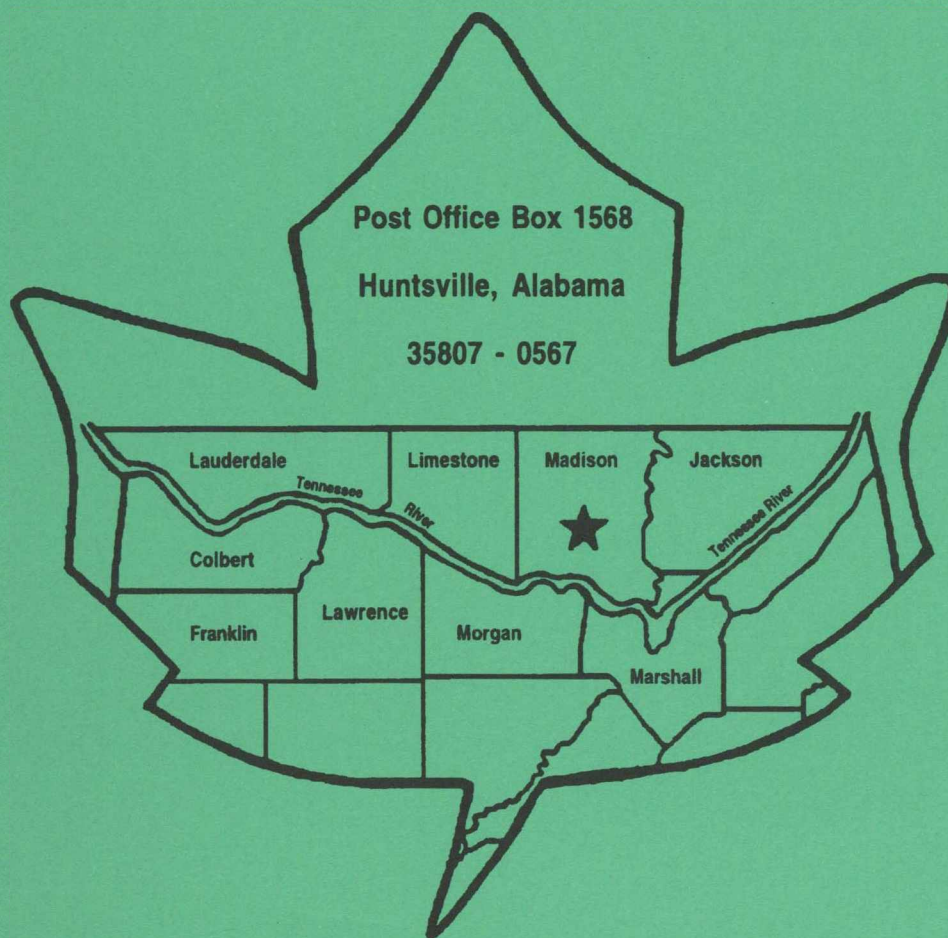

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Colbert County

1860 LaGrange Military Academy Students (Part 6)

Continued from Vol. 36, No. 1 (Sept., 2001)

Feb 27	Mrs. Susan Saltzer (Stewardess) – Supplies and Expenses	
	6 boxes candles	57.20
	Mending harness	1.87
	Confederation	28.00
	Montgomery mail	15.00
	Latches	5.25
	A & H Lackey's account of 1859	45.65
	J. W. McKee's account of 1859	23.25
	W. Challen's account	141.25
	Freight on mattresses to Decatur in 1859	11.00
	Freight on straw cutter and stove	2.41
	W. Warren, powder in 1859	18.00
	Rules & Regulations (printing)	45.00
	Printing circulars	5.00
Feb 29	Hauling wood	5.40
	Capt. Hunt	100.00
	A. A. McGregor	100.00
	John Dial work	35.00
	Isaac Scott work	20.00
Mar 1	A. W. Stephenson, surgeon	200.00
Mar 3	Cash loaned Acock	30.00
Mar 4	John Deal, work	25.00
Mar 4	Isaac Scott, work	16.00
	Robert Crittenden, work	2.60
Mar 6	Loaned F. C. Vinson	673.84
	Chimney to house	8.75
	Susan Saltzer	50.00
	A. E. Stephenson, hauling for house	12.00
	Mending harness	3.25
Mar 10	12 chairs	12.00
	Sent[suit?] Denmead & Wright, Marietta, Ga	567.00
	W. K. Hill, Memphis Tennessee	124.70
	Gen. Gordon	77.70
Mar 19	Loaned John Acock	99.00
Mar 23	Jack Harvy[?] work	1.50
	Freight on chairs	2.30
Mar 24	Freight on Hospital bedsteads	.60
	Brick oven	8.75
	Nolen for guard duty	15.00
	Genl. P. H. Brittan	11.30

	Cadet Keelen[?] for trunk		5.50
	Cadet Pullen		11.25
	Cadet R. F. Jones		10.00
Mar 30	Cash from Mrs. Cornelia Rand	70.00	
	Cash per James Giles pr H. O. Rand	95.00	
	C. C. Cross	80.00	
	J. T. Harrison	80.00	
	N. H. R. Dawson for Cadet Tarver	80.00	
Apr 2	Cash pr Z. H. Gordon	80.00	
	Cash pr Mrs. Mary Goodwin	95.00	
	Hire of Jesse for year 1859		75.00
	Cash pr W. K. Hill		310.00
	Mrs. Susan Saltzer for corn		92.43
Apr 4	Cash pr Charles Womble	59.00	
	Hack	5.00	
	G. C. Vinson for groceries & freight	67.87	
	John Dial for molasses		22.41
	Gus Gordon, freight	1.31	
Apr 19	Freight on 20 bedsteads		18.53
	20 bedsteads from Marietta, Ga.	231.00	
	Candles, 240 lb. plus freight		49.46
June 4	6 mattresses from Challen [C. H. Allen?]		32.50
	Telegram		1.75
June 13	Leveling rod		12.27
	Express freight on leveling rod		3.75
July 4	Music for Commencement		57.15
1860			
Apr 9	Cash for W. Adams	86.25	
Apr 23	Cash for R. J. Coles	50.00	
Apr 28	Cash for S. S. Heningan	285.00	
May 22	Cash for R. F. Jones	72.50	
May 7	Cash for J. Lightfoot	9.00	
Apr 23	Cash for A. Evans	50.00	
	Cash for Mrs. Mastin	50.00	
	Cash for W. T. Hunt	90.00	
	Cash for O. Davis	50.00	
May 9	Cash for S. S. Davis	68.00	
Mastin, Mrs. M. F., Huntsville, Alabama			
1860 (p. 45)			
Apr 23	Board, tuition etc. of son part session	50.00	110.00
May 7	To son	10.00	
May 9	To son	3.50	
May 18	To son to go home	2.50	
May 23	Freight on box	.50	
July 17	Freight on box	.25	
July 28	To son	6.50	
	Board, etc. for session ending December 1860	100.00	

Aug 23	Check on New York		180.00
	Cash to son to pay account	116.75	
Aug 24	Check deposited		25.00

Eason, A., Huntsville, Alabama¹

1860 (p. 46)			
April 24	Board, tuition, etc for son ½ session	50.00	
July 4	Board, tuition, etc of son 5 th session	100.00	

Vinson, Col. F. C., LaGrange, Alabama

1860			
Feb. 6	Tuition of son, 4 th session	20.00	
	Transfer of account to Page 49		20.00
1858 (p. 49)			
Sept 6	Tuition of son 1 st session	15.00	
1859			
July 8	Draft on Memphis		30.00
	Proportion of W. H. Hunt's Salary	230.00	
	Tuition of son 3 rd session	30.00	
Sept 15	Proportion of J. W. Robertson's salary	300.00	
Nov 13	Paid advertising in Memphis	15.00	
	Negro Daniel, insurance & expenses	1810.50	
Nov 15	Proportion of salary of J. W. Robertson	100.00	
	Cash sent to Marietta to J. W. Robertson		100.00
	Cash to boy Gus		20.00
1860			
Feb 7	Board, tuition, etc, of son 4 th session	20.00	
Mar 6	Cash loaned	675.84	
Mar 30	Four months board of S[G?]. B. Nolen	40.00	
Apr 4	One barrel of molasses	19.74	
	One barrel sugar	21.80	
	Freight on above	.85	
	One yoke oxen to J. E. Vinson	55.00	
Aug 4	Cash		970.00
Aug 23	Cash collected from Simpson[?], Hays & Co.	125.00	
July 5	Tuition of son, 5 th session	20.00	
	Board, tuition etc of G.[S.] B. Nolen, 5 th session	200.00	
Oct 11	Cash deposited per Mrs. Saltzer (Stewardess)		816.37
Nov 24	Loaned J. W. McKee by order	50.00	
1861			
Jan 1	Amount transferred to book of 1861	447.11	
	Total		4317.69

Williams, Rev. W. G.

1860 (p. 50)			
Jan 1	Balance of 1859 account	12.40	

¹ Even though the son's name was not given, the 1860 Fed. census shows Alcuen Eason with son William, a student, age 18. Alcuen's wealth totaled \$70,000 and he could well afford to send his son to this school.

Mch 10	Box candles	8.20	
	One barrel flour	8.18	
Apr 29	One sow & pigs		18.00
July 4	Services as Prof. for 4 th session		500.00

Hooper, Mr. B. G., LaGrange, Al

1860 (p. 50)

Apr 29	One day's work of Jesse	.75	
May 16	Hack, mules & Jesse one day	3.00	
Dec 27	Freight etc. on iron	5.75	
	Freight on molasses	.25	

Acock, John & Co., LaGrange, Al

1860 (p. 53)

July 10	"Amt. brought from page 48." [Note: Page 48 missing.]		
	Cash on acct of F. H. Newman	210.90	
	Cash on acct. of A. Eason	76.43	
	Cash on acct. of J. D. Rather	56.54	
	Cash on acct. of John R. Harris	102.06	
	Cash on acct. of L. Moore	120.17	
	Cash on acct. of J. A. Guy	114.40	
	Cash on acct. of L. P. Guy	75.30	
	Cash on acct. of J. J. Dement	111.14	
July 13	Per T. Jones on 1860 acct		49.79
July 19	Per C. Strong		70.02
	Paid W. W. Boyd on account	23.10	
Aug 11	Paid for books from Colloit & Son [book vender]	55.15	
Aug 14	Paid for books from Philadelphia	114.77	
	Cash for Nance		114.00
Sept 5	Blank books for clerk books	10.00	
Sept 18	Cash for Mr. Ivey Gibson		49.34
Nov 2	Cash per Mrs. E. H. Coles on acct		152.49
Nov 15	Cash per H. Call on acct.		60.00
	Cash per C. Cross on acct.		41.37
Nov 20	Cash per cadet Brandon on acct		104.00
Nov 22	Cash per R. L. Wade on acct		35.00
	Cash per T. H. Newman on acct		22.60
	Cash per Mrs. Torian on acct		5.70
	Cash per Mr. Lile on acct		70.60
Nov 22	Cash per Mr. Terrell		35.00
Nov 24	Cash per N. H. R. Danson on acct of Taron[?]		135.66
	Cash per Mrs. Hill on acct, son		106.58
Dec 15	Cash per Mr. Booker (\$7.20) & Mr. A. Eason (\$11.95)		19.15
	Cash per Mrs. Player (\$82.09) and A. Enon [Errom?] (\$107.66)		189.75
	Cash per W. J. Ross (\$129.12) and L. P Guy (\$42.89)		172.01
	Cash per J. W. Pruit (\$77.30) and J. C. Bradley (\$75.06)		152.36
	Cash per R. A. Wiggins (\$70.08) and J. D. Rather (\$41.14)		111.22

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Dower Record

Part 3 (final)

This is the third and final installment of the Dower Record of Colbert County. The book only consists of 53 pages and goes to May, 1919.

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Edmund C. Winston Estate

On 15 Feb 1904, the Probate Court decreed that Mary J. Winston is entitled to dower in certain lands of the deceased. The lands are:

400 ac. Sec. 24-3-11W [described in metes and bounds] beginning at the southwest corner of Sec. 24 and running east to a wire fence of the dividing line between E. C. Winston, decd., and lands of James Jackson, et al thence north along said fence to the Tennessee River . . . including 33 acres more or less in the city of Tuscumbia. This property is bounded on the south by lands of Annie Lee Moore, Burns Moore and the old Tuscumbia and Florence public road; on the north by the lands of Mrs. Kate Johnson and W. H. Sawtelle; on the east by the old Florence and Tuscumbia Road; on the west by the road separating said tract, to the lands of J. B. Henke; on the east by the lands of A. H. Keller, decd.;

N/2 NE/4 Sec. 32-4-11W

Part of Lot No. 398 in Tuscumbia fronting 23 feet on Main St. & running back 165 feet upon which there is a brick store house.

S/2 of Lot No. 20 as laid down in the plat of the city of Tuscumbia.

Lot No. 51 as laid down in the "Gale and Ware ad[dition]" to the city of Tuscumbia.

Also a body of land in Tuscumbia bounded on the south by the homestead of petitioner, on the west by the old Florence & Tuscumbia public road, on the north by the said road and the lands of W. C. Winston's estate. Dower is 1/3 portion of said lands. Heirs are:

Mary J. Winston, (the administratrix of William J. Winston),

Edmund C. Winston Jr.

Bolton Winston

Helen Winston, now 21 years of age.

Judith Winston, a minor.

Edmund C. Winston's homestead, at the time of his death, was valued at \$6,000. Widow's dower

is to include the dwelling and appurtenances and is not to exceed \$2,000 in value as allowed by the state of Alabama.

Appraisers were:

John S. Wright

John Neff

William Gilliam

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Dick Johnson Estate

Dick Johnson died owning the following real estate:

S/2 SE/4 Sec. 21-4-11W cont. 80 ac.

90-65/100 ac. bought of Ella T.

Newsom in NE/4 Sec. 28-4-11W

SE NE Sec. 29-4-11W

One-fourth undivided interest in 80 ac.

known as the N. W. Tompkins land

& bought of Ella T. Newsom.

E/2 NE and NE SE Sec. 7-4-10W

W/2 NW & NW SW Sec. 8-4-10W

SW SE & W/2 NE NE Sec. 8-4-10W,

totaling 300 acres.

Also:

345-10/100 ac bought of G. W. Cooper on 24 April 1903 [described in metes & bounds].

Approx. 61 acres in Sec. 12-4-12W described in deed from John W. Johnson to Dick Johnson on 29 June 1905 and known as the Pierce Guy land.

Half interest in SW/4 Sec. 5-4-10W and W/2 SE/4 Sec. 5-4-10W known as the John Long land.

NW/4 Sec. 8-5-12W known as the J. L. Emmert land.

E/2 Sec. 15-5-13W

NE/4 Sec. 14-5-13W

SW SW Sec. 34-5-13W

Half interest in 10 ac. in NW/4 Sec.

10-4-11W more accurately described in a deed from J. P. Gale to Susan R. Pride.
 NW NW & W/2 SW NW Section 13-5-12W
 NE SW Sec. 26-3-10W
 W/2 SW Sec. 10-5-10W
 W/2 SE Sec. 20-5-10W
 Lots 1 through 10 inclusively in Block 379 in Sheffield.
 One-third interest in 30 acres in NE NW Sec. 8-4-11W
 One-half interest in 30 ac. in NE NW Sec. 8-4-11
 Lots 15 & 16 in Block 316A, in town of Sheffield.
 Lots 7, 8, 15, 16 in Block 256B, in Sheffield.
 All of Block 321 in Sheffield
 Lots 4 through 8 and 10 in Block 347 in Sheffield.
 Lots 11 through 14 inclusive and 18, 19 and 20 in Block 381 in Sheffield.
 All of Block 321A in Sheffield
 Lots 15, 53 and 54, part of lot 356 and part of lot 56, lots 7, 8, 61, 62, 75, 76, 129, and 130 all in Tuscumbia.

This is the same land described in the petition of Lutie L. Johnson, widow of Dick Johnson, decd., and filed 29 Dec. 1906.

Freeholders were appointed to lay off dower by Oscar G. Simpson, Judge of Probate. They awarded her:

E/2 NE and NE SE Sec. 7-4-10W
 Half of NW & NW SW Sec. 8-4-10W
 SW SE & N/2 NE NE Sec. 8-4-10W containing 300 acres.

Also lots 7, 8, 61, 62, 142 and part of 56 on which is located a small tenant house, in Tuscumbia.

/s/ H. A. Rand
 /s/ B. Henke
 /s/ J. L. Tompkins
 /s/ L. T. Pride
 /s/ T. H. Gambill

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R. C. Cromer Estate

7 April 1919. Lilly P. Wright (formerly Cromer), widow of R. C. Cromer, and Bobbie Cromer the minor child of said deceased, prays for homestead in land of the estate.

Widow Lilly was allotted the home and premises occupied as the family residence at the time of the death of R. C. Cromer, to wit:

Lands in Cherokee described as beginning . . . [described in metes and bounds]

Said premises appraised at \$550.

/s/ C. W. Williams

/s/ W. J. Duncan, Commissioners

9 April 1919

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Frank King Estate

Frank King, Jr., heir, prays for dower to be assigned to Catherine King, widow of Frank King, Sr., deceased.

On 31 March 1919 an order was directed to the sheriff to summon five freeholders to allot dower.

They were summoned, sworn in and did lay off dower in March 1919. The estate contains 86 acres. Catherine, the widow, was awarded 20 acres in a rectangle and bounded on the west by lands of T. F. Stanford; on the north by the tract and right-of-way of the Southern Railway Co; on the south by the homestead lands heretofore set apart to the said Catherine King; and on the east by the lands of Frank King's estate being in the NW/4 of the SE/4 of Section 14-4-10W in Colbert Co.

