

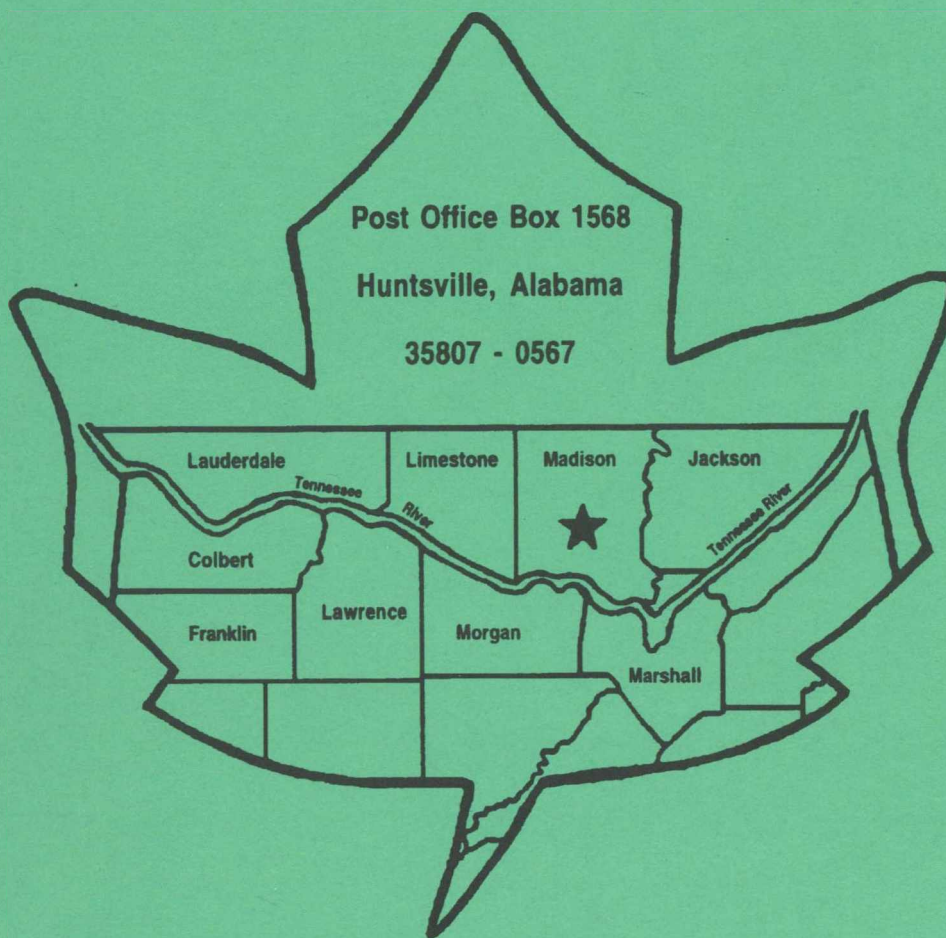
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## Things You Should Know

### Huntsville History Festival

Those of you who reside in or near Huntsville, or who have roots there, might wish to attend the Huntsville Madison County Historical Society's "The Huntsville History Festival" on October 6, 2001. We are joining them in celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during a day of history reenactments and many various activities as shown by the broadside that backs up this page. If you live a distance from Huntsville, perhaps this would be the perfect time to plan a vacation and glimpse the past as it was when your ancestors lived here.

### Colbert County's Osborn Hill Cemetery

We were delighted to hear from Mildred Enlow who tells us that the Osborn Hill Cem. now has a perpetual care committee (organized in 1997). Many local pioneer families have ancestors buried in this cemetery. Births of some persons buried here date from the late 1700's. There are over 400 graves on approximately four acres at the top of Osborn Hill.

President of the Committee is Sandra Campbell, Vice President is Glenn Bradford, Secretary is Dorothy Green Hite and Treasurer is Eloise Cook. Board members are Mildred King Enlow, Polly Reynolds, Deloise Dalrymple, Ann Wells, and Carole Turbyfill.

Please send donations to Mildred Enlow, 1004 East 5<sup>th</sup> St., Tuscumbia, AL 35674-2804.

### Name Clarification: Wagar not Weger

On page 185 (not 186), (Vol. 35-4) marriage No. 82 in Territorial Marriages of Madison Co., the groom's name should be David Wagar, NOT Weger or Steger. When William Hodges, Sr. died at his home in Wolf Spring (Lawrence Co., Al), Samuel Wallace and Daniel Merritt Hodges became his admrs. Among the heirs were David Wagar, husband of Elizabeth Hodges, daughter of William Hodges, Sr. Many thanks to Virginia Morton of Decatur, Al for clarifying this.

### Revolutionary War Microfilm has Arrived

We can rejoice as 176 rolls of Revolutionary War Pension Application microfilm have arrived (thanks to your generous support). They have been catalogued and put in drawers ready for your use. We have tried to order film on all men who came to one of the nine counties covered by TVGS.

### Something New with Valley Leaves

The Board of Directors has voted to have an index in each issue of Valley Leaves. Before this, we have had one large index in the last issue - the June issue. We think this will be much more convenient for our membership.

### Madison County Gets an Archives.

Early records from the courthouse are being transported to what we have heretofore called the "expansion space" on the third floor of the public library. Rhonda Larkin has been hired as the Archivist (a better one could not have been chosen). In a few weeks, it will be ready for the public to research all the old courthouse records as a part of one of the best genealogical libraries in the South. This combination is unparalleled anywhere. More about this in the next issue of Valley Leaves.

### William East and Richard Martin Photos

John P. Rankin is looking for someone who will share old snapshots of the Martin family log cabin (1808-1970) or of tombstones from the family cemetery of William East (1776-1847) and Richard Martin (1788-1863).

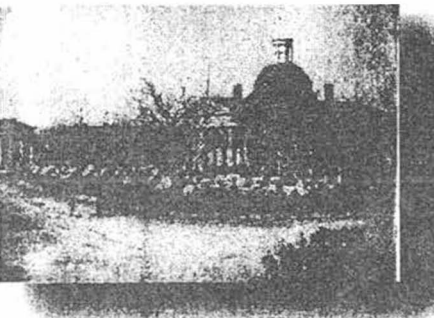
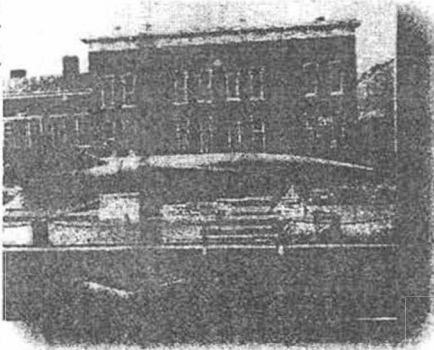
The cabin and cemetery were located southwest of the junction of Slaughter Road and U. S. 72 in the Rainbow Mountain vicinity. The cemetery is believed to have been destroyed by 1970.

Photos and historical accounts are to be used in conjunction with The Huntsville History Festival on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> to commemorate early settlers.

Please contact Mr. Rankin at 1-256-461-8142

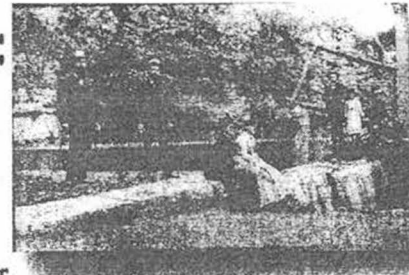
# The Huntsville History Festival

Join the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary during a fun-filled day of history at the Huntsville Big Spring *Saturday, October 6, 2001 9am to 5pm*



## This **FREE** event will feature:

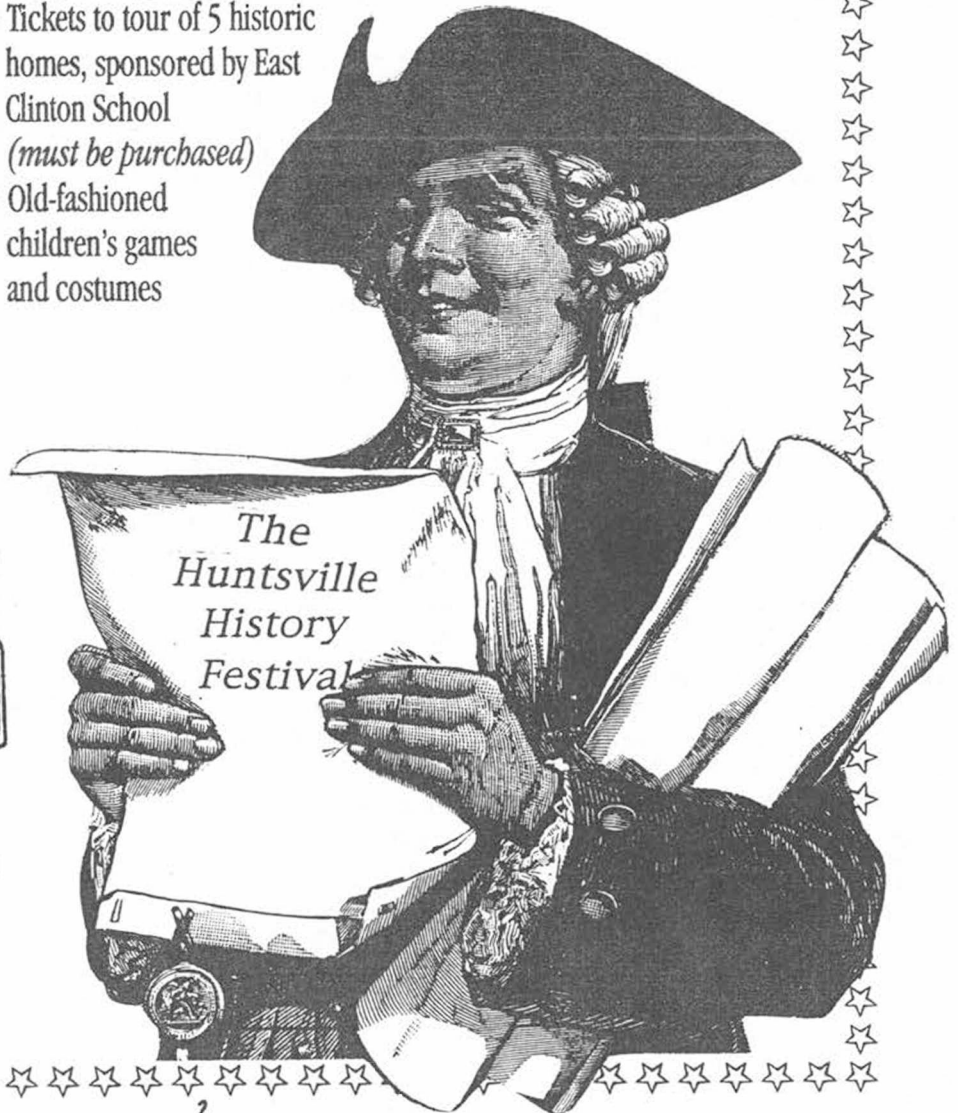
- Storytellers
- Re-enactors portraying defining moments in the history of the area
- A musical presentation from the historic St. Bartley P.B. Church choir
- Vendors of historic memorabilia
- Representatives from local historic and genealogical societies
- Tickets to tour of 5 historic homes, sponsored by East Clinton School (*must be purchased*)
- Old-fashioned children's games and costumes



*For more information, or to purchase a booth, call (256) 539-3175*



**50th Anniversary**  
1951 ||| 2001



## MORE Things You Should Know

I had just finished *Valley Leaves* and was about to take it to the printer when I decided to check my mail. In the mail were two items I felt of great significance to many of our readers so I am performing an unorthodox act. I am adding two pages, 2a and 2b, in order to inform you about the Georgia restriction of public records and the seminar sponsored by the Alabama Genealogical Society.

### Georgia Puts Restrictions on Research Records

“Access to certain collections at the Georgia Archives has been restricted since July 1 ... The new law is intended to make identity theft more difficult by preventing access to the information most commonly used to establish identity: Social Security numbers, birth date, and mother’s birth name.” [Ed: Illegal aliens are trying to obtain this information in order to obtain a new identity.]

“The law requires all government agencies to edit out such information from records before providing those records to the public.”

“Researchers may expect delays or

restrictions on unpublished Biographical Questionnaires, some property tax digests, genealogical folders, and portions of certain manuscript collections. Published materials and court records are exempt from the restrictions.

“The staff and administration of the State Archives are aware of the inconvenience these restrictions may cause genealogists and are committed to minimizing them wherever possible, within the parameters of the law.”

[Source: *The Scribe*, the official newsletter of the Georgia Genealogical Society, Sept. 2001.]

## “And They Came to Alabama”

### Alabama Genealogical Society Seminar

Sat., Oct. 20, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Alabama State Capitol Auditorium – Montgomery, AL

Four extremely knowledgeable men have been chosen to present a program on the two primary overland routes used by pioneers to move into the area now known as Alabama. Since this program is worth a trip to Alabama, we felt it would serve our entire membership to make them aware of it.

The Federal Road was a major influence in the settlement of the Mississippi Territory during the period between the Louisiana Purchase and the removal of the Creek Indians. In 1806 a horse path for postal riders through a malaria-infested wilderness was opened through the Creek Nation, stretching from middle Georgia to coastal Alabama. The road was widened into a military road starting in 1811 in anticipation of the War of 1812 running from Fort Wilkinson near Milledgeville, GA to Fort Stoddard at the Mount Vernon Landing on the Mobile River, just east of present day Mount Vernon, AL. The Federal Road carried thousands of pioneers and

directly contributed to the dramatic increase in Alabama’s population between 1810 and 1820.

Dr. Craig Mann is dedicated to the study of The Federal Road. Mark Dauber has developed an overwhelmingly beautiful slide show entitled, “Along the Federal Road.” Col. Jeffrey C. Benton will focus on “The Very Worst Road,” which is composed of travelers’ assessments of the Federal Road in the 1820’s and 1830’s.

The Huntsville Road was the main thoroughfare for settlers coming from the Tennessee Valley area into Alabama, running from Huntsville through Blountsville, Jonesborough and Bucksville into Tuscaloosa. James H. Walker, Jr. has studied the Huntsville Road his ancestors followed from the Tennessee Valley area down to Big Sandy Creek in southwestern Tuscaloosa County.

On the reverse side is a registration form. Its use is not necessary if you return all requested information when you remit your check.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FORM

Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc.

A SEMINAR ON GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Alabama State Capitol Auditorium – Montgomery, Alabama

Saturday, October 20, 2001

CUTOFF DATE is Wednesday, October 10, 2001 for the box lunch and inclusion in the surname directory. Registrants may register later, even as walk-ins, but will not receive the box lunch and will not have their ancestor information in the surname directory.

AGENDA

Table with 2 columns: Time and Event. Events include Registration & Refreshments, AGS Business Meeting, 'The Federal Road' presentations, Breaks, Lunch, and Door Prize Drawing.

\*MUST BE PRESENT AT DRAWING TO WIN DOOR PRIZE

REGISTRATION FORM

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO ALABAMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. MAIL WITH THIS FORM TO: AGS TREASURER, P.O. BOX 26331, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35260-0331

Register me for: Seminar \$20.00 (Check enclosed) Box Lunch? (included & available only if registered by Oct. 10): Yes No

Optional: I am enclosing membership dues also (individual \$20, family \$25) Renewal New Member

BOOK SALES: SALES ROOM OPEN 9:00 – 3:30

Yes, please reserve me VENDOR tables. Limited number of tables available. Tables must be reserved as soon as feasible to insure availability.

Please complete the following for Name Badge and Attendee List

CAUTION – Type or Print legibly as the booklet may be made by using the "cut and paste" technique – CAUTION Ancestor Information (six maximum) Name, County, State (or Country) and dates of birth and death.

Name E-Mail Phone Number ( )

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ANCESTOR'S NAME

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

Numbered lines 1 through 6 for entering ancestor information.

You are urged to register as early as feasible and to submit ancestor information including Name, County, State (or Country) and dates of birth and death. The Surname Directory needs your input and helps you contact others researching your lines.

Use of this form not necessary if requested information and check remitted.



# Colbert County

## 1860 LaGrange Military Academy Students (Part 5)

On a hilltop southwest of Leighton in present Colbert County [formerly Franklin County], there was a town called LaGrange. It was a summer resort for wealthy valley planters but soon became a town of over 400 permanent residents. Here, on land granted by the U. S. Congress, the Lafayette Academy for girls was established in 1826. In 1830, LaGrange College, a school for boys, was chartered. It sat atop "Lawrence Hill."

After LaGrange College removed to Florence as the Florence Wesleyan University the name of the school at LaGrange changed to "LaGrange College and Polytechnic Institute."

In 1858, it became LaGrange College and Military Institute but in 1860, as the winds of war blew across the South, it became the LaGrange Military Academy. Operation of the school was suspended in March 1862. In April 1863 Union soldiers under one Col. Cornyn, burned this school and the Lafayette Academy. At the same time, some 100 homes and buildings were burned. Because of this, an ancient cemetery is about all that remains of this once thriving community. The cemetery is enumerated in Vol. 7, Issue No. 1, Page 21 of *Valley Leaves*.

This series began in Vol. 35, Issue No. 1 and is continued from Vol. 35, No. 4.

### [Name omitted] , Meridianville, Alabama

1860

Feb 13	Board, tuition & etc of brother, 4 <sup>th</sup> session	95.00
May 28	Cash advanced to brother	5.00
July 4	Board, tuition & etc of brother, 5 <sup>th</sup> session	100.00
July 25	Advance given brother	2.50
	To brother at Athens	2.00

### Friend, D. B., Meridianville, Alabama<sup>1</sup>

1860 (p. 34)

Feb 13	Board, tuition & etc of son, 4 <sup>th</sup> session	95.00
July 6	Board, tuition & etc of son, 5 <sup>th</sup> session	100.00
	Cash paid son[?] and refunded	55.00

### Drake, G. W., Guardian, Huntsville, Alabama<sup>2</sup>

Feb 17	Board, tuition & etc of brother, 4 <sup>th</sup> session	95.00
July 5	Cash to ward	5.00
July 5	Board, tuition & etc of ward, 5 <sup>th</sup> session	100.00
Aug 11	Amt. carried to 1861 account	5.00

### Strong, C. W., Meridianville, Alabama<sup>3</sup> (1860, p. 35)

<sup>1</sup> D. B. Friend had a son, Daniel, age 17, in 1860 census. This student was probably Daniel.

<sup>2</sup> This student was probably Edwin L. Drake, son of George W. Drake, a 15 yr old student in 1860 census

Feb 17	Board, tuition & etc of son, 4 <sup>th</sup> session	95.00	
Mch 18	Drawn by son	1.00	
May 19	Drawn by son to go home	2.50	
May 21	Returned by son		2.50
July 9	Board, tuition & etc of son, 2 <sup>nd</sup> session	100.00	
July 20	Absence of son 17 weeks		88.00

**Pruit, Colonel J. W., Meridianville, Alabama<sup>4</sup> (1860, p. 36)**

Feb 22	Board, tuition & etc of two sons, 4 <sup>th</sup> session	190.00	
June 1	Cash to son, W. G. Pruit	2.00	
June 4	Cash to son, R. W. Pruit	2.00	
June 22	Cash to son, R. W. Pruit	1.75	
July 4,	Board, tuition & etc, 2 sons, 5 <sup>th</sup> session	200.00	
July 9	Cash paid by son, W. G. Pruit		100.00
July 14	Cash paid by son, R. W. Pruit		100.00
Sept 5	Freight on box	.50	
Nov 21	Amt. carried to 1861 account	1.75	

**CASH ACCOUNT FOR SESSION ENDING JULY 5, 1860 (1860, p. 40)**

Feb 5	J. B. Baker, \$95	P. Pointer, \$95
	N. Beaumont, \$25	W. P. Pulley, \$95
	P. L. Wade, \$95	J. H. Russell, \$95
Feb 6	J. H. Callaway, \$95	W. W. Collins, \$95
	J. R. Harris, \$95	W. H. Garbrough, \$190
Feb 7	L. Moore, \$190	E. R. Stanley, \$95
	R. S[?] McReynolds, \$95	W. H. Turner, \$95
Feb 8	R. J. Nance, \$95	F. W. Sykes, \$95
	J. D. Rather, \$95	F. G. Norman, \$95
	E. Isbell, \$96	W. McMahan, \$95
	W. McGregor, \$90	P. W. McVay, \$59
	T. W. Felton, \$86.50	J. W. Rutland, \$95
	L. P. Guy, \$95	Tho. Pope, \$95
	James Jackson, \$95	J. H. Thompson, \$95
	Jas. Mullens, \$90	J. D. Battle, \$95
	S. P. Jones, \$95	F. H. Newman, \$190
	E. F. Coles, \$95	J. Dement, \$95
	D. B. Friend, \$95	A. Messenger, \$95
	G. W. Drake, \$95	C. W. Strong, \$95
	John Ruben, \$95	J. P. Guy, \$95
	J. W. Pruit, \$190	V. G. Pruit, \$95
	J. J. Nupin, \$95	J. Eckford, \$190
	O. King, \$95	W. Hooks, \$90

Continued in next issue

<sup>3</sup> This student was prob. Robert N., 17 yr old son of Charles W. Strong in 1860 Fed, Census.

