperance Ashford witnessed the deed.
51	Robert Wright to Peggy Calvert	22 Oct 1811	Peggy is his second wife.
52	Adam Michael to Fanny Beasley	31 Oct 1811	
52	Thomas Kinney (Kensey?) to Sally McNutt	31 Oct 1811	Sally may be the dau. of James McNutt who is listed on the 1809 squatter census. The groom's name may be Kennedy as some Kennedys lived in the same neighborhood as James McNutt.
53	John McClay to Polly Couch	31 Oct 1811	
53	James Slaughter to Nancy Murrell	19 Nov 1811	The will of John Slaughter dated 25 July 1812 ²³ mentions son James. The Slaughter and Murrell families lived in Township 1, range 3 west which is now in Limestone County.
54	Robert Burges to Sally Rodgers	23 Nov 1811	
54	Hugh Gibson to Rachael Moore	27 Nov 1811	
55	Elijah Lindley to Polly Harrison	29 Nov 1811	
55	John McKinney to Ellender Baker	3 Dec 1811	He is shown on 1810-15 tax list and was a private in the War of 1812.
56	William Trotman	7 Dec 1811	

²¹ Deed Book E, p. 165-165; deed from heirs of Jacob Sivley to Andrew Sivley dated 19 Nov 1818 which shows Elizabeth and Thomas Evans as Limestone County residents.

²² Orphans Court Minute Book 1, Madison Co., A1

²³ John Slaughter's will recorded in deed book A, p. 45-48.

- to Betsey Horton
- 56 Peyton Cox to 10 Dec 1811 Peyton Cox and his wife, Susannah Ellenor Cox, sold land
Susannah E. to David Wade, 10 Apr 1817.²⁴ Bride was dau. of Drury Thompson of Elbert
Thompson Co., Ga. They were married 19 Dec 1811.²⁵
- 57 Nathaniel Hall to 11 Dec 1811 In 16 May 1840 petition for divorce, Nathaniel Hall states
Polly Wiley he married Polly Wiley in Madison Co. in 1816 or 1817.
She then filed for divorce in 1838. A note of 16 June
1841 suggests his death.²⁶
- 57 Levi Black to 17 Dec 1811
Sally Baldwin
- 58 Tilman Walters to 18 Dec 1811
Nancy Harrison
- 58 Marshall Smalling 21 Dec 1811
to Hannah Frost
- 59 Page missing
- 60 William Brown to 28 Dec 1811 Wedding never took place; she married Jesse Stone
Winsey Jourdan instead. Her maiden name was actually Mapp but she
assumed the name of her step father, Solomon
Jourdan/Jordan. See marriage No. 75.
- 60 George James to 3 Jan 1812
Narcissa Harris

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

Abner C. Moore, Coroner's Inquest

Abner C. Moore, a highly respected farmer living near Plevna, left his home on the morning of the 14th inst. to bring home stray stock. The stock returned home, unaccompanied by the old gentleman, which alarmed his family somewhat, particularly as he was feeble.

A number of neighbors and friends of the family started out in search of him and about 8 o'clock that night he was found in the woods dead.

The Hon. G. E. W. Robertson, a Justice of the Peace, impaneled a jury of the following gentlemen: Josiah Wills, W. F. Hudson, G. L. McDougall, Arch Pylant, Wm. Pruitt and R. C. Hudson.

The jury having been sworn, viewed the body and returned a verdict that the deceased met his death from natural causes. [*The Huntsville Daily Mercury*, Sat., Oct. 24, 1885.]

²⁴ Deed Book C, pp 107-109, Deed from Peyton & Susannah Ellenor Cox to David Wade, 10 Apr 1817.

²⁵ Chancery Court Record Book A, p. 30, Madison Co., Al

²⁶ Chancery Court Record Book L, page 171, Madison Co., Al

The Southern Advocate
Wednesday, November 5, 1862

The following material is taken from *The Southern Advocate* of Wednesday, November 5, 1862. It was on a roll of microfilm in the Tennessee Department of Archives and History listed as "County Records. Lincoln County, Tennessee. Miscellaneous Records, 1800-1973," Roll No. 2. This may well be the only copy of this issue in existence as it has not been found in any of the collections in the state of Alabama.

The *Southern Advocate* was published in Huntsville beginning August 18, 1826 when *The Alabama Republican* and *The Alabamian* merged to form *The Southern Advocate*. It continued until 1865 when it became the *Huntsville Advocate*. In 1866, it became *The Huntsville Daily Independent*. William B. Figures was the proprietor of *The Southern Advocate* at the time this issue was printed.

CASH—We have to pay cash and high prices for everything we use in our office or family — We are, therefore, *compelled* to resort to the *Cash System* for subscriptions, transient advertising and job work. Our friends will please remember this.

HALF SHEET—We have only paper on hand enough to print two more issues, using a half sheet. We have a good lot at Chattanooga, but the railroad is so engrossed by the military authorities that all freight and travel this way are excluded. So soon as we can get our paper here we shall issue a full sheet again.

WAR TAX—Mr. M. K. Taylor, the assessor, assures us that many persons in and around Huntsville have failed to give in their tax list. He is now making out his final return; all who are omitted from it will be *taxed double*. — To save them from this, he will attend in Huntsville at the Mayor's Office on *next Monday* and will then assess all delinquents who may attend. This is the last chance to escape the *double tax*.

We had the pleasure of meeting on Monday, Brig. Gen. E. D. TRACY, on a brief visit to his family in this place after the toilsome campaign in Kentucky. He is in fine health. We also met Hon. JOHN E. MOORE of Gen. Hardee's staff who had the ill luck to be taken prisoner while sick in Kentucky and was paroled. Also CLIFTON WALLER, late Adj't of the 19th Alabama, now attached to Gen. Tracy's Staff. — He bears the marks of having seen hard service in Kentucky but is in fine health.

Our Legislature has passed a law authorizing the Governor to impress any member (such as a

percent of male Negroes, teams, harness, wagons, steamboats, and other water craft, tools, guns munitions, timber, &c.,) he may deem necessary for the public defense. Such a law was much needed.

PICTURE GALLERY—Mr. *Henry G. Hollenberg* has opened one of the most complete and extensive Picture Galleries in the South. It is provided with everything necessary to take any variety of likeness in the best style of the art. Its ...[torn]...fine, costly and excellent. The op ... prompt and courteous.

NOTES OF INTEREST

In the battle of Perryville, Ky., privates D. C. Ashburn, W. J. Cloud and S. C. Buford were slightly wounded. They belonged to Capt. Grayson's company from this county.

We regret to hear of the death of Lt. John M. Hunter, of his wound received at Corinth. He was an amiable man, a true gentleman, a gallant soldier, and a pious Christian.

B. S. Clapp, Esq., of Marshall County, a member of the House, died a few days ago. He was a sensible, kind, generous man, and very popular.

Winston County has been abolished by the Legislature, its territory divided between other counties.

Maj. Benj. Clements died in Tennessee on the 7th of March 1862, aged 75 years. He was the surveyor of much of the land in Alabama and Florida.