/s/ H. A. Rand

/s/ John Fennel

/s/ Jas. C. Fennel

/s/ Woodroof DeLony

/s/ F. F. Sanford, Commissioners

Filed 10 May 1919

-End of Book-

Franklin County

Marriage Record Book 3

1902 – 1907

(Part 6)

Contributed by

Oscar Glover

For a complete introduction please see the previous volume of *Valley Leaves*.

	Groom	Bride	Solemnized	By
060	Hardin, Andy	Scott, Alma	1 Feb. 1902	Rev. S. B. Ramsey
	Married at residence of bride's father. Bondsmen: Andy Hardin, J. R. Scott and J. F. Hardin. The parents of both parties gave their consents in person.			
060	Mayfield, Robert W.	Massey, Beatie	25 Jan 1903	J. J. Dollard, NP/JP
	Married at the residence of A. J. Massey. Bondsmen: Robert W. Mayfield and V. M. Pennington. V. M. Pennington made affidavit that Miss Beatie Massey was over the age of Eighteen years and that Robert W. Mayfield was over the age of twenty-one years			
061	Jones, William R.	Hooker, Fannie P.	28 Jan 1903	J. F. Rudisill, MG
	Married at Newburg, Al. Bondsmen: W. R. Jones and W. D. Berry. Both parties over age of twenty-one and eighteen years respectively.			
061	Lowe, James	Henson, Sarah Jane	1 Feb 1903	T. D. Newell, MG
	Married at the J. D. Henson residence. Bondsmen: James Lowe and J. D. Lowe. Affidavit by J. D. Henson that his daughter is of age. J. D. Lowe gave consent in person for his son.			
062	Allen, B. F.	Malone, Lucy Ada	1 Feb 1903	A. R. Smith, JP
	Married at residence of Hig. Malone. Bondsmen: B. F. Allen and H. F. Malone. B. F. Allen over age of twenty-one years. Father of Lucy Ada Malone gave consent in person.			
062	Gentry, L. J.	Craven, Sarah Manerva	1 Feb. 1903	Rev. T. M. Camp
	Married at residence of G. D. Craven. Bondsmen: L. J. Gentry and W. J. Craven. G. L. Craven gave consent in person for his daughter who will be sixteen (16) in March, 1903.			
063	Beard, Andy S.	Bishop, Elza A.	5 Feb 1903	J. W. Doss, JP
	Married at J.P.'s residence. Bondsmen: Andy J. Beard and W. A. Bishop. Both parties over age of twenty-one and eighteen years respectively.			
063	Denton, W. T.	Blackburn, Alice V.	4 Feb 1903	Jas. A. Dosie, MG
	Married at residence of bride's father. Bondsmen: W. T. Denton and R. E. Malone. J. L. Blackburn gave consent in writing for Alice V. Blackburn. V. C. Denton gave consent in writing for his son.			
064	Beard, William F.	Bishop, Mary A.	5 Feb. 1902	J. W. Doss, JP
	Married at J.P.'s residence. Bondsmen: William F. Beard and W. A. Bishop. Both parties over age of twenty-one and eighteen years respectively.			

- 064 Sargent, John (c) Perry, Leather (c) 9 Feb 1903 James Hampton, MG
Married at Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: John Sargent and Norman McCulloch.
- 065 Peppers, Carter Davis, Claudie 15 Feb 1903 Rev. W. P. Scott
Married at residence of Bill Davis. Bondsmen: Carter Peppers and M. S. Peppers.
W. H and Alice Davis gave consent for marriage of Claudie Davis.
- 065 Suggs, Will (c) Guinn, Mandy (c) 12 Feb 1903 W. H. Hamilton, MG
Married at Darlington, Al. Bondsmen: Will Suggs and John James. Frank Suggs
Gave permission in writing for Will Suggs. John James made affidavit that Mandy
Guinn was over the age of eighteen years.
- 066 Bendall, Claud F. Ozbirn, Nettie 5 Feb 1903 L. F. Whitten, MG
Married at Russellville, Ala. Bondsmen: Claud F. Bendall and M. W. Hall.
Father of Miss Nettie Ozbirn gave his consent in person (over the phone) for the
issuance of license.
- 066 Melton, J. A. Watts, Fannie 15 Feb 1903 J. M. Coleman, MG
Married at residence of Bride's father. Bondsmen: A. J. Melton and W. J. Wasson.
- 067 Evans, Vince Boddie, Hester Ann 10 Feb 1903 J. M. Thorn, JP
Married at residence of A. J. Jackson. Bondsmen: Vince Evans and H. B. Rollins.
- 067 Winters, H. L. Goss, E. S. 19 Feb 1903 Geo. W. Sims, NP/JP
Married at the state line. Bondsmen: H. L. Winters and W. Z. Jackson. J. T. Goss gave
permission in writing for E. S. Goss. W. Z. Jackson made affidavit that H. L. Winters
was eighteen years of age and had neither father or mother or legal guardian living.
- 068 Clay, Dallas (c) White, Teney (c) 17 Feb 1903 James Hampton, MG
Married at Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: Dallas Clay and Frank Tryson.
- 068 Wooten, William Hulsey, Sarah Elizabeth 19 Feb 1903 L. M. Bailey, JP
Married at residence of John H. Baggett. Bondsmen: William Wooten and W. R. Baggett.
- 069 Chambers, N. J. Osborn, Victoria 19 Feb. 1903 J. M. Thorn, JP
Married at residence of H. L. Osborn. Bondsmen: N. J. Chambers and K. D. Chambers.
- 069 Strickland, S. A. Thorn, Isora A. 18 Feb 1903 S. B. Ramsey
Married at residence of Alfrid Thorn. Bondsmen: S. A. Strickland and S. M.
McKinney. (Names spelled as on marriage license.)
- 070 Nelson, Justin E. Patterson, May 19 Feb 1903 B. E Finch, MG
Married at residence of I. J. Patterson. Bondsmen: Justin E. Nelson and J. N. Sibley.
- 070 Scott, Hosie B. Barksdale, Nancey C. 19 Feb 1903 Benjamin Avery, MG
Married at residence of Greek Barksdale. Bondsmen: Hosie B. Scott and C. S. Scott. C. G.
Barksdale gave consent.
- 071 Greenhaw, J. A. Leatherwood, Lillie 1 Mar 1903 T. E. James, JP
Married at residence of T. E. James, JP. Bondsmen: J. A. Greenhaw and W. E. Dempsey.
W. E. Dempsey made affidavit that Lillie was over 18.
- 071 Robsion, M. C. Moore, Tucrescia 25 Feb 1903 B. H. James, MG
Married at bride's home. Bondsmen: M. C. Robsion and G. A. Robsion. (Spelling of
groom's name as on marriage license.)

- 072 Ramsey, F. A. Forte, Lora 26 Feb 1903 T. E. James, JP
Married at residence of T. E. James, JP. Bondsmen: F. A. Ramsey and J. M. Jordan.
- 072 Taylor, John P. Whitfield, Susie B 1 Mar 1903 G. B. Wade
Married at home of bride. Bondsmen: John P. Taylor and J. R. Whitfield. Groom
married previously. J. R. Whitfield, father of bride, gave consent in person.
- 073 Suggs, E. D. (c) Price, Agnes (c) 26 Feb 1903 O. C. Watts
Married at home of Ben Price. Bondsmen: E. D. Suggs and M. C. McKernon.
- 073 Stephenson, Don R. Orman, Hattie L. 25 Feb 1903 L. F. Whitten, MG
Married at Russellville, Al Bondsmen: Don R. Stephenson and T. G. Nance.
- 074 Davis, Dee Frost, Lucy 28 Feb 1903 W. A. Austin, MG
Married at Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: Dee Davis and John T. Ezzell. Groom made
affidavit that Lucy Frost had no father, mother, or legal guardian living
- 074 Wren, G. W. Johnson, Mollie 26 Feb 1903 G. C. Chambers
Married at minister's home. Bondsmen: G. W. Wren and H. K. Blankenship.
- 075 Granger, G. W. Roden, Rebecca Ann 4 Mar 1903 W. P. Scott
Married at Austin More's Residence. Bondsmen: G. W. Granger and W. T. Bachelor.
Groom married previously.
- 075 Green, G. H. Vandiver, N. E. (Mrs.) 3 Mar 1903 R. J. Moody, Prob. J.
Married at office of Probate Judge, Russellville, AL. Bondsmen: G. H. Green and
R. C. Tharp. Mrs. N. E. Vandiver had been married previously.
- 076 Mayfield, A. F. Osborn, Easter 4 Mar 1903 J. M. Yocum, MG
Married at Beeson, Al. Bondsmen: A. F. Mayfield and J. L. Mayfield. James
Osborn gives written permission for marriage.
- 076 Smith, S. M. Franks, Margetta 3 Mar 1903 W. P. Scott, M. G.
Married at home of Mr. Franks. Bondsmen: S. M. Smith and H. M. Franks. J. A. Smith
gave written permission for son; H. M. Franks, father of bride, gives permission in person.
- 077 Devaney, John Quillin, Mattie Pearl 11 Mar 1903 J. M. Yocum, MG
Married at Beeson, Al. Bondsmen: John Devaney and J. L. Mayfield. Father of
bride gives permission in person. Groom has neither father or mother living, nor
legal guardian.
- 077 Graham, Ed (c) Nance, Loutie (c) 4 Mar 1903 W. H. Hamilton, MG
Married at Darlington, Al. Bondsmen: Ed Graham and Aaron Suggs.
- 078 Abercrombie, C.W.J. Bailey, Mamie 28 Mar 1903 J. M. Coleman, MG
Married at Phil Campbell, Al. Bondsmen: C. W. J. Abercrombie and H. J. Bailey.
J. H. Bailey gave written permission for his daughter to marry.
- 078 Otey, John (c) Reed, Sarah (c) 3 Apr 1903 O. C. Watts
Married at Rockwood, Al. Bondsmen: John Otey and Shelley Henderson.
- 079 Henderson, D. W. Cancel, Vina 11 Apr 1903 J. J. Jones, M. G.
Married at Belgreen, Al. Bondsmen: D. W. Henderson and J. W. Sparks.

- 079 Underwood, Robert (c) Degraffenreid, Lucy (c) 17 Apr 1907[1903?] by James Hampton
Married at Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: Robert Underwood and P. L. Hamilton.
Lucy Degraffenreid had been married previously.
- 080 Brown, Jim Henry Walden, Lou 15 Apr 1903 A. R. Smith, JP
Married at Home of J. D. Walden. Bondsmen. Jim Henry Brown and H. L. Welch.
- 080 Motes, David E. Edgar, Mary 12 Apr 1903 W. P. Scott (Rev.)
Married at the B. R. Edgar residence. Bondsmen: David E. Motes and J. L. Motes.
J. L. Motes made affidavit that bride is over age 18 years. The father of the groom
gave his consent in person.
- 081 Allen, B. L. Corsbie, Russie 16 Apr 1903 A. M. Warnock, NP/JP.
Married at Bride's residence. Bondsmen: B. L. Allen and W. P. Jordan.
(Bride's surname as spelled on license.)
- 081 Griffith, M. W. Plott, Mary E. 18 Apr 1903 W. H. Austin, MG
Married at Russellville, AL. Bondsmen: M. W. Griffith and J. T. Ezell.
- 082 Pace, Lucien B. Weldon, Maud 27 Apr 1903 H. B. Foster, MG
Married at home of Rev. H. B. Foster. Bondsmen: Lucien B. Pace and J. A. Griggs.
Father and mother of the bride, James A. and Martha Weldon gave consent in writing
- 082 Scott, C. S. Barksdale, Mary F. 23 Apr 1903 L. M. Bailey, JP
Married at residence of C. G. Barksdale. Bondsmen: C. S. Scott and Amos B. Hester.
- 083 Vandiver, George W. Johnson, Ollie Mamie 23 Apr 1903 R. J. Moody, JP
Married at office of Probate Judge in Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: George W.
Vandiver and W. W. Cooley.
- 083 Watkins, Morris Plaxco, Ethel 21 Apr 1903 L. F. Whitten, MG
Married at Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: Morris Watkins and A. J. Thompson.
- 084 Rochester, Clarence Fodron, Tempy 23 Apr 1903 R. J. Moody, JP
Married at office of Probate Judge in Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: Clarence
Rochester and H. L. Ethridge.
- 084 Weeks, Mack (c) Carter, Caroline (c) 25 Apr 1903 W. H. Hamilton, MG
Married in Russellville, Al at Lacy's Store. Bondsmen: Mack Weeks and E. L. Nicols.
- 085 Oliver, W. G. Steward, Caroline 1 May 1903 R. J. Moody, JP
Married at office of Probate Judge in Russellville, Al. Bondsmen: W. G. Oliver
and J. K. Oliver. Bride had been married previously.
- 085 Williams, George (c) Swavard, Mary (c) 2 May 1903 Rev. E. F. James
Married at Russellville, AL. Bondsmen: George Williams and E. L. Nichols.
- 086 Bankhead, Andrew (c) Moon, Annie (c) 2 May 1903 Rev. E. F. Franks
Married in Russellville, Al at Lacy's Store. Bondsmen: Andrew Bankhead and
Alex Bankhead.

To be continued in the March 2002 Issue of *Valley Leaves*

Jackson County

Bridgeport City Court

Contributed by
Judge William D. Page

In 1893, during a period of skyrocketing growth and prosperity in the town of Bridgeport, a Bridgeport City Court was created by the Legislature.¹ The term of office was established as four years. On 2 March 1893 W. L. Stephens² was appointed judge by Governor Thomas Goode Jones. The next to serve was Sam W. Tate who defeated Earnest Parks in a county-wide election for the post in August 1896.³ Judge Tate served until December 1898 when the legislature dissolved the office in response to a sharp decline in the prosperity of Bridgeport after the great panic of 1893-94.

During the nearly six year time-span of the court's existence, the court heard civil cases and some misdemeanors in criminal cases. Trial by jury was available in criminal cases and in civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeded \$20. Jurisdiction of this court included communities of Bridgeport (Precinct 1), Bolivar (Pct. 2), Stevenson (Pct. 3), Carpenter (Pct. 4), Kash (Pct. 5), Bass (Pct. 7) and Gross Spring (Pct. 29).

At some point, the files of the Bridgeport City Court were sent to the courthouse in Scottsboro for keeping.

Records Saved

In a letter of 7 August 1994 to the late Carlus Page, Jackson County historian, Robert Hodges, U. S. Administrative Law judge and former Judge of the Jackson County Circuit Court, explains the path of rescue of many of the Bridgeport City Court records. Judge Hodges states, "I came by them over two years ago when the circuit clerk was having jail trustees carry whole boxes of old court records to the dumpster. Luckily, Jackie Slaten, who works in the basement of the courthouse, retrieved one load, realizing they might be of some historical significance. She brought them to me, and I have had them ever since . . ."

Judge Hodges gave them to Carlus Page who, before his death, made an effort to save them from possible destruction by entrusting them to Judge William D. Page. Judge Page, in turn, has given these records to the Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society for preservation.

It is this Society's intent to sanitize, put in folders, and donate them to the Heritage Center in Scottsboro. This process will be time consuming and tedious as they are now full of mould which must be destroyed before they can be added to any collection.

Some of these records have information of genealogical and historical content and they will be published in *Valley Leaves*.

¹ John Robert Kenamer, Sr., *History of Jackson County, Alabama* (Scottsboro: Jackson County Historical Association, 1993), p. 172.

² William L. Stephens, was the grandson of David Larkin and raised in the home of William R. Larkin. After serving as judge, he was in the Legal Department of the Land Office in Washington, D. C. He was the son of Absalom Stephens and Priscilla (Larkin) Stephens who were married 6 March 1867. Priscilla died 28 Feb 1868. William L. Stephens died suddenly in March 1927 in Washington, D. C. [Source: Obit of William L. Stephens, *The Progressive Age*, 17 March 1927.]

³ *The Chronicles*, Stevenson, Alabama, 11 August 1896.

Declarations of Citizenship

Thomas Newton

State of Alabama)
) ss:
Jackson County)

I Thomas Newton do solemnly declare that I am about Sixty Five years of age, a native of Great Britain, and at present a resident of Jackson County of said State. It is my intention Bona Fide to become a Citizen of the United States and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty, whatever and particularly to Victoria Queen or England whereof I am now a subject.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the 5th day of April 1894.

Wm. L. Stephens
Judge of the City
Court of Bridgeport

/s/ Thomas Newton

Filed 5th April 1894. J. M. Thompson, Clerk

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**David E. Lawson**

State of Alabama )  
                          ) ss:  
Jackson County )

I David E. Lawson do Solemnly declare that I am about Forty Seven years of age, a native of Great Britain, and at present a resident of Jackson County of Said State. It is my intention, Bona Fide, to become a citizen of the United States and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign Prince, Potentate, State or Sovereignty, whatever and particularly to Victoria, Queen of England, whereof I am now a Subject.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1895, J. M. Barrier, Clerk of the City Court of Bridgeport.

/s/ David E. Lawson

### Childress Guardianships

#### Summons

The Sheriff was ordered to summon J. H. Michaels, J. B. Haralson and C. W. Adkins (defendants) to appear in court to answer the Complaint of S. W. Tate as guardian of Cleveland Childress, Paul Childress, Fred Childress, Boyd Childress and Sallie Ruth Childress. Dated 30 January 1903. Signed by F. D. Hurt, Clerk.

#### Complaint

S. W. Tate, guardian of Cleveland, Paul, Fred, Boyd and Sallie Ruth Childress, claims \$349.56 plus interest due by promissory note given by defendants to Tate, as guardian, on 13 March 1899 and due 12 mo. thereafter. Said note is entitled to following credits: \$28 on each of following dates: 5 June 1900, 5 March 1901 and 23 Nov 1901.

/s/ Hugh Walker, Attorney for Plaintiff

#### Summons

The Sheriff was ordered to summon F. A. Michaels, N. W. Benson, and Granville Jolly (defendants) to answer the Complaint of S. W. Tate as guardian of Cleveland, Paul, Fred, Boyd and Sallie Ruth Childress, minors. Signed by F. D. Hurt, Clerk.