<sup>4</sup> One of these students was prob. Robert (R. W.), son of John Pruit in 1860 census.

## Dower Record

Part 2 of 3

In the Colbert County courthouse, in the Probate Record Room in the basement is a book entitled, "Dower Record." It is a huge book with only the first 42 pages used. Apparently, the clerk or probate judge decided to put the dower records in with the estate files as is done in most counties in North Alabama.

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### Henry Meyer Estate

Nancy Franklin, is the widow of Henry Meyer who died on 8 May 1883 in Colbert County, Alabama. Nancy, since his death, has married one John W. Franklin. She was lawfully married to Henry Meyer in Colbert County on 1 April 1882. During their marriage and at his death, he was seized in fee simple of the following lands:

N/2 NE/4 Sec. 26-3-11W

and 60 acres bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Sec. 25-3-11W, thence running east 30 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence west 30 chains, thence north 20 chains to the point of beginning, containing in all 140 acres;

He also had the W/2 S/2 NE/4 of Sec. 26-3-11W; also land beginning at the northeast corner of the tract last mentioned above. It then run east 50 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 10 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence northwest at an angle of 45 degrees in a direct line, 72-11/100 chains to the point of beginning, containing 340 acres, all in Colbert Co., Al.

All lands are dower lands and Nancy Franklin has never relinquished the said dower.

Henry Meyer died 8 May 1883 intestate, on said land, and Robert B. Lindsay, the General Administrator for Colbert Co., is the administrator. Said estate is solvent. The only heirs at law are Nancy Franklin (widow), his nephew Phillip Stempler, an adult residing in Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio; and a niece, Margaret Holbert, adult, a feme covert<sup>5</sup> who lives with her husband in Auglaize Co., Ohio. There are three other nieces who are sisters to Phillip Stempler who also reside in Ohio but

whose names, ages, and residences are unknown to petitioner.

Mrs. Franklin, the widow, asks for half of the above lands and asks that other heirs be notified.

Signed by Nancy Franklin by her mark

Witness: John A. Steele on 10 July 1882

The following land has been set aside as a *homestead* exemption:

N/2 NE Sec. 26-3-11 & 8

acres in Sec. 25-3-11W.

Came Nancy Franklin on 10 Sept 1882, by her attorney James T. Kirk. The other heirs were notified by publication for three consecutive weeks in the *North Alabamian*, a newspaper published in this county. They did not respond.<sup>6</sup>

She was awarded dower in one-half part of:

SW NE Sec. 26-3-11W plus  
another acreage in the NE SE  
[given in metes and bounds].

On 22 Aug 1883 Sheriff John A. McWilliams summoned J. T. Vaughn, J. W. Brabson, J. O. Murphy, Calvin Conway and Samuel Heighley, being five freeholders not connected to the heirs. Same set off widow's dower as outlined above.

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#### William Cooper Estate

Petitioner, Julia B. Cooper of Colbert Co., widow of William Cooper, decd., was married to Cooper 27 Dec 1869. He died 16 Aug 1887. At his death he owned the following land in Tuscumbia:

Lots No. 194, 147-149.

He died without a will in Colbert Co. Julia asks for dower. Heirs of William Cooper are:

John W. Cooper

Sarah A. Gillespie, wf. of Van S. Gillespie

<sup>5</sup> A married woman.

<sup>6</sup> It would have made more sense to publish notice in a newspaper published in Dayton, Ohio.

Julia F. Rather,  
all adults residing in Colbert Co., Al. Also:  
James P. Cooper, adult, residing in Carlisle,  
Arkansas.

Jane F. Pettit, wife of James T. Pettit, both  
adults, residing in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mary R. Winter, wife of Benjamin R.  
Winter, both adults residing near Coffeetown,  
Miss.

The following 3 are children of a deceased  
daughter, Susan H. Nelson, who died before her  
father:

William C. Nelson, adult, residing in  
Memphis, Tenn

Thomas A. Nelson, adult, residing in  
Kingston, New Mexico.

Owen O. Nelson, Jr., a minor over age  
14, residing with his guardian

Owen O. Nelson, Sr.

Abner W. Ligon was appointed administrator.

Widow Julia B. Cooper was awarded 1/3 of  
William Cooper's lands, that being lot No. 148  
in Tuscumbia. The following named freeholders  
appointed by the Probate Judge set off said  
dower:

W. R. Julian

D. E. Moody

A. W. Patterson

Robert Hyde

James S. (L?) Whittemore

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##### Hugh M. Finley Estate

Sarah Finley states that Hugh M. Finley  
died in Colbert Co. 6 Oct 1886 and Abner W.  
Ligon is now administering his estate. Hugh's  
heirs are:

Widow, Sarah, a res. of Colbert Co.

Annie G. Finley, age 16

May D. Finley, age about 15

Pattie C. Finley, age about 13 or 14

Hugh G. Finley, age 9 or 10

James A. Finley, age 7

Harry Finley )

Love Finley ) both aged about 4

Thomas Anderson of Colbert Co. qualified as  
guardian of all the children.

Hugh Finley died owning the following real  
estate in Tuscumbia:

S/2 lot No. 291 (frame tenement on it)

Part of lot 422 (on which is a stable)  
Lot 527 (Hillside tenement on it)  
Lots No. 563-565, 570, 571, 604-607, 611,  
642-646, and 650-653.

Part of lot No. 317 (Commercial Row, four  
brick stores.)

Lots 308-309 (cottage)

Lots 299, 300, 310-311 (Homestead  
assigned to Widow and children).

Widow prays for dower.

Five freeholders appointed to set off dower.

They awarded the widow:

Lots 308, 309 (frame house), \$1000

Lots 291 & part of frame house \$1000

Lot 317 & part of No. 7 (?) (brick store),  
\$1000

Lot 317 & part of No. 3 (?) (brick store),  
\$1000

Freeholders were:

J. W. White

J. H. McWilliams

Robert Hyde

William Challen

James L.(S?) Whittemore

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##### John Aycock Estate

On 15 Jan 1898 five freeholders laid off  
dower in the lands to Ellen Aycock, widow of  
John Aycock, which he owned at the time of his  
death. Lands are:

SE NW Sec. 20-4-10W

S/2 NE Sec. 20-4-10W

14 acres in a square block in SE corner  
of NW/4 NW/4 Sec. 20-4-10W

Signed by freeholders:

John D. Thomas

Felix Crittenden

King Gargis

W. T. Norman

B. F. McClung

John Aycock owned:

NE/4 Sec. 20-4-10W

NW/4 Sec. 20-4- 10W

NW/4 Sec. 21-4-10W

4 acres off SE/4 of the SW/4 of Sec.  
13-4-10W

Heirs are:

Robert Aycock, Admr.

Henry Aycock

Fannie & her husband, T. J. Aycock  
Charles Aycock  
William Aycock  
Mary Berry & husband, William Berry, all  
adults; also:  
Stephen Aycock  
Thomas Aycock  
Hart Aycock  
Amos Aycock  
George Aycock, minors.

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**James Huston Kerby Estate**

[Note: This name is written Kerby and  
Kirby.]

The undersigned were appointed  
commissioners (not named) to set aside the  
property exempt to Jane Kerby, widow of James.  
Heirs are:

Widow (Ruthie Jane Kerby)  
Eugene H. Kirby  
Minnie Kirby  
Jessie Kirby, minor children

Report of Inventory of Real estate:

NW/4 NW/4 Sec. 14-5-10W whereon  
the family resides.

Report of Inventory of Personal Property:

1 boiler, engine & fixtures, \$300  
1 press & lumber in gin house, \$50  
Lumber in 3 cabins, \$30  
Half interest in Harris Mill, \$25  
1 yoke oxen, \$30

3 cows @ \$8 = \$24  
2 calves @ \$2 each = \$4.  
1 dark horse, \$30  
1 bay horse, \$30  
1 mule colt, \$20  
3 sows and pigs, \$20  
8 sheep at \$1 = \$8  
1 wagon, \$15  
1 road cart, \$5  
1 shot gun, \$6

Accounts due estate from:

T. C. Masterson, \$42  
W. Wallace, \$2.50  
C. M. Kirby, \$7.85  
P. S. Cagle, \$4.50  
Robert Roden, \$25  
J. H. Sockwell, \$5  
W. R. Harris, \$10  
R. F. Saint, \$7.50  
Carpenter Hollimore, \$2.50  
Allen Green, \$2.50  
Pink Dawson, 50 Cents  
J. B. Stanford, \$2.50  
Jack Graves, \$2.50  
Jos. Grissom, \$2.50  
W. R. Clement, \$3.75  
Grissom & Corsby, \$2.50  
J. F. Clement, \$2.75

The widow and children were awarded the land  
on which they live.

/s/ Thomas E. Fore

/s/ Jas. Fennel

**Bits N' Pieces**

G. W. Clendenen married Ellen A. Ferris, all of Tuscumbia, Al [*The Huntsville Advocate*,  
22 Jan 1869.]

A. J. Hall of Huntsville married Sarah Letitia Puryear of Tuscumbia on 19 Jan 1869. [*The  
Huntsville Advocate*, 26 Jan 1869.]

William Braden of Spring Creek, near LaGrange, married Martha Petree of Colbert Co.  
7 Jan 1869. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 22 Jan 1869.]

William T. Lindsey to Margaret E. Price, 10 Jan 1869, all of Cherokee. [*The Huntsville  
Advocate*, 22 Jan 1869.]

**Marriages, Book B**  
**1874 – 1887**  
(Part 14)

The first marriage book in this county covered the period from 1867 to 1874. The second, Book B, covers 1874 to 1887. The following marriages, taken from Book B, are continued from Volume 30, page 163.

c = Colored [African American]

Groom	Bride	Sol	By:
<b>Page 233</b>			
Milford Fort (c)	Bertha Alexander (c)	28 Dec 1879	Gus Ricks, MG
John R. Mattus	Ann M. Byrd	1 Jan 1880	F. M. Jackson, MG
Wesley Bamer (c)	Edith Cole (c)	1 Jan 1880	Levan Warran, MG
Jachariah T. Bartlett	Miss Nancy J. Berry	4 Jan 1880	A. J. Stenson, JP
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George Bailey (c)	Martha Burges (c)	4 Jan 1880	M. T. Turner, MG
J. M. Carroll	Miss Martha S. Dowdy	1 Jan 1880	R. M. Lindsay, JP
Franklin Phillips (c)	Lucy Kennady (c)	9 Jan 1880	W. Northcross, MG
Jack Jones (c)	Mary Mhoon (c)	9 Jan 1880	Seaton Watkins, MG
<b>Page 235</b>			
John A. Denton	Miss Pheby M. Thorn	18 Dec 1879	G. D. Daily, JP
Frank Thompson (c)	Laua [Laura?] Huston (c)	13 Jan 1880	W. Northcross, MG
Jack Vinson (c)	Sally Simpson (c)	13 Jan 1880	---

Note: In the returning officer column, Silas Vinson signed with an X. This is probably the father of the groom. Also signed by W. McCormack as witness.

Jesse Fearine (c)	Amanda Donley (c)	18 Jan 1880	W. Luck, Min.
<b>Page 236</b>			
Bob Kilnsworth (c)	Polene Kirk (c)	14 Jan 1880	E. C. White, MG
E. Ledford	Mrs. Jane Duncan	14 Jan 1880	M. N. Norris
Tolbert Biatts (c)	Phillis Toney (c)	15 Jan 1880	Bowlin King
Lewis Tulwelder (c)	Hetty Thompson (c)	14 Jan 1880	---

Silas Vinson signed by his X [Probably a witness]. Signed by Wm. McCormack as a witness.

To be continued

# Franklin County

## Marriage Record Book 3

1902 - 1907

(Part 5)

The marriage records of Franklin County, Alabama were copied under a summer youth program in the 1970's. The late Evelyn B. Evans contributed them for publication in *Valley Leaves*. Franklin County's courthouse suffered two totally destructive fires, the last being in 1956. Since records from that county are rare, we are grateful to have the marriage records even if they are dated after our 1900 cutoff.

The extant marriage records began in 1890. Book One, 1890-1897, was carried in Volumes 10 through 13. Book Two, 1897-1902, was carried in Volumes 15, and 16.

Oscar Glover has kindly proof read the entries, made corrections, and added information (where given) such as parental consent, place married, etc.

	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	By:
050	Newell, Wiley Married at residence of E. J. Vinson.	Vinson, Lonie	28 Dec 1902	William Lindley Bondsman: J. W. Rogers; E. J. Vinson gave consent for daughter by affidavit. Wiley Newell is over age 21.
051	Johnson, John Married at residence of bride.	Walker, V. E.	28 Dec 1902	R. H. Long, MG Bondsman: W. S. Murphy
051	Mayhall, N. W. Married at residence of W. M. Camp.	Camp, A. E.	31 Dec 1902	T. P. Sutherland Bondsman: H. T. Camp.
052	Rikard, H. H. Married at bride's residence;	Black, Etter	31 Dec 1902	T. M. Johnson, MG Bondsman: W. P. Taylor. W. P. Taylor swore Miss Black was over 18; groom over 21 years and was previously married.
052	Skidmore, J. O. Married at bride's residence; both parties over 18 and 21 respectively.	Willis, M. D.	31 Dec 1902	B. H. James, MG Bondsman: C. H. McNatt.
053	Benefield, Wm. L. Married at residence of M. A. Harris.	Harris, R. A.	4 Jan 1903	T. G. Cofield Bondsman: C. M. Malone & J. D. Frederick. J. G. Benefield gave consent in person for his son to marry.
053	Pike, Richard (c) Married at Russellville, Al.	Meredith, Delila (c)	1 Jan 1903	W. L. King, MG Both parties of legal age. Bondsman: John T. Ezelle.
054	Horton, J. S. Married at the Dave Colburn Residence.	Porter, Mattie (Mrs.)	4 Jan 1903	A. H. Powell, JP Bondsman: John T. Mansell
054	Mancill, J. C. Married at res. of Finley Carpenter.	Hathcock, Cynthia Ann	4 Jan 1903	J. N. James, MG Bondsman: J. W. Mayfield

- 055 Ezzell, Willie Massey, Lizzie 7 Jan 1903 J. J. Jones, MG  
Married at residence of bride's father. Bondsman: M. J. Dempsey. D. B. Massey  
and T. M. Ezzell signed affidavits giving consent for marriage.
- 055 Hughes, H. D. Berry, Bell 4 Jan 1903 J. M. Thorn, MG  
Married at residence of J. H. Berry, Sr. Bondsman: S. A. Berry
- 056 Jones, John C. Orman, Mattie Lou 6 Jan 1903 I. B. Bradley, MG  
Married at minister's res. in Russellville. Both parties over age. Bondsman: Jas. A.  
Wilson.
- 056 Scott, Reuben A. Barksdale, Sarah M. L. 8 Jan 1903 L. M. Bailey, JP  
Married at B. F. Edgar residence. Bondsman: W. C. Strickland. Both parties over  
age.
- 057 Edgar, J. J. Cleveland, Frances E. 14 Jan 1903 R. A. Nix  
[Note: Bride's name written Cleavland]. Married at B. F. Edgar residence. Bonds-  
man: W. C. Strickland. Both parties over age.
- 057 McGuier, Thomas McAlister, Esther 18 Jan 1903 A. H. Powell, JP  
Married at residence of Mrs. McAlister. Bondsmen: Thomas McAlister and A. W.  
Smith. Permission by S. E. McAlister for bride.
- 058 Murphy, W. S. Lashley, Maggie 18 Jan 1903 J. W. Clark, MG  
Married at residence of Mrs. Fannie Lashley. Bondsman: H. J. Walker. Mrs.  
Fannie Lashley gave permission for her daughter.
- 058 Berry, Sidney A. Rae, Emma L. 22 Jan 1903 J. M. Thorn, JP  
Married at bride's residence. Bondsman: N. A. Rae.
- 059 Rogers, J. W. Patterson, Annie 21 Jan 1903 B. E. Finch, MG  
Married at residence of Mr. I. J. Patterson. Bondsman: E. R. Freeman
- 059 Hester, Otto James, Ada 22 Jan 1903 M. W. Dailey, MG  
Married at Bride's residence. Bondsman: M. W. Dailey. B. F. James gave  
permission for his daughter to marry.





## Andrew Graham Revolutionary War Service Record

Andrew Graham entered service as a private in the Revolutionary War. His wife was Frances and he was inscribed on the roll at the rate of \$33.33 per annum to commence 4 March 1843. Certified pension issued 7 May 1845.

6 Dec 1832, Franklin Co., AL

Personally appeared before the Hon. Gregory D. Stone, judge of the county court of Franklin County, Andrew Graham, a resident of Franklin County, aged about 76 years, and makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of June 7, 1832.<sup>1</sup>

Andrew Graham left home and entered service in August 1780, a few days before the Battle of Camden, as a volunteer with five others from his neighborhood.

He arrived at Camden the day of the battle and participated in that engagement but due to the "hurry of preparation" he was not regularly enlisted nor does he now recollect to which command he was attached.

Owing to the defeat of the American forces at Camden, the departure and flying condition of the troops and his not belonging to any regularly organized command, he returned home to *Cashaw*<sup>2</sup> District, S. C.

About this time, a company of mounted volunteers was organized in *Cashaw* District under Capt. Thomas Ballard and he was regularly enrolled and was in until the close of the war.

Their company was kept in readiness at an hour's warning and was frequently called out to act against the marauding of British and Tories which overran South Carolina about that time. Under these circumstances he would be out two to four weeks at a time.

<sup>1</sup> Under this Act, it was not necessary to show financial need; too, money due from the last payment until the date of death of a pensioner could be collected by his widow or children. [Source: *Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications in the National Archives*, National Genealogical Society, Washington, D. C., 1976.]

<sup>2</sup> Kershaw District, South Carolina

He was called out to escort the family of Gen. Sumpter from South Carolina eastward and went as far as White Mills, North Carolina. The escort was composed of about 200 men under command of Col. John Marshall and Col. Kimball.

A party of British hung upon them near most of the distance and the escort had several skirmishes with them. They took four or five British prisoners. This was a forced march the whole way, traveling two whole days and nights without stopping to sleep or rest.

About August 1871, he was called out under the command of Capt. Thomas Ballard and marched to the Santee Swamps where he joined General Marion.<sup>3</sup>

Graham was taken sick while in the Santee Swamp and was left by the army a short time before the Battle of Eutaw Springs in Sept. 1781.

He does not now recall the day he entered service or the date of his discharge.

He was born in Albemarle Co., Va. in 1750. His birth was recorded in the family Bible but was burnt with his house about 1817. He has no other record of his age.