Lt. Wm. H. Word, of this county, was killed at Perryville. He was a worthy man, true to his duty, his friends, and country.

-Continued in June 2001-

Marshall County

James R. Johnson Southern Claims Commission

Part 2 – Conclusion

For an introduction to this claim, please see the previous issue of *Valley Leaves*. The following are depositions of witnesses for and against James R. Johnson in his attempt to be reimbursed \$6,110 for losses he sustained at the hands of the Federal Army during the Civil War.

Nimrod W. Watson

December 1873

Watson is a resident of Hardin County, Tennessee but lived with James R. Johnson during the year 1859 and saw him frequently during the early part of the war. Johnson told Watson he was with the Confederate troops at the Battle of Shiloh and applied for a position as quartermaster of the Confederate Army. He also told Watson "he was playing for a whole skin."²⁷

Nimrod Watson states Johnson seemed alright with the Confederates when he was with them and alright with the Union when with them. It was hard to tell where Johnson stood until he went on the Riverboat with the Union Army in 1863. In 1861 and 1862 the Rebels considered him friendly to their cause.

Benjamin Jolley

31 August 1872

Benjamin Jolley is aged 62 and is a farmer residing in Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama. He has known James R. Johnson "since he was a child, say 25 years."²⁸ They lived about 20 to 25 miles apart during the war. Jolley testifies that Johnson was a strong Union man even at the beginning of the war. Jolley was on the boats frequently with Johnson and says he, too, is a Union man.

Joseph C. Bradley

31 August 1872

Joseph C. Bradley is 62 years old, a farmer, and a resident of Huntsville, Madison Co., Al. He has known Johnson 25 years.

Until the conflict began he lived about 25 to 27 miles from Johnson but during the war he was almost constantly near Johnson's house within the Confederate lines. Johnson was within the Federal lines on the opposite side of the river.

Bradley says he was also an adherent of the Union cause. "Under the fence of the public feeling I acted with the Confederate Government. Johnson regards me as a Union man."

James West

31 August 1872

James West is 46 years old, a farmer, and resides in Marshall County but his post office is New Hope in Madison County. West is a second cousin to Johnson.

In his lengthy testimony, West says he saw pigs, corn, beef cattle, sheep and horses taken from Johnson by the Union Soldiers. He saw two of Johnson's mules in possession of Union soldiers at their camp at Paint Rock Station.

Signed: James West with an "X"

John W. Dunnman

31 August 1872

Dunnman is 23 years old and resides near Warrenton in Marshall County. He states he saw Capt. [Benjamin R.] Harris talking to his mother about James R. Johnson's corn. Harris told her he was coming with wagons to haul off the corn. Dunnman and his mother were living on Johnson's "lower place" and taking care of the property in and around the house. He can

²⁷ Meaning he would take a position he considered safe.

²⁸ Johnson was born ca 1832.

not testify to the actual taking of the corn as he left as soon as the Federals came to that part of the country.

Signed: J. W. Dunnman

Isaac Brunston

15 Dec 1876 at Brunston's house

Isaac Brunston, age 67, a farmer, has lived in Marshall County since 1844 and now lives about six miles west of Cottonville. During the war he lived three miles west of Cottonville.

Brunston had a claim before the Southern Claims Commission which was allowed (paid). During the latter part of the war he belonged to Capt. Dickey's Company of Federal Home Guards for about 12 months. He was never bothered on account of his Union sentiments until he joined Dickey's company and then the Rebels robbed his house and took two mules from him.

Brunston has known James R. Johnson all his life and lived six miles from him during the war.

When asked if Patrick Henry of Guntersville was related to Johnson he replied that Bent Henry,²⁹ Patrick's brother, and Johnson had married sisters. Patrick Henry was a quartermaster in the Rebel Army.

Signed: Isaac Brunston

Daniel Finley

31 August 1872

Daniel Finley is aged about 23 years and lives near Guntersville in Marshall County. He testifies that he saw Yankees under Col. Lyons, take two mules, two horses and corn from Johnson. Col. Lyons's headquarters were "right in his [Johnson's] house and Yankees were all around there."

Daniel states they were driving a wagon, with four mules hitched to it, down the road coming from "the lower place." About 200 Yankees came along and ordered them to halt which they did. The Yankees unhitched the mules from the wagon, removed the harness,

threw it in the road, said good bye, and rode off on the mules.

Dan once brought a horse up from the pasture and the Yankees saddled him and took him saying he was a good horse and would do service.

The Union soldiers also took another horse. They threw down the fence, went out where the horse was, surrounded and caught him, put a halter on him and went off up the road singing.

Those present when the mules and horses were taken were Ben Finley, Alec Finley and Dan Finley.

Corn was taken from the crib and some of it was fed to the Yankee's horse at the time. The rest was carried off in wagons.

Singed: Daniel Finley with an "X"

Benjamin Finley

("Colored")

31 August 1872

Benjamin is about 35 years old and a resident of Marshall County. He testifies that he saw two mules, two horses and 2,000 bushels of corn taken from Mr. Johnson's place. His testimony is virtually the same as Daniel's. He was present when the soldiers took the mules and said, "it frightened me so I can't tell how many there was."

Singed: Benjamin Finley with an "X"

Samuel K. Rayburn

14 December 1876

Rayburn is 63 years old, an attorney, and has been a Marshall County resident for about 42 years. At present, he is the "Register in Chancery" for Marshall County.

Rayburn entered the Confederate Army in the first part of 1862 and raised two companies for the 48th Alabama. He came home in June 1862 on orders of the Governor³⁰ to organize the different regiments. Rayburn was on duty until some time in August 1863. He then became revenue collector of the Confederate States of America.

He was in Marshall County until January 1864 after which his headquarters were in

²⁹ Thomas B. Henry married Elizabeth Finley 16 April 1858. James R. Johnson m. Joana Finley 29 May 1862.

³⁰ Rayburn had been Major General of the Militia in 1861.

Talladega but was often back in Marshall County on business.

Rayburn knew James R. Johnson from his childhood having lived about 15 miles from him. He saw Johnson often at his mother's and Johnson often came to Gunter'sville and stayed with him. Samuel K. says he married, in the spring of 1861, a lady who had a daughter that Johnson married in the spring of 1862.

Signed: S. K. Rayburn

Willis C. Stephens

(No date)

Willis C. Stephens, a farmer, is 35 years old, and for four years he has resided about five miles south of Larkinsville and about two miles from the Marshall County line. Before this, he lived in Marshall County about 30 miles southwest of where he now lives.

In February 1862 he went into the 49th Alabama Confederate Regiment and served there until the fall of Port Hudson. When he got home "they" wanted him to go into the Rebel Army again but he "laid out" until the winter of 1863-64 when Capt. Dickey raised a company of Union Home Guards which he joined. They were furnished arms, rations, and drew pay but were not enrolled in any regiment.

Stephens served in this capacity about a year until the company disbanded and then he went to work on the Memphis & Charleston Railroad for the United States Government.

Willis states that Johnson was his father's cousin and they lived about 1½ miles apart. They were together for 1½ years during the war.