#### Complaint

S. W. Tate, as guardian of Cleveland, Paul, Fred, Boyd and Sallie Ruth Childress claims of the defendants the sum of \$162 plus interest, due by promissory note given by defendants to Tate as guardian on 2 Dec 1901 and due one year thereafter. No payments made.

Said note waives the right to claim the benefit of the exemption laws of Alabama, any other state or the United States. Fifteen Dollars are being claimed as attorney's fees.



**John R. Coffey Estate  
Summons**

The Sheriff was ordered to summons Henry Harris and S. W. Kennamer to appear in Court to answer the Complaint of C. W. Brown, Macklin Coffey and W. J. Talley, executors of the last will of John R. Coffey, Deceased.

Plaintiffs claim \$224 due from defendants by a promissory note dated 3 April 1896 and due one day after date. Attorney's fee of 10% is waived.

Henry Harris signed the note in the firm name of Harris & Hartley with whom he was a partner at said date. Hartley is not sued because he is a non-resident of Alabama.

The note is credited with \$75 on 20 Jan 1897 and with \$16.20 on 2 Feb 1893. The balance is unpaid.

Note: Although it is not stated, one might assume S. W. Kennamer is a partner in the firm.

/s/ J. E. Brown, Plaintiff's Attorney

**Sam Porter Arrest**

**Writ to Arrest. 22 Dec 1893.**

An indictment was found against Sam Porter at the Spring term 1891, of the Circuit Court of Jackson County for the offense of "Carrying Pistol concealed about his person."

The sheriff was ordered to arrest Sam Porter and commit him to jail unless he give bail to answer such indictment at the next term of Court to be held on 5 Feb 1894.

On 30 Dec 1894 a summons was issued to J. R. Davis, Alexander Hill, Frank Hill and J. W. Barley to appear in court on 8 Feb 1894 to give evidence in behalf of the State in the indictment of Sam Porter. All were served except J. R. Davis who was "not found" on 25 Jan 1894.

**Henan Price Indicted**

**Grand Jury True Bill - 4 Feb 1896**

The Grand Jury of Jackson County charge that before the finding of this indictment, Henan Price carried a pistol concealed about his person against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama.

**James Bridgeman Indictment**

The Grand Jury returned the following indictment dated 5 March 1904. Witnesses were L. E. Miller and Wiley Smith. "James Bridgeman did enter into or go sufficiently near to the dwelling house of L. E. Smith and in the presence or within the hearing of the family, or a member of the family of the occupants thereof, made use of abusive, insulting or obscene language."

W. D. Haus and Joe Bevers posted \$150 bond for Bridgeman on 7 May 1904. Bridgeman is to appear at the next term of court.

D. O. Austin was shown as sheriff, A. W. Darwin, deputy sheriff, and F. D. Hurt, Clerk.

Note: Final disposition of case not shown.

**Mason Thomas Case  
Extortion**

The City of Bridgeport, a municipal corporation, claims of the defendant, [Mason Thomas, J. P.] and the sureties on his appeal bond, the sum of \$10 fine, and the further sum of \$2.50 costs, in the Hon. Mayor's Court on 19 Feb 1896. This is a fine for a violation of a city ordinance in which Thomas did charge or receive illegal fees from John Branch. Branch was charged with assault in 1895 and prosecuted by the State of Alabama.

The defense claims there is no city ordinance against extortion by a state officer. He also states he had a right to send another attorney to a Justice's Court to represent the State, otherwise the proper remedy was a Motion to Retax the Cost.

Mason Thomas was arrested, tried and found guilty before Mayor Kilpatrick.

**Rebecca J. Westmoreland  
Petition to return child to her**

10 June 1895. Rebecca J. Westmoreland a resident of the City of South Pittsburg, Marion Co., Tennessee, of full age, and the mother of Mary Lovelace, usually called by her pet or nickname "Burkie" Lovelace, a girl child aged 12 years. Mary is now in custody of Simon

Crossland and his wife, Lottie Crossland in Bridgeport<sup>1</sup> in Jackson County.

With permission of her mother, Rebecca, Mary visited her relatives, the family of "Bud" Walker in Jackson Co. and while so visiting she was permitted by Walker to visit the Crosslands. Since that time Mary has remained with said Simon and Hattie Crossland and they have kept her in their custody and refuse to allow her to be restored to her home and custody of her mother.

Rebecca has asked the Crosslands to have the child restored to her but they have steadfastly refused to allow her to be taken from them.

Petitioner Rebecca states Mary is being restrained of her liberty and unlawfully withheld from the custody of her mother.

Rebecca asks for a Writ of Habeas Corpus<sup>2</sup> to be directed at the Crosslands commanding them to bring Mary Lovelace before the judge.

On 5 May 1895 the court commanded Simon Crossland and Lottie Crossland to "have the body of Mary Lovelace, who is called by her pet or nick name of "Burkie," in court on 6 June 1895 at 4:00 o'clock p.m.

Note: Outcome of case not shown.

### **Ben Howard Indicted**

On 24 April 1907 Ben Howard was indicted for failing to appear for jury duty as called and was fined \$100 "unless he appear at the next Term of the Circuit Court and show good and sufficient cause why he made default."

On 5 Sept 1907 he made affidavit before W. R. Gross, J. P. giving his reasons for his absence. At the fall term of circuit court 1898 he was summoned and failed to attend and was summoned August 6, 1900. Howard was sick at the time and unable to appear. He intended to go but was prevented from it due to sickness. He was again summoned last week but failed due to the illness and death of his sister which "occurred last Monday." He does not feel able to appear this time and asks the Honorable court to release him and he will always obey the order of the court from this time on.

<sup>1</sup> "or Bolivar" inserted by Bridgeport.

<sup>2</sup> To release from unlawful imprisonment in this case.

In a letter of the same date, W. R. Gross, J. P. wrote to John H. Proctor (judge) saying he felt it would be right to release Mr. Howard as Howard is "a reasonable, good fellow" and promises he will hereafter obey the court. Howard made his affidavit before Mr. W. R. Gross to save him coming before the court but if that is not sufficient he will come to the court "next Tuesday" if able.

Note: No further information.

### **M. B. Pell Case**

On or about 15 October 1892 one M. B. Pell did remove certain personal property belonging to Marie P. Kilpatrick for the purpose of hindering, delaying or defrauding her, having a knowledge of the existence of her ownership or her claim thereupon. The property was namely the keys of the doors of the house belonging to the said Marie P. Kilpatrick, situated on the northeast corner of Hudson Ave. and 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Bridgeport.

An order was issued 15 Oct 1892 to the Sheriff to arrest Pell. He was duly arrested and his bond taken 15 Dec 1892. Signed by J. W. Barnett, Marshall.

"It appearing that the Solicitor is incompetent to act as such in the case; [and] it is ordered that Milo Moody, a competent attorney, be appointed to act in the place of said Solicitor.

"It is ordered that this case be transferred to the City Court of Bridgeport and that the clerk of this court deliver to the clerk of said City Court, all the papers, pleadings, and evidence pertaining to this cause."

Note: Outcome of case not given.

### **Alex Rymer Indicted**

In the Spring term Alex Rymer was indicted by the Grand Jury for carrying a concealed pistol. Witnesses were V. D. Ladd, George White and John White.

Facts are skimpy in this case, however, it appears Rymer and wife were having difficulties and were on a boat with others, including a man named Ladd, when Rymer kicked her. She left the boat. Ladd accosted Rymer. No other facts given.

## Jackson Co. Russell Deed

Copied and contributed by Mr. Wendell Page of Scottsboro<sup>1</sup>

This instrument covers the property on which Russell Cave is located. This cave is now open to the public after many years of neglect, and is a major tourist attraction in North Alabama. The deed is from Deed Book F in the Jackson County courthouse.

### Article of Agreement and Deed

15 Sept 1830

This article of agreement and deed is between Thomas Russell Senr. and Loroazo Russell, both of the State of Alabama, Jackson County, Alabama.

Part of the land or plantation that Loroazo Russell purchased of James Doran, Senr. (which was part of Capt. [John] Woods' reservation), is what Thomas Russell now lives on. Thomas Russell is to have said property during his and his wife's lifetime to be entirely at his discretion for the support of himself and family. The bounds are as follows:

"Commencing at the spring thence with the spring road up to a gate pass way to the spring" thence with a fence from the passway gate to the lane leading from said T. Russell's to James Doran Sr's.; thence with the middle of said lane to the ford of the dry creek, thence up said creek with the division line between Loroazo and James Doran to the waggon road at or near the ford leading from J. Doran's to James Russell's;

Thence with the line between Doran and Russell on said road until it comes opposite to a ditch across the field. Thomas

Russell has formerly and does now cultivate said land.

Thence with said ditch to where it crosses under the fence, thence with said fence outside of the improvement to the spring.

Thomas Russell Sr. also has full liberty to cut, for necessary use, my timber that he may need anywhere in the bounds of said Loroazo's plantation during his lifetime and his wife's. At their death, the whole of said premises will belonging to said Lorenzo or his heirs

Lorenzo doth bind himself to pay said Thomas and wife whatever rent they may ask from year to year as agreed upon, for three acres of land west of and adjoining the aforesaid ditch. The aforesaid premises and privileges, Lorenzo binds himself and assigns to maintain to aforesaid Thomas & Tabitha Russell during their lifetimes.

Seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sepr. 1830

/s/ Lorenzo Russell

/s/ Samuel L. Doran

/s/ James Russell

Pvn. by Samuel L. Doran and James Russell 6  
Oct 1835 before Richard B. Clayton, clerk.

<sup>1</sup> Wendell Page is the wizard of Jackson County history. After retirement, he established the Jackson County Heritage Center and was instrumental in saving that County's records which were in great danger of being lost through neglect.



**Minutes of the Circuit Court  
Part 5**

Continued from the June 2001 issue of **Valley Leaves**. Contributed by Wendell Page of Scottsboro, Alabama. Many of these minutes were not clear and terms were used that were not in *Black's*. Judge William D. Page has kindly clarified these terms for which we are most grateful.

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Case No. 611  
Chamberlain & Bancroft )  
vs )  
Wilson & Lamb )  
Case No. 561. 10 April 1866. Continued  
due to the absence of plaintiff's counsel.

Lorenzo Russell )  
vs )  
Joseph McCaleb )  
10 April 1866. Joseph McCaleb is dead.  
Court granted permission to revive suit in name  
of his representative when made known.

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David Elliott )  
vs )  
George Elliott )  
Case No. 620.  
10 April 1866.  
H. Lee Custer )  
vs )  
James Carson )  
Case No. 621. 10 April 1866. The parties in  
this cause are non residents of this state and have  
no counsel in said cause. Therefore, the Court  
orders case be dismissed and orders that the  
officers of the Court have judgment to recover  
of each party the costs in their behalf expended.

H. Lewis et al, Admrs. )  
vs )  
Samuel Mead )  
Case No. 648. 10 April 1866.

H. Lewis, etal, Admrs. )  
vs )

Samuel Mead )  
Case No. 649. 10 April 1866.

H. Lewis, et al, Admrs. )  
vs )  
John M. Taylor )  
Case No. 656. 10 April 1866.

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A. C. & W. A. Austin )  
vs )  
H. Lee Custer )  
Case No. 739. 10 April 1866. At a former term  
of this court the defendant was permitted to  
continue this case upon the condition he pay all  
costs in four months. If not paid in that time,  
judgment was to be rendered for the plaintiffs.  
It appears that such costs have not been paid and  
the defendant failed to appear. Therefore, the  
Court orders that plaintiffs recover of the  
defendant the sum of [blank] dollars debt, and  
the further sum of [blank] damages, together  
with costs.

James R. Latham, et al )  
vs )  
Logan R. Glover, et al )  
Case No. 763. 10 April 1866. Continued.

E. G. Townsend )  
vs )  
Robert Johnson )  
Case No. 821. 20 April 1866. E. G. Townsend  
has died. The Court orders that this case revive  
in the name of H. D. Tipton, Admr. and Sheriff  
and that he have permission to substitute papers  
in this case.

To be continued

# Lauderdale County

## Who Are They?

A lady gave some old photographs to the Heritage Room of the Huntsville Public Library saying they were not her family and she had no need of them. These are wonderful photographs and we feel they would be treasured by someone if only we could identify them. Can you help? One of the photographs has Echard Photo Co., of Florence, Alabama imprinted on the front and because of this we suspect all three were taken in the same area, however, this is not necessarily so.

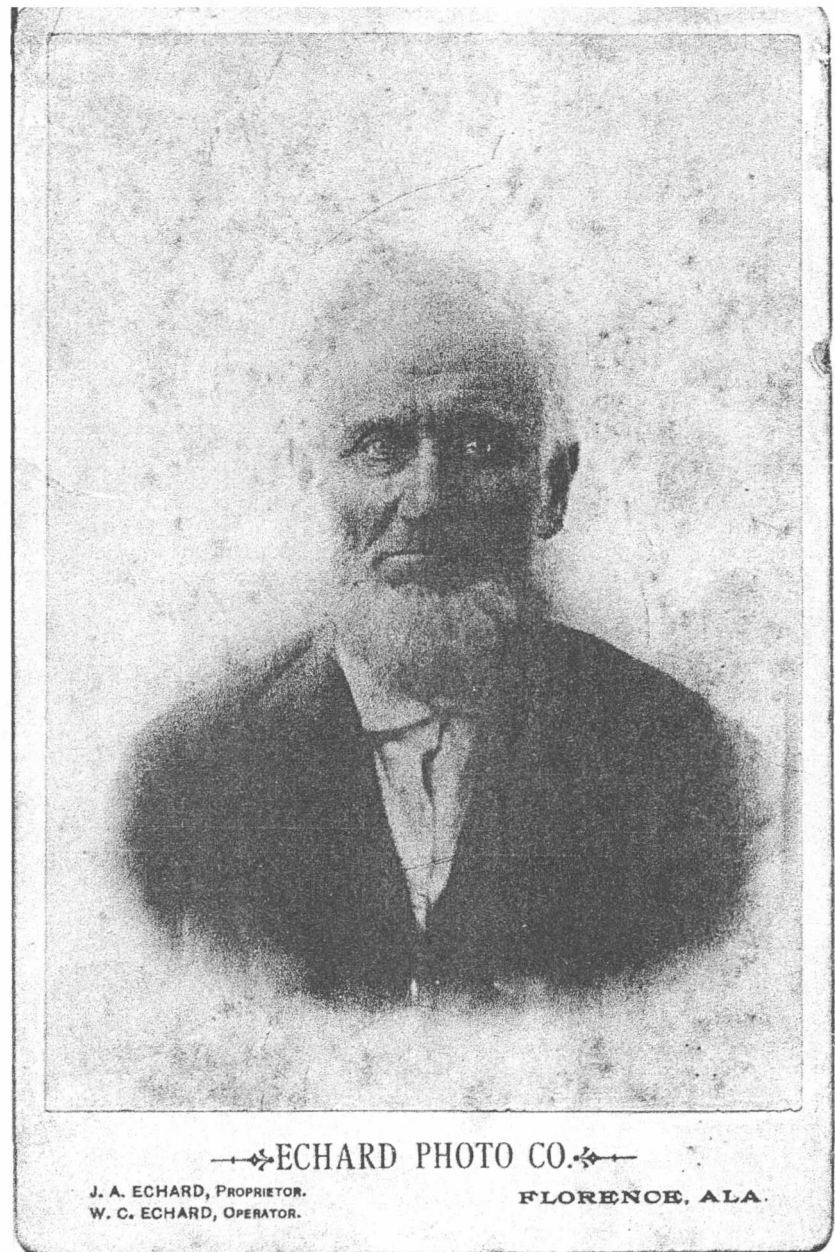
From the age of the photograph, and the age of the gentleman, we might assume he was a Civil War soldier.

Please note the sadness through the eyes. He was probably a person who worked outside a lot and wore a cap or hat as his forehead is not tanned but the rest of his face is somewhat darker.