He lived in *Cashaw* [Kershaw] District, S. C. during the Revolutionary War. He moved from there in 1812 to Sumner Co., Tenn. and from there to his present residence in Franklin Co., Alabama in 1828.

Graham did receive a discharge. "My house with all my household effects were burnt about 15 years ago. My discharge also burnt at the same time; the discharge was given to me by Capt. Thomas Ballard."

<sup>3</sup> The 16,700-acre Santee Swamp lies approximately 40 miles southeast of Columbia, S. C. It was in this swamp that Col. Francis Marion [The Swamp Fox] organized a cavalry troop in 1780 and conducted guerrilla warfare against the British.

Andrew Graham is known in his present neighborhood by John J. Hodges, Col. John T. Abernathy, Major Elisha Meredith, Hugh M. Warren, William Leigh, Davis Gurley, Joshua D. Crossland and many others, all of whom will testify as to his good character but they know nothing about his military service.

his  
Andrew X Graham  
mark

Certified by Michael Dickson, Clerk of the County Court of Franklin Co. on 6 Dec 1832.

24 Aug 1840

Frances Graham, widow of Andrew Graham, applied for a widow's pension from Maury Co., Tn.

Of her own knowledge, Andrew Graham was marched from *Casho* [Kershaw] County, South Carolina where he then resided and was in the battle at the Hanging Rock. She was within hearing distance of the firing at the Battle of Hanging Rock. His second tour of service, was as a militia soldier.

He was drafted in *Casho* County and was at the "battle of Gates Defeat and Big Sandy" under Gen. Green but can't remember the rest. He was in service a total of 18 months.

She is now very old [90 years] and her "memory is treacherous." She is so infirm she is prevented from appearing in open court in Columbia [Tn]. She lives about 18 miles from Columbia and is unable to ride horseback or even in a carriage that distance without endangering her health, if not her life.

Frances and Andrew were married 27 Dec 1777. She was then 17 years of age when they were married in *Casho* County, S. C.

Her husband died in Franklin Co., Al 20 March 1834 and she then moved to Maury Co., where she now resides. She is near 90 years old.

She has no records of her birth, marriage, or the death of her husband.

Her oldest child was born about 12 mo. after her marriage and is now over 50. The Grahams were married long before 1 Jan 1794 and lived together in peace and harmony until his death.

She is now poor and destitute and lives with one of her daughters. She was born in Loudon Co., Va.

her  
Frances X Graham  
mark

**Affidavit of Ditter McClanahan and John Akin**, aged about 46 years.

They are personally acquainted with Frances Graham and know she is the widow of Andrew Graham, decd., a Revolutionary Soldier. They are acquainted with several of her children and from their knowledge of their ages, they were married before 1 Jan 1794. She is a lady of good, moral character and veracity.

/s/ Ditter McClanahan  
/s/ John Aken [Also written Akin]

**Affidavit of Thomas Graham**

Thomas is the son of Andrew and Frances Graham. He is about 40 years old and is the 17<sup>th</sup> child. He knows from the ages of his brothers and sisters that his parents were married in *Cashis* County, S. C. before 1 Jan 1794. Andrew died in Franklin Co., Al on 20 March 1834 and was a Revolutionary pensioner. He often heard his father recount his military life.

his  
Thomas X Graham  
mark

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**Catherine B. Winston, Administratrix  
of Isaac Winton, Decd.**

Catherine B. Winston, administratrix of Isaac Winston, late of Franklin County, is hereby authorized to sell the personal property belonging to said estate in the county of Sumter, Alabama, at private or public sale. Catherine B. Winston is to give notice as she may deem most

advantageous to the interests of said estate. She is to make return of said sale under oath within 60 days after the sale. [Source: *Acts of the General Assembly, 1865-1866*. Approved January 18, 1866.]

## Death of Mrs. Cox-Booth

The *National Banner & Nashville Whig*, published in Nashville, Tennessee, often published articles on persons and happenings far from its home base. For this we are grateful as we are able to find information in that newspaper that we have been unable to find elsewhere. Such is the case of the unusual and premature death of a bride from Franklin County.

**Florence, Ala., Dec. 3, 1831**  
Marriage and Death.

Married by the Rev. S. C. Posey in Florence on Thursday last, Mr. Thomas Booth of Franklin County to Miss Frances Cox of Florence.

On Saturday night Mr. Booth and his wife lodged at LaGrange in Franklin County, both apparently in fine health.

On the following morning the bridegroom awoke and found his bride a lifeless corpse. This young woman had all the appearance of vigorous health, and it appears difficult to conjecture the cause of her sudden and premonished dissolution.

**20 Dec. 1831, Tuesday**  
Florence, Ala. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

In our last paper, we noticed the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Booth, which occurred a few days after her marriage.

We understand a post mortem examination was made by the Florence physicians in order, if possible, to ascertain the cause of death.

On opening the chest it appeared that one of the blood vessels of the lungs had bursted [*sic*] and discharged its contents into the cavities of that organ, thereby producing instant suffocation.

The rupture of this blood vessel is attributed to the circumstance that the deceased was bound in a strong corset which so compressed the lungs so to obstruct the passage of blood and force it out of its natural channels.

Let this be added to the numerous other solemn admonitions against the use of those articles of dress which, in vain, attempts to improve the comeliness of the person, so often destroy life or health.  
[Source: *National Banner & Nashville Whig*, 12 December 1831]

## For the Relief of Amy Gill, Michael Tacket & Luther Hovater

This Act is to authorize the Court of County Commissioners of Franklin County to make appropriations for the relief of Amy Gill, Michael Tacket and Luther Hovater without requiring them to be kept in the Poor House. [Source: *Acts of Alabama*, 1855-56. Approved 7 February 1856.]

## Theophilus C. Greenhill Gets a Tax Refund

“For the Relief of Theophilus C. Greenhill, Tax Collector of Franklin County.”  
In the settlement with the Comptroller of the account of Theophilus C. Greenhill, tax collector for Franklin County for the year 1862, the sum of \$732. be remitted to him of the sum due, that being the amount of public money that had been collected for taxes due the State of Alabama that was taken from him by force of arms by the public enemy on 21 February 1863. (Source: *Acts of Alabama*, 1863. Approved 19 Nov 1863.)

## Medical Board Established in 1860

**An Act to establish a medical board in the county of Franklin was approved 21 Feb 1860. by the Alabama Legislature.**

Drs. N. J. Houston, Wm. Despry, William Newsome, A. W. Stevenson, James M. Houston, J. H. McGangley, Robert Abernathy, Frederick Anderson and their associates and successors in office, are hereby constituted a Board of Physicians for the county of Franklin, to be known as the Franklin County Medical Board. Their purpose is to discharge the duties of said corporation.

The Board shall meet annually in the town of Tuscumbia in Franklin County<sup>1</sup>, on the first Monday in March every year, and at other times as they may desire and a majority of whom shall have full power to fill any vacancy.

It shall be the Board's duty to examine all applications to practice medicine, to grant license in their discretion, and do all other business authorized or required of medical boards in the state.

The Board is required to keep a record of their constitution and laws, and to whom they grant license to practice, and all other acts of said Board.

The Board is allowed to receive, hold and enjoy donations of real and personal property not exceeding \$10,000 in value.

The jurisdiction of the said medical board in the exercise of its privileges and duties shall extend over the county of Franklin. License given to practice medicine shall be valid in all parts of the state.

No physician shall be allowed to practice medicine or surgery in said county, unless he be licensed by the board, or unless such person is at the time a practicing physician or a graduate of some respectable medical college, or has a license from some medical board in the State.

Approved 21 February 1860.

[Source: Acts of Alabama, 1859-1860.]



### William Houston Compensated for Apprehending and Jailing Criminals.

The Senate and House of Representatives voted \$125 to be paid William Houston, late constable of Franklin County. Said money is for apprehending and carrying to jail the following named persons: J. W. Har... [?] who was indicted for the murder of J. H. Blanton, J. L. Wil... [?] who was indicted for the murder of J. B. Hart of Franklin County, and William T. Cochran who was indicted for grand larceny. [Source: *Acts of Alabama, 1860*. Approved February 23, 1860.]

<sup>1</sup> Tuscumbia is the county seat of Colbert County and was the county seat of Franklin before Colbert was carved from Franklin in 1867.

# Jackson County

## William Starnes Wellborn's Civil War Letter Home

The following letter was written by William Starnes Wellborn, the son of Elias Wellborn of Jackson County, Alabama. William was in Company G&B, Russell's 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Alabama Confederate Cavalry. It was written to his wife, Elizabeth (Reynolds) Wellborn. The letter is in the possession of Bertha Hall, Alamogordo, New Mexico, and was contributed by Mrs. Ann Gahan, 308 Grove St., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

*Jiles County, State of Tennessee*

*January the 9<sup>th</sup> 1863*

*Dear Companion,*

*It is with Pleasure that I one time more have been blest with the privildge of riting you a few lines to let you know that I am in reasionable health at this time. hoping that those few lines may Pass in haste & find you all in good health*

*I have nothing vary interesting to rite to you. I am Now at Pulaski at a hospittle Detailed to wate on the sick. we came here yesterday. our commder is gone to Columbia. I have bin down nearly to Padduco<sup>1</sup> on an expition & we have had hard times. you may be sure we was acros the river in*

*the swamps three weeks & old forrest<sup>2</sup> fought the yankees twelve times & he whiped them every time, but once he had to run. the last time I was in two of the battles. nary one of our company got hurt, but I don't know how it happened for the balls flew as thick as hail. we fought four thousand infantry & whiped them. they had histed the white flag & at that moment was reinforsed by four thousand more & we had to leave in a hurry.*

*I rode my little hors to death in that expidition. I have rode a hundred miles without stoping or feeding him & I swaped him off for a good hors & have to pay ninty dollars to boot & I have ruined his back.*

<sup>1</sup> This is Paducah in western Kentucky.

<sup>2</sup> This refers to General Nathan Bedford Forrest, Confederate general

*I would be glad to see you all once more. you have no Idea how bad I want to bee there. I want you to kiss the children for me & tell them that I think I will get to come home & see them, tho I can't tell when. I want you to write to me & tell me how you are getting along & how you have done with your affairs and who is attending to your business. I want you to have your corn hauled home and take ceare of it & not weist it. turn over*

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*Tell farther that I would be glad to see him & if he can't come to see me and I can't get to come home I would be glad he would rite to me & let me no how the times is, what the people is all doing back there. tell your farther I have not forgotten him. tell the girls to rite to me. tell Martha Wellborn that James is well. there is a good eal of sickness in camps. James B. hillin is*

*here very low with fever, Wm. Vaught is very low with consumption. Jesse Boyd is sick with a brest complaint but is going about. Jesse Wellborn with one finger shot. Wallis McFarlin is here with his feet frozen. That is a list of the disable men of our company. Tell Mary davis that gilbert is well. tell all my friends to rite to me*

*Elizabeth I want you to wright to me as soon as you get this letter, and direct your letter to Pulaski Tennessee, Russell's Regiment in ceare of Capt. H. F. Smith, and if I have left here it will follow me. Give my respects to all inquiring friends & tell them to rite to me. I have but little time to rite & they have plenty of time - so I must Bring my lines to a close. So nothing more, only I will Remain your affectionate husband untill death farewell.*

*William S. Wellborn*

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### John Robinson Dies

John Robinson, aged 58 years, died at Larkinsville on 30 Dec. 1868. [Huntsville Advocate, 12 January 1869]

## William Atchley Claim Southern Claims Commission

Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson

William Atchley claimed \$537.50 in the loss of property taken by United States soldiers during the Civil War. He states he did not get vouchers or receipts for the property taken.

Atchley states that in November 1863 officers and soldiers of General Wilder's Brigade, General Crook's Division of United States troops stationed at Brownsboro, Alabama took from him one six year old claybank horse worth \$125.00.

He states that in January 1864 officers and men of Col. Smith's 26<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry Regiment, stationed at Paint Rock Bridge in Jackson County, took from the plantation of E. E. Douglas the following articles belonging to Atchley and took same to Paint Rock Bridge:

220 bushels corn @ 75¢ per bushel totaling \$187.50.

2200 pounds pork at 10¢ per pound, totaling \$220.

his  
William X Atchley  
mark

Atchley lists the following persons who can prove his loyalty to the Union:

Edward E. Douglass, Paint Rock, Al  
Grove Simons, Woodville, Al  
Wm. Manning, Woodville, Al.

Regarding other matters he says he can rely on:

William Wortham, Brownsboro, Al  
James Lawler, Brownsboro, Al  
Betsy Cline, Paint Rock, Al  
Lucinda Williams, Paint Rock, Al.

William Atchley gives his address as Paint Rock, Alabama which is actually in Jackson County.

### Edward E. Douglass Deposition

Edward E. Douglass, a citizen of Madison County, Alabama, after being duly sworn, states he is 53 years old and has known William Atchley, claimant, about 40 years.

He states: "I think that he was disloyal to the U. S. during the early part of the war. I judge from his actions and conduct ... he worked for me for a great many years and from my knowledge of his personal affairs I do not think he had five hundred dollars worth of personal property during the entire war, or for the last thirty years."

Signed: E. E. Douglas

Signed and subscribed to before me at Huntsville, Madison County, Alabama this the first day of December 1878.

Signed: E. Richmond, special agent and Commissioner.

Note: The deposition was very difficult to read and some words were illegible.

Ed: Even though there is nothing in the file to show whether Mr. Atchley was reimbursed for any part of the claim, it is doubtful it was paid due to Mr. Douglass's statements.

### Area Deaths

Thomas Dailey committed suicide last Monday near Bridgeport. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 12 May 1880.]

Ben Franks murdered Jasper Jones at Scottsboro last year and was arrested in Tennessee and carried back to Scottsboro for trial last Sunday. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 3 March 1880]





## Jackson County Equity Court

(Also called Chancery Court)

October Term 1842 – 1848

Part 2

Copied and Contributed by

Evelyn Rochelle

Chancery Court, also called Equity Court, was a court that ruled according to fairness as there were no strict, formulated rules of law covering the problems heard in this court. Heard by this court were land disputes, land boundary disputes, divorces, child custody cases and any other case for which there was no specific law.

This court was held at the courthouse in Bellefonte prior to the center of Jackson County government moving to Scottsboro.

Continued from the June 2001 issue of *Valley Leaves*.

“Note of the estate of Edward G. Kyle, Decd., on order Sixty eight dollars and seventy five cents, this note bearing interest from the date for value received, witness our hands and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1839.”

Signed: George Vinzant, John M. Rodgers.

Jackson County Circuit Court, Spring Term 1842.

### Declaration

Sarah Kyle, Admx. of Edward G. Kyle in his lifetime, complainant of John M. Rodgers in custody & etc. She brought suit against Rodgers in a plea that he render to her \$68.75 which he owes to and unjustly detains from her.

On 30 July 1839, in Jackson Co., the defendant Rodgers and George Vinzant signed their note obligating themselves to Sarah as Edward G. Kyle’s admx., by Dec. 25, next, \$68.75 for value received, with interest from that date. Although often requested to do so, Rodgers has not paid said sum of money nor any part of it. Neither has Vinzant paid any part of it.

At the October term 1842 the following judgment was rendered in the case, to wit:

Came Sarah Kyle by her attorney and discontinues her suit as to Vinzant

### Susan Sewell vs. Grayson et al

Susan Sewell by next friend, John S. Eustace

vs

John Grayson, Thomas B. Emerson and Cluston G. Murrell.

36<sup>th</sup> Chancery Division.

Monday 18 April 1842 in Bellefonte

Defendants live in State of Tennessee and are ordered to answer Bill of Complaint before next term of court. Notice of same ordered published in the *Jackson County Democrat*.

### Martha E. Cunningham vs. James Cunningham

Martha E. Cunningham by her next friend, W. Sheppard, vs. James Cunningham, defendant, a non-resident. Court ordered notice published in the *Jackson County Democrat* requiring defendant to appear in answer within 30 days.

### June term 1842

#### William H. Johnston vs. Joseph G. Stevens & William Peters

Subpoena executed on defendants. Joseph G. Stevens failed to appear in court 16 May last.

To the Hon. Alexander Bowie, Chancellor of State of Alabama, 36<sup>th</sup> Chancery District.

On 24 July 1837 Wm. Peters sold to Joseph G. Stevens the NE/4 Sec. 29-4-4E containing 159.64 acres for \$1600. (of which \$600 was in form of a note payable 1 Feb 1841 and has been paid.)

The other \$1000 was secured by bond [note] dated 24 July 1837, payable to Peters before 1 Feb 1841. Stevens has continued in possession of land since 1837 but has failed to pay the \$1000 note.

In April term 1841, Peters sued Stevens and obtained judgment for \$1000 debt, \$53.66 damages, \$9.43-3/4 costs of said suit. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of Nov 1841 Stevens was declared insolvent with no property anywhere. Legal title to the property is still in Peters' name.

The court ordered Stevens to pay complainant \$1122.80-1/4 or land will be sold at public auction for cash. After court costs and complainant is paid, any balance remaining to be paid to said Stevens.

[Note: It is unclear where Johnston came in.]

#### June term 1842

##### George W. Rigney vs Mary Simpson, et al

On 19 October 1838 George W. Rigney sold to John A. Simpson of Jackson County the following land:

E/2 NE/4 Sec. 13-4-5E containing 80 acres, for \$400. (\$100 cash paid to Rigney by Simpson and \$100 was paid 25 Dec 1838) and Simpson gave Rigney \$150 in notes of \$50 each. John A. Simpson died before the four notes were due. He left the following heirs:

Mary P. Simpson, widow and administratrix  
William Simpson  
Mary Simpson  
Martha Simpson  
Alexander Simpson  
Virginia Simpson  
Henry Simpson

Caroline (or Corbin D. Simpson) all under age 21.

Rigney prays that Mary Simpson and heirs be made defendants to this bill and that a guardian be appointed for minor heirs. Rigney obtained judgment on last four notes against Mary P. Simpson.

On 19 June 1840 Mary P. Simpson reported to the Orphans Court that the estate was insolvent.

Rigney has another judgment against Mary for \$28.75 for corn sold to John A. Simpson prior to his death.

Rigney wants land sold to satisfy judgment.

Mary Simpson states she was in Tennessee at the time the notes were given for land and the estate is insolvent.

Total amount due includes court fee of \$185.97-1/2. Court ordered that land be sold at

public auction and after court costs, complainant shall be paid amount due him and balance, if any, held subject to future orders of court.

#### June Term 1842

##### John Hudson vs Rector

John Hudson, late of Jackson Co., now deceased, made his last will & testament on 14 Nov 1837 bequeathing to his dau., Lucy A. Rector, wf. of Thompson M. Rector of said county, \$2000 in bank notes and 1/3 part of all real estate.

A codicil made on 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1837, witnessed by Alva Finley, Alexander Riddle and Thomas Fondren, revoked the part in the last will regarding real estate and personal estate "conveyed to daughter and to son, John Hudson." Son John is to hold, manage and control the said share of daughter during her lifetime and her children by her present husband during their minorities, free from control of her husband. Daughter's children by first husband already provided for in will.

6 July 1840. Said will and codicil proved in Orphans Court of Jackson Co. Crops, all household and kitchen furniture, and all stock to sons John Hudson, William W. Hudson, and dau. Lucy A. Rector, after debts are paid.

John Hudson has given Lucy her part of crop, stock, household and kitchen furniture and he has expended \$425 in silver in purchase of two Negroes, Peter and Peggy. He is ready to deliver residue of legacy and finds it impossible to continue and hereby resigns.

The children by Thompson M. Rector are Betsey Catherine, Thompson M., and Lucy Jane Rector. Lucy [Sr.] desires her husband be appointed trustee.

The Court wished to ascertain if Thompson M. Rector is a suitable person. Silas Parsons states he has known Rector a long time and that he is a man of good habits, kind and affectionate to his wife. John R. Coffey states Rector is qualified. Joshua Kirby regards him as suitable. The Register in Chancery Court reports that Rector is entirely suitable and that he become the trustee and that John Hudson be removed.