At the first of the war, Johnson was a "big Rebel - as big as there was in the county." He told Stephens to go fight for his country. In the fall of 1862, he told Stephens that if he wished, he would have him changed to work in the saltpeter mines. At that time, Johnson held some office in the saltpeter works known as the Hambrick Cave near Ft. Deposit in Marshall County.

Johnson also owned a steam boat on the Tennessee River when the war broke out which he also used as a transport during the early part of the war to carry men and supplies for the Confederacy. Stephens was with him once when the boat was loaded with Rebel soldiers on their way to war. Johnson wanted Stephens to

enlist in the Rebel Army that day, "swore at me and told me that I was a dismal coward because I did not enlist."

In the latter part of the war the Yankees "caught him [Johnson] and made him" join them. The day before they caught him he had taken his pork across the river to keep the Yankees from getting it and would have refueged himself had they not caught him.

Signed: Willis C. Stephens

Brice A. Edmonds

15 Dec. 1876, at Scott's Ferry

Brice A. Edmonds is aged 52 years and is a farmer. For about 12 years he has lived about a mile from Scott's Ferry on the Tennessee River and has lived in Marshall County 24 years.

Edmonds has three sons that served in the Confederate Army. They were paroled at Port Hudson and did no more duty. For about five months, beginning in October 1864, Edmonds and two of his younger sons (not named) worked for the Federals at a sawmill. Before that, one of his younger sons had served with Capt. John Dickey in a company of Union "Videtts" for a few months.

Edmonds states he lived "betwixed four and five miles" from Johnson and knew him well. Johnson was at Corinth and upon his return from there he told Edmonds, whose son Jim was in the Battle of Shiloh, that Jim had not been killed as he had seen him a short time before he left Corinth.

Signed: Brice A. Edmonds

Peter McDonald

15 Dec. 1876, Paint Rock, Al

McDonald is aged 47, a farmer, and a life-long resident of Marshall County. He lived at Paint Rock during the war and ran a ferry. He was in neither army.

In 1863 he was detached as a ferryman for 92 days and eluded "conscripters" afterwards. His sympathies were with his neighbors but not with secession.

McDonald lived five or six miles from Johnson during the war and they have known each other since they were boys together. During the early part of the war Johnson captained a boat called the *Lookout*. McDonald said Johnson was respected in the community

and never heard of him being threatened until he piloted a Federal steamboat. Some people did not blame Johnson much but others talked hard of him.

Signed: Peter McDonald

James R. Edmonds

15 Dec. 1876, Paint Rock, Al

James R. Edmonds, age, 43, a steamboat engineer, has lived in Marshall County nearly all his life. He was in the Confederate Army, 49th Alabama Regiment, from January 1862 until he was paroled at Port Hudson after which he did no more military duty.

He knew James R. Johnson nearly all his life and steam boated with him. At the onset of the war, they lived four or five miles apart.

When asked what Johnson did during the war, Edmonds replied that he couldn't say whether he was steam boating on the *Lookout* or not as he, Edmonds, had quit steam boating that year and gone to farming. Edmonds knew Johnson was at Shiloh and Corinth but left soon after the battle and returned home.

Edmonds lived at Johnson's house after being paroled at Port Hudson and lived with him six or eight months. The two men went steam boating for the Federals about the same time in the summer of 1864.

Edmonds was an engineer on a transport and Johnson piloted a gunboat. Johnson was on all the boats but mainly on the *Thomas* at \$250 per month.

At the Battle of Shiloh, Edmonds was sick with chills and was sitting down when Johnson came riding up to him on a horse. Johnson commented about the fighting being pretty hot; it was about 1/2 to 3/4 mile away. He saw Johnson again at Corinth on his horse and was told he was going home.

Signed: James B. Edmonds

John H. Austin

20 December 1876, Decatur, Al

John H. Austin, 53 years old, has lived in Decatur, Morgan County, for 30 years. He was deputy U. S. Revenue collector from 1868 to 1871 and is now the mayor of Decatur. He remained in Decatur until September 1862 when he went north to Chicago, St. Louis, and

Memphis and stayed inside Federal lines the balance of the war.

Austin returned to Decatur while it was occupied by Federal troops but left when they evacuated. He never enlisted in the Union Army but often supplied them with information and descriptions of the county.

In 1864, when the citizens of Decatur were ordered to burn the town he was one of three citizens allowed to remain.

The balance of Austin's testimony only verifies others' testimonies.

Signed: J. H. Austin

James M. Todd

21 Dec. 1876, Decatur, Al

Todd is 65 years old and a 24-year resident of Decatur having come there in 1852. He has steam boated ever since being in Decatur and has been a captain. He steam boated the first two years of the war and after that he farmed, then went back to steam boating. His sympathies were Confederate.

Todd has known James R. Johnson from the time he came on the river when he was a boy in 1851 or 1852. Johnson was second clerk on Todd's boat for two or three years.

The rest of Todd's testimony confirms the testimony of others.

Signed: J. M. Todd

Roburtus F. Boggus

(No date)

Roburtus F. Boggus states he is 41, a Huntsville, Al resident and has been a Huntsville policeman a portion of the time since the war. During the first two years of the war he lived in Marshall County at a post office called Jaybird. He lived in DeKalb County the remainder of the war 1 1/2 miles from a place called Van Buren.

He knew Johnson and lived about 15 miles from him during the first two years of the war. Boggus believes Johnson was in the Rebel Army during the entire war.

Signed: Roburtus F. Boggus

James R. Johnson

Examination

(No date)

When asked if he knew Willis C. Stephens, who lived five miles south of Larkinsville,

Johnson said he did but was not related to him.³¹ Johnson said he did not try to get Stephens to join the Confederacy in the fall of 1862, nor tell him to go fight for his country, nor that he would have him assigned to the saltpeter works.

When asked if he had anything to do with the saltpeter works known as Hambrick's Cave near Ft. Deposit, Johnson said he did not.

Johnson stated he did not own, command, or loan to the Confederacy any steam boats during the war. He also denied ever seeing Willis C. Stephens on a steam boat loaded with Confederate troops. Johnson was a pilot on a U. S. gunboat about 1½ years during the Civil War and was such voluntarily.

When asked if he knew Robert F. Boggus, Johnson denied it and also denied ever having any conversations with him during the war.

Johnson was asked if he ever told S. K. Rayburn, during the war, that he had been at Shiloh in connection with the Quartermaster Department. He said he didn't recall telling Rayburn that but if he did it was to keep from being conscripted into the Confederate service. The Colonel of the Conscript Bureau was boarding at Rayburn's house.

When asked if he had ever been in the service of Patrick Henry of Guntersville when he was quartermaster during the war, Johnson denied it.

Johnson was asked if he was on a horse at the Battle of Shiloh but denied it saying he was at Burnsville, Mississippi the day of the battle. He had gone to Burnsville to collect money from G. W. McGahee for cotton sold him in Marshall County before McGahee went into the army.

He was asked if J. M. Todd was a Union man to which question Johnson said he did not know. He had been Johnson's rival in steam boating on the river since the war.