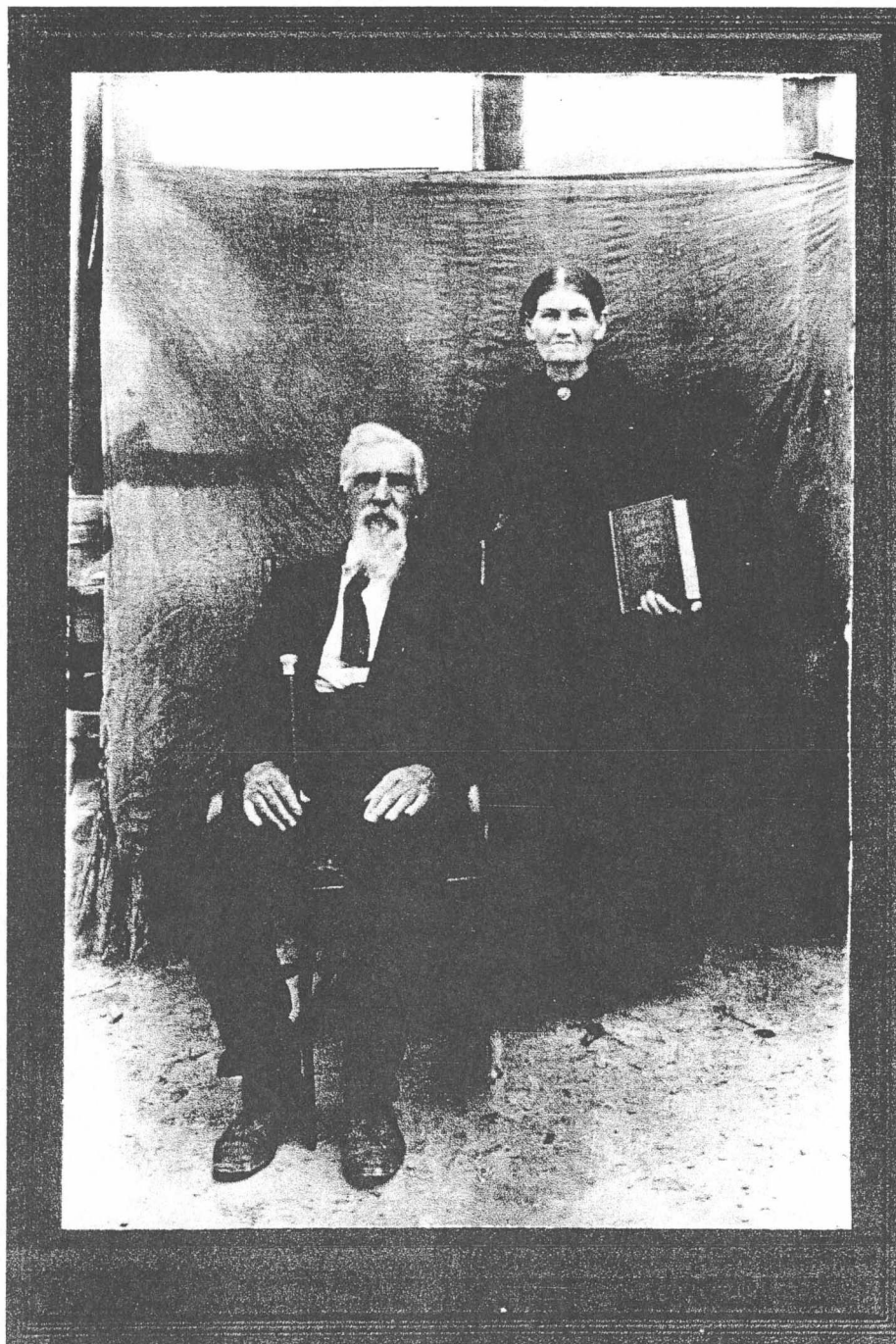
His clothes appear to be hand made, possibly by the loving hands of his wife.

On the back, in a feminine hand, was written, "Jennie Beal".

Please note also the lightness of his eyes which were undoubtedly blue.



Can anyone identify this lovely old couple? Please note the Bible the lady is holding so proudly.

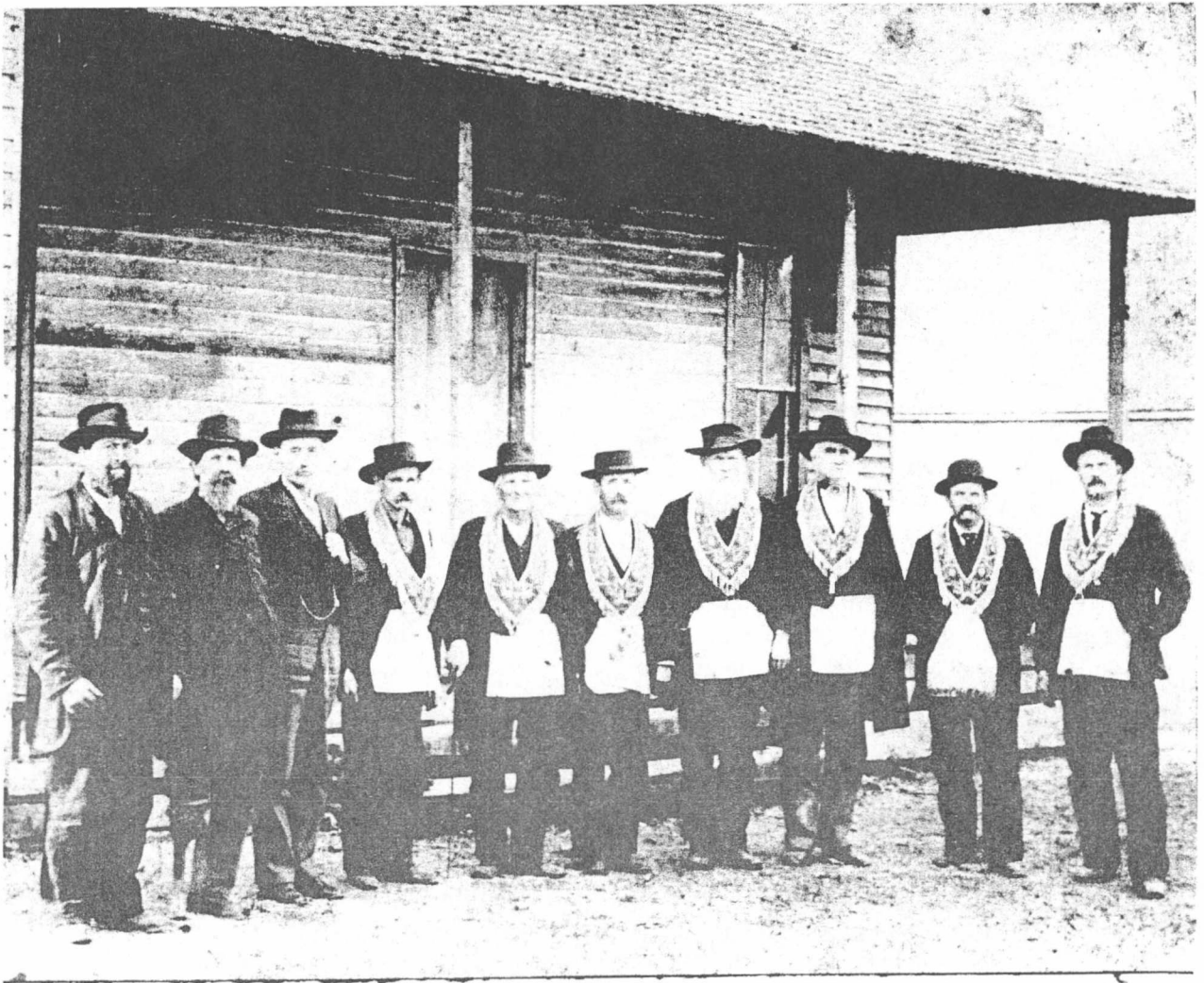




## What Lodge?

Can anyone identify this lodge and the men in the photograph? If so, please e-mail this editor at [dsjohnso@HiWAAY.net](mailto:dsjohnso@HiWAAY.net).

If any of these photographs can be identified we will run their identities in the next issue of *Valley Leaves*.



## Samuel Burney, Revolutionary Soldier Nancy Burney, his widow.

### Declaration

4 December 1832

Samuel Burney is a resident of Lauderdale County, Alabama, aged 68 years and about 10 months. He appeared in open court before Judge Sidney C. Posey to make application for benefits due revolutionary soldiers by an Act of Congress passed on 7 June 1832.

Burney entered service under Col. John Sevier, regimental commander, and Capt. Wallace, company commander of mounted riflemen. McGahe was the lieutenant.

He entered service in 1778 and marched from the back parts of North Carolina into South Carolina to within about 30 miles of Charleston. Charleston was in possession of the British. The troops to which Burney belonged were principally scouts and they got as near to Charleston and the British as possible, trying to prevent communication between the British and the Tories. Burney served about a year and was discharged in the fall of 1779.

In December 1779, he again enlisted as a mounted rifleman under the command of Col. Isaac Shelby in a company commanded by Capt. Smith and Lieutenant George Rutledge. He again marched from North Carolina to the same place in South Carolina and did the same kind of service until December 1780 when he was again discharged. Signed by Sam Burney.

### William B. Bryan and George Simmons

William B. Bryan, Clergyman of Limestone Co., Al and George Simmons of Lauderdale Co. certify that "we are well acquainted with Samuel Burney" and believe him to be 68 years old. He is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and we concur in that opinion.

/s/ Wm. B. Bryan, George Simmons

### Affidavit of Samuel Burney

Burney was born in Guilford Co., NC 30 Jan 1763. Shortly after the Revolutionary War he, with the rest of his mother's family, moved to Abbeville Dist., SC where he resided until

1806. He then removed to Rutherford Co., Tn and lived there about 2 years, then removed into what was then called "Double Head's Reserve" now in Lauderdale County, Al. He resided there about 3 years then went to Giles Co., Tn where he lived until 1817 when he moved back to Lauderdale and resided there ever since.

Burney says he never received a written discharge but was discharged at the end of the time for which he had volunteered.

People in his neighborhood who could testify to Burney's character, veracity, and belief that he was actually a soldier of the Revolution, were Benjamin Ingram, Samuel Haraway, Daniel Nance, John P. Cunningham, G. W. G. Foley, John Arnett, Hugh McVay, Joseph Waddell, Doctor Cox, Archibald Fuqua, Robert McCousten[?] and James Reid.

### Affidavit of Nancy Burney

9 May 1857, Hopkins Co., Texas. Nancy states her husband had received a pension of about \$46.66 per annum until the last day of March 1848 when he died. She is unable to give particulars of his service. She and Burney were married in April 1845, (but she doesn't remember the day), by John Cooper, Esquire in Lauderdale Co. Her name before marrying Burney was Nancy Mass. There is no public record of her marriage. She states she is now 55 years of age and Samuel was about 98 years old when he died at his residence. [Ed: He was actually 85.]

### Affidavit of Joseph L. Mass & John M. D.

Adams dated 9 May 1857, Hopkins Co., Tx

These men swear they have been well acquainted with Nancy for 15 years, some six years before Samuel died. [Note: Relationship to Nancy not given.]

Ed: Nancy died 17 Nov 1887 in Texas. She had one son [not yet 21 in 1857], by her former husband. She applied for, and was awarded, bounty land in Texas.

End

# Lawrence County

Helen McKnight

## Deaths and Marriages from *The Moulton Democrat*

The following deaths and marriages are from an 1858 issue of *Moulton Democrat*, a newspaper published in Moulton, Alabama. They were abstracted from Alabama Department of Archives & History 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.

Continued from the September 2001 (Vol. 36, No. 1) issue of *Valley Leaves*.

### Friday, 29 October 1858

Married at the residence of the bride's father, Hon. Richard O. Pickett of Moulton, Ala. by Rev. [Phil?] L. Henderson at 7 p. m. October [25?], Samuel F. Darwin of Trinity, Alabama and Miss Sallie B. Pickett. (The Decatur & Huntsville papers will please copy.)

### Friday, 29 October 1858

Died at North Mt. Pleasant, Marshall County, Mississippi on 1<sup>th</sup> [date illegible] inst., Mrs. Narcissa Cleere, wife of R. H. Cleere and daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth [Evetts?]. She was born in Greenville Dist., South Carolina August 18, 18[23?]. married in Lawrence County, Ala. on 15 August 1842. She had great energy, was kind-hearted, and had Christian spirit. She leaves a disconsolate husband and seven sorrow-stricken children, the youngest is a babe a few weeks old.

### Friday, 19 Nov 1858

Married near this place by Alfred Peters, a minister of the Baptist Church, on Saturday evening the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., Stephen Pickett to Mary Ligon. This couple is of the colored race. They have characters of honesty and fidelity.

### Friday, 26 November 1858

Married at the residence of Noah Cooper on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. by Rev. Thomas Donevan, R. H. Cherry to Mrs. Mary T. Cooper, all of Lawrence County

Died on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. near Courtland at the residence of her father, Hon. H. A. McGhee, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Gibson, consort of Jeremy Gibson, after a painful and protracted illness (consumption) of several years.

### Friday, 3 December 1858

Married Sunday morning the 28<sup>th</sup> of November last, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Josephus Shackelford, Jno. M. Peerson to Miss Amanda M., daughter of William McKelvy, Esquire, of Moulton, Alabama.

Married on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. at the residence of the bride's father by the Rev. Jos. B. West, the Rev. Phil L. Henderson of the Tennessee Conference and Miss Roalie [Rosalie?] Moore, eldest daughter of Rev. T. C. Moore of Kentucky.

Died near Moulton on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of Nov. ult., of inflammation of the throat after a week's illness, little O. D., aged about 9 months, infant son of O. D. and Mary Jane Gibson.

### Friday, 24 December 1858

Died at the residence of his son David L. Dinsmore, Esq., on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 1858, Mr. John Dinsmore, an old and highly respected citizen, aged 84 years, 3 months, and one day.

End

**Lawrence County Minute Book "B"**  
**Part 12**  
**July 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 36, No. 1, September 2001

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Case 243

|                 |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thomas Merideth | ) | Defendant acknowledges his debt to plaintiff. With permission of plaintiff, the Court orders plaintiff to recover \$85 debt from defendant and \$3.65 damages plus costs. The plaintiff, in turn, agrees to "stay the execution of the Judgment" until 1 Jan 1825." |
| vs              | ) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| John McWhorter  | ) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

**Ordered that this Court adjourn till tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock.  
Court met pursuant to adjournment. July 6, 1824.**

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Case No. 187

|                 |   |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| William Boils   | ) | Plaintiff drops case. The Court orders that defendants recover their costs in this case from the plaintiff.. |
| vs              | ) |                                                                                                              |
| William Wright  | ) |                                                                                                              |
| John H. Cargill | ) |                                                                                                              |
| William Plant   | ) |                                                                                                              |

Case No. 135

|                     |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| William Schatter[?] | ) | The defendants demurrer <sup>1</sup> to the plaintiff. The plaintiff's replications <sup>2</sup> being argued and overruled, and the defendants now say nothing why judgment should not be rendered against them. Therefore, the Court orders plaintiff to recover from defendants \$921.95 debt and \$75 damages plus costs. |
| vs                  | ) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Reuben Renker Sr.   | ) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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Case No. 130

|                |   |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| William Poston | ) | The plaintiff failed to prosecute his suit. Therefore, the Court ordered this case be nonsuited. <sup>3</sup> Defendant is to recover his costs of this suit from plaintiff. |
| vs             | ) |                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Nicholas Alley | ) |                                                                                                                                                                              |

Case No. 136

<sup>1</sup> Demur. To take exception to the sufficiency in point of law of alleged facts. i.e., plaintiff disagrees with defendant's point of law or statement in his answer to plaintiff – or the defendant disagrees with the plaintiff as in this case.

<sup>2</sup> Replication: a reply by plaintiff to defendant's answer, i.e., a general denial of the truth of defendant's answer.

<sup>3</sup> Nonsuit. Termination of an action, i.e., close case.



James Boils )  
vs )  
John Weatherford )

By consent of both parties, by their attorneys, it is ordered that this suit be continued.

Case No. 137

James Boils )  
vs )  
Robert Handley )

By consent of both parties by their attorneys it is ordered that this suit be continued.

Case No. 138

James Boils )  
vs )  
Joshua Seamans )

By consent of both parties, by their attorneys, it is ordered by the Court that this suit be continued.

Case No. 131

Carter Brandon )  
vs )  
Joseph Martin )

On oath of the agent of the defendant, it is ordered by the Court that this suit be continued.

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Case No. 75

Thomas W. Cameron<sup>4</sup> )  
vs )  
Thomas Gallaway )

Jury case.  
Agreement. Covenant

Jurors:

|                 |                   |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Theron E. Balch | Richard Burruss   | Parker Alexander  |
| Branch Jones    | William Fullerton | Daniel McAllister |
| Joseph Coe      | Denton H. Valiant | James Alexander   |
| James Roby      | John Bean         | Samuel Bigham     |

Verdict: The defendant hath not performed the covenant as promised. They assess the plaintiff's damages \$56.08 plus costs.

**Page No. 74**

Case No. 149

Richard Meredith )  
vs )  
Matthew Clay )

Jury:

|                 |                   |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Theron E. Balch | Solomon Langham   | Parker Alexander  |
| James Johnson   | James Roby        | John Read         |
| Samuel Bigham   | William Fullerton | Daniel McAllister |
| Joseph Coe      | Denton H. Valiant | James Alexander   |

Verdict: Defendant hath not performed the covenant (agreement) in this case but hath broken to Plaintiff's damages of \$202.42 plus costs of the case.

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<sup>4</sup> This name had been written over and was impossible for me to be certain of the spelling or the name itself.

## Legal Notices from *The Moulton Democrat Newspaper*

The following material was abstracted by Helen McKnight from microfilm in the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery, Alabama. Continued from Vol. 36, No. 1.

### January 1855

Chancery Notice [Ed: Nearly illegible]. W. W. Watkins, trustee vs. McLemore's heirs and legatees. Last Will & Testament of Lucinda McLemore, late of Lawrence County, Ala. Hearing date 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March next. Willilam H. Salmon appointed guardian ad litem for infant heirs & legatees. 13 Jan 1854. John H. Hansell, Register.

Probate Court, December term 1855. William A. Milam, administrator of Daniel Miller, decd., vs. Miller's heirs & creditors (Letters of Insolvency.) May term of Court 1854. Plaintiff filed petition for insolvency of estate. 6 January 1855.

Sheriff's Sale. In Moulton, Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 1855. Property to be sold: NW/4 SE/4 of Section 31-5-6W and the E/2 SE/4 of Section 36-5-9W; and the N/2 W/2 NE/4 Section 3-5-9W, and the S/2 W/2 NE/4 Sec. 31-5-9W, and the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 32-5-9W, and the NW/4 SW/4 of Section 32-5-9W, containing 280 acres more or less, the property of Peter Luney, to satisfy *vend ex* in favor of C. C. Gewin. 23 Dec 1854. J. C. Burrus, Sheriff.

Notice: Probate Court order, Lawrence Co., Ala. Will sell on 6 months credit in Moulton the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in Jan., real estate belonging to the estate of John M. Jackson, decd., it being the E/2 NE/4 in Section 31 and part of the S/2 NW/4 Section 32 [Ed: No township or range given] plus some household and kitchen furniture, farming goods, etc., owned by Jackson at the time of his death; also lots and improvements in Moulton belonging to his estate. 2 Dec 1854. Jno. H. Hansell, Admr.