-Continued in the next issue -

# Lauderdale County

## Deed Record Book A-3

(Part 5)

Copied and contributed by Howell Sims

This series began in Volume 35, Issue No. 1 and is continued from the June 2001 issue. This large book of early deeds is housed in the Lauderdale County Courthouse in Florence. Deed records are probably the most overlooked genealogical tool in the world, yet they are among the most important. From the deeds you might determine your ancestor's parents, the elusive name of the wife, where they lived, what state and county they were from, and countless other important facts. Lauderdale County, established in 1818, is fortunate as they have had no fires, floods, or other calamities and have most, if not all, of their original records.

### Pages 87-88

21 May 1825

#### Warranty Deed

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

The Cypress Land Co., for \$100., sells to James Samples Lot No. 369 in the town of Florence, containing 4.83 acres.

Signed: LeRoy Pope, Thomas Bibb, James Jackson, John McKinly, Dabney Morriss and John Coffee by John Coffee, their attorney in fact.

Witt: F. Sannoner

Acknowledged 11 Oct 1825 by John Coffee & recorded 18 Nov 1825.

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18 Oct 1825

#### Warranty Deed

Patrick Andrews and Mary, his wife, of Lauderdale Co., Alabama sell to Levin B. Mitchell, also of Lauderdale County, Alabama, a lot in Florence for \$250.

The said lot is described as follows:  
Commencing on Court Street six feet from the corner of Court & Tuscaloosa Streets and running northwardly with Court St. 66 feet, thence at right angles westwardly until it intersects the alley between Court and Pine Streets, thence southwardly with the line of said

alley 66 feet to a stake, thence eastwardly at right angles to the beginning on Court Street. Said lot is part of lot No. 364 which was purchased from the trustees of the Cypress Land Company.

Signed by Patrick Andrews and Mary Andrews.

Acknowledged by Patrick Andrews 18 Oct 1825. Mary relinquished her right of dower the same day.

Recorded 18 Oct. 1825.

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31 Oct 1812

#### Warranty Deed

Malcom Campbell of Cumberland Co., North Carolina sells to Duncan McDugall, also of Cumberland Co., North Carolina, all his right, title, claim, interest and demand in and to the estate of John Garuck, decd. This includes land "excepted, which I am or may be entitled to at the death of Garuck's widow, that is to say" negroes Simon, Peter and Jerry together with stock of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture.

Be it further known that I, Malcom Campbell, for and in consideration of \$300 in hand paid by Duncan McDugall, sell to McDugall the above property.

Signed by Malcom Campbell

Witt: Doctor Sheppard, Dr. W. Hay and Daniel McDougall.

Proven in Lauderdale Co. before William W. Garrard on 22 Nov 1825 by Daniel McDougall. McDougall states Malcom Campbell, in the presence of the other witnesses, signed this instrument.

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7 July 1825

**Marriage Contract**

This marriage contract is between John Jackson of Florence, Alabama, a merchant (of the first part), and James Jackson, a planter, also of Florence, Ala., James Hickman of Florence and John McCrea of Philadelphia, Pa (of the second part).

A marriage "hath been had" between John Jackson and Elizabeth Jackson, formerly Elizabeth McCrea. As a result of this marriage, John Jackson became entitled to valuable real estate in right of his wife Elizabeth. A moiety<sup>1</sup> has come into his possession and use in his own right by reason of a conveyance voluntarily entered into by Elizabeth.

John is desirous to convey in fee simple the remaining moiety of land to which he is entitled in right of his wife, consisting of lands and houses in Philadelphia valued at \$12,500. Elizabeth is willing to join in a conveyance with James so as to take away and destroy forever her right to inheritance therein.

Being desirous to settle on Elizabeth to her sole and separate use, the valuable equivalent for her right of inheritance in said moiety, John deeds to James Jackson, James Hirkman, and John McCrea, [as trustees] several lots in the town of Florence. These lots are known as lots No. 63, 129, 135, 206, and 207 plus a lot in the immediate vicinity of Florence on which John Jackson now resides, it being Lot No. 382. Also, included is a quarter section of land lying contiguous to lot No. 382 it being the SE/4 of Sec. 3-3-11W, containing 160.88 acres.

This conveyance is upon the express condition that James Jackson, James Hirkman and John McCrea pay over the rents and profits arising from the property, to Elizabeth or her

<sup>1</sup> Moiety: The half of anything; joint tenants are said to hold the property by moiety.

designate if she survives John. Said profits to go to Elizabeth during her lifetime.

Deed signed by John Jackson, James Jackson, and James Hirkman.

Witness: George Augustus Dawson and Richard Cochran.

Delivered to Hirkman for signing 12 Dec 1825 and recorded 2 December 1825.

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26 Dec 1825

**Bill of Sale**

Reuben Huff of Lauderdale Co., Alabama, administrator of the estate of Elijah Cockburn, decd., sells to John Huff for \$792.00 two negroes:

- (1) Sill, a female aged about 22 years
- (2) Jacob, age about 4 years, he being Sill's child.

Title to said Negroes is warranted.

Signed by Reuben Huff by his X, and by Joseph Huff as witness.

Joseph Huff, the witness, proved the Bill of Sale and it was recorded 27 Dec. 1825.

**Pages 95-96**

12 Dec 1825

**Articles of Agreement**

John Key and John A. Leath of the first part and Richard Cochran of the other part enter into an agreement.

Key and Leath bind themselves to complete for Cochran the brickwork of a house to be situated on Court Street in Florence, adjoining the lot now [owned?] by John Simpson. It is to "be 22 feet in front and built in depth and height according to his description."

Key and Leath are to have the same completed in a good and workmanlike manner within a reasonable time from this date.

Cochran agrees to pay Key and Leath \$200 when the work shall be done to the first floor and the balance on completion of said work with the additional sum of \$2.50 for each arch measuring the work according to the customary rules of the plan.

Signed by John Key, Isham R. Leath and Richard Cochran.

Witnessed by James H. Weakely and John H. [Woodback?]

Ack. 13 December 1825 by Key and Leath and further proven by James H. Weakely.

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4 Jan 1825

Warranty deed

Ferdinand Sannoner<sup>2</sup> of the first part and Mahala Farrow of the other part, are both of Lauderdale Co., Al.

For the sum of \$200., in hand paid, Ferdinand Sannoner sells to Mahala Farrow the S/2 of Lot 1001 in Florence containing ¼ acre with improvements and appurtenances thereto.

Signed by F. Sannoner.

Witnessed by James Irvine

Ack. by Sannoner 5 Jan 1825

Recorded 6 Jan 1825

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<sup>2</sup> Ferdinand Sannoner was a resident of Madison Co., Al by at least Thursday, 20 Nov 1817 when he applied for U. S. citizenship. He was previously a resident of Leghorn in Tuscany.

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3 Jan 1826

Bill of Sale

For \$550 Peter G. Williamson sells to William Kidd, a Negro man slave, age about 26 years.

Signed by Peter G. Williamson

Witnessed by J. W. Byrn and J. C. Little

Proven by John W. Byrn, witness, 7 Jan 1826 and recorded the same day.

**Pages 99-100**

7 Jan 1826

Warranty Deed

The Cypress Land Company sells to James L. Armstrong, for \$1840, in hand paid<sup>3</sup>, "lot number 145 as designated in the plan of the Town of Florence and lots adjoining . . ."

Signed by LeRoy Pope, Thomas Bibb, Dabney Morriss, James Jackson and John McKinley by their attorney in fact, John Coffee.

Ack. by Coffee 7 Jan 1826 and recorded the same day.

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<sup>3</sup> In hand paid: paid with cash in full.

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## Marriages found in Newspapers

Florence, Ala. Miss Lottie Key, daughter of Mr. W. H. Key of this county, and one of our handsomest young ladies, will be married next Thursday at her father's residence to Dr. Charles M. Watson, a rising young physician of Eutaw, Ala. [*The Huntsville Daily Mercury*, Tuesday, September 29, 1885.]

Charles J. Phillips of Memphis, married Miss E. E. Andrews of Florence, 20 Jan 1869. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 26 Jan 1869.]

Joel J. Whitten [married] to Martha S. Beevers, all of Lauderdale Co., 3 Jan 1869. [*The Huntsville Advocate*, 8 Jan 1869.]



## “North Hampton” Co., NC Courthouse Sold

Document: Deed Record A-3, Lauderdale County, Alabama, page 14  
Dated: 18 May 1812  
Buyer: Daniel and Dorothy L. J. Mason of Humphreys Co., Tn  
Seller: Joseph L. D. Smith of Lauderdale Co., Al

“This indenture made and entered into the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1823 between Joseph L. D. Smith of the County of Lauderdale and State of Alabama of the one part, and Daniel D. Mason and Dorothy L. J. Mason of the County of Humphreys and State of Tennessee, of the other part.

“Witnesseth that the said Joseph L. D. Smith for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars [\$15,000], to him in hand paid at and before the ensembling and delivering of these presents, the receipt [is hereby acknowledged].

“Whereof, the said Joseph L. D. Smith doth hereby acknowledge, the Said Joseph L. D. Smith, hath granted, conveyed and sold and by these presents doth grant, bargain & Sell alien[?] . . . [illegible] release, and confirm unto the said Daniel Mason & *Dorotha* L. J. Mason, his wife, their heirs or assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land and premises **lying and being in the County of North Hampton & State of No. Carolina & whereon the Courthouse in said county is situated, containing by estimation nine hundred [900] acres**, be the same more or less and bounded as follows:

“Beginning at a dead pine at a corner of the line of John Nichols & *Boen Branch*, deceased, now Doctor Thomas Peetes’, to John Harris’s corner near [the] old road that leads from the Court House to Miles Newman, then along said

Harris’s line to Potocasy Swamp or Creek, the main run, then down the meanders of said swamp or creek to the corner of Jesse Underway, it being a new corner of a trail of land sold by him to the said Daniel, then along his line to the line of James C. Harrison, formerly Cortes Jones’s, then along said line to the line of Norman Branch at Bridge’s Ferry and then along the said Branch’s line to Little Swamp, then down the meanders of the main run of said Little Swamp being the said Branch’s line, to the line of John Nichols, then along the line of said John Nichols, deceased, to the beginning, including all the privileges of a mill built by the late Col. Jephtha Etherland, deceased, to have and to hold all and singular the said tract or parcel of land and premises with all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, unto the said Daniel Mason & Dorothy L. J. Mason, his wife, their heirs and assigns forever and the said Joseph L. D. Smith, for himself and his heirs the said tract or parcel of land & premises will forever warrant against himself & his heirs to the said Daniel Mason & Dorothy L. J. Mason, his wife, their heirs and assigns forever.

“In witness whereof I, the said Joseph L. D. Smith, hath hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the day and date before written.”

Signed: J. L. D. Smith

Witnesses:

Anthony P. Armstead  
William G. Ragsdale  
William Laseter

Ack. by Smith in Lauderdale Co., Al 3 May 1825 and recorded 4 May 1825.

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# Lawrence County

## 1858 Deaths and Marriages

Helen McKnight

The following are deaths and marriages from an 1858 *Moulton Democrat*, published in Moulton, Alabama. They were abstracted from Alabama Archives microfilm and contributed by past *Valley Leaves* editor, Helen McKnight, now of Gordo, Alabama.

Some of the copies from which Helen worked are badly faded. Some pages were missing, some pages were torn, and some articles were clipped before the newspapers were microfilmed.

### Friday, 15 Jan 1858.

Died 20 [29?] December 1857, Joseph G. Evetts, aged 64 years, 9 months, and 21 days. He was a husband, father, master, neighbor, member of the Legislature and was willing to die.

Died in Rusk County, Texas 30 November 1857, Mrs. Mary Eubank, wife of Thomas Eubank, formerly a citizen of Lawrence County, Alabama, aged about 70 years. She was a good wife, mother, kind mistress, neighbor, a model and pattern for the young.

Married 7<sup>th</sup> inst. at the residence of John R. George by David L. Dinsmore, Esq., John T. Hampton to Miss Sarah Ann Crow, all of Lawrence County.

Married by Rev. Josephus Shackelford on the 29<sup>th</sup> [20<sup>th</sup>?] day of December 1857 at the residence of the bride's father, John W. Prewett to Miss Martha E., daughter of P. A. McDaniel, Esq. of Lawrence County.

Married in Mooresville [Limestone Co.] by Parson Mitchell on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst., Darius Lynch of Lawrence County, Alabama to Miss E. A. Hurt of Limestone County.

### Friday, 22 January 1858.

Married on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. at the residence of the bride's father by Rev. Josephus Shackelford, William P. McDaniel to Miss Louisa H. Hodges, daughter of Daniel Hodges, Esq., all of Lawrence County.

### Fri., 28 January 1858

Died at residence five miles northeast of Moulton, Mrs. Nancy McClesky, wife of David McClesky, aged 61 years, 7 months, and 13 days. For thirty years Mrs. McClesky was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She was a wife, mother, neighbor, and Christian. She suffered intensely for four months. [Ed: No death date given.]

Married by Rev. Josephus Shackelford at the residence of J. M. Watson, Esq., on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant, Moses McWhorter to Miss Elender Simms, all of Lawrence County.

### Friday, 5 February 1858 [Ed: Inside page has "Friday, January 22, 1858."]

Died near Richmond, Mississippi on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1857, Mary Victoria, daughter of John R. and Martha Bristow, aged 3 years, 2 months, and 12 days.

Died in Arkansas County, Arkansas on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 1858, Mrs. Sallie Gibson, wife of Jno. C. Gibson, eldest son of Charles and Clarissa Gibson.

### Friday, 26 February 1858

Died of pneumonia on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1858, Mrs. Elizabeth Price, daughter of Hugh and Hannah Dickson. She was born in Humphreys County, Tennessee 11<sup>th</sup> January 1818 and married 11<sup>th</sup> May 1831. She professed religion at LaGrange, Alabama at age 18 and connected with the Presbyterian Church at Tuscumbia then under pastoral charge of Rev'd.

Mr. Ashbridge. She died at half past 3:00 p.m. at her residence in South Florence, Alabama. She was a wife, mother and mistress. I presume she has few equals and no superiors, valued friend and neighbor.

Died at his residence in Lawrence County, Alabama on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst., Manoah B. Hampton, Esquire, an old and highly respected citizen.

**Friday, 9 April 1858**

Married on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> instant at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Felix Johnson, Logan D. Wallace to Miss Martha Ann Trousdale, all of Lawrence County.

Married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Parthena Pearsall, on Wednesday evening the 20<sup>th</sup> ult., by Rev. Mr. Cline, J. Burrus Moore, Esq., of Tuscumbia and Miss Ela Pearsall, daughter of the late Edward Pearsall, Esq., of Franklin County, Alabama.

**Friday, 11 June 1858**

Died at residence near Houston on the 15<sup>th</sup> ult., Dr. J. J. Stovall, in his 27<sup>th</sup> year, a native of Lawrence County, Alabama where he had practiced medicine. He removed from the state in 1853 and settled about five miles south of this place where he had an extensive and successful practice. He was a graduate of Medical College at Louisville, Tennessee. His disease was affection of the lungs attended with hemorrhage. He had been confined to his room about five weeks. He gave directions about his affairs and last advice to his family. He breathed his last at about 6 o'clock Thursday morning, leaving a little son about 4 years of age, a disconsolate wife and a large circle of friends.

After a protracted illness, Dr. J. J. Stovall died on the 15<sup>th</sup> ult. Resolution by Houston Lodge #67 signed by committee: L. W. Galbraith, L. Fitzhugh, T. N. Martin.

**Friday, 18 June 1858**

Died near Mt. Hope, Lawrence County, on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., Jas. Wallace, one of the first settlers in the county, aged about 74 years. He bequeathed to the township in which he

lived, \$12,000 for education. He had no children as he never married, but he felt sadly for want of an education.

**Friday, 30 July 1858**

Married the 17<sup>th</sup> ultimo at the residence of the bride's father, Gilber N. Wear, Esq., by Joseph Sandlin, Esq., John Acock of LaGrange, Alabama and Miss Jennie Wear of Lawrence County, Alabama.

Married on the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. at the residence of the bride's father by John W. Galey, esq., Joshua Nichols to Miss Martha J. Parker, all of Lawrence County.

**Friday, 20 August 1858**

Married Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., at the residence of Elijah Stover, Sr., by Hon. Charles Gibson, Jesse M. Hill to Miss Artimsey E., daughter of Elijah and Delpha Stover of Lawrence County, Alabama.

**Friday, 27 September 1858**

Died at the residence of her grandfather on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst., Catherine Ellis aged 10 years, daughter of John and Mary Ellis.

**Friday, 1 October 1858**

Died of Pneumonia near Oakville, Lawrence Co., Ala., on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September after an illness of six days, Grandison Heflin, aged about 32 years.

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 1858**

Married by Rev. Mr. Walker on the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, near Brickville, Benj. Trousdale to Miss Sarah Carter - all of Lawrence County.

Married at the residence of the bride's mother in this place on the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. by Elder J. H. Dunn of Limestone, John W. Byler to Miss Mary E., daughter of the late Judge Crockett McDonald, both of Lawrence County.

To be continued in the December issue



## O'NEIL - LEEPER SUIT

### Lawrence Co., Al Chancery Court Record (Part 1)

Chancery Court Records are some of the most interesting, and revealing, genealogical record in existence. This is a court established to hear cases not covered by specific points of law. Chancery Court later became known as the Court of Equity.

#### PAGE 1

O'Neil vs Leeper

To the Hon. Alexander Bowie, Chancellor of the Northern Chancery Division of Alabama, exercising Chancery jurisdiction in the district at Moulton.

Plaintiff: Patrick O'Neil

Defendant: James Leeper

On or about 28 March 1836 O'Neil sold to one James Leeper land in Lawrence Co., Al known as the E/2 SW/4 Sec. 3-7-6W for the sum of \$821.32 payable in three yearly installments, secured by promissory notes, due as follows:

1. \$266.60 due 1 March 1837
2. \$266.60 due 1 March 1828
3. \$208.00 due 1 March 1829

The first two notes were paid but the \$208 payment is wholly unpaid. O'Neil placed a lien on the whole tract to secure payment. O'Neil has retained legal title to said land but is willing to make a valid title to Leeper upon payment of the remaining purchase money.

Leeper received a title bond on 28 March 1836 [when he purchased the property] conditioned to make title after full payment of the purchase money, and took possession of the land.

O'Neil claims Leeper is insolvent and unable to pay any part of the money due him.

O'Neil prays the court for a subpoena to Leeper to answer the allegations set forth above. Unless payment is made by Leeper, O'Neil asks that so much of the property be sold as will make the final payment plus costs, etc.  
/s/ Robert Armstrong, Atto. for O'Neil

On 8 Feb 1846, for the purpose of saving costs and useless litigation, James Leeper admits all allegations and statements.

/s/ James Leeper with his X

#### Final Decree

Filed 8 Feb 1845  
M. Pruit, Register

The estimation of the assessment of the property is proven by Robert Armstrong, a witness thereto. The object is to subject certain lands to sale for the payment due O'Neil.

It is, therefore, ordered by the Court that the lands be sold to the highest bidder, for cash, on the steps of the Court House. Interest on the note is \$158.63 and the final payment totals \$438.63.

Ed Note: The report of sale was not given.

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#### Dr. A. B. Smith Elopes

Last Saturday night, May 22<sup>nd</sup> about midnight, a young colored girl of this place [Courtland, Al] of fair standing in society, eloped with Dr. A. B. Smith, formerly of Huntsville. Up to this date nothing has been heard of their whereabouts. We suppress the name of the young lady out of consideration for the respected family with which she is connected. [*Huntsville Gazette*, Sat., Jan 24, 1880.]