Signed: J. R. Johnson

James R. Johnson
Deposition

Johnson says he is 44 years old, a planter, and resides in Marshall Co., Al. He was in Burnsville, Mississippi during the war and does not know how far it was from the Battle of

³¹ Stephens had already testified that his father was Johnson's cousin.

Shiloh.³² He says he was not on the battlefield at Shiloh but went there to settle with George W. McGaha³³ who had Johnson's cotton in his gin in Marshall Co. McGaha was quartermaster of the 31st Alabama Infantry Regiment, Confederate States Army.

Johnson hauled his cotton to McGaha's gin house to have it ginned. Johnson says, "We had to pay him for bagging and bailing and [pay] an account we had in his store before we could get it away." The cotton was in the gin before McGaha volunteered to go into the army.

Johnson states that Nimrod W. Watson "lived with us" in 1859. In 1860, Nimrod was three miles "from us" and in 1861 and 1862 he lived 15 miles away.

Editor's Note: James R. was the son of Hannah Johnson, a widow.

-End-

An Act

For the relief of James M. Hackney

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened, That James M. Hackney of Marshall County, who was at the November term 1852, convicted of breaking open and robbing the mails of the United States and who has served out the term of his imprisonment on said conviction, be and he hereby is vested with and restored to all the rights and privileges of a citizen of this state as fully as though he had never been convicted as aforesaid.*

Approved February 5, 1861.

³² Burnsville is about 14 miles southwest of Corinth on Highway 72.

³³ Written McGahee elsewhere but McGaha is probably correct.

1904-1906
 Marshall Co. Voter Registrations
 Part 2

For a complete introduction to this series please refer to the former issue of *Valley Leaves*. Comments made adjacent to any person's name on the original list is included here as a footnote. Many voters transferred from another district which tells you your ancestor moved from one place to another.

No.	Name	Age	Post Office
Precinct #4 Albertville			
53	Milas Hall	21	Albertville
54	J. I. Williams	46	
55	S. D. Moore	60	
56	Franklin N. Hudson	56[?]	
57	J. V. Tiles	53	
58	N. K. Wright	56	
59	W. J. Smith	56	
60	Walter Hudson	21	
61	C. A. Martin	50	
62	W. T. Harris	21	
63	Clarance Belyeo	21	
64	W. A. Baker	48	
65	L. E. Mills	24	
66	J. H. Belyeo	51	
67	Ben Howard	23	
68	J. E. Garrett	74	
69	J. V. Carroll	44	
70	R. J. Richardson	30	
71	R. C. Nunn	21	
72	D. R. Moon	21	
73	Bernard Moody	22	
74	W. M. Lawery	28	
75	J. E. Davis	22	
76	Alonzo Kellum	22	
77	S. A. Kirksey	54	
78	L. T. Lawery	24	
79	J. C. Nearon	30	
80	W. C. Norman	63	
81	W. C. Weaver	61	
82	G. A. Fletcher	36	
83	E. R. Murray	68	
84	J. E. Washington	21	
85	J. A. Harris	25	
86	Arthur Cole	21	
87	J. C. Rice	21	

88	J. T. Roebuck	37	
89	J. M. Hill	55	
90	R. B. Nail	53	
91	W. D. Rodney	21	
92	O. H. Ford	24	
93	Hall Jones	22	
94	W. C. Joiner	21	
95	W. A. Kellum	75	
96	T. W. Jones	21	
97	J. W. Denham	25	
98	J. E. Weaver	33	
99	L. C. Tidmore	34	

No.	Name	Age	Post Office
Precinct #4 Albertville			
100	Z. E. Lee	21	Albertville
102	C. H. Phillip	21	
103	H. B. Hood	21	
104	Sam Vandyke	26 ³⁴	
105	J. T. Daniel	33	

1906 Pct. #4 Albertville, Machines 2 and 4

1	Alonzo Weathers	27	Merchant
2	R. R. Riggs	25	Merchant
3	Chas P. Emmett	21	Merchant
4	F. H. Moody	31	Merchant
5	T. M. Reeves	49	
6	J. H. Reeves	24	
7	Hogan Jackson	33	Banker
8	J. W. Brittain	37	Merchant
9	Cooper McNaron	21	
10	W. E. Bobo	39	
11	J. T. Barnard	32	
12	A. R. Kearney	33	Publisher
13	W. M. Baker	64	
14	L. A. Currey	21	
15	J. B. Hobay	31	

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³⁴"From Beat 20"

Morgan County

Cotaco County Superior Court Record

November 1819 – February 1820

(Part 8)

Abstracted from a photocopy obtained from the Alabama Archives by Gay Campbell. Continued from the prior issue of *Valley Leaves*.

Cotaco County was established by an Act of the Legislature in 1818 with Sommerville 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, and will be hereafter referred to as *Black's*.

Pages 292 – 296

James Wheat (trading under firm name of James Wheat & Co.) vs. David Ballow

Suit filed on the 3rd Mon in Feb 1819. On the 4th day of Aug 1819, the Sheriff was ordered to find Ballow and safely keep him and hold him for court.

On 20 July 1819, Ballow signed a note to Wheat in the amount of \$387.82 due one day after date. Credited to the note was \$10.87-1/2 with balance of \$376.94-1/2 yet unpaid.

C. C. Clay, attorney for plaintiff.

At the March term of court, 1820, come the parties by their attorneys and Ballow said nothing. The court ruled that Wheat recover of Ballow \$376.94-1/2 plus \$20.64 interest plus costs.

Pages 297 – 300

Willis Pope vs Horatio Philpot

On the third Monday in Feb 1819 the Sheriff was ordered to find Philpot and him safely keep, so he will be in court on the first Monday in November 1819 to answer a suit of Willis Pope for recovery of debt.

Philpot owes Pope \$112.60 plus interest from 1 Jan 1819. Pope also claims damages of \$50 by reason of the debt not being repaid. Debt was by a note dated 18 Aug 1819 and interest is "from 1st July last before said date till paid."

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

At the March term 1820, came the parties by their attorneys. Defendant says nothing. The

court orders that Pope recover from Philpot \$112.60 plus interest and costs.

Page 300 – 305

William Hay, for use of John McCarley vs Joel H. Good

Suit was filed on the third Monday in February, 1819. On 18 June 1819, the Sheriff was ordered to find the defendant and him safely keep to appear on the first Monday in November, 1819 to answer Hay "who sues to the use of John McCarley of a plea that he render to him" \$60. plus interest owed him and unjustly detains to Hay's damage of \$50.

This action founded on a note of hand dated 22 Jan 1819, signed by Good to Hay for \$60 and due 40 days after date. Hay has often requested payment but Good has failed to pay.

Bail required. Ebenezer Titus, attorney for plaintiff.

Summons to Good executed 24 Sept 1819 by W. Gray, Sheriff.

At a March term, 1820 came the parties by their attorneys and defendant says nothing. The court orders the plaintiff to recover of defendant \$60 debt and \$5 damages plus his costs.

Pages 305 – 308

James Thomason, assignee of James Wilcockson vs. Joel H. Good.