Sheriff's Sale by order of Circuit Court in Courtland, Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 1855. Property to be sold is the E/2 SW/4 of Section 2-5-8W and the E/2 SW/4 Section 11-5-8W containing 160 acres more or less. This is the property of John Graham and is being sold to satisfy a *vend ex* in favor of C. C. Gewin in Moulton on 3 Dec 1854. John C. Burrus, Jr., Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sale by order of Circuit Court. Sale will be for cash at Courtland on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Property to be sold is the W/2 NW/4 Sec. 27-5[?]-6[?]West, property of William Fitzgerald, to satisfy a *fe fa* of Samuel Canterbury. Jno. C. Burrus, Sheriff.

Estray Notice. Taken up and posted by John Scruggs, four and one-half miles west of Courtland, before W. T. Peeble, J. P. on 16 Dec 1854: one horse mule appraised at \$75 by John W. Brook and D. Mays. H. A. McGhee, J. P.

Sheriff's Sale. Circuit Court of Franklin County, Alabama. Sale to be held on Monday, 12 February 1855. Property to be sold is: NW/4 of Sec. 9[?]-5-6W; the NE/4 SE/4 Sec. 8-5-6W and the SW/4 SE/4 Sec. 8-5-6W containing 240 acres; also the S/2 Sec. ? Township 5, Range 6 West, known as the Hillsborough tract of land, it being the property of Robert Ellitt. It is being sold to satisfy the Northern Bank of Alabama. John C. Burrus, Sheriff.

Register's Sale. Decree of Chancery Court. Lettice G. Fitzgerald, executrix & etc., was complainant and Samuel Thompson was defendant. To sell for cash in Moulton 1st Monday in February next, land in Lawrence County, Ala. it being the E/2 SE/4 Section 16[?]-5-6W upon which Dr. Samuel Thompson

now resides. Ad dated 8 Dec 1854. John H. Hansell, Registrar.

Probate Court, Lawrence Co., Ala. December term 1854. William A. Milam, administrator of the estate of Daniel Miller, decd., vs. Miller's heirs and creditors. [Decree of insolvency]. Hearing was held in July 1854. Daniel Miller's estate was declared insolvent. Final settlement to be at Probate Court in Moulton the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in February next and there the administrator *de bonis non* can contest settlement if he so chooses. Notice dated 6 Jan 1855. H. A. McGhee, Probate Judge.

### February 1855

Administrator's Sale to be held in Courtland Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March next. For sale will be the perishable property of the estate of William Jenkins, decd. To be sold are horses, ginned cotton, and cotton in seed at the plantation of Col. S. W. Shackelford. Notice dated 25 January 1855. D. Mays, Administrator.

Sale in Moulton to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March next: one lot and appurtenances in Moulton it being Lot No. 1 and the interest of Ephraim Devan in Lots No. 10 and No. 13, to satisfy execution in favor of Henry Rodgers. J. C. Burrus, Sheriff.

Sale to be held in Moulton the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March next. To be sold is land in Lawrence County, Alabama it being the NE/4 of Section 18-7-9W and the SW/4 of Section 18-7-9W, and the S/2 NW/4 of Section 3-7-9W, it being the property of Robert H. Cleere to satisfy an execution in favor of Fassett & Co. Notice dated 2 Feb 1855. John C. Burrus, Sheriff.

Trust Sale to be held in Moulton the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March next. To be sold is the SW/4 of Section 33-4-9W, the NW/4 Section 4-5-9W and an undivided half of the W/2 SW/4 of Section 3-5-9W. Oswell [K?]ing, former trustee, is the complainant and Susan Jones, et al are defendants. Notice dated 2 Feb 1855. Tingal Jones, Trustee.

Probate Court, Lawrence Co., Ala., Jan. term 1855. Jackson C. Montgomery, guardian of Martha S. and Permelia J. Montgomery, files for final settlement. Note dated 3 Feb 1855. H. A. McGhee, Probate Judge.

Sheriff's Sale. Circuit Court of Lawrence and Franklin Counties, Alabama. The following land was ordered sold at Moulton on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March: S[E?]/4 and NE/4 Section 19-5-9W and part of the north side of the NE/4 in Section 30-5-9W and the NE/4 SW/4 of Section 18-5-9W, containing 414 acres, more or less, formerly owned by Thomas Wright. Sold as property of Thadeus W. Felton in favor of C. C. Gewin. Notice dated 29 Jan 1855. J. C. Burrus, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sale. Circuit Court of Lawrence Co., Alabama. Sale to be held the first Monday in March at Moulton, Al. Property to be sold are horses, cattle, wagon, mule, and oxen; also 80 acres of land known as the "Cedar Tract" and 40 acres in the N/2 W/2 SW/4 Sec. 33-6-5W, the property of John Landers, in favor of sundry persons. Notice dated 5 Feb 1855. John C. Burrus, Sheriff.

Brief. The bill charges that a marriage was agreed on between complainant [not named] and William Greenslade. The Agreement, conditions, etc., were legally recorded in Lawrence County, Alabama on the 16<sup>th</sup> [blank] 1843. After making and delivering said agreement on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1843, the couple was legally married in Lawrence County, Alabama and since said marriage, Greenslade received a sum of money of more than \$1250 in the hands of George Fry . . . and insisted on a sum of \$350 in the purchase of a female Negro, Charlotte, in 1844.

Since then, Charlotte has given birth to three children: Dick, Sally, and Lucy. The lot in Moulton where complainant and husband now reside was paid for with her money and her consent.

On 1 August 1854, Greenslade conveyed to Crockett McDonald, Trustee, the slave Charlotte and her three children, the house and lot [above

and her three children, the house and lot [above mentioned], to hold same with increase, rent and profit to sell and for separate use of Greenslade.

4 Aug 1854. Writ of Attachment. J. S. & E[?] Bowie against estate of Greenslade for \$1600 and issued in the Circuit Court of Lawrence Co., Ala. The sheriff levied on slaves, house and the lot as property of Greenslade. The complainant is unable to give bond to try the right to the property levied on. Notice dated 10 Jan 1855.

Friday, 30 January 1857

Announcement by Probate Judge. All executors, administrators, and guardians are required to make an annual settlement. It would be unpleasant to me to be compelled to enforce the law, but I must. C. McDonald, Probate Judge.

"P. S. See the Code of Alabama, Sections 1801, 1817, 3040 & etc. c.m."

### Lawrence County Newspapers in Alabama Department of Archives & History.

The late Eulalia Wellden copied the following from the 2 February 1906 issue of the *Moulton Advertiser*. That article had been copied from the *Birmingham Age-Herald*, under the heading, "Montgomery Correspondent." Mrs. Wellden got it from the collection of Nadine Shelton of Moulton, Alabama.

"The Department of Archives and History has received from White & White of Moulton, 22 bound volumes of newspaper files. These papers constitute the office files and are complete for the period covered. The first file embraces four books of the *Moulton Democrat* from Jan. 20, 1855 to Dec. 25, 1858 (Vol. 1, No. 1 to Vol. 4, No. 51).

"During the whole existence of this paper as disclosed by the file, N. H. White was editor. With the issue of Feb. 17, 1855, G. L. Alexander is named as publisher, but April 6, 1855 C. H. Jarvis is announced as doing that work. After the issue of Nov. 29, 1855, Mr. Jarvis drops out. The paper, as it appears from its name, was Democratic.

"The second and largest file is *The Moulton Advertiser* which embraces complete, in 18 bound books, the period the period from Feb. 9, 1867 to 26 Dec 1889, Volume L, No. 1 and continuation.

"During its whole existence the paper has been in the hands of some member of the White

family. It is now published by Jourd and Paul White who have donated the files to this department.

"The file as appears above as Volume 1, No. 1 was dated February 9, 1867. On May 14, 1869, the series is changed and designated as Volume 31, No. 14.

"This new numbering was due to the fact that the *Advertiser* had originally been founded in 1828. An examination shows some interesting facts concerning the paper.

"It was established in 1867 by Messrs. D. C. White and C. C. Harris. On September 30, 1881 Jourd White succeeded to the one-third interest of Mr. Harris. On July 23, 1885 Mr. White retired and the paper was continued by Messrs. D. C. White and William P. Doss. Mr. Doss retired October 1, 1885 and Mr. D. C. White continued as editor and publisher until January 26, 1888 when 'The Advertising Publishing Company' is announced as publishers. In politics the *Advertiser* is Democratic."



# Limestone County

## Notes from the *Limestone News*

Copied and contributed by the late Eulalia Wellden

### 13 March 1874

Final settlement notice on the estate of William D. Allison, decd.

Hon. E. W. Smith died last Thursday. He was a member of the State [Democratic?] Executive Committee.

Ex-president Millard Fillmore died at his residence in Buffalo on 8 March 1874.

### 20 March 1874

James Stoddard and James Throckmorton of Tusculumbia died last week.

Mrs. Dorothy Holt, widow of the late Henry Holt, died yesterday. A very aged lady.

Non-resident notice posted on the estate of Henry Stanley, deceased.

Final notice settlement on the estate of James A. Henderson, decd.

### 27 March 1874

Partial settlement notice on the estate of Allison C. Cain, decd.

Final settlement on the estate of Jane Mahone, decd.

### 3 April 1874

Annual settlement on the estate of Winslow P. Roberts, decd.

Final settlement on the estate of Benjamin B. Peete, decd.

### 10 April 1874

Capt. Robby, an old citizen of Mobile, died 4 April.

Partial settlement on the estate of Jonathan McDonald, decd.

### 24 April 1874

Final settlement on the estate of Mrs. Dorthula Peete.

Final settlement on the estate of Zach. T. Peete.

Mrs. Charles J. Williams died in Columbus, Georgia on the 14<sup>th</sup> April.

Hon. Edward W. Rose of Giles Co., Tennessee died last Friday.

### 1 May 1874

Nina E. Tanner, infant daughter of George W. and Lula Tanner, died last Friday.

John Hollingsworth on Bibb's Lane near Mooresville, died on 25 April aged 28 years.

### 8 May 1874

J. D. Stephenson was shot and killed last Tuesday, by John W. Carter.

### 15 May 1874

H. Prout Elliott died on the 12<sup>th</sup> May

Mrs. Sallie Beaty Tanner, wife of Samuel Tanner Jr., died Sunday aged 31 years. She was survived by her husband and children.

James M. Lane died the 8<sup>th</sup> May, aged 68 years.

Mrs. Elihu Mitchell of Lawrence County, Tenn. died and was buried in Athens City Cemetery last Sunday.

Gen. H. H. Higgins died 12 May. He was in the Mexican War and the War between the states. He was an architect who had no equal in this area.

### 22 May 1874

From the Hope, Arkansas *Star*: Luke Pryor Brandon, son of Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Lucy Brandon, died 19 April 1874 aged 22 years, by drowning in Red River in Arkansas. He was born in Limestone County, Alabama and moved to Arkansas when a small boy.



**29 May 1874**

Administrator's Sale of the perishable property of Francis Blackburn, decd.

Spart Bruce was shot and mortally wounded by John Beaty last Thursday near Danville.

Mrs. Wollcott, mother of Oren Wollcott, was killed 21 May in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Rev. Fountain E. Pitts, a preacher of the Tennessee Conference, died 22 May in Louisville, Ky.

**17 July 1874**

Application to sell land by administrator of John Black, decd.

**24 July 1874**

Rev. A. L. P. Green died recently.

Jim Goocher killed John Moore at Readyville, Tennessee.

Miss Julia Kerns of Marysville, Ky. died last Saturday by inhaling chloroform for headache.

Rev. Mr. Goodrich, grandson of Dr. Noah Webster, died in Switzerland.

**31 July 1874**

Adolphus Johnson was killed instantly when he jumped from a moving train on 19 July in Morgan County.

Notice of insolvency on the estate of Charles McCormack, decd.

William H. Robinson was born 19 Sept 1794 and died 30 July 1874. He was born in Georgia and while young, moved to Kentucky and then to Madison County, Alabama. After some years in Madison Co. he moved to Limestone Co. He had been married twice.

Green Wood, age 71, died near Augusta, Arkansas on 14 April 1874 and was a brother to Gulielmus Wood of Athens. He was a native of Virginia and had moved to this state while young, then in 1837 he moved to Arkansas.

Administrator's notice on the estate of Tilman Holland, decd.

**21 August 1874**

Miss Anna Maria Fletcher died at her home near Mooresville 14 Aug 1874.

William H. Walker Jr., youngest son of William H. Walker Sr., died 14 Aug 1874.

Mrs. Ada H. Kimbel, wife of E. N. G. Kimbel of Morgan Co., Alabama died 12 August while visiting relations near Mooresville. [Note by Eulalia: She left one child a few months old that died on 22 August.]

**25 Sept 1874**

Personal property notice on the estate of Abner R. McWilliams.

Mrs. Joseph Moore died last Wednesday. She was survived by her husband and five children.

Judge Thomas M. Sloss died last Monday at the home of his brother, Joseph H. Sloss. He was survived by his wife and a number of children.

Final settlement notice on the estate of James R. Jones, decd.

**2 October 1874**

Annie Cousins Bibb, second child of Mr. & Mrs. Lockhart Bibb, died 1 Sept 1874, age 4 yrs.

Hon. William M. Byrd died recently. He was a son-in-law of Mrs. Sarah Massie of Athens.

**9 October 1874**

Mrs. Mary Jane Holt, wife of John D. Holt, died 9 October 1874. She was survived by her husband and one son. She was born in Madison County, Ala. in January 1825. Moved while young to Morgan Co., Ala. She married 9 Feb. 1843.

**23 October 1874**

Peter Belew, age 85, died 16 October at the home of his son-in-law, T. D. Sandifer.

**30 October 1874**

Land sale notice of the estate of Wm. S. Peebles, decd.

**13 November 1874**

Administrator's sale of estate of R. L. Hendricks, decd.

Albert Gilbert of Tuscumbia died of a gunshot wound inflicted by S. G. Gipson recently.

Prof. J. T. Barclay, age 67, of Hillsboro, Lawrence Co., Ala., died 29 October 1874.

Jonas Acord was murdered on the Moore farm in Madison County 21 October 1874.

Samuel Brockman of Clarksville, Tenn. committed suicide.

**29 May 1874**

Hon. David B. Mellish of Mass. died 24 May in Washington.

Hon. Reuben Esten of DeKalb Co. died on the 14 May.

Admiral Buchanan formerly of the Confederate Navy, died at his home in Maryland 11 May 1874. He was in the Battle of Hampton Roads.

**5 June 1874**

Final settlement on the estate of Thomas A. Hobbs, decd.

Thomas M. L. Reid, invalid son of Benj. F. Reid, died 28 May at the residence of his father.

John Horn of Morgan Co. killed the niece of Thomas Terry 29 May 1874. Horn was arrested and put in jail where a crowd of citizens took him and hanged him.

J. Edgar Thompson died 28 May in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Elizabeth Alford, aged 103 years, died 15 May in Etowah, Alabama.

William Lake, former deputy sheriff at Memphis, was killed 30 May 1874.

Hon. Richard Wilde Walker was born 16 Feb 1823 in Madison Co., Alabama and married the daughter of John Simpson of Lauderdale County in 1852. He died 15 June 1874.

**19 June 1874**

John Braden accidentally shot and killed himself near Glimpville, Tennessee last Friday.

Mrs. Mary Kerr, aged 74, a native of Scotland but a resident of Tuscaloosa for 44 years, died 4 June 1874.

Miss Sallie Smithby, Oakland, Ky was burned to death recently.

**3 July 1874**

Madame Audubon, wife of the naturalist, died recently.

Mattie Green of Jackson Co. was instantly killed on 23 June when thrown from a mule.

Mrs. Bettie Richardson, only child of Roswell Hine, was born 14 April 1839. She married Dr. N. D. Richardson 27 October 1858 and died 25 June 1874. She was a Methodist.

Mrs. Alice Brooks, wife of F. Brooks, was born 29 Nov 1850 and died 4 June 1874. She was survived by her husband and one son.

**10 July 1874**

Miss Mattie Benton, aged 17, died 3 July at the residence of G. W. Tanner. She was a Methodist and Mrs. Tanner was her sister. Her father resided at Coney, Matagorda Co., Tx.

Col. W. L. Cain died recently in Gadsden.

**17 July 1874**

Gen. James Canntey died in Russell Co., Ala. on 30 June

Capt. Robert P. Hunter of Nashville died recently.

Hon. Christopher C. Tompkins of Franklin Co. died 7 July.

James P. Everett, a Deputy U. S. Marshall was assassinated at Lynchburg, Tenn. last week.

Agnes Strickland, the authoress, died recently.

Administrator's notice on the estate of Edward B. Rice, decd.

Insolvent notice on the estate of E. N. Lucas, decd.

-End-

**Hon. Luke Pryor**

Hon. Luke Pryor, one of the old pioneers of Alabama, was born July 5, 1820, a son of Luke

and Anne B. Lane Pryor. He was born and reared in Alabama. At the age of twenty years he entered Washington College, Miss., but had been in college about three months when he returned home and in 1841 began reading law with Judge Coleman.

In December 1841, he was licensed to practice and in 1842 and 1843 he entered into partnership with E. J. Jones. In 1844 he and Gen. L. P. Walker were appointed bank attorneys at Decatur. In 1845 he was reappointed, with D. C. Humphries, as attorney for the same bank which brought him in contact with all the prominent attorneys of the state.

During this term, all kinds of cases were brought and he had to meet such men in the practice as Judges Clinton, Rice, McClure, Parsons, Coopers and many other distinguished attorneys.

On Aug. 20, 1845, he was united in marriage to Isabella V. Harris, daughter of John H. and Frances Harris, both natives of Virginia.

After marriage, Mr. Pryor resigned his bank attorneyship, and continued the practice of law

in connection with farming at Athens and soon built up a large and lucrative clientele.

After the [Civil] war, he continued in the practice with George S. Houston, as a partner, till 1874 when Mr. Houston was elected Governor. Mr. Pryor continued the practice until 1879. When United States Senator Houston died, Governor R. W. Cobb appointed Mr. Pryor his successor. He declined to serve the second time, retired from the law, and gave his attention to intensive farming.