## Legal Notices from *The Moulton Democrat*

Helen McKnight

Legal notices in newspapers often give information not available elsewhere. Their importance is often overlooked. The following notices were abstracted from microfilm belonging to the Alabama State Archives and History in Montgomery. They were contributed by Helen McKnight.

### January 1855

Administration Notice. Letters of administration were issued to D. Mays on the estate of William Jenkins, deceased. 12 Jan 1855.

Petition for Insolvency. Probate Court, Lawrence County. January term 1855. Lewis Dunlap, administrator of J. P. McNorton, decd., vs. J. P. McNorton's heirs and creditors. Petition to be heard 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March. H. A. McGhee, Probate Judge.

Administrator's Sale. Probate Court decree, November term 1854. To be sold in Courtland the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March for cash: young Negro woman, Betty, belonging to the estate of Young Parham, decd. 20 Jan 1854. John C. Burrus, Administrator.

Sheriff's Sale. Circuit Court of Lawrence Co., Alabama. To the highest bidder for cash at Moulton the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January next: carriage, two work horses, one colt, levied and to be sold as property of Robert H. Cleer [written Cleere in Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> notice] to satisfy *fi fas*.<sup>1</sup> John C. Burrus, Sheriff. Moulton 9 Dec 1854.

Administrator's Sale. Probate Court, Lawrence Co., Alabama. November term 1854. Negro woman, Betsy, belonging to the estate of Young Parham, decd., to be sold at auction on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January 1855 to pay off debts in judgment and other debts due. Jno. C. Burrus, Adm., 2 Dec 1854

<sup>1</sup> *Fieri facias*. Means that you "cause it to be done." An order to the Sheriff to levy on the goods and chattels of the judgment debtor.

Estray Notice. Taken up by S. P. Simpson on 5 Jan 1855, a Justice of the Peace in the neighborhood of Courtland, 2 fillies appraised at \$22.50 each. H. A. McGhee, Probate Judge.

Circuit Court, Lawrence Co., Ala. Sept. term 1854. George M. Garth vs. H. N. Templeton, defendant. Attachment. W. W. Downs, garnisher. 20 Jan 1855. D. J. Goodlett, clerk.

Sheriff's Sale. Courtland. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in February next [1855]. Negro girl about 15 years old, property of L. G. Fitzgerald, to be sold 20 January 1855 to satisfy *fi fas* in favor of A. G. Owen, surviving partner of Owen & Sale & James Wallace. J. C. Burrus, Sheriff.

Petition to Divide Land. Probate Court. Dec. term 1854. Edward R. Stanley for petition between himself & Joseph H. Stanley & Thomas E. Stanley, minor heirs of Joseph H. Stanley, decd. Land to be divided: NW/4 Sec. 1-4-9W. Joseph died about 10 Aug 1852. Edward R. & Joseph H. Stanley owned land in joint fee, each having an undivided half. Mariah L. B. Stanley is the widow of Joseph. Joseph H. and Thomas E. Stanley are minor heirs under age 21 and are the only surviving heirs at law. All reside in Lawrence Co., Ala. Petition to divide land into two equal shares – one to himself and the other to Joseph H. and Thomas Stanley. Hearing to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in February 1855. Commissioners appointed to divide land are: Samuel S. Hennigen, Baldy Shaw and William Hooks. 8 Dec. 1854. H. A. McGhee, Prob. Judge.

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## Lawrence County Minute Book "B"

### Part 11

July 5, 1824

Serialization of the Lawrence County Minute Book "B" began in Vol. 25, No. 2, page 79, in December 1990. It is continued here from Vol. 35, No. 4.

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Case No. 150

Alexander Bowling, use )  
of Samuel J. Wilson )  
vs )  
Philip H. Hefley )

Defendant withdrew his plea and says nothing. The Court orders defendant to pay plaintiff \$100 debt, defendant to pay plaintiffs \$100 debt and \$4.22 damages plus costs of this action

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Case No. 153

Charley Anderson, use )  
of Daniel Wade )  
vs )  
Templeton & Dearmond)

Defendants withdrew their plea and say nothing. The Court orders the defendants to pay plaintiff \$240 debt and \$67.20 damages plus costs of this action.

#### Page 67

Samuel Perkins )  
vs )  
Frederic Lester )

Defendant withdrew his plea and says nothing. The Court orders Frederic Lester to pay Samuel Perkins Perkins \$159.99 debt and \$10.65-1/2 damages plus costs.

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Case No. 140

William C. Bass )  
vs )  
Thomas Wilson )

Plf failed to file his declaration on the def's motion; the Court orders that plf be non-suited and defendant recover of Bass his costs in this matter.

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Case No. 165

Alexander Null )  
on )  
Joshua Leamans )

Defendant failed to prosecute by said Certiorari<sup>2</sup> to effect Plaintiff. Therefore, on motion of the Plaintiff, the Court orders that the plaintiff recover against defendant and William White, his security, his costs expended in this case.

Case No. 166

Alexander Null )  
vs )  
William White )

Defendant failed to prosecute his Certiorari to effect. The Court, therefore, orders plaintiff to recover against defendant and Joshua Leamans, his security, his costs expended in this case.

<sup>2</sup> A demand by a higher court to a lower court to produce a certified record of a particular case.

Case No. 134

Solomon Langham )  
vs )  
George L. Robinson )  
George Emmerson )

The defendants demurer to the plaintiff's declaration and being argued and overruled, and defendants now say nothing "why judgment should not be rendered against, them." The Court orders, therefore, that plaintiff recover of defendant \$70 debt and \$.96 damages plus costs.

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Case No. 154

Israel Blagg )  
vs )  
Aaron Green )

This day came the plaintiff and the defendant, being solemnly called came not but made default. The Court ruled that damages sustained by plaintiff be ascertained by a jury.

Case No. 259

Archibald Clardy )  
vs )  
James Doswell )

This case is continued at request of plaintiff.

Case No. 220

Jesse W. Garth )  
vs )  
Charles Anderson )

The defendant acknowledged Garth's action. Therefore, approval of the plaintiff, the Court rules that plaintiff collect from defendant \$1150 and \$31.09 damages plus costs of this suit.

Case No. 190

John Brown )  
vs )  
William Alam )

By consent of both parties, the Court ordered this suit dismissed. It is also ordered that each "party recover against the other one his costs."

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Case No. 204

C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
William Felton )

Parties agree to drop case. Defendant agrees to pay plaintiff his cost of this suit.

Case No. 209

C. McClung & Sons )  
vs )  
William G. Doyle )

Parties agree to drop case. Each party agrees to pay the other one-half of the costs of the suit.

Case 225

Richard Hazlewood )  
vs )  
Robert Handley )

Plaintiff drops suit at request of defendant. The Court ordered that Handley recover his costs herein from Hazelwood.

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# Limestone County

## Limestone County Chancery Court Minutes

In the Limestone County Archives in Athens, there were many loose files which, upon inspection, were found to be minutes of the Limestone County Circuit Court in Chancery. Philip Reyer, Limestone County Archivist, microfilmed them. Abstracted by Dorothy Scott Johnson through the courtesy of Philip Reyer. Continued from the previous issue of *Valley Leaves*.

### Lewis & Lydia Nelson vs Alonzo Gilbert Land Dispute

Lewis Nelson and Lydia, his wife, formerly  
Gilbert, et al  
vs  
Alonzo Gilbert

Ed: Case was extremely difficult to read. It will be easier for you to understand if I give you their genealogy in the beginning:

Cary Gilbert and David Gilbert were born in South Carolina and were brothers. They came to Alabama sometime between 1823 and 1826.

Cary Gilbert was born 10 Aug 1793 and died in May 1865; his wife, Eunice, was born 1 Nov 1796 and died 5 Nov 1873. They are buried in the Gilbert Cemetery in Giles Co., Tn.

Cary Gilbert died leaving the following children:

- (1) Thomas Gilbert, b c 1822 SC
- (2) Lydia Gilbert, b c 1824 SC. She m. Lewis Nelson, a merchant b. Tn in 1808.
- (3) Rebecca Gilbert, b c 1826 Al, m. Malcom G. Maples, b. c 1819 Al, farmer.
- (4) David Cary Gilbert b c 1828 Tn, farmer, m Catherine Smith 23 Feb 1851 Limestone Co., Al. David d 1862 leaving four children:

- (a) Lewis M. Gilbert b c 1852
  - (b) Laura J. Gilbert b c 1854
  - (c) Phoebe J. Gilbert b c 1859
  - (d) Caldonia Gilbert b c 1860
- (5) Calvin Gilbert, b. c 1836
  - (6) Alonzo Gilbert b. c 1841

[Ed: There appear to have been at least two other children not involved in this suit who died and are buried between their parents, Cary and Eunice.]

### Complaint

Lewis Nelson and Lydia Nelson, formerly  
Gilbert  
Malcom G. Maples and Rebecca, formerly  
Gilbert  
Thomas Gilbert  
vs  
Widow Catherine and children of David Cary  
Gilbert  
Truston [?] C. Gastin, admr. of the estate of  
David C. Gilbert

On 23 [25?] May 1865, Cary Gilbert Sr., since decd., gave to his daughter Lydia Nelson, then wife of Lewis Nelson, the:

E/2 W/2 Sec. 5-1-5W and the  
SE corner of NE/4 Sec. 6-1-5W and  
gave possession to them as a part and parcel of  
his estate.

In his lifetime, in 1851, Cary Gilbert, in like manner and intents and purposes, gave and delivered actual possession of:

E/2 Sec. 9-1-5W except the E/2 NE/4  
of the SW/4 to Rebecca Maples, the  
wife of Malcom Maples.

In his lifetime, in 1850, in like manner and intents and purposes, gave and delivered actual possession to his son Thomas Gilbert, the following land:

SW SE Sec. 7-1-5W cont. 40.14 ac  
Part of NE Sec. 7-1-5W cont. 140 ac  
W/2 NW/4 Sec. 8-1-5W cont. 80.16 ac  
SE/4 NW/4 Sec. 8-1-5W cont. 40 ac.  
NW/4 SE/4 Sec. 7-1-5W

Complainants further show and allege that in 1857 Cary Gilbert Sr. gave and delivered

actual possession of the following property to his son Calvin Gilbert:

NW/4 SW/4 Sec. 4-1-5W cont.

20.05/100 acres

W/2 SW/4 NW/4 Sec. 4-1-5W cont.

20 acres

W/2 NE/4 NW/4 Sec. 4-1-5W cont.

20 acres

NW/4 SE/4 Sec. 5-1-5W cont. 50 ac.

In 1857 Cary Gilbert Sr. gave and delivered actual possession of the following property to his son David C. Gilbert:

NW/4 SW/4 Sec. 4-1-50W cont. 40.05 acres.

David C. Gilbert died in 1862 without a will leaving a widow, Catherine Gilbert, and the following children as his only heirs:

(a) Lewis Gilbert

(b) Laura J. Gilbert

(c) Phoebe J. Gilbert

(d) Caldonia Gilbert, all infants under age 21 and all residents of Limestone Co. In 1865 Trusoin [?] C. Gaston was appointed administrator of David C. Gilbert's estate.

Complainant also further alleges that on 23 May 1865 Cary Gilbert Sr. departed this life in Giles Co., Tn, the county and state of his residence, and owning no property in Alabama but seized and possessed of an estate in Tennessee. All of Cary's children reside in Limestone County and are over age 21 (except the children of David C. as stated above), except Alonzo Gilbert who resides in Giles County, Tennessee.

Complainants further allege that Cary Gilbert Sr. was unaware of the necessity of giving a formal written conveyance to each of his children. It was his intention that the property given to each be theirs forever.

Since the death of Cary Gilbert, Sr., it is said by some that being without a deed or written conveyance to said lands, the parties respectively have imperfect or defective titles and if they die their heirs can not inherit the lands.

This is specially now the case of the lands belonging to the estate of said David Gilbert, decd., as will be the case with each of the

complainants [the rest of the heirs] at their deaths or if they should wish to sell their lands.

Complainants pray that the gifts of land from their father, Cary Gilbert Sr., be treated as if a deed in fee simple had been made by Cary to each of his children including that of David Gilbert, decd.

Witnesses:

David Gilbert

John McKinney

James Liggans

William Smith

The witnesses were ordered to appear in Athens at the office of John Turrentine, commissioner, on 18 May 1867 to have their depositions taken in this suit.

**Deposition of David Gilbert [Bro. of Cary Gilbert.]**

David states he has known the parties in the suit some 40 years; that he is an uncle of Lewis Nelson's wife and lives about a half mile from them.

He has also known Cary Gilbert some 35 years as they were brothers.

David Cary Gilbert was the father of Mrs. Nelson and Alonzo Gilbert, "in fact, he was the father of all except the children of David Gilbert and he was the grandfather of them."

Cary Gilbert gave Lewis Nelson and wife [dau. of Cary] the land upon which they now live and have lived on for some 20 years, and "the land to all the others as described in the bill."

/s/ David Gilbert, 18 May 1867

**Deposition of Thomas H. Gilbert [Son of Cary]**

Thomas H. Gilbert states that Lewis Nelson and wife, complainants [plaintiffs] and Alonzo Gilbert [wrong! Should be Lewis M.], Laura Gilbert, Phoebe Gilbert and Caldonia Gilbert are the minor heirs of David Gilbert [son of Cary], decd, and are all under age 14.

/s/ T. H. Gilbert, 28 May 1866

**John McKinney Deposition**

John McKinney is not related to the parties. He heard the Bill of Particulars read and

substantially adopts the answers of David Gilbert except to the relationships.

/s/ John McKinney, 18 May 1867

#### James Legg & William Smith Depositions

James Legg and William Smith were next examined and fully adopt the answers of David Gilbert except as to the relationships. They never heard any conversation from Cary Gilbert on the subject of relationships.

/s/ James Legg by his mark

/s/ Wm. B. Smith. 18 May 1867

#### Answer of Alonzo Gilbert

The allegations are in substance true. He is the son of Cary Gilbert, decd., and as a member of the family he was afforded an opportunity to

know the desires and intentions of his father and believe the allegations true.

/s/Alonzo Gilbert

#### Guardian ad litem

Alex L. McKinney was appointed Guardian ad litem of and for Lewis, Laura, Phoebe and Caldonia Gilbert, infants under age 21. They are defendants in this suit. McKinney demands proof of all allegations.

#### Decision of the Court

It was decreed by the court that the estate of David Gilbert is to be divided amongst his children. Each of Cary's other children are to have the property he gave them as if he had given them a deed to the property.

## Sheriff A. L. McKinney

### McKinney Suspended From Office

An order was received here [in Athens] a few days since from Montgomery suspending Col. A. L. McKinney from further discharge of his duties as sheriff of this county, without assigning any cause for his suspension.

All know how faithfully and impartially Mr. McKinney has discharged his many and unwelcome duties for the last two years, and his removal - without a shadow of a cause - is a contemptible exercise and usurpation of military power. So much for a free government and liberal commander. [*Athens Weekly Post*, 6 February 1868.]

### McKinney Arrested

Sheriff A. L. McKinney was arrested in this place on last Friday, by an officer of the U. S. Army, for violation of General Order No. 6, current series, and required to give a bond of \$6,000 to appear at Huntsville before a Military Commission.

His crime is the faithful discharge of his duty in selling perishable property which had been attached, and was about to be fraudulently removed from the state.

The law requires such property, when levied upon, to be sold before deteriorating in value, and Mr. McKinney only did his plain duty according to the statute; but Gen. Meade thinks differently, and he is the Moses - the Law Giver - and dictator for the States of Alabama, Florida and Georgia. [*Athens Weekly Post*, 5 March 1868]

## Destructive Tornado

Last Thursday evening a destructive tornado passed through the upper portion of Limestone County and throughout its entire track was marked by terrible destruction of property and several serious and nearly fatal casualties. The citizens of Pettusville and vicinity are among the greatest sufferers. Houses were unroofed and swept away; out-houses, stables, barns and fencing were prostrated. And the timber blown down. We have heard of two persons being

seriously injured. One, a Miss Dungy, who had one of her limbs fractured in three places.

Near the Lauderdale line, the hurricane was most destructive. Mr. Columbus Ray had his houses and out-buildings blown down and Mrs. Ray was badly injured. [*Athens Weekly Post*, 14 May 1868.]

## Violence and the KKK

Saturday night, while a Republican meeting was being held in the Court House in Huntsville, a band of armed and disguised men, numbering about 150, entered the town on the northwestern side. They rode around the square and passed off by the market house. Their approach was hinted about before dark and caused much uneasiness and alarm among the Negroes, some of whom armed themselves.

No attack was made by the band designated as Klu Klux, nor any attack made on them by the colored people but a colored man at the north gate with a gun, was accosted by a white man and asked why he had a gun and demanded its surrender, which was refused.

Thereupon, this Negro, named George Roper, was shot twice or three times and beat over the head by some white man. He is dangerously wounded.

Judge Silas Thurlow of Limestone County, standing at the gate, was then shot by one of the three white men and is very dangerously wounded in the abdomen. He is at the Johnson House in a critical condition.

Some 15 or 20 shots were fired in rapid succession. Alexander Reid, a Negro who was on the pavement near the Moore block, was shot and soon died.

Mr. W. W. Cox was shot through the jaws, it is said, by a Negro, and is dangerously wounded.

Milton Martin, colored, was wounded in the back but not seriously.

Dr. Allen, a dentist, was slightly wounded in the thumb and Mr. Winston slightly in the arm. These are the casualties of this affair. One man dead, three dangerously wounded, two slightly.

This is not the place to comment on the affair. The Grand Jury meets tomorrow. A military officer is now investigating it by order. The whole facts will be brought out; the guilty violators of the law made known . . .

Why the band of armed and disguised men were in town while a Republican meeting was in progress, why they marched around the square, and who they were is unknown to us. Such

bands are strangers to the law and to the peace of society. A military guard was put out as soon as possible after the shooting took place. They arrested three disguised men with arms, who afterwards escaped.

### Arrested and Escaped

On Saturday night, three persons disguised and armed with double-barreled shot guns, were arrested by the military parole in the streets some time after the riotous disorder was over.

They were put in the calaboose, giving their names as Bradford, Tribble and Martin. Their horses were put in McDonald's stable. A guard was left at the calaboose front door. Before day, by the aid of parties from the rear of the market house, the inside Calaboose lock was broken off and the three escaped taking their horses from the stable. Their disguises and guns were left in the hands of the authorities.

### Death of Judge Thurlow

Silas Thurlow, who occupied the position of Judge of Probate of Limestone County by virtue of the election of last February, died in Huntsville on last Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock of wounds received in the riot in the city on last Saturday night. The wound was accidental and from one of his friends.

[*The Athens Weekly Post*, 31 Oct 1868]

Editor's Note: On Sept. 28, 1868 the *Athens Weekly Post* published a letter from John B. McClellan, the then probate judge, saying he had this day vacated his office as requested as part of reconstruction.

In another column it shows that Silas Thurlow took charge of the probate office the preceding Monday. He appointed T. J. Cox his clerk which met with approval of the newspaper. He appointed Gen. J. M. Lane, Luke G. Bullington, Warren Phillips and Sylvester B. Isom as county commissioners, also approved of by the paper.