On 15 Jan 1819, Joel H. Good gave James Wilcockson a note for \$89. The note was assigned by Wilcockson to James Thomason. Good has not paid any part of the debt.

Suit was filed 3 Feb 1819 to recover the amount of the note. On 22 Oct 1819 an order was issued to the Sheriff to find and hold Joel H. Good so he will be in court to answer Thomason's charges.

Bail required. C. C. Clay, attorney for plaintiff. Warrant executed on defendant on 23 Oct 1819 by W. Gray, Sheriff.

At the March term came the parties by their attorneys and Good says nothing. Therefore, the court ordered Good to pay Thomason \$89 debt plus \$8.30 damages plus costs.

Page 308 – 312

John M. Tilford vs James McMillan

On 2 March 1819 James McMillan signed a promissory note for the sum of \$83.18 due 1 Sept 1819. No part of debt has been paid even though demand has been made several times. Tilford also claims \$50 damages as a result of non payment of debt. Suit was filed 2 March 1819.

The Sheriff was ordered to find, hold, and safely keep McMillan to appear in court the 1st Mon of Nov 1819 to answer plaintiff in his suit. Warrant executed by Sheriff W. Gray on 21 Oct 1819.

C. C. Clay, attorney for plaintiff. McMillan is in custody.

Defendant McMillan now comes into court and declares he had paid the amount of the note. Heard is attorney for defendant. At the March, 1820 term of court comes both parties by their attorneys and McMillan says nothing. Court ruled McMillan is to pay Tilford \$83.18 debt plus \$3.85 damages besides costs.

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John Allen, assignee vs. Joseph Clift

"Be it remembered that at a Superior Court began and held for the County of Cotaco, in the Court House in Somerville, on the fourth Monday in March 1820 an appeal was . . ."

Note: Pages 313 through 323 are missing.

Pages 324 – 326

" . . .to wit, of Archelas Craft, Three Beds & furniture, One Trunk, two anvils, three vises, 1 horse, one Crib [of] Corn, nine head of Hogs, 2

pots, one Oven, 4 chairs, 1 Sett Knives and forks, 1 Sett plates, 1 Sett tea Cups & Saucers & 1 Table. And of the property of Richard Holly: 1 Anvill, 1 Vise, 1 pair Bellows & Three Hammers." Dated 15 Jan 1820 & signed by James White, Deputy Constable. Robert Dickson & William Dickson, planters trading under the firm name of Robert & William Dickson, by their attorney, complains of Archelas Craft and Richard Holly whose properties are attached [see list of items above] to secure a debt of \$2,707.98-1/4 which they owe the Dicksons by a note dated 24 Feb 1819 and due 25 Dec 1819. No part of debt has been paid even though demand has been mad to plaintiff's damage of \$500. George Coalter, attorney for plaintiffs. At the March 1820 term of court, the defendants being solemnly called but came not, therefore, the court ruled that plaintiffs recover of defendants \$2,707.98-1/4 plus \$52.79 damages and costs.

326 – 330

John Read et al vs. Anthony Foster

A suit was filed on 2 Nov 1819 and on 14 March 1820 the Sheriff was ordered to arrest Anthony Foster and bind him over for a court hearing on the 4th Monday in March 1820. He is to answer John Read, James Clemens, Henry Minor and David Moore, assignees of Taylor & Foote, in a plea of debt in the amount of \$134.06. Plea witnessed by John Gillaspie, Clerk. \$100 damages asked.

Debt is by a note dated 2 Nov 1819 and due 1 Jan 1820. Defendant has not paid any part of the debt even though he has been asked to do so repeatedly.

Bail required. Minor & Taylor, attorneys for plaintiff.

Defendant does not deny plaintiff's action for debt. The Court orders plaintiffs to recover from defendant \$134.06 debt plus \$2.68 interest plus costs.

Pages 330 – 334

Thomas D. Crabb vs. Samuel Ragsdale.

4th Monday in March 1820

On 2 March 1820 Thomas D. Crabb swore before James Anderson, Esquire, a Justice of the

Peace for Cotaco County, that Samuel Ragsdale owes him \$897.52 plus interest, by a note dated 20 Feb 1820 and due one day after date. Ragsdale lives in another state and Crabb demands Ragsdale's property be attached, if any be found in Cotaco County, or so much as to satisfy this debt.

"Levied on one trunk supposed to contain dry goods, two Boxes & Barrel, containing merchandize, &c &c." /s/ Isaac Young, Deputy Sheriff.

Ragsdale still "failed & refused & Still refuses" to pay the debt to Crabb's damage of \$200.

Titus is attorney for plaintiff. "Defendant being solemnly called came not" and Court ordered that plaintiff recover of defendant \$897.52 debt plus \$59.00 damages and costs.

Pages 335 – 336

Michael Corbet vs Leslie McClung

[Note: This name appears to be written "Leslie W. Clung," but I believe it is McClung.]

On 23 Nov 1819 Leslie McClung was ordered to appear before me, Curtis G. Gray, or some other Justice of the Peace of Cotaco County, at the home of David Ballew on the first Saturday in December 1820 to answer Michael Corbet in a plea of debt. Debt is under \$50 and is due by open account. The amount of \$11 was awarded the plaintiff against defendant by arbitration.

Witnesses for the plaintiff are Walter Hinds [?] and Joel H. Good. Judgment in favor of plaintiff for debt plus costs.

An appeal bond was signed by Leslie McClung and Abraham Stout.

At the March term 1820, came the parties by their attorneys and on motion of defendant and for sufficient reasons, the court ordered the appeal dismissed and plaintiff to recover from defendant.

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Martin Miller and Peter Bass, partners doing business as Martin Miller and Company vs. Nathaniel Evans.

The Sheriff was ordered to find and safely keep Nathaniel Evans so he will be in court on the fourth Monday in March 1820 to answer a

plea of debt. Martin Miller & Company state Evans owes them \$100 plus interest at the rate of 50% per annum from 23 Oct 1818 due two days after date. Defendant also owes the sum of \$19.10-3/4 and the sum of \$46.81-1/4, due one day after date, which he from them unjustly keeps, to the damage of the plaintiffs in the amount of \$200. A credit of \$30 has been applied to the \$46.81-1/4

Case witnessed by John Gillaspie, Clerk of the Superior Court and filed 28 Jan 1820.

A credit of \$30 has been applied to the \$46.81-1/4 promissory note. No other amount has been paid against the debts.

Bail required. Hy. Minor and J. M. Taylor, attorneys for plaintiff. Summons executed by M. Kyle, Deputy Sheriff, on 18 March 1820.

Suit settled by the parties "and paid into office aggregate \$209.99." This means the plaintiff settled for \$209.99 on the entire debt and interest.

Pages 343 – 346

James C. Moore, by the right of property, vs. David Baily.

James C. Moore swore that a certain Negro girl, Jenny, about 13 or 14, was levied on by Washington Gray, Sheriff; that she was the property of John Echols by virtue of an execution issued by the Superior Court of Madison County "at the suit of David Bailey, assignee &c" Sworn by James C. Moore before James Anderson, J. P.