After two years, he was elected to the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to reel it in from the Republicans. His nomination was made by acclamation without his knowledge or consent.

He served two years and declined to have the office again.

In 1855-1856 he was a member of the Legislature, secured the bill to raise a tax to build the L&N Railroad. He lives in retirement at his beautiful home.

[*The Alabama Courier*, Spring 1895.]

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## Limestone Superior Court, 1818 – 1820

“Pleas had before the Honorable Superior Court of Limestone County, State of Alabama, at the Court House in the town of Athens on the first Monday in August in the year of our Lord 1818. Present: the Honorable Obadiah Jones, Judge.”

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon in Aug 1818

### Abner Tatum vs. Joseph Neal

Sheriff ordered to take the body of Joseph Neal and him safely keep to ensure his appearance at the Superior Court to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of August at the house of George Wilson. Neal is to answer Tatum who demands Neal render to him \$82.25 plus \$50 damages as a result of Neal not paying the debt. Witnessed by William Edmunson, Esq., Clerk of the Super Court.

Action founded on a note of hand (promissory note) signed 19 April 1817. On 11 June 1817 the note was credited with \$5 and on 1 April 1818 it was credited with \$10 leaving a balance of \$67.25.

Bail required. Executed 8 June 1818 by the Sheriff. Clay was attorney for plaintiff.

Came plaintiff by his attorney. The defendant being solemnly called, came not. The court ruled that plaintiff recover \$69.56 of debt from defendant plus \$1.62 damages plus his costs.

End



# MADISON COUNTY

## Marriage Book 1

### Part 6 of 14

The first marriage book of Madison County, Alabama begins April 3, 1809 and ends December 24, 1817. Marriages were then under the jurisdiction of the Orphans Court, which was replaced in 1850 by the present Probate Court. In 1853, Ferdinand Hammond became the judge of probate. He undertook the ambitious project of recopying the first three marriage books but it was a dismal failure. The original copies of the second and third books still exist, however, the first book has been missing for many years—probably destroyed. By comparing the second and third marriage books to the originals we discover many, many omissions, misinterpretations and other horrors.

The first marriage book is a total disaster with illegible handwriting and many omissions. Half jokingly, it is said the scribe drank his lunch at the local pub. In order to “reconstruct” these 1809-1817 marriages we have compared each marriage to countless other local, county, and family records. They have been compared to the deeds, land entry books, estate records, family Bibles, wills, Chancery Court records, tax lists, censi, military pension records, state legislative reports and any other contemporary record we could find.

You will notice a few marriages included here that were not in the book. These are marriages proven by Chancery Court records which state flatly that so-and-so was married in Madison County on a certain date.

If you have any additions, corrections, or comments on these marriages, we would appreciate hearing from you. Your comments will be duly noted and any changes or corrections will be published in **Valley Leaves**. Another “minus” to these records is that, with few exceptions, the date given is the date of the license – not the date of the actual marriage. There are also errors in some of the dates.

| No. | Groom & Bride                          | License         | Comments                                                                                                               |
|-----|----------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 119 | Henry Johnston to<br>Lovy Jones        | 14 Aug<br>1813  |                                                                                                                        |
| 119 | Robert Coyle to<br>Betsey Jobe         | 17 Aug<br>1813  |                                                                                                                        |
| 120 | William Chilcoat<br>to Betsey Broiles  | 14 Aug<br>1813  | He was a Pvt. In War/1812; is listed on 1810-15 tax list.                                                              |
| 120 | Jesse Holmes to<br>Peggy Bryan         | 25 Aug<br>1813  | He was a Pvt. In War of 1812.                                                                                          |
| 121 | John Garner to<br>Ruthy Rosseau        | 25 Aug<br>1813  |                                                                                                                        |
| 121 | Prather Ady to<br>Litty Phillips       | 31 Aug<br>1813  | Groom's name appears to be written “Brother;” Pauline Gandrud interpreted it as Brathier. Can anyone verify this name? |
| 122 | Frederick Sebril to<br>Milly Dunbar    | 6 Sept 1813     |                                                                                                                        |
| 122 | Jonathan Burleson<br>to Elizabeth Byrd | 15 Sept<br>1813 | Bride is dau. of William Byrd, a Baptist Minister. <sup>1</sup> This couple moved to Morgan Co., Al                    |

<sup>1</sup> Owens *History of Alabama*, Vol. 3, p. 26

|     |                                    |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 123 | Coleman Shipp to Jane W. Ford      | 16 Sept 1813         |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 123 | William Wheat to Esther Stephenson | 15 Sept 1813         |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 124 | John Davis to Polly Campbell       | 27 Sept 1813         | She is dau. Of Wm. B. Campbell as proved by his probate file No. 2287.                                                                                                                                  |
| 124 | Caleb Lacy to Letty Haughton       | 29 Sept 1813         |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 125 | Eli Lawler to Caty Baker           | 13 Oct 1813          |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 125 | Henry Beece to Levina Pounders     | 14 Oct 1813.         | Names proven by their tombstones in Hickman County, TN                                                                                                                                                  |
| 126 | John P. Hawkins to Lucy Hodges     | 5 Oct 1813           | In the John Hodges estate file <sup>2</sup> An Order for Partition of the estate of Johnson Hodges shows, among other children, "Lucy Hawkins, wife of John P. Hawkins." Lucy was John Hodges's sister. |
| 126 | William McKinney to Sally Beaver   | 21 Oct 1813          |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 127 | Nathan Camp to Margay Bussins      | 4 Nov 1813           | The bride's name appears to be garbled. It may be Marjorie Bossiers or ??                                                                                                                               |
| 127 | Joseph Moore to Polly Hall         | 23 Nov 1813          | Bride's name written "Hale" in this record but the will of John P. Hall mentions his sister Mary Moore [Polly being a nickname for Mary.] <sup>3</sup>                                                  |
| 128 | John Kinnimere to Sharlott Jones   | 7 Dec 1813           | This name is probably Kennemore but there are many variations in spelling of this name in Madison county.                                                                                               |
| 128 | William Class to Polly Cotton      | 9 Dec 1813           | William Clapp?                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 129 | Uriah Nixon to Polly Hendricks     | Dec 1813<br>[No day] | Groom's name appears to be Mixon or Minor but Hendricks family tradition says Polly Hendricks married Uriah Nixon.                                                                                      |
| 129 | William May to Rhales Hammons      | 18 Dec 1813          |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 130 | Joseph Walters to Delia Camp       | 28 Dec 1813          | Bride's maiden name is up for interpretation. Can anyone shed light on these names?                                                                                                                     |
| 130 | Jeremiah Rollin to Polly Prewitt   | 3 Jan 1814           |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 131 | Thomas Hubbard to Elizabeth Murry  | 8 Jan 1814           | Thomas and Elizabeth Hubbard sold land in Madison County that she inherited from her father, William O. Murry. <sup>4</sup>                                                                             |
| 131 | Thomas Province to Mary Stokes     | 29 Jan 1814          |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 132 | Martin Taylor to Mary Burleson     | 29 Jan 1814          |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 132 | Jesse Martin to                    | 21 Jan 1814          |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

<sup>2</sup> John Hodges Estate File No. 1545, Madison Co., Al

<sup>3</sup> John P. Hall's will, Probate Record Book 10, p. 142, Madison Co., Al

<sup>4</sup> Deed book G, p. 90, Madison Co., Al

|      |                                       |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|      | Betsey Wood                           |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 133  | Bryan White to Rhoda Baker            | 3 Feb 1814   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 133  | William Forest to Peggy Lawrence      | 4 Feb 1814   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 134  | John Burleson to Peggy Pride          | 4 Feb 1814   | John Burleson and his wife, Mary, sold land in Madison Co. in 1816. <sup>5</sup>                                                                                                                                  |
| 134  | William Williams to Betsey Carter     | 16 Feb 1814. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 135  | William Daniel to Polly Daily         | 19 Feb 1814  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 135  | James Gambel to Nancy Rodgers         | 21 Feb 1814  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 136  | Thomas McDaniel to Elizabeth Nail     | 21 Feb 1814  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 136  | James Smith to Nancy Mullins          | 23 Feb 1814  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 137  | Richard Pyrant to Janning Allison     | 1 Mar 1814   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 137  | Thomas Carroll to Ann Sample          | 7 Mar 1814   | The will of Robert Sample mentions his granddaughter, Ann Carroll. <sup>6</sup><br>[This entry is a duplicate of No. 145.]                                                                                        |
| 138  | Solomon Geron to Charity Hinds        | 8 Mar 1814   | Groom's name appears to be written "Gearing," however it is Geron. <sup>7</sup> Solomon was a sergeant in the War of 1812. <sup>8</sup>                                                                           |
| 138  | John Adair to Sarah Myers             | 9 Mar 1814   | John Adare was a private in the War of 1812. <sup>9</sup>                                                                                                                                                         |
| 139  | Archibald Sharp to Rachael James      | 25 Mar 1814  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 139  | Benjamin Glover to Barshaby Clements  | 25 Mar 1814  | This Benjamin was Be. K. Glover and should not be confused with the Benjamin who was a Revolutionary soldier. <sup>10</sup> This Benjamin K. is perhaps the son of John, a brother of the Revolutionary Benjamin. |
| 140  | Morris Chennault to Mary Murphy       | 25 Mar 1814  | This couple was married 31 Mar 1814 according to the Chennault family Bible. <sup>11</sup>                                                                                                                        |
| ---- | William Chennault to Elizabeth Teague | ----         | Married 15 Feb 1816. Marriage not in record but is in the Chennault family Bible. Elizabeth was the daughter of Magness Teague.                                                                                   |
| 140  | Andrew Elder to                       | 31 Feb 1814  | Andrew Elder is son of Samuel & Hannah Elder of Sevier Co., Tn <sup>12</sup>                                                                                                                                      |

<sup>5</sup> Deed Book C, p. 3, Madison Co., Al

<sup>6</sup> Robert Sample's will, Probate Record Book 3, p. 76, Madison Co., Al

<sup>7</sup> Probate file No. 87 of Solomon Geron, Madison Co., Al

<sup>8</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, p. 92, War of 1812 roster.

<sup>9</sup> *Valley Leaves* Vol. 2, p. 89

<sup>10</sup> Benjamin K. Glover probate file No. 404, Madison Co., Al

<sup>11</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 19, p. 35, Chennault family Bible.

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|     | Elizabeth Burleson                      |                  | Samuel was in the War of 1812. <sup>13</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 141 | James Hodges to Milly Hall [Hale?]      | 2 Apr 1814       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 141 | William M. McGowan to Betsey Townsend   | 2 Apr 1814       | Elizabeth McGowen appointed administratrix of William McGowen's estate in January 1817 with Eli Townsend her security.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 142 | James Allison to Polly Davis            | 4 Apr 1814       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 142 | Reuben Rogers to Frances Pyrant         | 7 Apr 1814       | Reuben <u>Rodgers</u> was a Cpl. in War/1812. One William Pyrant on 1812 & 1813 tax list and one Richard Pyrant on 1815 tax list. Were Richard and Frances the children of William?                                                                                                                |
| 143 | Jonathan Tatum to Polly Barclay         | 13 Apr 1814      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 143 | William Breedlove to Anna Hairston.     | 15 May 1814      | From dates of marriages – 13 April to 15 May – there appears to be several marriages omitted here but some picked up later. See below. Bride's name probably garbled and might be Houston or Harrison. Can anyone verify bride's name? William Breedlove was in Morgan Co. by time of 1830 census. |
| 144 | Prewett McGowan to Elizabeth Fowler     | 21 May 1814      | Prewett McGowan was a Corporal in War of 1812.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 144 | Silas Fuqua to Sally Young              | 25 May 1814      | Silas & Sally Fuqua sold land in June 1817 and moved to Franklin Co., Al; they sold their remaining land in Madison Co. 26 Jan 1820. <sup>14</sup>                                                                                                                                                 |
| 145 | William Allison to Polly Criss          | 6 [16?] Apr 1814 | Bride was Mary T. Criss. William <u>Ellison</u> was executor of will of James Criss dated 7 Mar 1817 & probated Oct. term 1817. <sup>15</sup> William Allison was a private in the War of 1812. <sup>16</sup>                                                                                      |
| 145 | -Thomas Carroll to Ann Sample           | 7 Mar 1814       | Duplicate of entry No. 137. Will of Robert Sample mentions his gr-dau., Ann Carroll. <sup>17</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 146 | Cain Hunt to Nancy Pence                | 16 Apr 1814      | On 20 Mar 1815 John Pence sold Philip Pence land next to Jacob Pence; Cain Hunt was a witness. <sup>18</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 146 | David [Daniel?] Walker to Ruth Rainbolt | 30 Apr 1814      | <u>Daniel</u> Walker was in War of 1812. <sup>19</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 147 | Allen Ward to Lois Evans                | 29 May 1814      | On 17 Feb 1819 Allen and Lois Ward sold lots in Winchester, Tn <sup>20</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 147 | William Murphy to Ruthy Rennoe          | 10 Jun 1814      | Bride's name may be Ruth Renneau.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

<sup>12</sup> Deed Book A, p. 41. Samuel Elder's will mentions his son Andrew. Will dated 16 July 1809 in Sevier Co., Tn and recorded in Madison Co., Al.

<sup>13</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, p. 92. Roster of soldiers in War of 1812.

<sup>14</sup> Deed Book F, p. 471. Madison Co., Al

<sup>15</sup> James Criss's will. Deed Book D, p. 78. Madison Co, Al

<sup>16</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, p. 89

<sup>17</sup> Deed Book F mentions Ann Carroll, wife of Thomas Carroll.

<sup>18</sup> Deed Book A, p. 113-114. Madison Co. Al

<sup>19</sup> *Valley Leaves*, Vol. 2, p. 88

<sup>20</sup> Deed Book G, p. 125, Madison Co., Al



# Marshall County

## Circuit Court Records – Civil

### Book I

(Part 10)

These, the first Circuit Court criminal and civil records were rediscovered about 1989 and were saved from certain destruction by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. We are deeply indebted to her.

This hitherto unknown document dates from September 1838. The first 99 pages of this document are criminal cases and civil cases thereafter. This series began in Volume 24, Issue No. 2 and is continued here from Vol. 35, No. 4 (June 2001).

#### Page 198

James S. Brown )  
vs ) Debt  
John Coal<sup>1</sup> )

On 28 February 1840 the sheriff was ordered to find John Coal and serve him with a summons to appear in court on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1840. He was to appear to answer James S. Brown in a plea of debt in the amount of \$65 plus \$100 damages by virtue of withholding payment of the debt. Coal signed with his "X" and S. A. Banks signed the note.

On 4 March 1840 Deputy Sheriff John Ashby returned the warrant on Coal stating he was not found. Another warrant was issued on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1840 for Coal to appear in court on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in September 1840.

*We agree to pay \$65.00 on or before the First day of November next [1839] or either of us promise to pay J. S. Brown on order, \$65.00 value received of him this 27 of November 1838.*

*Test: Charles McBeth*

The entire amount is still due and unpaid. No bail is required. Coal was arrested and jailed.

<sup>1</sup> This name is written "Coal" throughout but since John Coal is illiterate the name may actually be Cole.

At a Circuit Court held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1841, the defendant [Coal] "being solemnly called to come into court and defend his suit, comes not but makes default." The court ordered that James S. Brown, the plaintiff, recover judgment against Coal in the amount of \$60.63, the balance of debt, plus \$6.21 damages and costs.

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Mathias Little )  
vs ) Trespass  
George W. Allen )  
Thomas Allen )

On the first Monday in March 1840 an order was issued to the sheriff to "take the bodies of George W. Allen and Thomas Allen, wherever they may be found in your county and them safely keep so that you have their bodies before the judge of our next circuit court to be held" the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1840. The defendants, George W. Allen and Thomas Allen, are to answer Mathias Little in a plea of trespass to his damage of \$200. Witnessed by John O. Feemster, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

The warrant was issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March 1840.

This action was brought to recover damages from the defendants for shooting and killing a sorrel mare, the property of the plaintiff on the 5<sup>th</sup> [?] of January 1839 in Marshall County. The mare was valued at \$200.

The Sheriff served George W. Allen on 4 March 1840 but Thomas Allen was not to be

found. Signed 19 March 1840 by Joel Higgins, Sheriff.

In the courthouse in the town of Marshall, Marshall County, a court was held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in September 1841. The plaintiff, Mathias Little, being solemnly called failed to appear and made default. The court ordered the defendant to recover his costs from plaintiff.

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Hopkins, Martin & Smith )  
vs ) Debt  
Joel Higgins & Co. )

Court was held at the courthouse in the town of Marshall, Marshall County, Alabama on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1840. George W. Lane, Judge.

“To any coroner of the State of Alabama, Greetings: You are hereby commanded to take the bodies of Joel Higgins (who is now the sheriff of the county of Marshall), Jehu Higgins, and Richard Golden, merchants trading in partnership under the name, firm, and style of Joel Higgins & Co., wherever they may be found in your county. You are to them safely keep so that you have their bodies before the Judge of our next circuit court to be held for the county of Marshall at the court house in the Town of Marshall on the fourth Monday in March instant, to answer John Hooper, George H. Hooper and Newberry A. Smith, Merchants trading in partnership under the name, firm, and style of Cooper, Martin & Smith, of a plea of Trespass” to their damage of \$500.

*\$90.64*  
*Philadelphia. April 29<sup>th</sup> 1837*  
*Twelve months after date we promise to pay to the order of Hooper, Martin & Smith Ninety 64/100 dollars without defalcation<sup>2</sup> for value received.*  
*Joel Higgins & Co.*

<sup>2</sup> Failure to meet obligation. Commonly spoken of officers of corporations or public officials.

The cause of this action is a note of which the above is a substantial copy.