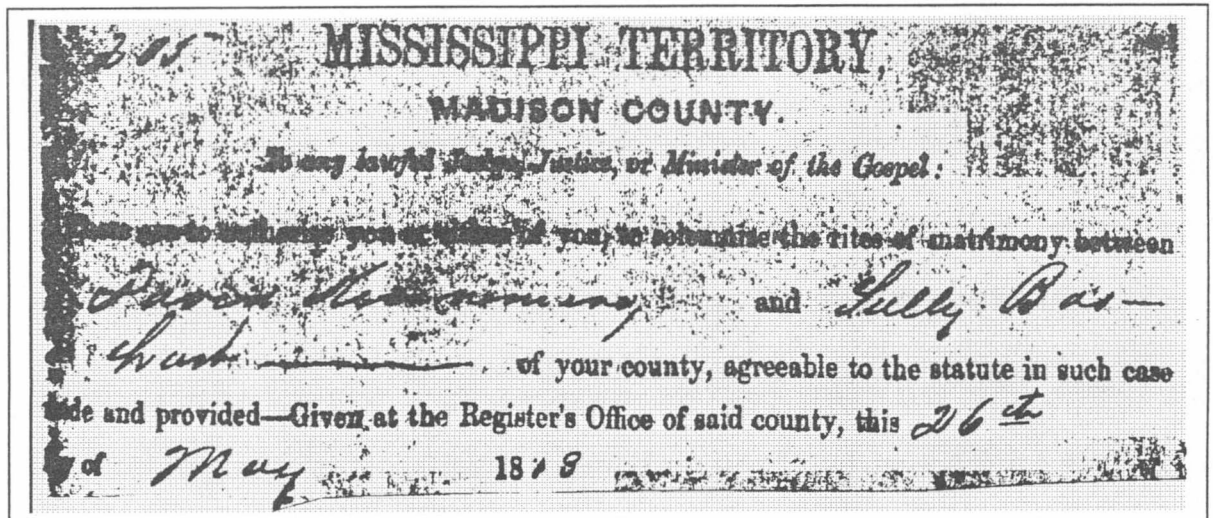
# Madison County

## Marriage Book 1

Part 5 of 14

For a complete introduction to these marriages please refer to Vol. 35, Issue No. 1. Over 20 years was spent in an attempt to reconstruct this record and prove or disprove each marriage. They have been compared to every record conceivable in the territorial period in Madison Co., and some outside of Madison County.

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Groom and Bride</u>                         | <u>License</u> | <u>Comments</u>                                                 |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 104         | John McGehea to<br>Nancy Murphy                | 10 May<br>1813 | Groom's name is probably McGehee.                               |
| 105         | William Robins to<br>Betsey Mullins            | 12 May<br>1813 | Groom's name written "Mullons" in this record.                  |
| 105         | Bannister Bond to<br>Peggy Sivley              | 12 May<br>1813 | Peggy and Bannister Bond are heirs of Jacob Sivley <sup>1</sup> |
| 106         | John Crossley to<br>Elizabeth Tipton           | 13 May<br>1813 |                                                                 |
| 106         | Reubin Fowler to<br>Elizabeth<br>Williamson    | 16 May<br>1813 |                                                                 |
| 107         | Joseph W.<br>McCutchen to<br>Tabitha Carothers | 16 May<br>1813 |                                                                 |
| 107         | David Kennemere<br>to Sally Bushart            | 26 May<br>1813 |                                                                 |



Marriage license of David Kennemere to Sally Boshart

<sup>1</sup> Will of Jacob Sivley recorded in Deed Book E, p. 165-168.

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| 108         | Uriah York to<br>Rebecca Voiley           | 29 May<br>1813  | Uriah York was the son of Joseph & Jemima York. <sup>2</sup> Uriah is shown on the Limestone Co., Al 1820 state census.                             |
| 108         | Samuel Rounds to<br>Polly Lewis           | 3 May 1813      |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 109         | John Sivley to<br>Betsey Bond.            | 31 May<br>1813  | John and his wife, <u>Elizabeth</u> , are heirs of Jacob Sivley. <sup>3</sup> “Betsey” is a nickname for Elizabeth.                                 |
| 109         | Thomas Pride to<br>Anna Gibson            | 2 June 1813     |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 110         | James Norman to<br>Peggy Campbell         | 5 June 1812     |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 110         | William W.<br>Capshaw to Mary<br>McKinney | 9 June 1813     |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 111         | David Ballew to<br>Malinda Logan          | 9 June 1813     | The will of Thomas Logan, dated 7 Feb 1812, mentions his daughter, Mellindy Logan. <sup>4</sup>                                                     |
| 111         | Lewis Edmunds to<br>Susannah Rinaldo      | 19 June<br>1813 |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 112         | William Finch to<br>Elizabeth Scruggs     | 19 June<br>1813 |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 112         | Thomas Spriggs to<br>Syndirella Lynch     | 30 June<br>1813 | On 20 Nov 1815 “Sinder...[torn]...relict of Thomas Spriggs” was appointed administratrix of his estate. <sup>5</sup>                                |
| 113         | Daniel Mitchell to<br>Anna Cannis         | 30 June<br>1813 |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 113         | Morris Carothers to<br>Nancy Morris       | 26 June<br>1813 |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 114         | James Renard to<br>Anna Lennox            | 28 June<br>1813 |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 114         | Wiley Speaks to<br>Anna Rogers.           | 1 July 1813     | Groom’s name appears to be written “Willy” in this record but it is actually Wiley as proven by the will of his father, Thomas Speaks. <sup>6</sup> |
| 115         | John Lawler to<br>Rachael Moser           | 2 July 1813     |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 115         | Ezekiel Lampkins<br>to Nancy Couch        | 14 July 1813    |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 116         | William Ellett to<br>Polly Hale           | 20 July 1813    |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 116         | Thomas<br>Hutchinson to<br>Anna Fields    | 20 July 1813    |                                                                                                                                                     |

<sup>2</sup> Joseph York’s will recorded in Deed Book A, p. 18a-18b, 8 Oct 1809.

<sup>3</sup> Deed showing Jacob Sivley’s heirs deeding their share of land to Andrew Sivley. Deed Book E, p. 165-168.

<sup>4</sup> Deed Book A, p. 26, Madison Co., Al

<sup>5</sup> Orphans Court Minute Book 1, Madison Co., Al

<sup>6</sup> Will of Thomas Speaks, Deed Book D, p. 5, Madison Co., Al

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| 117         | Stephen Pond to<br>Nancy Carlisle                   | 5 Aug 1813     | Nancy is widow of Laurance Carlisle. <sup>7</sup> Stephen and Nancy separated 2 Sept 1820 <sup>8</sup> and divorced on 12 Jan 1826. She is listed as Naomi in divorce record. <sup>9</sup> |
| 117         | Hugh Campbell to<br>Elizabeth Donohoo               | 7 Aug 1813     |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 118         | Stephen Turne-<br>brough to Polly<br>Class [Clapp?] | 11 Aug<br>1813 |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 118         | John Harden to<br>Nancy Johnstone                   | 13 Aug<br>1813 | To be continued in the next issue of <i>Valley Leaves</i>                                                                                                                                  |

## Daniel Wright Obituary

Contributed by Miss Alice Thomas, a descendant of Daniel Wright. The obituary is from *The Democrat* of 9 June 1838. It is requested in the obituary that: "The editors of Columbus, Miss., and Columbia, S. C., will please insert the above in their respective papers.

The fist of Heaven has again gone forth.

The shaft of death has laid low another of those chivalrous spirits of '76. Another of that small remaining phalanx of liberty is no more!

Departed this life at his residence, on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. [May], Maj. Daniel Wright, in his 80<sup>th</sup> year, after a lingering indisposition of three months.

The deceased was a native of Virginia. When in the spring of early youth, he engaged in the arduous struggle for Colonial Independence, and during the entire revolutionary contest, from the rank of a soldier of liberty to that of Captain of freemen, developed that decision of action, promptitude of execution, and energy of character so peculiarly characteristic of his after life.

Soon after the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown, he became a citizen of South Carolina. In the Convention in South Carolina he was an active and efficient delegate in the formation of her first legislature.

He was a member of the Legislature for several years – and during his subsequent residence of twenty years, held the highly honorable and responsible office of Brigade Inspector of the South Carolina Militia.

In 1812, when Madison was but the frontier of an infant territory, he brought his numerous family to the then far western wilds of our beautiful country. For the last 26 years he has lived amongst us, truly an ornament of society – a kind and affectionate neighbor, husband, and father, and an uncompromising friend of his country.

The Anniversary of American Independence will soon again roll around, but his neighbors, friends, children, grand and great-grand children, will not (as ever the custom) meet him again around his hospitable board.

And his compatriots of '76 – a few of whom spent that day with him in social festivity – may they long enjoy the periodical return of that day, to behold which again was his sole remaining earthly wish.

May he rest in peace

<sup>7</sup> Orphans Court Minute Book 1, Madison Co., Al

<sup>8</sup> Deed Book F, p. 488, Madison Co., Al

<sup>9</sup> Chancery court record Book A, p. 421

## The Southern Advocate Wednesday, November 5, 1862.

The following material was taken from the *Southern Advocate* of 5 Nov 1862. For a complete introduction please see Vol. 35, No. 2.

### Capt. John R. Gardner, Obituary

Capt. John R. Gardner, the true soldier, has fallen. He was a native of Virginia. Born the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 1825, he came to this state and county when quite a young man. He was fortunate in being united in marriage with Miss Emma Eastland of this county with whom he so agreeably lived. At his country's call, he responded by raising a volunteer company of his neighbors and countrymen to go out to brave the difficulties and dangers of camp life and the battlefield. His company had been but a short time drilling in the 31<sup>st</sup> Regiment, (Col. Hale's), known as Company H, called "Joe Bradley Rebels."

At the fall of Fort Donelson, owing to the bad weather and roads, when the army fell back he and his men suffered much, nearly all of them being sick. Some had died and others were expected to die.

I do not expect to forget his looks when he spoke of the sufferings of his men. He was very kind to his men and, as to his ability as an officer, none that was acquainted with him had any doubt. As a citizen he was esteemed, being good and kind to every one and very much esteemed by his neighbors.

He was an affectionate husband, darling father, and kind brother. From all these he forced himself away, going at the head of his company, in Gen. Breckinridge's<sup>10</sup> Brigade, to Corinth. On that long-to-be remembered Sabbath, many of his Brigade fell and he, in the hottest of the fight, at the head of his men, fell mortally wounded, living until the next day.

He has left a fond wife, three lovely children, a sister, two brothers, and many warm friends to mourn their loss. We hope that dying away from home and in his country's cause, he died in hope of Heaven and that we will meet him there. Sleep on brave Capt. Gardner until the resurrection, then you will receive a soldier's reward.

<sup>10</sup> Major Gen. John Cabell Breckinridge was a former vice-president of the U. S. (1857-61). As the candidate of the Southern Democratic faction he was Lincoln's opponent in 1860.

H. P. Turner

### Thomas Ice Jr., Obituary

Thomas Ice, Jr., seeing that the rights of the South were invaded, calmly resolved to offer himself upon the altar of his country's right, came forth on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1861 and joined Capt. Milner's company, and was ever found true to his part.

He was in the battles of Donelson and Shiloh, besides many skirmishes, all of which he showed himself true to the South. But notwithstanding he was spared in all these, yet, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1862, near McMinnville [Tn.], he received the wound that closed his career.

He was wounded in the skirmish near that place, and after four days confinement, left for home but being unable to travel more than one day, was compelled to stop where he remained until the 15<sup>th</sup> when he quietly closed his eyes in death.

We are informed that the kind lady at whose house he stopped gave every attention that could have been given, but all this stayed not the hands of death though he fell in the defense of his country's rights, yet he fell in sight of Heaven.

He was heard to say just before his death that he freely forgave the one that gave the fatal wound. He also requested that his beloved wife be told that he felt that his beloved Saviour was with him and that all was well.

The subject of this notice was born May 2, 1827 near Hazlegreen,, Madison Co., Al, was married to Martha Garner Nov. 30, 1848, moved to Marshall Co. in December of the same year, and died in the 36<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

I would say to Sister Ice, weep not as those who have no hope, you will meet him again where parting will be no more, then dry your tears and calmly wait the time when that meeting will take place. Though you have been separated from one that you love, yet you have the comforting thought that he sleeps in the soldier's grave and that you can tell your little ones that their father died in defense of their rights, and teach them to be as true as he.

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## Madison County Public Schools Pupils

From the collection of Ms. Betty Jacks  
Assisted by Mr. Jan D. White

The first public school system in Alabama came about in 1854; however, it was not entirely "free." Schools were supported in part by tuition, private gifts, or subscriptions and were not really free to students until 1927.

The Civil War, and the reconstruction evils which followed, practically checked all educational development. With their wealth swept away, poverty-stricken, the people for many years had little money for education which resulted in a high rate of illiteracy. When there was barely enough money for food, paying their taxes, or sending their children to school, it was a "no brainer" as to which would prevail. There was 20.9% illiteracy in 1910. It was reduced to 12.6% in 1930.<sup>11</sup> Another factor contributing to illiteracy was the fact that most children lived much too far from a school to attend, even had their parents been able to afford it. A six-year old child, for instance, might not be able to walk safely several miles to and from the nearest school each day.

In 1927, the legislature passed a "unified educational bill" which greatly increased the appropriations for public schools. This made possible a minimum free-school term of seven months, later extended to nine months, in every county of Alabama.

As a professional genealogist, I found many people who were terribly embarrassed to find their ancestor was illiterate. They failed to understand why. They also failed to realize that illiteracy had absolutely nothing to do with intelligence.

In light of the above, in your editor's opinion, it is especially heart-warming to find a list of students attending schools in 1909-1911. They were students whose parents were wealthy enough to afford the tuition (most probably scrimping and saving to do it) and cared enough about their children's future to see to it they went to school.

**Pupils of Hewlett School  
Session Sept. 6, 1909 – Apr. 22, 1910  
Huntsville, Alabama Route 1**

| NAME                                | AGE | GRADE |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| <b>Entered school Sept. 6, 1909</b> |     |       |
| Ola Guthry                          | 6   | 1     |
| Nona McLaughlin                     | 6   | 1     |
| Raymond Brosemer                    | 7   | 1     |
| Josie Belle Fox                     | 7   | 1     |
| Jimmie Guthry                       | 10  | 1     |
| Mamie Maples                        | 9   | 3     |
| Mabel Fox                           | 12  | 4     |
| Louis Drake                         | 10  | 4     |
| Robert Vaughn                       | 14  | 5     |
| Johnnie Fox                         | 14  | 4     |

|                                     |    |   |
|-------------------------------------|----|---|
| Hazel Phelps                        | 9  | 5 |
| Nellie McLaughlin                   | 9  | 5 |
| Ava Erwin                           | 10 | 5 |
| Ava Lee                             | 9  | 5 |
| Awbrey Drake                        | 11 | 5 |
| Earl Erwin                          | 12 | 6 |
| Lessie Erwin                        | 14 | 6 |
| Elizabeth Rennegar                  | 10 | 6 |
| Nellie Davis                        | 10 | 6 |
| Joseph Rennegar                     | 12 | 6 |
| Alda Rennegar                       | 13 | 6 |
| Buell Davis                         | 14 | 7 |
| Carroll McLaughlin                  | 14 | 7 |
| Margarite                           | 12 | 7 |
| McLaughlin                          |    |   |
| <b>Entered School Sept 14, 1909</b> |    |   |

<sup>11</sup>W. F. Quarrie & Company, *The World Book Encyclopedia*, Chicago, 1935

| NAME                                 | AGE | GRADE |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Gracie Foster                        | 12  | 5     |
| Carrie Foster                        | 9   | 4     |
| <b>Entered School Sept 15, 1909</b>  |     |       |
| Searcy Drake                         | 6   | 1     |
| Leonard Drake                        | 8   | 1     |
| <b>Entered School Sept. 23, 1909</b> |     |       |
| Dessie Fox                           | 6   | 1     |
| <b>Entered School Nov. 8, 1909</b>   |     |       |
| Sophie McLaughlin                    | 12  | 5     |
| Rose McLaughlin                      | 6   | 1     |

|                                     |    |   |
|-------------------------------------|----|---|
| <b>Entered School Dec. 6, 1909</b>  |    |   |
| Luella Tailor                       | 12 | 4 |
| Robert Tailor                       | 11 | P |
| <b>Entered School Dec. 7, 1909</b>  |    |   |
| Clayton Widner                      | 12 | P |
| Jessie Widner                       | 10 | P |
| <b>Entered School Jan. 24, 1910</b> |    |   |
| Jimmie Lee McDuff                   | 9  | 2 |
| <b>Entered School Febr. 7, 1910</b> |    |   |
| Herman Jones                        | 7  | 1 |

**Pupils of Copeland Creek School, Elkwood, Alabama Route 2**  
**Session Nov. 14, 1910 – April 7, 1911**

| NAME                                | AGE | GRADE |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| <b>Entered School Nov. 14, 1910</b> |     |       |
| Sadie Cantrell                      | 14  | 7     |
| Vera Noblin                         | 14  | 7     |
| Sherrell Posey                      | 14  | 7     |
| Jonathan Cantrell                   | 13  | 5     |
| Sarah Cantrell                      | 6   | 2     |
| <b>Entered School Nov. 15, 1910</b> |     |       |
| Theo. Nunly                         | 6   | 1     |
| Albert Nunly                        | 5   | 1     |
| <b>Entered School Nov. 16, 1910</b> |     |       |
| Beulah Posey                        | 7   | 1     |
| Omer Posey                          | 8   | 2     |
| Sarah Posey                         | 5   | 1     |
| <b>Entered School Nov. 17, 1910</b> |     |       |
| Alice Loveless                      | 12  | 6     |
| Mitchel Loveless                    | 9   | 4     |
| Fannie Rodgers                      | 11  | 4     |
| <b>Entered School Nov. 21, 1910</b> |     |       |
| Belle Baites                        | 12  | 6     |
| Willie Stephens                     | 11  | 4     |
| Jim Tanner                          | 7   | 1     |
| Hamon Baites                        | 7   | 1     |
| Pete Baites                         | 14  | 4     |
| John Baites                         | 10  | 2     |
| Earle Lasater                       | 6   | 1     |
| <b>Entered School Nov. 22, 1910</b> |     |       |
| Shell Baites                        | 15  | 6     |
| Garland Stephens                    | 8   | 2     |
| <b>Entered School Nov. 28, 1910</b> |     |       |
| Deomy Nunly                         | 8   | 2     |
| Dick Nunly                          | 9   | 2     |
| <b>Entered School Nov. 29, 1910</b> |     |       |
| Clide Patterson                     | 6   | 1     |

|                                     |      |   |
|-------------------------------------|------|---|
| Gus Patterson                       | 8    | 4 |
| <b>Entered School Dec. 1, 1910</b>  |      |   |
| Thomas Nunley                       | 14   | 4 |
| Edgar Rozelle                       | 6    | 1 |
| <b>Entered School Dec. 5, 1910</b>  |      |   |
| Charlie Loveless                    | 16   | 7 |
| Nannie Miller                       | 13   | 1 |
| Sallie Bunn                         | 6    | 1 |
| Jodie Loveless                      | 14   | 6 |
| <b>Entered School Dec. 6, 1910</b>  |      |   |
| Monro Nunly                         | 17   | 4 |
| Bettie Nunley                       | 16   | 4 |
| <b>Entered School Dec. 12, 1910</b> |      |   |
| Joe McCaleb                         | 7    | 4 |
| Willie McCaleb                      | 12   | 7 |
| <b>Entered School Dec. 13, 1910</b> |      |   |
| Emma Lasater                        | over |   |
|                                     | age  |   |
| <b>Entered School Dec. 19, 1910</b> |      |   |
| Hattie Rodgers                      | 17   | 5 |
| <b>Entered School Dec. 22, 1910</b> |      |   |
| Lizzie McCaleb                      | 10   | 4 |
| <b>In Summer Term - Extra</b>       |      |   |
| Lee Lively                          | 13   | 3 |
| Asie Green                          | 14   | 3 |
| Flossie Tanner                      | 5    | 1 |
| Herman Morris                       | 13   | 3 |
| Will Price                          | 11   | 1 |
| Mollie Price                        | 10   | 1 |
| Lillie Stephens                     | 5    | 1 |

End

# Marshall County

1904-1906

## Marshall Co. Voter Registrations

### Part 3

For a complete introduction to this series please refer to *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 35, No. 2. Comments made adjacent to any person's name on the original list are included here as a footnote. Many voters transferred from another district which tells you your ancestor moved from one place to another.