John Echols and Andrew Riley were security for John Echols on the levy made on Negro girl Jenny on 23 Nov 1819. She was held subject to sale on 4 Dec 1819. David Baily says she is his property, he having purchased her before she was levied on. Jury:

Bradley, Ledbetter	Skidmore, Abraham
Bragg, William	Smith, Joseph
Johnson, William ¹	Thompson, James
Love, James	Wallace, Joel
Owen, Ezekiel	Wright, James
Owen, John	

¹ William Johnson listed twice. There may have been two William Johnsons or they may have been written twice in error and the real 12th name omitted.

Owen, John
Verdict:

The jury finds that the Negro girl, Jenny, was the property of John Echols at the time of the levy, not James C. Moore. Therefore, the court orders that the Sheriff sell said girl and that David Baily recover against James C. Moore plus costs.

Page 346 – 351

Edmond Rector vs John Adams

John Adams gave Edmond Rector and William Harris "(who is not sued)" a note on 8 Jan 1819 in the amount of \$110 due 12 months after date. No part of debt has been repaid.

The Sheriff was ordered to find Adams and him safely keep so he will be in court on the 4th Monday of March 1819 to answer Edmond Rector in a Plea of \$110 debt plus \$50 damages by virtue of him withholding repayment of said debt. Suit filed 14 March 1820.

Warrant served on Adams 15 March 1820 by John H. Gray, deputy for Sheriff W. Gray.

At the March term of court the defendant stated he "can not gainsay the action of the Plaintiff" nor deny he owes plaintiff as alleged and agrees that plaintiff has sustained damages as a result of his detention of the debt in the amount of \$1.95.

The court ruled that plaintiff recover \$110 debt from defendant plus \$1.95 damages plus costs.

Pages 351 – 356

Willis Pope vs Thomas D. Crable

On 19 Aug 1819 the Sheriff was commanded to find Thomas D. Crable and him safely keep to the first Monday in November 1819 to answer a plea of debt.

Crable allegedly owes Willis Pope \$3500 plus interest from 5 June 1819 at the rate of 20% per annum to Pope's damage of \$1000.

Suit filed and witnessed by Edward Richardson, Esq., Clerk of the Superior Court.

This action is founded on a promissory note given [dated] the 5th of June 1819 by the defendant "(and Benjamin Patteson & Co. who are not sued in this action)." Payment of \$3500 was due on the first day of July 1819 with interest.

Bail required. C. C. Clay, attorney for Pope. Warrant served on Crable on 26 Aug 1819 by John H. Gray, Deputy Sheriff.

Now in the March 1820 term of Superior Court the Court ruled that plaintiff Pope recover from defendant Crable the sum of \$3500 debt plus \$469. damages.

Help Wanted

Hotel Keeper Wanted. A partner with some capitol to aid me in furnishing Valhermoso Springs and take charge of them. Half the available rooms are already engaged by people from South Alabama. For particulars inquire of Col. Wm. Acklen. J. J. Giers. Jan. 29, 1869. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 29 Jan. 1869.]

Queries

Joyce J. Davis, Queries Editor

5-9 – Sullivan

Who was the father of Mary Ellis **Sullivan**? She was born 9 Nov 1789 in Laurens Co., SC. Mary married Randolph Sullivan in SC and moved to Madison Co., Al around 1818. She died 29 April 1865 and is buried behind the Murphy Hill Baptist Church in Madison Co., Al. This was once Sullivan land.

*Mrs. Sam W. Stovall
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35-10 – Blain-Overstreet-Woods

I am seeking information on O. C. **Woods**, born about 1813 and his wife Lavina/Laura born about 1815. They were residing in Attala Co., MS in 1850. Children listed at that time were Nancy, Caroline, Oliver, Joseph, James and Martha **Overstreet**. Caroline married a John **Blain** about 1874.

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35-11 – Adkison-Dunn-Hogg

I would like information on the parents and/or siblings of Elizabeth "Lizzie" **Hogg Adkison**. She was born 18 Dec 1858 in Al and died 26 March 1922 in Panama City, FL. Her parents were Jim **Hogg**(?) and Julie **Dunn**(?) of Covington Co., Al. Lizzie married James "Jim" A. Adkison of Covington Co. Lizzie was thought to be half-Indian from a "little known southeast Alabama tribe."

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35-12 – Adkison-Steele-Arnold

I would like confirmation of the parents of James A. "Jim" **Adkison** born 1857 in Covington Co., Al and died in 1918 in Jefferson Co., TX. Parents' names that have been found

are Dan B. Adkison and Caroline **Steele** (Arnold). James's children are James Edward, N. B.[also known as "Bone,"] Gordon Bennett, Hillary Hubert [also known as "Hub," Daisy, Bruce, James B., and Vinson.

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35-13 – King-Gill-Young

I would like to hear from anyone who has information on the following people: Hugh B. **King**, b. 2 March 1783 in Milam, TX. He married Rebecca **Gill** on 9 April 1812 in Iredell, NC. His parents were John King and Rachel Margaret **Young**. In 1830 in Lauderdale Co., Al Hugh was listed as a Justice of the Peace, farmer, lawyer and chief justice.

*William J. Williams
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35-14 – Slaughter-Collier

I need clarification on the following information. William **Slaughter** signed the Intruders Petition of 1810. The 1840 census shows William, age 50-60, with young wife and children. The 1850 census shows widow Ann Slaughter and children. A William Alexander Slaughter married Martha **Collier** ca 1840 in Madison County, Al. Are these two Williams the same man?

*Jan Brown
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[Ed: The marriage info. should be checked. A check of Limestone, Morgan and Madison Counties marriages show no William Slaughter. The Collier and Slaughter families were close as attested to the fact that Wm. E. Collier obtained a marriage license in Madison Co. in 1825 to marry Jane Slaughter, and Frances Slaughter m. James B. Collier in Morgan Co. in 1829. There were two Williams listed in Sistler's Tennessee

Marriages, one married Frances Lovit in 1859 and one m. Hannah G. Crump in 1825. I found no William Slaughter in the Alabama counties mentioned. If your marriage info. is from a Bible it is probably correct.]

35-15 – Slaughter-Jones

I would like more information on the following people: John **Jones** married Betsey **Slaughter** in 1816 in Madison Co., Al. William M. Jones was born in Decatur, Cotaco/Morgan Co., Al in 1828. Was John Jones the father of William and Andrew? What happened to Betsey?

Jan Brown

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35-16 – Hawkins-Blankenship

I am searching for the death dates and burial locations for Jonathan B. **Hawkins** and wife Sarah Jane **Blankenship**; both died in Madison Co., Al. He was b. ca 1829 and she was b. ca 1830. I would also like info. on their parents (who were they) and siblings. Jonathan's parents were from Ga and SC. Sarah's parents were from Va. Where did Jonathan B. and Sarah Jane die and where buried?