The whole of which is due and unpaid. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1840 came the plaintiff by their attorney, and the defendants solemnly called came not but made default. It is therefore ordered by the court that plaintiffs have and recover judgment against defendants the sum of \$146.48 damages plus costs.

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A. C. Beard )  
vs ) Debt  
Moses Birdwell )

*\$112.65*  
*One day after date I promise to pay A. C. Beard one hundred and twelve 65/100 dollars for value recd.*  
*Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1840*  
*Moses Birdwell*

Yet the said debt remains unpaid. Plaintiff sues for detention of the debt together with his costs, etc. On 3 March 1840 the sheriff was ordered to find Birdwell and have him appear before the judge to answer the plaintiff in his suit. Birdwell was served 10 March 1840 by deputy sheriff, T. J. Connally.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1841 the defendant appeared in court and withdraws his plea and now says nothing. The court orders plaintiff to recover against defendant the sum of \$112.65 debt plus \$9.63 damages for the detention of the same plus his costs.

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Alexandria Read )  
vs ) debt  
Joel Higgins & Co. )

A petition was filed to our circuit court held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1840 before George W. Lane, Judge.

Alexandria Read states he holds a note on the defendants, Joel Higgins, Jehu Higgins, and Richard Golden as follows:

\$61.39  
*April 29, 1837*  
*Twelve months after date I promise to*  
*pay to the order of J. Read sixty one dollars*  
*39/100 without defalcation, for value*  
*received.*  
*Joel Higgins & Co.*

The debt remains unpaid and plaintiff asks judgment of the debt plus damages for detention of same together with his costs. J. A. S. Acklin is attorney for plaintiff. The petition was filed with the clerk of the circuit court of Marshall County on 4 March 1840.

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John K. Woosley )  
vs ) Debt  
George Ransom )

A warrant and appeal bond was filed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1840 before the Hon. George W. Lane, Judge.

“To any lawful officer or E. Dickey: you are commanded to summon George Ransom to appear before me, or some other Justice of the Peace, at my office on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March next to answer John K. Woosley in a plea of debt due by an account not exceeding” \$50. and dated 24 Feb 1840 by E. Dickey.

John K. Woosley recovered a judgment for \$24.68 plus costs against George Ransom before Stephen Baxter, J. P. Ransom appealed the verdict and as the law requires, he had to post a appeal bond.

On 5 March 1840 George Ransom and Azzeil[?] Baggett posted the appeal bond in the amount of \$49.37.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1841, a jury trial was held. The jury included William M. Griffin “and others” [not named]. The verdict was in favor of plaintiff and they assess his damages at \$31.21. “It is further considered by the court that the said plaintiff” have judgment against defendant and his securities, “Azzeil [?”

Baggett and Raleigh Pendergrass” in the sum of \$31.21 plus damages and costs.

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George W. Gunter, Assignee)  
vs )  
Elizabeth Hill )

22 January 1840. “Before me, Benjamin S. Parsons, an acting Justice of the Peace, personally appeared Elizabeth Hill who being duly sworn according to law” deposes and says as follows: A certain grey house, aged seven or eight years, levied on by Sheriff Joel Higgins as the property of Robert J. Kennedy, to satisfy a judgment against Kennedy, is her right and property. Signed by Elizabeth Hill

28 September 1840. Elizabeth Hill and Charles Kennedy are bound unto George W. Gunter in the sum of \$442.92-1/2.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in September 1839 judgment in the amount of \$271 debt and cost was rendered in favor of George W. Gunter, assee., and against Robert J. Kennedy. A writ of fieri facias<sup>3</sup> was issued and on 8 October 1839 it was delivered to the sheriff of Marshall County and by virtue of same the sheriff has levied on one grey house about seven years old. Elizabeth Hill has made claim to the house and requests a trial at the next term of Circuit Court.

Now, therefore, if upon such trial the said property shall be found liable to the execution aforesaid and shall thereupon be forthcoming and duly delivered to said sheriff to be sold to satisfy said execution and moreover of the said Elizabeth Hill and Charles Kennedy shall pay to George W. Gunter such costs and damages as shall be recovered for putting in said claim for delay, then the above obligation to be void and otherwise to be in full force.

After two continuations it was discovered that the plaintiff was a non-resident and was ordered to give security for costs within 60 days or the case is to be dismissed.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1841 the plaintiff failed to give security for costs as required, it is ordered by the court that this cause

<sup>3</sup> A writ commanding the sheriff to levy and make the amount of a judgment from the goods and chattels of the judgment debtor.

be dismissed and the defendant go hence and recover his costs of plaintiff.

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Sarah and Elizabeth Cambell )  
vs ) Trespass  
John Ashley )

The sheriff was ordered to find and arrest John Ashley "and him safely keep so that you have his body before the judge of our next Circuit Court to be held" on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in September to answer Sarah Cambell and Elizabeth Cambell in a Plea of Trespass. Sarah and Elizabeth Cambell claim Ashley with force and arms did them damage in the amount of \$300.

This suit is brought to recover damages of the defendant for forcibly and illegally entering the enclosures of the plaintiffs in April 1840 and taking and driving therefrom three head of oxen, the property of plaintiffs. Said oxen were valued at \$100. Ashley then "converted and disposed of the oxen to his own use and other moneys," against the peace and dignity of the State of Alabama. Robinson & Dill, Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1841. A jury trial was held. Jury consisted of James M. Sutton and others, who joined upon their oath find the issue in favor of the plaintiff and assess their damages at \$60. Therefore, the court ruled Sarah and Elizabeth Cambell were to recover \$60 damages plus costs. The court further ruled that Andrew P. Marion become a party to this suit and that execution issue in his name against the defendant for the judgment and costs aforesaid.

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Owen & Shaver )

vs ) Debt  
Rudolph Boshart )  
James A. Barton )  
David Boshart )

4<sup>th</sup> Monday in September 1840. Present, the Hon. Daniel Coleman, Judge.

Jesse Owen and David Shaver, doing business as Owen & Shaver, plaintiff, state they hold a note on the defendant Rudolph Boshart, James A. Barton and David Boshart, in substance as follows:

*One day after date we or either of us, do promise to pay Owen & Shaver Eighty Six dollars sixty two cents per value recd. of them May 4<sup>th</sup> 1839.*  
  
Rudolph Boshart  
Jas. W. Barton  
David Boshart

Yet the debt remains unpaid and plaintiff prays for judgment for the debt plus damages for the detention of same together with their costs. Clay, Clemens & Clay, attorneys for plaintiff.

27 August 1840. The sheriff was ordered to summon the defendants to court to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in September 1840 to answer charges.

4<sup>th</sup> Monday in March 1841. Came the parties by their attorneys into court and by consent this cause is dismissed. The defendants assume the costs. It is therefore considered by the Court that this cause be dismissed and that the plaintiff have and recover judgment against defendants for his costs & etc.

To be continued

Estate of Jerome C. Cornwell, decd.

(20 Oct 1862) Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the Estate of J. C. Cornwell, decd., were granted to the undersigned by the Hon. Probate Court of Marshall Co., Alabama on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1862. Those persons having claims against said decedent are required to present them, properly authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, or they will be barred, and all indebted are requested to make immediate payment to us.

Thos. B. Henry, Adm'r.  
Mary C. Cornwell, Adm'x.  
Est. of J. C. Cornwell, decd.

[Source: The Southern Advocate, Wed., 5 Nov 1862.]



# Morgan County

## James Black, Revolutionary Soldier

### Declaration

26 October 1832

James Black, aged about 70 years, a resident of Morgan County, Alabama, makes the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Black was born in Scotland (in the county or shire of Argyle) about the month of September 1754, and emigrated to America in his 21<sup>st</sup> year. He landed at Norfolk, Virginia and settled in the county of Cumberland on Cape Fear, NC. From there he moved to Robeson County, NC.

Black entered service in 1782 in the month of August for 18 months under Capt. Joshua Hadley and Lt. Hill. He marched from Robeson County to Wilmington and then to Genl. Green's Camp on Ashley Hills on the Ashley River in South Carolina. Col. Little [Lytle] commanded the regiment to which he belonged. He remained in the neighborhood of the camp until peace was proclaimed.

Capt. Hadley signed Black's discharge after he returned to Wilmington but lost it. He marched through a part of NC and SC. He was acquainted with the officer named Obon [Abon?] and several others whose names he can't recall due to the great lapse of time.

Black has no record of his age and knows of no person whose testimony can prove it or his service.

Black relinquished every claim to a pension or annuity except this one, and declared his name was not on the pension roll of any agency of any state or territory.

*James Black*

<sup>1</sup> This Act did not require applicants to show need.

Certification: Certified by John T. Rather and Matthew C. Houston, residents of Morgan Co., who swore they were well acquainted with James Black who has sworn to the above Declaration. James is 78 years of age and is reputed, and believed in the neighborhood, to have been a Revolutionary Soldier.

At a circuit court held in Morgan County in the town of Somerville on the third Wednesday in April 1828, a declaration was made in order for James Black to be placed on the pension list under the Act of Congress of 18 March 1818.

On this 22 April 1828 came James Black, age 74 years "next August" [born 1754] and made the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the Act of Congress of 18 March 1818<sup>2</sup> and 1 May 1820.<sup>3</sup>

Black enlisted for 18 months in August 1781 in North Carolina and served until January 1782 when he was discharged in Wilmington, NC.

His reason for not applying for a pension earlier is his being illiterate<sup>4</sup>, uninformed, and always living in a secluded part of the county and not socializing with the informed part of the community. After he was informed of the Acts of Congress, he made application as soon as possible. Also, until a few years ago he was able to live by his personal labors, "earn a bare support" and expected support from no other source.

In pursuance to the Act of Congress of 1 May 1820 Mr. Black states, "I swear I was a resident citizen of the United States on 18 March 1818 and I have not since that time, by gift or

<sup>2</sup> Officers and enlisted men could draw pension if they were in need of assistance if they had served nine months or until the end of the war.

<sup>3</sup> Many applicants were feigning poverty to collect benefits which led Congress to pass an Act on 1 May 1820 requiring recipients and applicants to submit a certified schedule of their estates and incomes.

<sup>4</sup> He may have been illiterate but he signed his name to his first declaration.

sale in any manner, disposed of any property so as to bring myself within the provisions of the Act" passed 18 March 1818.

Mr. Black says no person has anything in trust for him, nor does he have any property or contracts or debts due him nor does he have any income other than that entered in the following schedule:

- One bed & furniture worth \$11.00
- Two cows and calves worth \$12.00
- Three old books worth \$1.00

Since 15 March 1818 his property status has changed. He has always been in indigent circumstances having only a few cows and horses. He has given a cow and calf to his daughter who has married<sup>5</sup> and he has had two horses stolen from him.<sup>6</sup>

Mr. Black was by trade a blacksmith but he has become too old and decrepit to follow the trade and has been for a number of years. He is now so infirm he is unable to do hardly any work. He has his family living with him except one daughter who is married. He and his [other] daughter are unable to support themselves by their labors. He has no other source of support except his labor and the services of his daughter. Sworn to 28 April 1828.

On 20 April 1835 M. C. Houston wrote to the Commissioner of Pensions, J. L. Edwards. Mr. Houston chided the commissioners stating the "pension agent at Decatur was informed" that Mr. Black's name was not with the other pensioners of this section of the country scheduled to receive payment.

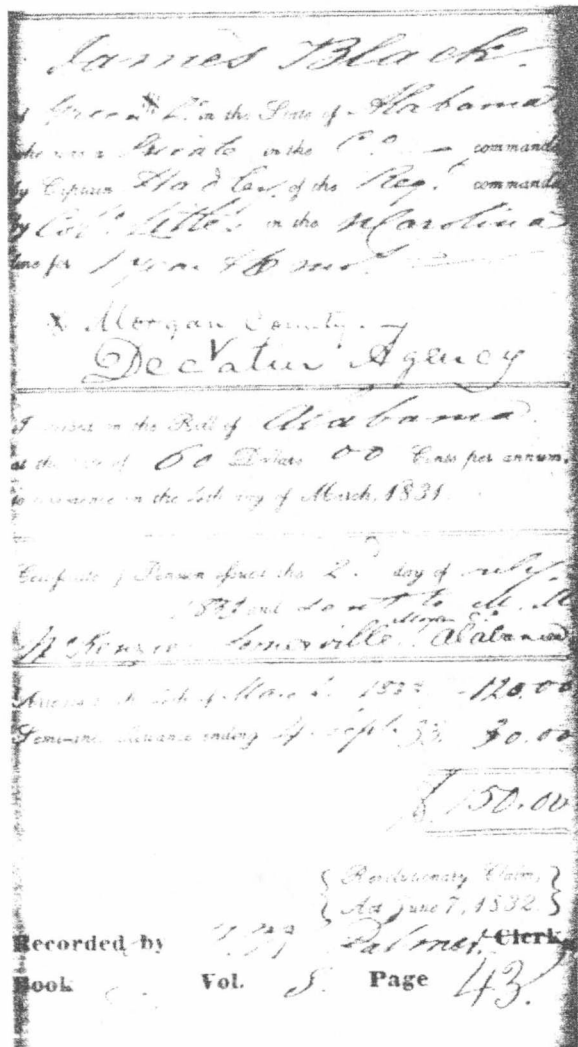
Another letter, written at the Branch of the Bank of the State of Alabama at Decatur, was dated 4 May 1835. It stated:

"Several persons have applied at this agency with certificates of pension whose names do not appear on the list furnished by you for our guidance. Among them are David Green of

Limestone County, certificate dated 26 Jany. 1835 - No. 29665 and endorsed 'payments to be made by G. S. Gaines at Mobile.' Also James Black of Morgan County, Joseph Lookingbill of Marion [County], some of whom say they have heretofore recd. their pay at Mobile & some from Nashville, Tennessee.

"Please inform me as early as convenient what shall be done for these old men."

This file shows that on 2 July 1833 James Black was finally issued \$120, money due him in arrears to 4 March 1833 and another \$30 for the period ending 4 September 1833, totaling \$150. Other notations in this file indicate payments stopped 30 November 1836 which was probably due to Mr. Black's death.



Copy of James Black's information card showing his pension payment for his service as a Revolutionary soldier.

<sup>5</sup> This may have been Nancy Black who married John McClure 10 May 1827 by R. Maloy, M. G. [Source: Morgan Co. marriage book A, page 116: Elbert J. Minter, *Marriages of Morgan County, Alabama, 1818-1896*, (Huntsville, AL: Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society, 1986), p. 17.]

<sup>6</sup> No horses were mentioned in his property schedule.

## Thomas Queen, Revolutionary Soldier

### Declaration

1 September 1832. Before the Honorable Charles W. Peters, judge of the Orphans Court of Morgan Co., Al, came Thomas Queen, a resident of Morgan Co., Al. Queen is about 80 years of age and being first duly sworn makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits provided for by the Act of Congress of 7 June 1832.

Queen entered service from Burke Co., NC about the month of March 1780 under Captain A. Kenzie and Lieutenant Humphrey Barnett. He marched from Burke County under Major \_\_\_ Bluford and Colonel \_\_\_ Hill and joined the army commanded by General Sumter<sup>1</sup> at Brown's Old Field on the Congaree River in SC. He served for the term of about fifteen months and returned home in the month of July 1781.

During his service he was in the battle at Eutaw Springs and lost his horse for which he received no compensation.

He marched in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. He was marched to General Morris's Army in Georgia and went on an expedition in pursuit of some hostile Creek Indians to St. Augustine in Florida.

Mr. Queen has no particular acquaintance with any other regular officers except Col. \_\_\_ Lee, General \_\_\_ Green and Col. Wm. Washington. He does not recollect the numbers of the regiments.

Queen has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person who can testify to his service. Thomas Queen hereby relinquishes his claims whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency.

### Supplementary Declaration

On 14 May 1833. On 1 November 1780 he joined a volunteer company and served for 16

<sup>1</sup> This was Thomas Sumter, American partisan leader in revolution. He harassed British in SC as leader of a guerrilla band; was called the "Gamecock"; Fort Sumter is named for him.

months and 15 days as a private. He was discharged 15 July 1781. [Ed: One of these dates must be wrong. In his original declaration he said he entered in March, not November.]

He received no written discharge and has no documentary proof of his service.

Queen was born in Anson Co., NC on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 1753. He has no record of his age and only recollects the year from having been told by his parents. He removed from Anson County to Burke County, NC.

After the close of the Revolutionary War he removed from North Carolina to Union District, South Carolina. From there he moved to Elbert Co., Georgia and then to Bedford Co., Tennessee. From there he moved to Morgan Co., Alabama and has lived there 13 years. He is well acquainted with Electious Thompson, a minister, and Col. Hugh D. Morrow, both near neighbors [and both Revolutionary Soldiers]. Both men testified as to Queen's veracity.

### Hugh D. Morrow Oath

On 26 November 1845, Hugh D. Morrow swore before Dandridge Farriss in Madison Co., Al that he is the administrator of the estate of Thomas Queen, late of Morgan County. He states Mr. Queen was a private in the Army of the Revolution and entitled to receive \$54 per annum beginning on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1837 and payable in September each year.