#### Precinct No. 5, Jay Bird -R. F. D<sup>1</sup>. No.

|    |                         |    |
|----|-------------------------|----|
| 1  | W. H. McDaniel          | 43 |
| 2  | J. G. Bishop            | 27 |
| 3  | J. B. Mockett           | 21 |
| 4  | H. M. Eason             | 21 |
| 5  | Z. Rieves               | 47 |
| 6  | R. Y. Raines            | 46 |
| 7  | Will Rieves             | 22 |
| 8  | J. H. Hobbins           | 42 |
| 9  | W. J. Lang              | 35 |
| 10 | W. C. Cole              | 55 |
| 11 | R. J. Cole              | 51 |
| 12 | J. R. Hardeman          | 23 |
| 13 | J. G. Hardeman          | 23 |
| 14 | L. G. H. Scott          | 34 |
| 15 | J. L. Maness            | 21 |
| 16 | J. R. Doss <sup>2</sup> | 33 |
| 17 | G. W. Thompson          | 34 |
| 18 | C. H. Moore             | 49 |

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#### Wakefield Precinct #6

| No. | Name              | Age | Post Office  |
|-----|-------------------|-----|--------------|
| 1   | G. A. Patterson   | 21  | Mid          |
| 2   | R. L. Hurdnils[?] | 21  | Meltonsville |
| 3   | N. H. Johnson     | 29  | "            |
| 4   | W. F. Bruce       | 58  | "            |
| 5   | J. T. Gable       | 40  | "            |
| 6   | M. A. Johnson     | 24  | "            |
| 7   | N. C. Johnson     | 26  | "            |
| 8   | C. W. Moody       | 21  | Mid          |
| 9   | M. L. Bain        | 21  | Meltonsville |

#### Precinct 7, Claysville 1906 - P. O: North

|   |             |    |       |
|---|-------------|----|-------|
| 1 | Jesse Allen | 21 | North |
|---|-------------|----|-------|

<sup>1</sup> Rural Free Delivery (mail route)

<sup>2</sup> "From B. [box?] 17.]

|    |                             |    |
|----|-----------------------------|----|
| 2  | L. A. Rallings              | 21 |
| 3  | T. J. Stearnes              | 21 |
| 4  | J. P. Rallings              | 24 |
| 5  | Willie Davidson             | 21 |
| 6  | G. W. Smith                 | 21 |
| 7  | J. B. Baker                 | 22 |
| 8  | H. E. McDonald              | 21 |
| 9  | C. F. Chandler              | 41 |
| 10 | T. J. Rallings <sup>3</sup> | 63 |
| 11 | Mat Martin                  | 24 |

#### Precinct 8, Boshart

|    |                                |    |               |
|----|--------------------------------|----|---------------|
| 1  | Mart Goffery                   | 22 | Preston       |
| 2  | J. P. Word                     | 29 | Preston       |
| 3  | P. V. Word                     | 70 | Preston       |
| 4  | W. B. Word                     | 72 | Preston       |
| 5  | W. L. Boggess                  | 23 | Preston       |
| 6  | J. F. Gothery                  | 33 | Preston       |
| 7  | J. J. Smith <sup>4</sup>       | 46 | Columbus City |
| 8  | J. W. Law <sup>5</sup>         | 32 | "             |
| 9  | J. B. Law <sup>6</sup>         | 25 | "             |
| 10 | W. H. Whitenbury <sup>28</sup> |    | "             |
| 11 | N. J. Henby                    | 46 | "             |
| 12 | G. F. Chandler <sup>7</sup>    | 30 | "             |
| 13 | J. R. Smith <sup>8</sup>       | 39 | "             |
| 14 | J. R. Taylor                   | 21 | "             |
| 15 | M. L. Walls                    | 21 | North         |
| 16 | Dock Kirkland                  | 21 | Grant         |

#### Kennamer Precinct #9

| No. | Name | Age | Post Office |
|-----|------|-----|-------------|
|-----|------|-----|-------------|

<sup>3</sup> "from [Pct.] 10"

<sup>4</sup> Transferred from Pct. 23

<sup>5</sup> From Pct. 19

<sup>6</sup> From Pct. 19

<sup>7</sup> From Pct. 23

<sup>8</sup> From Pct. 7

|   |                  |    |               |
|---|------------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | W. F. Hodes      | 22 | Woodville     |
| 2 | S. A. Martin     | 22 | Payne         |
| 3 | James Kennamer   | 21 | Kennamer Cove |
| 4 | W. A. Ledbetter  | 48 | Payne         |
| 5 | J. R. Ledbetter  | 28 | Payne         |
| 6 | L. A. McGehee    | 21 | Kennamer Cove |
| 7 | J. Keill [Keel?] | 21 | Kennamer Cove |

**Honey Comb Precinct #10**

|   |                          |    |             |
|---|--------------------------|----|-------------|
| 1 | W. M. Turner             | 27 | Cottonville |
| 2 | Ed Ikard                 | 29 | Cottonville |
| 3 | Robb Webb                | 21 | Cottonville |
| 4 | Willie Lewis             | 21 | Cottonville |
| 5 | I. B. Troop <sup>9</sup> | 30 | Cottonville |

**Precinct #15, Red Hill**

|    |                              |    |          |
|----|------------------------------|----|----------|
| 1  | J. L. Watson                 | 29 | Red Hill |
| 2  | B. M. Berry                  | 35 | Red Hill |
| 3  | M. G. Calbeath <sup>10</sup> | 25 | Diamond  |
| 4  | L. N. Stewart                | 22 | Diamond  |
| 5  | H. Watson                    | 25 | Red Hill |
| 6  | C. M. Berry                  | 21 | Red Hill |
| 7  | S. N. Cowart                 | 52 | Diamond  |
| 8  | R. G. Hall                   | 21 | Red Hill |
| 9  | W. C. Copeland               | 22 | Diamond  |
| 10 | W. D. Falson <sup>11</sup>   | 50 | Fry      |
| 11 | Tom Berry                    | 21 | Red Hill |
| 12 | L. D. Warren                 | 58 | Red Hill |
| 13 | E. F. Miller                 | 30 | Fry      |

**Precinct #11, Paint Rock**

|    |                             |    |             |
|----|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| 1  | W. M. Hardin                | 52 | Lamont      |
| 2  | E. C. Rice                  | 30 | Lamont      |
| 3  | J. G. Walker                | 36 | Cottonville |
| 4  | J. B. Ingram                | 21 | Lamont      |
| 5  | J. B. Dearmond              | 37 | "           |
| 6  | Merrill, Bealy              | 69 | "           |
| 7  | W. H. Mann                  | 23 | Cottonville |
| 8  | Lake Aldridge               | 21 | Lamont      |
| 9  | W. Leemaster                | 21 | Cottonville |
| 10 | Tom Kennedy                 | 25 | "           |
| 11 | D. M. Douglass              | 75 | New Hope    |
| 12 | S. S. Stapler               | 21 | "           |
| 13 | J. M. Peguies <sup>12</sup> | 63 | Cottonville |
| 14 | Thos. H. Roberson           | 31 | Lamont      |
| 15 | H. H. McGehee <sup>13</sup> | 31 | Cottonville |

|    |                 |    |             |
|----|-----------------|----|-------------|
| 16 | D. R. Kennemor  | 31 | Cottonville |
| 17 | Press Mann      | 21 | Keel        |
| 18 | H. B. Graham    | 46 | Cottonville |
| 19 | R. F. Starnes   | 38 | Lamont      |
| 20 | S. L. Walker    | 21 | Lamoant     |
| 21 | Jim Pasore      | 21 | New Hope    |
| 22 | John C. Butler  | 30 | "           |
| 23 | G. M. Patterson | 57 | Cottonville |
| 24 | John Pegues     | 21 | Lamont      |

**Precinct #12, Oleander**

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|                |    |             |
|----------------|----|-------------|
| J. E. Mead     | 63 | Bean Rock   |
| E. H. Cooch    | 22 | "           |
| E. A. Smith    | 29 | "           |
| W. H. Wann     | 22 | "           |
| J. A. McKelvey | 21 | Get Up      |
| Bill Artis     | 22 | Bean Rock   |
| W. H. Taylor   | 21 | Tacket      |
| G. W. Blackmon | 22 | Union Grove |
| B. J. Blackmon | 56 | "           |
| T. S. Cooch    | 34 | Bean Rock   |
| J. R. Donn     | 21 | "           |
| John Brand     | 21 | "           |
| Thos. Donahoe  | 79 | Tacket      |
| J. A. King     | 44 | Get Up      |
| E. Ward        | 83 | Get Up      |
| H. D. Borditt  | 47 | Oleander    |
| O. C. Cooch    | 21 | Bean Rock   |
| M. B. Owen     | 31 | Get Up      |
| R. E. Owen     | 21 | "           |
| J. Fackler     | 48 | "           |
| A. D. King     | 21 | "           |
| J. M. Hughes   | 77 | Oleander    |
| A. Black       | 53 | "           |
| D. A. Black    | 56 | "           |
| G. W. Black    | 52 | "           |
| R. C. Short    | 21 | Get Up      |
| H. B. Maples   | 26 | "           |
| J. T. Walice   | 25 | "           |
| J. B. Vaughn   | 44 | Taylorville |
| H. M. Jackson  | 52 | Get Up      |
| J. H. Artis    | 32 | Bean Rock   |
| Jesse Merritt  | 53 | Oleander    |

<sup>9</sup> From Pct. 19

<sup>10</sup> This may be Galbreath

<sup>11</sup> This may be Fulsom

<sup>12</sup> Transferred from Pct. 8

<sup>13</sup> Transferred from Pct. 10



**Precinct #12, Oleander**

|                                          |    |             |
|------------------------------------------|----|-------------|
| L. P. Waren                              | 24 | "           |
| J. F. Rhea                               | 22 | "           |
| W. R. R. Ryan                            | 22 | Auston      |
| I. J. Jackson                            | 56 | Oleander    |
| L. D. Whisenant                          | 56 | Tacket      |
| Asa Whisenant                            | 26 | "           |
| J. P. Julian                             | 55 | Auston      |
| [Note: Numbering picked up on next page] |    |             |
| 41 M. G. Julian                          | 21 | Auston      |
| 42 J. H. Morrow                          | 31 | Oleander    |
| 43 Z. T. Morrow                          | 22 | Union Grove |
| 44 John M. Black                         | 53 | Oleander    |
| 45 W. T. Harden                          | 47 | "           |
| 46 J. M. McComic                         | 31 | "           |
| 47 W. D. Black                           | 21 | "           |
| 48 George Bailey                         | 23 | "           |
| 49 W. R. Ryan                            | 23 | Auston      |
| 50 J. M. Julian                          | 23 | "           |
| 51 C. S. Black                           | 39 | Oleander    |
| 52 W. H. Ditto                           | 42 | Get Up      |
| 53 E. P. Couch                           | 25 | Bloomfield  |
| 54 J. O. Smallwood                       | 22 | Bean Rock   |
| 55 E. C. Couch                           | 26 | Bloomfield  |
| 56 E. D. Barnard                         | 23 | Oleander    |
| 57 J. A. King                            | 23 | "           |
| 58 George Bramlett                       | 21 | Briscoe     |
| 59 J. J. Milford                         | 21 | Union Grove |
| 60 J. C. Smallwood                       | 26 | Tacket      |
| 61 G. C. Vann                            | 21 | Union Grove |
| 62 W. G. Loach                           | 21 | "           |
| 63 A. C. Willis                          | 27 | Auston      |
| 64 A. J. Nearen                          | 21 | Union Grove |
| 65 C. L. Taylor <sup>14</sup>            | 29 | "           |
| 66 J. J. Jennings                        | 55 | "           |
| 67 R. T. Gibson                          | 21 | "           |
| 68 H. G. Roberts                         | 21 | "           |
| 69 A. M. Jones                           | 46 | "           |
| 70 J. A. J. Maynard                      | 47 | "           |
| 71 M. O. Mead                            | 21 | Bean Rock   |
| 72 J. R. Smith                           | 44 | Union Grove |
| 73 Lothar Culbreath                      | 21 | Tackets     |
| 74 J. L. Barnard                         | 31 | Oleander    |

**Precinct #13, Rock Spring**

|                 |    |              |
|-----------------|----|--------------|
| 1 A. B. Bohanon | 21 | Guntersville |
|-----------------|----|--------------|

<sup>14</sup> Transferred from Pct. 14 (Warrenton)

|                                 |    |                           |
|---------------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 2 N. B. Barnes                  | 43 | Albertville <sup>15</sup> |
| 3 J. F. Scruggs                 | 26 | Hyatt                     |
| 4 James Scruggs                 | 60 | "                         |
| 5 S. H. Hyatt                   | 54 | Hyatt                     |
| 6 J. T. Hooten                  | 35 | "                         |
| 7 S. E. Horton                  | 59 | "                         |
| 8 I. H. Horton                  | 32 | "                         |
| 9 J. R. Horton                  | 33 | "                         |
| 10 J. F. Horton                 | 55 | "                         |
| 11 D. C. Teal                   | 22 | Street                    |
| 12 C. M. Mitchell               | 21 | "                         |
| 13 J. Y. Moultrie               | 21 | "                         |
| 14 Thos. A. Jones               | 51 | "                         |
| 15 J. H. Hill                   | 32 | "                         |
| 16 D. B. Mahane                 | 21 | Albertville               |
| 17 W. T. Campbell               | 21 | Street                    |
| 18 H. Lawson                    | 28 | "                         |
| 19 J. C. Sampson                | 73 | "                         |
| 20 G. W. Lawson                 | 36 | "                         |
| 21 W. J. Austin                 | 23 | "                         |
| 22 James Mahan                  | 21 | "                         |
| 23 W. C. Gibson                 | 25 | "                         |
| 24 N. M. Camp                   | 30 | Albertville               |
| 25 Mat Kelley                   | 21 | Street                    |
| 26 J. Q[D?] Hudgins             | 21 | Albertville               |
| 27 F. A. Conn                   | 80 | Hyatt                     |
| 28 R. M. Kelley                 | 21 | Street                    |
| 29 W. T. Kelly                  | 21 | "                         |
| 30 T. J. Benefield              | 21 | Albertville               |
| 31 John Balue                   | 52 | Street                    |
| 32 B. J. Moseley                | 22 | "                         |
| 33 W. H. Bands                  | 21 | "                         |
| 34 J. H. Jones                  | 48 | Albertville <sup>16</sup> |
| 35 J. A. Eubanks                | 24 | "                         |
| 36 S. J. Gardener <sup>17</sup> | 40 | Hyatt                     |
| 37 H. R. Morrison               | 25 | Albertville <sup>18</sup> |
| 38 W. E. Camp                   | 22 | Albertville <sup>19</sup> |
| 39 David J. Smith               | 53 | Albertville <sup>20</sup> |
| 40 W. L. Clayton                | 21 | Albertville <sup>21</sup> |
| 41 H. L. Lee                    | 21 | "                         |

<sup>15</sup> R.F.D. 3

<sup>16</sup> R.F.D. 3

<sup>17</sup> From Beat 8[18?]

<sup>18</sup> R.F.D. 2

<sup>19</sup> R.F.D. 3

<sup>20</sup> R.F.D. 2

<sup>21</sup> R.F.D. 3

|    |                           |    |             |
|----|---------------------------|----|-------------|
| 42 | J. L. Isbell              | 48 | Horton      |
| 43 | M. L. Casey               | 38 | Hyatt       |
| 44 | I. A. Clayton             | 56 | Albertville |
| 45 | W. M. Lyles <sup>22</sup> | 63 | Hyatt       |
| 46 | J. A. Lyles               | 31 | "           |
| 47 | F. M. Boen                | 21 | "           |
| 48 | A. B. Templeton           | 27 | Hyatt       |

|    |                              |    |             |
|----|------------------------------|----|-------------|
| 36 | Otis Dodd                    | 25 | Grassey     |
| 37 | N. J. Conley                 | 22 | Warrenton   |
| 38 | W. N. Callorn[?]             | 45 | Union Grove |
| 39 | J. M. Whitlock               | 21 | "           |
| 40 | Elix[?] Scott                | 21 | Neck        |
| 41 | Will McClendon <sup>29</sup> | 26 | Warrenton   |
| 42 | J. L. Atchley                | 25 | Warrenton   |

**Precinct #14, Warrenton**

|    |                             |    |             |
|----|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| 1  | Albert Brown                | 21 | Warrenton   |
| 2  | James W. Johnson            | 22 | Diamond     |
| 3  | E. C. Boldin                | 21 | Warrenton   |
| 4  | A. S. Starkey               | 21 | Manchester  |
| 5  | Soney Dobbs                 | 27 | Warrenton   |
| 6  | Ed Anderson                 | 22 | "           |
| 7  | F. A. Atchley               | 25 | "           |
| 8  | B. F. Brown                 | 24 | "           |
| 9  | H. F. Anderson              | 22 | "           |
| 10 | Joe Morrow                  | 21 | "           |
| 11 | T. R. Brashier              | 21 | Diamond     |
| 12 | W. T. Noble                 | 21 | "           |
| 13 | Gus King                    | 21 | Warrenton   |
| 14 | F. J. Thompson              | 21 | "           |
| 15 | Moses A. Blady              | 86 | "           |
| 16 | L. B. Tipton                | 22 | "           |
| 17 | Sam Turner                  | 21 | "           |
| 18 | W. M. Grass                 | 21 | "           |
| 19 | S. N. Walker                | 23 | "           |
| 20 | J. L. Smith                 | 25 | "           |
| 21 | J. B. Alldridge             | 22 | "           |
| 22 | A. H. Brown                 | 21 | "           |
| 23 | A. J. C. Jones              | 40 | Union Grove |
| 24 | J. S. Marsh                 | 21 | Neck        |
| 25 | A. C. McMinn <sup>23</sup>  | 58 | Warrenton   |
| 26 | Murphy B. Hall              | 21 | "           |
| 27 | W. M. McMinn <sup>24</sup>  | 30 | "           |
| 28 | W. W. Wood <sup>25</sup>    | 42 | Neck        |
| 29 | Joe Eaton                   | 21 | Warrenton   |
| 30 | James Deloach <sup>26</sup> | 48 | Manchester  |
| 31 | W. T. Austin                | 24 | Warrenton   |
| 32 | G. H. King                  | 30 | "           |
| 33 | J. K. Taylor <sup>27</sup>  | 38 | Diamond     |
| 34 | J. R. Sparks                | 26 | Grassey[?]  |
| 35 | V. W. Morrow <sup>28</sup>  | 34 | Warrenton   |

**Precinct #16, Friendship**

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| 1  | H. C. Lackey     | 22 | Boaz, RFD 3 |
| 2  | K. D. Cleveland  | 57 | Boaz, RFD 4 |
| 3  | H. H. Stephens   | 62 | Boaz, RFD 3 |
| 4  | W. J. Kendrick   | 21 | Horton      |
| 5  | J. B. Willis     | 57 | "           |
| 6  | A. J. Hayes      | 21 | "           |
| 7  | G. W. Laster     | 36 | Boaz, RFD 3 |
| 8  | G. M. Johnson    | 54 | "           |
| 9  | G. W. Smith      | 51 | "           |
| 10 | W. R. Smith      | 26 | "           |
| 11 | E. A. J. Pounds  | 64 | "           |
| 12 | J. F. Gibbs      | 30 | "           |
| 13 | J. T. Horton     | 48 | "           |
| 14 | J. B. Ogburn[?]  | 46 | "           |
| 15 | T. F. Bradbury   | 21 | "           |
| 16 | James Carnes     | 21 | "           |
| 17 | W. O. Hill       | 22 | "           |
| 18 | G. H. Wright     | 21 | Boaz, RFD 4 |
| 19 | G. A. Malone     | 26 | "           |
| 20 | W. L. Graham     | 21 | Boaz, RFD 3 |
| 21 | O. L. Mitchell   | 21 | "           |
| 22 | J. H. Lackey     | 25 | "           |
| 23 | F. M. Pruitt     | 21 | Boaz, RFD 4 |
| 24 | N. O. Marhborn   | 25 | Boaz, RFD 3 |
| 25 | J. M. Fowler     | 34 | "           |
| 26 | G. W. McCormic   | 46 | "           |
| 27 | J. R. Collins    | 22 | Boaz, RFD 4 |
| 28 | J. T. Lackey     | 48 | Boaz, RFD 3 |
| 29 | Jno. A. McKinney | 56 | Boaz, RFD 4 |
| 30 | S. C. McKinney   | 36 | "           |
| 31 | W. P. McCarley   | 29 | Boaz, RFD 3 |
| 32 | J. M. Clem       | 47 | "           |
| 33 | B. M. Walden     | 27 | "           |
| 34 | W. A. Whitten    | 21 | "           |
| 35 | W. M. Rigsby     | -- | Boaz, RFD 4 |
| 36 | Jonathan Hazell  | -- | "           |
| 37 | J. W. Miller     | 36 | "           |

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<sup>22</sup> Transferred from Pct. 22

<sup>23</sup> Transferred from Beat 12

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<sup>26</sup> Transferred from Beat 7

<sup>27</sup> Transferred from Beat 21

<sup>28</sup> Transferred from Beat 11

<sup>29</sup> Transferred from Beat 2

# Morgan County

## Newspaper Articles

### Beware – The Flux

The Flux is raging in the most malignant form in portions of Washington Co., Indiana. Adults and children are attacked with the disease, and in almost every instance it has proved fatal. In one neighborhood, near Farabee Station, nearly every person is sick with the disease and many are dying. The skill of the best physicians so far has been unable to find a remedy for the malady. [*The Athens Weekly Post*, 3 Sept 1868]

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### Decatur Train Wreck

As the Decatur-bound train was going down at 5 o'clock last Sunday morning, one of the track wheels to the tender gave way just as the engine was crossing the branch below town. It threw the entire train off the track, smashing through the bridge and considerably damaging two cars, the tender and the engine. But few passengers were on the train, and we are glad to say no one was injured, though it was a bad "smash-up."