Martha Johnston Dobbins

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35-17 – Martin-Chatman/Chapman

I am searching for records of any kind on the Alabama connection of the family of Eli **Martin** and his wife Nancy **Chatman/Chapman**. Eli was born in Alabama ca 1823. In 1860 his ch. were Roda, Leroy, Ann, Laura, Mary, James W., Lula and Lewis. The family was in Harrison Co., Tx by the time most of the children came along. Eli died 1901 in Oklahoma

Delma Tindell

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Carter, OK 73627

35-18 – Henderson-Hale

I am searching for information on William Henry **Henderson**, born ca 1774 and died 1841. He married Mary **Hale**. They lived in Blount Springs, Blount Co., Al. Their children were

John Henry, William, Travis Clark, Thomas Monroe, John, Sivert, Anne, and Alice. I would greatly appreciate any help with these names.

Mary Lou Henderson Swarner

1748 Flower St.

Escondido, CA 92027

35-19 – Street-Bloodworth

I would like information on the family of Oliver Day **Street** of Guntersville, Al and on Burt and Mary **Bloodworth** of Crossville. I believe they were either Creek or Cherokee. I would appreciate anything on these families.

Charles A. Street

506 Globemaster

Gwinn, Michigan 49841

35-20 – Jones

In the War of 1812, my g-g-grandfather, John **Jones** (NMI) was a member of the Madison Co., Mississippi Territorial Militia. Five companies joined and marched with Andrew Jackson's Tennessee Militia, serving in the battles of Horseshoe Bend, Mobile Bay, and New Orleans. John Jones recd. a quarter section of bounty land for that service. I need the regiment and the commander's name.

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[Ed: There were two John Jones. One was a private in the 7th Regt. of Perkins's Battalion of Mississippi Militia. The other was a private in Burrus's 16th Regiment of Mississippi Militia.]

35-21 – Nelson/Nilson-Ellis

I am researching the families of Andrew **Nelson/Nilson** and George **Ellis**. These families resided in Limestone Co., Al in the early 1800's. George Ellis married Margaret R. "Peggy" Nelson. I would like to correspond with anyone who is also researching these family names.

Wes Keat, Jr.

2235 Primrose Ave.

Eureka, CA 95503

35-22 – Greene-Reynolds

I have some family documents that tell of Francis Maston **Greene** and Col. Benjamin **Reynolds** who may have served in the War of

1812. The families owned land in Franklin Co., Al and some are buried in the "Moon Grave Yard" near Russellville. I would like to correspond with anyone who is also searching these families.

David Greene Erwin

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35-23 – Adams

In the Widow's Pension papers of Mrs. Elmor/Elmer E. **Adams**, he enlisted in the Regimental Band of the 2nd Regt. of the U. S. Infantry at Huntsville, Al on 31 Dec 1870 to serve five years. He was discharged 15 Sept 1874 due to an injury. What war or service was he involved in. There does not seem to be an active war going on at the time.

Mrs. Anne D'Alessandro

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[**Ed:** *The U. S. is believed to have kept a standing army since the Revolutionary War. During the time-period 1870-1874 the U. S. was at war with and fighting the Indians in the Western territories, later states.*]

35-24 – Quick-Hawkins

Need info. on W. C. **Quick**, b. ca 1858 . Wife was Winnie Rebecca **Hawkins**, born ca 1859. Where was he born? Where married? Who were his parents? Where he and wife buried? Were there children?

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35-25 – Carter-Hawkins

Would like any info on James **Carter** b. ca 1859 and his wf, Mary, b. ca 1862. They were living in Madison Co., Al in 1880. Who were his parents? Where did they live? Where died and where buried? Are there any descendants?

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35-26 – Sibley-Jenkins

Abram W. **Sibley** was killed at Green Mountain during the Civil War 1861-1865. He had a son, John William Sibley, b. 1854. At age 8, John William went to live in Big Cove, Madison Co. with an uncle, Billy **Jenkins**. Need records on Abram.

Jeany A. Kimbrough

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35-27 – Taylor Cemetery

Does anyone know who is in charge of the upkeep of the Taylor Cemetery west of New Market? We are trying to locate the person to whom we send money for the upkeep.

Tracy and David Taylor

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35-28 – Weeden

Can you tell me about the relationship between the following Weedens and their family origins: James, John, William and Zachariah Weeden as shown in the 1816¹ census?

Frederick **Weeden** became a representative from Madison Co. about 1816 and a William Weeden married, for a second wife, Jane Urquhart. I do not know his first wife or their offspring.

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[**Ed:** *There were two Fredericks and 4 Williams found by local researchers. The William you asked about was the father of Maria Howard Weeden (a famous portraitist). His brother was Frederick K. Weeden. The other Frederick is William's son by his first wife, a Miss Marable. We do not know her first name. We suggest you write to Robin Brewer, docent at the Weeden House Museum, 300 Gates Ave., Huntsville, Al 35801. Mrs. Brewer has been doing extensive research on the Weeden family.*]

¹ There is no 1816 census that we know of. The 1810-15 tax list was erroneously called that many years ago by Dr. Roland Dunbar and it "stuck." No Weedens on that tax list though.

35-28 – Snow-Clapp

My g-g-g-grandfather, William **Snow**, b. SC in 1803, emigrated to Madison Co., AL early 1820's. He m. Mary **Clapp** ca 1823. Their first child, Calvin Neely Snow, was b. ca 1824-25, Sarah Elizabeth in 1827 and Mary Eliza in 1829 at which time they moved to Graves Co., Ky where additional ch were born.

Extensive research finally located John Snow on the 1810-15 Territorial tax list and as witness on a document in 1820 in Madison Co., AL. I feel he must be the father of my William, but John is not listed in the 1830 census. John did not move to Ky with my William (assuming they were the same family.)

Mary Clapp was dau of John (Ike) Clapp and his wife, Sally Loy. Can find no birth for her and no marriage for her and William and no birth records on their children. Why are there no records on this family?

Are there any records or anything further in Madison Co. on John and Mary Snow?

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[*Ed: Found John, James and Eli Snow in Jefferson Co. (Birmingham), AL in 1830. There were other Snows in 1830 Tuscaloosa, Walker and Lowndes Counties, Alabama. John was in Perkins's Battalion from Madison Co. in War of 1812, fighting with Andrew Jackson.]*

35-29 - Vann-Ellett-Jacobs-Cobb

I am trying to locate birth and death information of Maggie (also known as Margaret and Mattie) **Jacobs-Vann-Cobb** – also death information on her first husband, Edward H. **Vann** (II), who d. before 1899.

Maggie Jacobs m. Edward H. Vann (II) 23 Dec 1884 in Madison Co., AL at the home of Isaac Ellett.

Maggie and Edward H. Van (II) had two children but only one survived: Guy Vann b. Feb. 1888. What happened to the other?

After Edward Vann's death [or divorce?] she married Joseph R. **Cobb** in Dec. 1899 (Joseph R. was son of Eleazer Cobb and Eliza C. Moon who was d/o Thomas Moon). Joseph R. died in 1907 leaving Maggie a widow again.

In 1910 Maggie was living with her son Guy, and his wife, where she is shown as M. F. Cobb.

In 1912 she is still living in Huntsville. The next time we find her it is when her son, Guy, lists her as a dependent on his World War I registration form.