Thomas Queen died in Morgan County on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1845 leaving a widow, Elizabeth Queen, who has since departed this life intestate, and the following children, all of Morgan County:

Margaret, the wife of Michael Butler

Nancy, the widow of Andrew Bain

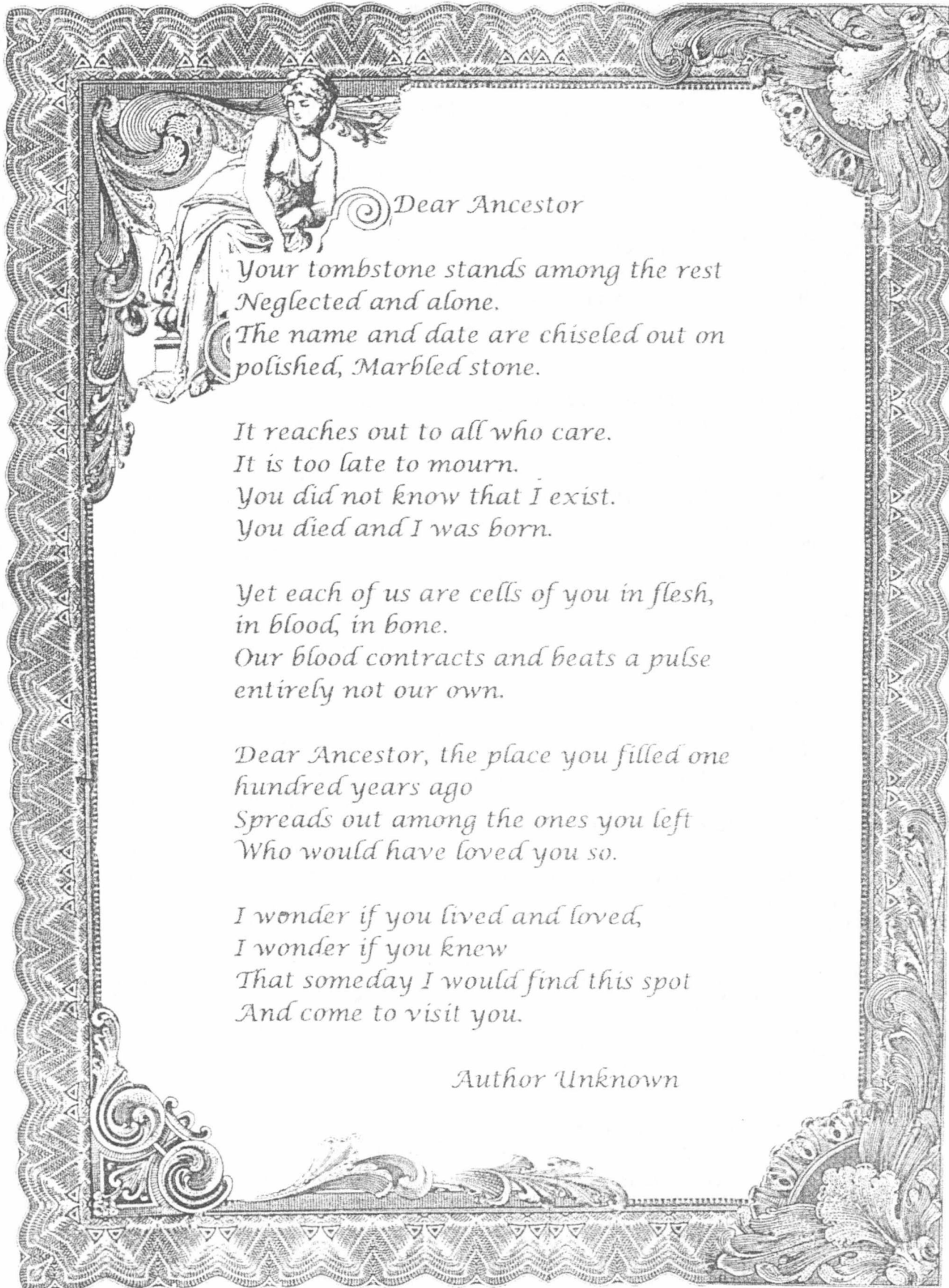
John Queen

Elizabeth Queen, the mother of the children & widow of Thomas Queen.

Elliott Queen who died intestate

James Queen who died intestate; Elliott and James have no heirs except their brother and sisters.

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*Dear Ancestor*

*Your tombstone stands among the rest  
Neglected and alone.  
The name and date are chiseled out on  
polished, Marbled stone.*

*It reaches out to all who care.  
It is too late to mourn.  
You did not know that I exist.  
You died and I was born.*

*Yet each of us are cells of you in flesh,  
in blood, in bone.  
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse  
entirely not our own.*

*Dear Ancestor, the place you filled one  
hundred years ago  
Spreads out among the ones you left  
Who would have loved you so.*

*I wonder if you lived and loved,  
I wonder if you knew  
That someday I would find this spot  
And come to visit you.*

*Author Unknown*

# Things You Should Know

## Plague, Anthrax, Cholera & Smallpox

For many years scientists have been aware of the danger of breaking into crypts and graves due to the terrible bacteria that may lurk there. No one knows exactly how long the disease-carrying bacteria of plague [there is more than one kind], anthrax, cholera and smallpox can live in an undisturbed state. Science does know that some live indefinitely.

Periodically throughout history, there have been outbreaks of diseases thought to be gone forever. The current, terrible anthrax scare could be nothing compared to breaking into a grave of someone who died of, say, plague or smallpox, and loosing the bacteria into the air.

At present, there is a mushrooming of subdivisions going in and around most cities. Madison County is one area of huge expansion. Many, many graveyards canvassed years ago are now gone and homes now set upon the spot. I would not want my children or grandchildren playing in a yard that was once a cemetery. The ethics and morality of tombstone/graveyard destruction aside, contractors should be warned not to destroy a grave because of the disease factor.

## Randolph Co., NC

For those of you researching ancestors in Randolph Co., NC you will be interested in learning that Larry W. Cates is abstracting Deed Book 6 beginning with the summer, 2001 issue of *The Genealogical Journal*. These deeds begin 17 Oct 1787. This is a publication of the Randolph County Genealogical Society, Asheboro, NC (Vol. 25, No. 2). Dues are \$20 per year. P. O. Box 4394, Asheboro, NC 27204. Randolph County was made from Rowan, Guilford, and Chatham Counties. Also in this issue is "Criminal Actions, 1805-08" and other excellent articles. A fine magazine.

## Land Measures

(Used in deeds, both old and current.)

7.92 inches = 1 link

1 link (Gunter's & Surveyor's) = 7.92 inches

1 foot = 12 inches

1 yard = 3 feet or 36 inches

1 rod, 1 pole or 1 perch = 5½ yards or 16½ feet

10 chains = 1 furlong

1 furlong = 40 rods

1 chain = 4 rods or 66 feet or 100 links

80 chains = 1 mile

1 furlong = 10 chains or 40 rods or 220 yards or 660 feet.

8 furlongs or 1760 yards or 5,280 feet or 80 chains = one mile.

3 miles = one (land) league

1 acre = 160 square rods or 4,840 square yards, or 43,560 square feet.

1 section = one square mile or 640 acres

1 township = 36 square miles or 36 sections.

1 arpent = .84 of an acre or a linear measure of about 11.5 rods or 63.25 yards or 189.75 feet. (This is an old French land measure and is seen in Colonial records in the United States. It is still used in parts of Canada but only rarely in the United States.)

## Land Patent vs. Grant

Few terms are less understood. Perhaps the following will help.

Land Patent: Person *pays* for the land. The term "patent" is actually a deed issued by the Government to the person making the final payment to said Government on a piece of land.

Grant: Given *free* to a person by the Government.

## Homestead

The "Homestead Act" was signed by President Lincoln on 20 May 1862. It authorized entry of 160 acres of public land



(land owned by Government and not yet purchased by a person). This act was to enable a person to obtain free

(except for small filing fee) land for residence and cultivation. In return, the "buyer" had to occupy and improve the land for five years. At the end of five years he was issued a patent.

### Do You Have a Family Bible?

And would you share it? We would deeply appreciate you sending us copies of the family information from your old family Bible. We would prefer Bibles with pre-1900 dates as later dates might infringe upon the privacy of someone living today. We would like to have a photocopy as we can then reproduce it in our quarterly. Also, please include the title page showing date of publication if there is one. I wager you have no idea the number of people who would love to have the information in that Bible. Will you please share it?

### Acknowledged vs Proven

Most early instruments, especially deeds, were either "acknowledged by ..." or "Proven by ..." What is the difference and why should it be important in your research?

Let us assume your ancestor sold land in Morgan County and gave a deed for it on October 31, 1830. He acknowledged his signature, meaning he swore in court that the signature was his and not a forgery. This tells you where he was physically on the date he acknowledged the deed. (Often, in these cases, the witnesses' names do not appear on the recorded instrument.)

Now let us assume the deed was proven by one of the witnesses instead of acknowledged by your ancestor. This tells us your ancestor was not available to acknowledge the deed. It is possible your ancestor was dead. But you later discover he moved to Franklin County.

You might assume he had left Morgan County by the date the deed was proven by the witness and was probably already in Franklin County.

### Abbeville and McCormick Counties, SC

A TVGS member, Norman Cox, sent us a notification of the publication of a map showing the location of colonial and early statehood settlers of Calhoun Creek, Long Cane Settlement. Mr. Cox saw a copy of the map before it went to the printer and said it was all he hoped for.

The base map is a modern day topographical map showing roads, towns, houses, etc. Overlaying this are the boundaries of almost all colonial, and some of the early statehood, property surveys of the early settlers. Within each parcel is the name of the settler, the acreage, and date of the survey. The following is a list of settlers whose property appears on the map.

|                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Alexander, Aaron                   | Anderson, James                    |
| Anderson, John                     | Armstrong, John                    |
| Armstrong, Benj.                   | Barr, James                        |
| Barr, Wm.                          | Barr, William for James Barr       |
| Beaty, Jane                        | Bell, Thomas                       |
| Beaty, Mary                        | Birmingham, James                  |
| Bell, Robert                       | Brown, Cornelius                   |
| Breazele, John                     | Buchanan, John                     |
| Brownlee, John                     | Calhoun, Ezekiel                   |
| Calhoun, Mary                      | Calhoun, Joseph                    |
| Calhoun, Hugh                      | Calhoun, John, James and Catherine |
| Calhoun, John, James and Catherine | Calhoun, Patrick, Jr.              |
| Calhoun, Patrick                   | Carruth, James                     |
| Calhoun, William                   | Carswell, Joseph                   |
| Carswell, John                     | Clark, Robert                      |
| Chevaus, Margaret (2)              | Clarke, Alex.                      |
| Clark, Thomas                      | Cochran, Thomas                    |
| Clerk, Samuel                      | Craswell, Joseph                   |
| Craig, James                       | Crozier, Sarah                     |
| Crawford, Gilbert                  | Curtis, Samuel                     |
| Crossman, Bartholomew              | David, John                        |
| Dale, William                      | Deal, John                         |
| Dayle, John                        | Deal, William (for Ben Armstrong)  |
| Deal, William (for Ben Armstrong)  | De St. Pierre Dusmesne             |
| De St. Pierre Dusmesne             | Lewis, John                        |
| Dickie, Edward                     | Dinwiddie, Wm.                     |
| Dobbins, John                      | Donald, John                       |
| Dougherty, Charles                 | Drennan, William                   |
| Duff, Hugh                         | Edmundson, Moses                   |
| Foster, Isabella                   | Gibbs, William                     |
| Gibson, Patrick                    | Giles, Edward                      |

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Gilmer, John         | Glasgow, John (2)      |
| Gray, Elizabeth      | Gray, William          |
| Gray, Arthur         | Gray, Daniel           |
| Grimke, Frederick    | Hall, Clark            |
| Hamilton, Robt.      | Harris, John (Rev.)    |
| Holland, Thomas      | Hooper, Thomas         |
| Hunter, David        | Huston, John           |
| Hutton, James        | Hutton, William        |
| Johnston, Geo.       | Kerr, James            |
| Killer, John         | Kusor, John            |
| Lawrence, Benjamin   | Lawrence, John         |
| Lawrence, Joseph     | Lawrence, Elisha       |
| Leslie, Thomas       | Levingston, Abraham    |
| Lion, Joseph         | Long, George           |
| Long, Matthew        | Loosk, James           |
| Lowry, John          | Luckie, Wm.            |
| Lyon, Joseph         | Manson, Wm.            |
| Martin, Josiah       | Martin, William        |
| Massey, Agnew        | McAlaster, Nathan      |
| McAlpine, John       | McBride, Alexander     |
| McCabe, Pat          | McCann, Robert         |
| McClellan, Archibald | McClellan, William     |
| McClewn, Penelope    | McComb, George         |
| McCurdy, John Jr.    | McFarland, Charles     |
| McGuire, Peter       | McGuire, Terence       |
| McKibben, Ed         | McKinley, James        |
| McMurtray, Saml.     | McMurtry, Wm.          |
| Meeck, Adam          | Messer, John           |
| Middleton, John      | Milligan, James        |
| Milligan, John       | Mills, William         |
| Mitchell, Ephraim    | Moat, Andrew           |
| Monroe, Adam         | Montgomery, Margaret   |
| Moore, Agnes         | Morris, Wm.            |
| Morrison, Andrew     | Morrow, Arthur         |
| Noble, James         | Noble, Mary            |
| Norris, Robert       | Park, George           |
| Parkinson, Mary      | Parsons, James         |
| Patterson, Samuel    | Patton, Arthur         |
| Patton, Samuel       | Pedigrew, James        |
| Pettigrew, James     | Pettigrew, Samuel      |
| Pickens, Ann         | Posey, Joseph          |
| Proctor, Robert      | Reed, Jean             |
| Reid, Matthew        | Reid, Arthur           |
| Reid, Samuel         | Reynolds, Andrew       |
| Reynoldson, William  | Richardson, John Smyth |
| Robeson, John        | Robinson, Wm.          |
| Ross, Andrew         | Russell, Robert        |
| Rutledge, John       | Sempel, John           |

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Simpson, Hugh       | Simpson, James       |
| Simpson, John       | Smith, Michael       |
| Spence, Alexander   | Spence, Charles      |
| Steadman, John      | Steel, Aaron         |
| Strain, John Jr.    | Strain, John Sr.     |
| Strain, Marget      | Stuart, James        |
| Swearingham, Joseph | Swift, Wm.           |
| Taylor, Andrew      | Thomson, James       |
| Totten, Jean        | Totten, Peter        |
| Turk, John          | Turk, Wm.            |
| Walton, William     | Watson, John         |
| Watson, Sarah       | Wellburn, Thomas     |
| White, William      | Williams, Giles, Jr. |
| Wilson, Charles     | Wilson, James        |
| Wilson, John        | Wilson, Matthew      |
| Wilson, Sarah       | Witherspoon, John    |
| Youart, Andrew      | Young, John          |

If your family comes from this area, and your ancestor is on this list, you may be interested in purchasing a copy of the map. It consists of one multi-color map, 24 inches by 38 inches. The price is \$45 plus \$2.50 mailing costs.

Send your money, name, address, (and e-mail if you have one) to:

Richard McMurtry  
 MacMurtrie Clan Family Records  
 10880 Alba Road  
 Ben Lomand, CA 95005

For further information you may send an e-mail to: [rmcmurtry@igc.org](mailto:rmcmurtry@igc.org).

### Bedford Co., TN Burned Deeds

During the Civil War, the Bedford County, TN courthouse was burned by the Federal Army. Deed books UU through CCC covered the period 1852-1861 and were destroyed. All transactions conducted in the office during that period were entered in a ledger and served as an index to the nine books. Tim and Helen Marsh have painstakingly copied these entries into a 434 page book which is being sold for \$42 by Southern Historical Press, Inc., P. O. Box 1267, 375 West Broad St., Greenville, SC 29602-1267.

# Book Reviews

## Unpuzzling Your Past Third Edition

Author: Emily Anne Croom  
Publisher: Betterway Books, 1507 Dana Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45207  
Price: \$14.99 (\$21.99 Canadian)  
Soft cover, 8-1/2 x 11, fully indexed, 180 pages.

Mrs. Croom's stated aim in writing this book is to (1) give beginners a good foundation on which to build their research and organize their findings; (2) provide genealogists with valuable reference material. In both cases I believe she has succeeded.

Many helpful hints are included such as how to conduct a tape-recorded interview. Also of benefit to the beginner are the naming patterns and nicknames of your ancestors.

Some genealogists discount outright all family traditions but Ms. Croom takes a common-sense approach. She says, "Family stories sometimes grow with the age and imagination of the teller, but there is often much truth in them. Some of the details may get lost or altered, but the basic truths remain."

"Checklist of Family Sources" is a chapter every beginner should read. It would certainly save everyone time and frustration later on.

In other chapters, the author gives you family sources, local sources, and state and federal sources to check. Included among numerous other items are wills and probate, deeds, newspapers, cemeteries, local public libraries, census records and many other sources. Mrs. Croom not only explains how to use each source, she briefly explains the history/background of each and why one needs it. Even a section on correcting errors and one on reading handwriting correctly is included.

In the back of the book are 22 forms to help the beginner (or the more experienced) person with gathering facts. This includes forms for copying information from the 1790 census through the 1920 census. These forms help you become organized – a must in genealogy.

## The Weekend Genealogist

Author: Marcia Yannizze Melnyk  
Publisher: Betterway Books, 1507 Dana Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45207  
Price: \$18.99 (\$29.99 Canadian)

Many of us work at a full-time, or even part-time, job which curtails our time left to devote to family research. Ms. Melnyk writes from personal experience and, therefore, knows whereof she speaks.

Ms. Melnyk first shows how you should fill out your family group sheet. She demonstrates how to write dates (yes, there is a correct way), names and many other little surprises, especially for the beginner researcher.

Helpful hints abound in this book, hints such as "never take original documents out of your house." Also, "never leave home without every notebook and binder labeled with your name, address, and phone number."

A chapter on "Controlling the Paper Pile" is helpful as it is easy to become burdened with unnecessary files and papers.

For weekend genealogists, the chapter on gathering information by mail should be especially helpful. It gives a list of toll free telephone numbers and internet addresses for book and supply catalogues. This chapter also discusses microfilm rental programs.

Ms. Melnyk has a chapter on getting your computer and the internet to work for you, another helpful chapter for the week-ender. She also is careful to point out that the information you get is as "accurate as the source." The various sites are explained as to how they can benefit you as a researcher.

A chapter on "Research Trips: Making Every Minute Count," can be of immense help to the researcher – weekend or not.

This book and *Unpuzzling Your Past* would make good companion books – especially for the beginner.

Both books reviewed by Dorothy Scott Johnson.

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