Mr. Reynolds, the Superintendent, with an efficient force, soon repaired the damage, and trains now run as usual. [*The Athens Weekly*, 27 Aug 1868]

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### Another Decatur-bound Train Wreck

On last Saturday night, as the 11 o'clock train was going up on the Nashville and Decatur Railroad, some scoundrel disarranged an old switch a short distance below town, by which some of the cars were thrown off the track, causing a delay of several hours. Outrages on this road have become so common, President Sloss offers a reward of \$500 for the apprehension of anyone committing them.

### Ku-Klux Klan

The Ku-Klux have been perambulating our streets for two nights until a late hour. Where are our semi-military-civil officers?

We are informed that they, (the Ku-Klux) week before last, went to the house of a colored man in Lan [Lawrence?] County, took him out of bed and gave him 100 lashes. On the same evening, they went to Judge Peters' house at Moulton [Lawrence Co.], endeavored to get in, and called him out – for what purpose, we do not know. That speaks well for one of our Supreme Judges elect – for whenever the Ku-Klux get after a man, we can rest assured that he is about right, however devious his course may be. [*The Athens Weekly Post*, reprinted from the *Decatur Republican*, 4 June 1868.]

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## Thomas Hubbard Revolutionary Soldier

Claim No. S17227. The Hon. C. C. Clay helped him obtain his claim for military service in the American Revolutionary War on 27 Aug. 1832.

Thomas Hubbard, aged 77 years and nine months, makes his declaration in order to obtain a pension provisioned by the Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832.

He entered service in the First Regiment of Virginia in the State Line in July or August 1775 under Capt. John Fleming, Lt. William Lewis, and Sir John Pettis. Col. Patrick Henry commanded the regiment.

Thomas was a resident of Goochland Co., Va. and enlisted from here for one year. He was marched to Norfolk and returned to Williamsburg in June 1776. There he enlisted as a Sgt. for three years in the Continental Line under the same officers. He believes Isaac Read commanded the regiment. They marched to New York. During the march, Col. James Hendrick came to the command. There was some fighting on the island and the regiment joined Lord Startin's brigade.

The army marched over King's Bridge to the white plains – some fighting there. They raced to Philadelphia then to Brandywine (a battle here). At a place near the "schoolkill" [?] the rain put a stop to the contest. Later, Gen. Mercer took command of the Brigade. They night-marched to Princeton and was in battle next morning. Gen. Mercer, Capt. Fleming, and Lieutenant Yates fell at the head of the brigade and Hubbard was wounded.

Afterwards, was in two battles at a village called Quibbleton under Col. Charles Scott, afterwards General Scott. The next place of fight was Mud Island with some assistance from the Redbank Fort. Hubbard acted as sergeant, sergeant major, quartermaster sergeant and quartermaster. While the army lay at Valley Forge he obtained a certificate of "accmpts" from Col. Richard Parker dated 24 May 1770. Some years ago, Hubbard sent this to the Virginia Land Office.

"Here I will describe the tours I made in the Militia." The first was from Goochland Co., Ga. and was under Capt. Thos. Fleming in April or May 1775 – went to Williamsburg, York and Hampton.

He was taken prisoner with three other militia officers near Petersburg and confined in one house by order of the traitor [Benedict] Arnold. Arnold came to the command after the death of Gen. Phillips. Lord Cornwallis arrived some weeks later and took over Arnold's command. Hubbard then petitioned for a parole until exchanged, which was granted and he was set free the next day. This was near the end of the war and no exchange took place.

/s/ Thomas Hubbard

### Request for Balance of Pension

He has received no pension, annuity, or any other support from the government. Not all that was due him for his service has been received.

David Hubbard, executor of Thomas Hubbard, states the following is due Thomas Hubbard: Pension of \$121.91 from 4 March 1841 to 31 July 1840 (150 days).

On 3 May 1834 "Thomas Hubbard of the state of Alabama, who was a Capt., Lt., and Sgt. in the Army of the Revolution, was entitled to receive \$296.66 per annum during his natural life commencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1831 and payable semiannually on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March and the 4<sup>th</sup> of September every year.

/s/ Lew Cass, Secretary of War

Nov. 18, 1843

County Court of Morgan Co., Somerville, Ala.

Thomas Price, Clerk of the County Court certifies that Thomas Hubbard died in Morgan County, Alabama on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1841. He left no widow but did leave the following children:

County, Alabama on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1841. He left no widow but did leave the following children:

Greene K. Hubbard  
Thomas Hubbard  
Vincent Hubbard  
David Hubbard  
Elizabeth Wilson  
Margaret Hewlett  
Catharine Morris  
Stephen Hubbard  
James Hubbard

A letter dated 15 June 1915 to one Mrs. Fred R. Mintz of Mt. Olive, NC from the War

Department states Hubbard was in the battles of Harlem, White Plains, Trenton, Princeton where he was wounded, both battles at Quibbletown, Brandywine, Germantown and Mud Island Fort. He was discharged 24 May 1779.

He then served in the Virginia Militia three months. In 1779 he was Capt. of the Powhatan County, Va. Militia. He was in the Battles of Camden, Rugley's Mill, and Guilford and afterwards taken prisoner near Petersburg, Va. He was detained some time and paroled by Gen. Cornwallis.

## Burton Pride Revolutionary Soldier Pension

Burton Pride appeared in open court and made the following declaration:

He is 75 or 80 years of age having no record of same. He was born in 1758 and when age five he moved to Orange Co., NC. On 1 Sept 1776, while a resident of Caswell Co., NC, he enlisted and served 12 months as a private in Capt. Henley's Company, Col. Habersham's Georgia Regiment.

He enlisted again, 1 October 1778, and served six months as a private in Col. Locke's North Carolina Regiment.

After the Revolutionary War he lived in East Tennessee; from there he moved to Madison Co., Alabama and from there to Morgan Co., Alabama.

He was allowed a pension on his application dated 28 Aug 1832 at which time he was a resident of Morgan Co. He died there 25 May 1836.

Burton Pride married 5 October 1820 in Madison Co., Alabama Territory, to Elizabeth, the widow of John Millwee. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Houston.

On account of the Revolutionary War service of Burton Pride, his widow Elizabeth was allowed a pension on her application dated 27 Jan 1856 at which time she was 67 years of age and living in Sevier Co., Arkansas.

Pride was in several skirmishes but no battles.

He entered service under the command of General McIntosh, Col. Habersham, and Capt. Huntley on 1 Sept 1776. He continued in service until 1 Sept 1777.

During this tour he was stationed briefly at Savannah but was marched in different parts of Georgia. He was discharged by Col. Habersham at Savannah but long since lost his discharge.

His second tour of duty, under command of General Rutherford, began 1 Oct 1778 and he served six months.

### Petition for Widow's Pension.

Elizabeth Pride's Amended Declaration dated 26 April 1856 was from Sevier Co., Ark.

She and Burton Pride were married in Madison Co., Alabama Territory, on 5 Oct 1820. She was then the widow of John Millwee and her maiden name was Elizabeth Houston.

The family Bible in which the same [marriage record] was set down got wet in White River in Arkansas when she was moving to Arkansas and was so damaged that much of it was lost. Burton died in May 1835 in Morgan County.

Dr. R. Long

The following was sent to us by Janet Biondo of Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Dr. R. Long married Narcissa James on 30 March 1856 in Morgan County.<sup>1</sup>

He, Narcissa, and their children are listed in the Morgan Co. 1860 census. He is shown as age 22, a farmer, and born in Alabama. Narcissa, also born in Alabama, was a 23-year-old housewife. They have three children: Mary F., age 2, Martha Ann age 1 and Elbert age 2 months.

He served in Company D of the 14<sup>th</sup> Alabama Regiment, and was captured at Franklin, Tennessee on 26 Dec. 1863. Dr. Long was sent to the prison at Camp Douglass, Illinois where he died of measles on 2 March 1863. He is buried in the Confederate mound at Camp Douglas where he died.

It would appear that Dr. Long's widow did not remarry as one Narcissa Long is buried in the James Cemetery in Morgan County. The 1860 Federal Census<sup>2</sup> shows her as having been born ca 1837. Her tombstone gives the same birth year, and the death year as 1882.<sup>3</sup>

Apparently Dr. Long was Riley Long, the son of John (b. ca 1785) and Elizabeth (b. ca 1800 in Ga.), shown in the 1850 Morgan Co. census. John is buried in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery (1785-1865) and served in the War of 1812. If Elizabeth is buried here, she has no tombstone.<sup>4</sup>

Apparently, D. B. Long was the same person as Dr. R. Long. He was captured in Franklin, Tennessee and a notation at the bottom of D. B. Long's "Roll of Prisoners of War" form states:

"This roll was sent to the Commissary General of Prisoners, accompanied by a letter dated Feb. 6, 1863, in which the Commanding Officer at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Ill., states, 'I have the honor herewith to forward a list of the prisoners of war brought to this camp by Col. P. B. Hawkins, 11<sup>th</sup> Ky Volunteers. Feb. 11, 1863.' Col. P. B. Hawkins was detailed to take charge of the prisoners of war captured at the battle of Stone River by S. F. O. Number four, Department of the Cumberland, dated

at Murfreesboro, Tenn., Jan. 7, 1863 and he reported his arrival at Chicago with the prisoners in a letter dated Jan. 27, 1863."

Long was captured just four days before the bloody Battle of Stone's River (also called Battle of Murfreesboro) in Tennessee. He died of measles on March 2, 1863, about two months after his capture.

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Dr. R. Long  
Pr. Co. D. 14 Regt. Ala

Appears on a **Report**  
of deaths of prisoners of war for the month of  
March, 1863.  
Report dated Not dated  
....., 1863.

Disease: Measles  
Date of death: March 2, 1863.  
Remarks: .....

(Confederats.)

L | 14 | Ala

D. B. Long  
Co. D. 14 Regt. Alabama

Appears on a **Roll of Prisoners of War\***  
at Camp Douglas, Ill.  
Roll dated Not dated, 1863.

Where captured: Franklin Tenn  
When captured: Decr. 26, 1863  
Remarks: .....

<sup>1</sup> Morgan Co., Al marriage book B, pp 291. Solemnized by James A. Woodall, M. G.  
<sup>2</sup> Janet Baker Burks, *Morgan County, Alabama 1860 Federal Census* (Tyler, Texas: Janet Baker Burks, 1989) p. 22.  
<sup>3</sup> Marilyn Sue Short Marine and Ivydene Simpson Walls, *Morgan County, Alabama Cemeteries, Volume II* (Hartselle, Alabama: Marine/Walls Publications, 1984), p. 432.  
<sup>4</sup> *Ibid*, p. 111.

## Queries

### 36-1 – Jones

In War of 1812, my g-g-grandfather, **John Jones** (nmi) was a member of the Madison County 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 commander's name.

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### 36-2 – Sullivan

Would like to make contact with any descendant of **Randolph and Mary Sullivan** who moved to Madison Co., Al by 1817 from Laurens Co., SC. He was b 1788 and d 1852. She was b 9 Nov 1789 and d in 1863.

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Webster, TX 77598-3224

### 36-3 – Terry

Need birth certificate/record for my g-gr-father in hope it will identify his parents. He was from Riverton, Colbert Co., Al, born 1889-91 (prob ca 1890). He was **Edward Deane Terry**. Is there a service in Colbert Co. that could assist me in finding his birth certif? Who should I contact and what is the fee?

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### 36-4 – Cunningham, Tiggs, Williams.

Need info on **Hance M. Cunningham** who m. **Nancy Tiggs**; he believed to have been Sherriff of DeKalb Co. and d. 1828; believed to have had a son **Jesse Cunningham** who m. **Mary A. E. Williams** & had dau **Nancy Emolene**. Any info on these or other **Cunninghams** would be most appreciated.

E-mail: [kcunningham1@qwest.net](mailto:kcunningham1@qwest.net)

### 36-5 – Baize (Bays?), Posey

Searching for parents & siblings of **Liza Ann Baize (Bays?)** b ca 1820-1825 in Kentucky. She m **William Posey** who b ca 1823 in TN. They were in Lauderdale Co., Al on 14 Dec 1841.

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### 36-6 – Luallen, Lain, Hammons, Lipcomb

**Daniel Luallen** m **Elizabeth Lain** in Marion Co., TN; moved to Jackson Co., AL; Had 12 ch according to census reports. Two daughters unaccounted for – may have d young. Daniel d ca 1849 & Elizabeth later moved to Tishomingo Co., MS prob to be near older sons **William & John**. Where did dau. **Polly**, who m. a **Hammons**, go? Would like to find parents of **William Jefferson Lipcomb** who m **M. J. Luallen**.

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### 36-7 – Abernathy, Ramsey, Northam, McLemore, Cox, Hudson, Rice, Smith

Rev. Dr. **James Smith Abernathy** ("Smith" in Al census) b 25 Oct 1802 Franklin Co., NC. Fam unknown but moved to Giles Co., TN during his youth. His fam highly educated producing several physicians & ministers. **Smith** m **Elizabeth Ramsey**, d/o **Mial Ramsey & Sally Goldston** in Savannah, Lincoln Co., Tn Mar 19, 1829. Issue: (1) **Wm. David Smith** b 17 Nov 1830 m. **Northam?** (2) **John James Smith** b 11 May 1836, m **Mary Ann Northam** (3) **Ambrose Knox Smith** b 24 Sept 1838; (4) **Mial Smith** b. 19 Apr m **Louisa Mary McLemore**; (5) **Matthew Ramsey Smith** b 3 Dec 1843, m. **Rachel M. Cox**; (6) **Adeline Smith**, b 3 Sept 1845; (7) **Benjamin F. Smith** b. 4 Sept 1846 (8) **Emily A. - Smith**, b 2 May 1848, m 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. **Keith Hudson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Harris F. Rice**; (9) **Nathan Henson Smith** b 17 Nov 1850 (10) **Sarah Elizabeth Smith** b 31 Mar 1833, Lincoln Co., Tn.

All ch b Limestone Co., Al except oldest and youngest who both b Lincoln Co., Tn. Rev. Dr. Smith was surgeon in the Conf Army and a Methodist-Episcopalian Minister. Any info on Smith or his family would be appreciated.

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### 36-8 McAllister, Adams

Thomas **McAllister** was bro of my g-grandmother (Elizabeth **McAllister Adams**). I'm searching for parents of John Smiley **McAllister**. I have lots of info but nothing proven. Will greatly appreciate help. Elizabeth m. to Hu. C. Adams (called "Levi") in 1864 TN and lived in Polk Co., Tn.

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### 36-9 – Woodard, Dunn, Dunnman

When & where did my g-gr-mother, Martha ("Sis") **Woodard Dunn** (or **Dunnman**?) die? She may have m. **Martin S. Dunn** (**Dunnman**?) in 1873. They had my gr-fa in Marshall Co., Al in 1877. I can't find them on any census. Martha d between 1877 and 1883 when **Martin** remarried.

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Citrus Heights, CA 95621

### 36-10 – Cobb, Sisk, Roberts, Maynard, Nash, Evans, Lanier, Hearne, Heritage.

**John Cobb Jr.** [s/o Major **John Cobb** and **Nancy**] moved to Madison Co., AL from Newburn NC bef 1825. **John Cobb Jr.** b 1802, m. **Linna C. Lanier** in Madison Co., AL. My father's gr-fa is **Bryant Bucklin Cobb** b 1864 Owens Cross Roads, s/o **John Cobb Jr** & 2<sup>nd</sup> wf **Emily Hearne**. My paternal gr-fa is **Claude Cobb** b 1898 in New Hope, s/o **Bryant Cobb** & **Clercie Nash**. My fa, **Ovie Cobb**, b 1920 in Owens Cross Roads is s/o **Claude Cobb** & **Mable Jane Sisk** b 1902 in Scottsboro. Need any info on these families.

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### 36-11 – Griffin, Hopkins, Phillips, Loveless, Hastings, Bailey, Pryor, Wicks, Meeks.

My mo, **Ethel Mae Hastings**, b 14 Dec 1905 in Hazel Green, Madison Co., AL, d/o **William Jerome** and **Melissa Tennessee** "Tennie" **Patterson Hastings**.

**Melissa Tennessee Hastings'** parents were **Annie Elizabeth Griffin** (1846 Madison Co., AL & d 1918 Lincoln Co., TN) and **Andrew Jackson Patterson** of Lincoln Co., TN whom she m. 1 Dec 1864.

The parents of **Annie Elizabeth Griffin Patterson** were **John G. Griffin** and **Mary Ann Hopkins**. **Mary Ann Hopkins** b ca 1812 Madison Co., AL and m 1833 in Madison Co. to **John G. Griffin** b Va. They moved to **Itawamba Co., MS** bef 1850. Then on **Itawamba 1850** census then disappeared.

Parents of **Mary Ann Hopkins Griffin** were **Samuel Augustus Hopkins** b. SC, m. in **Logan Co., KY** **Rebecca Bailey**. They moved to **Madison Co., AL** & later to **Lincoln Co., TN**.

Also looking for **Thomas A. Phillips** and **Elizabeth Loveless** fam. & descendants **Elizabeth Loveless Phillips** d. at birth of dau, **Elizabeth Alcena Phillips**, in 1849. **Elizabeth Alcena Phillips** m. **Peter Green Hastings** in **Madison Co., AL**. Any help appreciated.

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### 36-11 – Sims, Voss

Found my g-g-gr-mo in **Memory Hill Cem** in **Albertville**. Her stone says, "**Leathie Jones Sims**." Believe she was actually **Aleatha**, wf of **George Sims**. She d. 10 Mar 1950; lived in **Albertville** in 1939 & perhaps **Arab** bef that. Can not find her in census. She had at least three (maybe more) children:

(1) **I. V. Sims** (my ancestor); (2) **Jack Sims** who went to **Miss**; (3) **Ola (Sims) Voss** who stayed in **Al**. Need info on **Leathie**, her ancestors and descendants.

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Longview, TX 75605



(c) = Colored  
Italics = found in footnotes

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