Who were Maggie's parents and siblings? Where and when did she die? When, where and how did her first husband, Edward H. Vann (II) die?

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35-30 Schrimsher-Cowan-Schmalr-Hamilton-Grimmett

Looking for info. on Thomas & Mary (Owen) **Schrimsher** of Hazel Green, Madison Co., AL from pre Civil War to ca 1910. They had many ch; I descend from their dau. Sarah Katherine "Kitty" Schrimsher. Kitty's four husbands were: (1) Joseph **Hamilton** (2) D. Schmalr [my German g-g-gr-fa] (3) Jason B. **Cowan** & (4) Thomas Benton **Grimmett**. Kitty had one son by **Schmalr**, Daniel Dustin Schmalr-Cowan b. ca 1881. Want stories of their lives and plantation on which they lived in Hazel Green. Need Bible info. or anything else available.

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Oops

When I was editor before, there was a pesky gremlin that would perch on my shoulder and cause me to make mistakes. Well, guess who is back! Please make the following corrections in Vol. 35, No. 2, p. 83:

This is the Griffith-Cox Cemetery (two families), not the Griffith Cox (one person) Cemetery. The first paragraph after photograph, second line, should read: "The Griffith family was . . ." not "The Griffiths was . . ." Stephen and Millie were from **South Carolina**, not North Carolina.

BOOK REVIEWS

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The Scheerer-Crow Family

Author: Jane K. Burns

Publisher: Author in 2000

Manuscript.

Questions should be directed to Ms. Jane K. Burns, 2805 Morgan St., SW, Huntsville, AL 35805.

In the Scheerer-Crow family, Mrs. Burns has put together a family heritage book. Of German descent, the Scheerers arrived in America in the 1850's. Early history of the family is traced back to the 1600's. The book contains wonderful family heirlooms, such as a copy of the contract with the shipping company for George Scheerer to immigrate to America, dated 22 Sept 1854, in German.

A delightful section is taken from "Aunt Lou's diaries" recounting her trip to Europe by steamer in the summer of 1900 and another trip to Germany in 1908.

Family stories abound with recipes and household hints passed down in the family. While not a genealogy as we usually think of, I am sure family members who received copies will treasure the compilation. [Reviewed by Miss Lois Robertson.]

Jones and Riddle Families of Madison, Jackson & Marshall Counties, Alabama

Compiled by Marian Carter Ledgerwood, 1998.

216 single-sided pages, spiral bound, full name index, bibliography, copious footnotes, beautifully typed and easily read.

Author is Marian Carter Ledgerwood, P. O. Box 8081, Hot Springs Village, AR 71910-8081.

This manuscript is a compilation of Jones and Riddle family members and was the result of an unsuccessful attempt to locate the parents of William Jones who was born in Alabama in 1820 and moved to Arkansas about 1847.

During her search, the author accumulated individual information on Jones, Riddle and Cooper families and individuals in those families. The result of this effort is a directory of information on individuals with these surnames.

Research was done primarily in *Valley Leaves*, land records, courthouse records, cemetery records and family relationships. Sources of information are well footnoted.

This book has not been published. Copies have been provided only to the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society for donation to the Heritage Room of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library and to the author's DAR chapter. (Reviewed by Coy E. Michael).

Mijamin Priest and His Family from William Penn's Colony to East Texas.

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This well-researched and highly readable book has an unusual format. It is written more like a social history of the United States with the author placing the target family within the context of the place and the times. For that reason, the book is mainly a flowing narrative about the family and life in early America rather than a list of birth, death, and marriage information about family members.

The book traces the Priest family from Eastern Pennsylvania in 1699 to Western Pennsylvania in 1714 through Virginia and then into North Carolina. Then the family joins the migration into Kentucky and from there they traveled into Tennessee and on into Madison, Lawrence and Franklin Counties in Alabama. As a matter-of-fact, in 1809 there are three Priest adults listed as squatters on Indian Creek near present-day Triana.

In 1818, the author's ancestors bought land in Lawrence County and moved to Moulton. In 1830 Mijamin Priest, the hero of the book, becomes a

Justice of the Peace, a State legislator, and a member of the Masonic Lodge in LaGrange. At the time, LaGrange was in Lawrence County but later became Franklin County, and is now in Colbert County—all of which, the author makes clear.

In 1840, Mijamin Priest, lost an election for a State Senate seat in one of the more interesting elections. It was the same hotly contested election between Harrison and Tyler for the U. S. Presidency. Lawrence County voters bought into the mood with 109% of the eligible voters casting their ballots. That is to say, 1,431 votes were cast by 1,312 eligible voters. Perhaps this was the origin of the expression, "Vote early and often."

After losing the election Mijamin and his family moved to Moulton where he practiced law until 1843 when he was appointed Register and Master in Chancery [Court.] He became a Cumberland Presbyterian minister in 1841.

In September, 1846 the family moved to Texas. They lived first in Henderson in Rusk County, then to Town Bluff and Woodville in Tyler County, and later to Rusk in Cherokee County.

The author really makes the story interesting by the use of great detail. She used, principally, original sources, which do not lend themselves to be easily cited in a standard bibliography. This is why the book does not have one, but the author quotes her sources, in bibliographic form, in endnotes at the end of the book.

In addition to the social history and the biographical information about the family, the author goes into some detail explaining her methodology used in straightening out conflicting or otherwise confusing evidence.

I recommend this book as an example of the narrative form of family history which not only educated about the family, but also shows American history on a personal level. [Reviewed by Richard A. Smallwood, Sr., CLS]

The Untold Generation

Authors: Joseph, Lois & Linda McNeely, 1999.

Printed by: Touch A Heart Project

Eddie Marinez Jr.
Route 3, Box 365
Vernon, TX 76384

Price: \$49.95 incl. shipping

Pages: 8-1/2 x 11, 9 pages of preface, 56 pages of family groups constituting nine generations of descendants of David McNeely, 276 pages of documents and photographs, an 11-page list of descendants and their relationship to David McNeely, and an 8-page full-name index. Hardcover

Order from:

Joseph, Lois & Linda McNeely
1673 Victory Ave.
Wichita Falls, TX 76301.

This book shows a tremendous amount of research effort, but as the title suggests, it suffers from inadequate editing.

The preface is awkwardly written as an encapsulated family history. There are some notations indicating sources for statements made within the narrative, but there are no footnotes and no bibliography. There is little documentation to prove the material in the book..

The family group information is not referenced, but the families I know about seem to be accurately assembled and fairly complete.

Members of this family live[d] in Limestone, Madison and Morgan Counties of Alabama as well as Giles County, Tn.

There is one correction that needs to be noted. The progenitor, David McNeely, did serve in the Revolution, is buried in Madison County, but is not buried in the Jude Cemetery.

The documents and photographs are sharp and clear, are identified, and appear to be assembled in family groups. Many of the documents do not have their sources noted even though some look to be photocopied from original material in private ownership.

There is a wealth of information contained in the book. Let us hope the 2nd edition will correct its deficiencies, including either omitting the term "untold generations" or tell us what it means. [Reviewed by Richard A. Smallwood, Sr., CLS.]



Valley Leaves

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